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**BACK TO
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Courses listed for '98-'99 Members to help choose

Classes and Instructors
Fall (September 14 through
November 6)

1) Minnesota's Rocks, Landscapes, and Vegetation: An Introduction to our Natural Heritage Connie Sansom; 2) Understanding Today's Youth: The Barriers and the Solutions

A n n e Mikkelson; 3) The Japanese Garden Bardwell Smith; 4) Greek Mythology Marion Hvistendahl; 5) Charting Your Journey: Art Book of Memories

Rikki Nelson; 6) The Moral World of C.S. Lewis: Selected Works William Narum
Winter (January 18 through March 12)

1) Diplomacy Robert Flaten; 2) The American Presidency: From the beginning of the 20th Century to its end James Reiley; 3) Modern Irish Short Fiction Stan Frear; 4) Snakes, Software, and the Taj Mahal Eleanor Zelliot; 5) Beethoven Symphonies: A

Study with Conductor's Score Ron Ronning; 6) Aging: The Agony and the Ecstasy David Maitland

Spring (March 29 through May 21) The following 11 classes have been proposed.

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Spring term: Dr. Cerny and Leandra Zedano of Peru discuss a symphony score.

Media interest continues

The Collegium continues to gain media attention, albeit not at the previous rate. German Public Television will send a crew in the fall to film the opening of the Collegium's second year. The Chicago Tribune ran a lengthy story in its June 3, 1998 edition.

Making comparisons to the free-to-seniors "Golden ID" program at the University of Maryland and similar programs in New Jersey and St. Petersburg, Fla., reporter Rachel E. Stassen-Berger pointed out, "The Collegium, however, is one of the few programs that so completely reflects the tenor of its community."

The article quoted Ronning noting that Mahler was "not very old" when he died -- in his mid-50s. Stassen-Berger wrote, "That is the whole point of the Collegium: 55 is not very old, nor are those who have lived 60 or 70 or 80 years. All have something vital to contribute and can continue learning and growing."

Mark your calendar

August 3, Monday, Board meeting at Senior Center
October 4, Sunday, Opening celebration at Byzantine
September 14—November 6: Fall Term
January 18—March 12: Winter Term
March 29—May 21: Spring Term



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Says it all:

“You can only play so much bingo!” --*Julia Savina*

Members urged to vote

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Select the **six** courses which best represent your interests and **mail or deliver your choices to the Collegium desk at the Senior Center.** The six classes garnering the most interest will be offered spring term. The choices must be fixed by the last week in August. Remember: No votie, no gripey.
 1) Austin's Emma and Eliot's Middiemarch George Soule; 2) Cultural Conversations: The Pursuit of Happiness in Consumerist America (an inter-

generational course) John Welckle; 3) Fiction Writing Wayne Carver; 4) The Architecture of Faith Edward Sovik; 5) The History of Atomic Energy Duane Olson; 6) Telling the Family Story David Sudermann; 7) Drama of Henrik Ibsen: Selected Plays Lloyd Hustvedt; 8) The Rise and Fall of the Soviet Empire Bill Woehrlin; 9) Early German Romantic Opera: (It Ain't All Wagner) Richard Cantwell; 10) Symetry: Art, Science and Mathematics Seymour Schuster; 11) Introduction to T'ai Chi Ch'uan A Ortiz de Montellano.

Did You Know?

- New classrooms have been added this year at Three Links and at the Northfield Library.
- Outreach is planned to Cannon Falls and Red Wing.
- Our web site: www.cvec.org
- Sweaters and T-shirts are available with CVEC logo by calling 645-7238 for Ts or 645-2311 for sweaters.

End of year survey brings varied reaction, advice

Year-end evaluations brought suggestions as well as praise from Collegium members. But the reaction on the whole was positive. A sampling:

Rita Hoffman liked the fringe benefit of “getting acquainted with people in the community of a similar age and with similar interests, people outside one’s habitual ruts.”

Wrote Joyce Madole, “I thoroughly enjoyed all four courses that I took.” Jake Hvistendahl echoed that sentiment, “Good Year! The program met a real need for senior citizens, both for those who taught and those who attended.”

Advisory board member Ruth Dahl found her involvement in CVEC “a re-

freshing experience” As an observer sitting in on a class, she said it was hard not to get actively involved, and added, “seniors from all walks of life with or without secondary or higher education are welcome and add to the excellent classroom discussions.”

“The program met a real need...”

Dean Ostlie suggested classes on history, past and current; political situations, both foreign and domestic; as well as offerings in comparative religion. Jane McWilliams articulated the fine line the Collegium strives to walk: “I think it is important to maintain the rigor of the teaching and preparation – but not come across as being elitist.”