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**Spring Classes  
start April 5!  
Call 645-2311 to  
register now.**

## Two new lecture series offer enriched possibilities

Two new lecture series beginning in April will offer seniors an embarrassment of riches in mind expanding possibilities.

At the Northfield Retirement Center the Abondia Center of Minneapolis is offering three "guided conversations" in the area of the arts and ideas. Across town on the Carleton College campus a series of six science lectures

will be offered free of charge on successive Tuesdays beginning April 6 at 7 p.m.

The Abondia series, titled "Landscapes of Sensibility," will present three afternoons of "performance and guided conversation" beginning with pianist Charles Kemper on April 22. Scheduled from 3:30 to 5:30 (including a break with refreshments), the interchange seeks to "promote connections and exchanges between artists, scholars and the public that respect the contributions, per-

spectives and needs of each."

Participants are encouraged to register for all



*Carol Mathews discusses issues of the American presidency with instructor James Reiley. The course proved so popular, a section was added.*

three sessions. The fee of a \$5 minimum contribution to the Food Shelf will be collected at the first meeting. Call Ruth Dahl at 645-6007 with questions.

Six science lectures presented by

members of Carleton faculty and jointly sponsored by CVEC begin April 6 with Charles Carlin's "A Carleton Chemist at Scotland Yard." The talks are designed to be of interest to the general public.

## Officers elected, policies and pro- cedures drafted

For the first time the CVEC Advisory Board has elected officers to lend a guiding hand to the growing Collegium.

Serving as officers are Bob Ballentine, president; Jane McWilliams, vice-president; Marion Hvistendahl, secretary; and Beverly Anderson, treasurer.

The Advisory Board elected officers to formalize the CVEC structure and to involve the advisory board more actively in developing policy and procedures and in running the Collegium. The new crew will serve 18 months until July 2000.

The new executive committee is currently reviewing a draft of policies and procedures which will insure continuity in Collegium functioning

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## Mark your calendar

**April 5 - May 28, Spring Term**

**April 22,** First of the Abondia three-lecture series and registration for the series, 3:30 NRC

**April 6,** First of six CVEC and Carleton College jointly sponsored science lectures



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Says it all:

"You can only play so much bingo!" --Julia Savina

## MHC funding increases as broad publicity continues

Funding for the Collegium has grown in the wake of its successful first year. The Minnesota Humanities Commission doubled its previous grant to \$6,000 for the year. The City of Northfield again granted \$5,000 to the school. The funding along with the generous long hours from volunteers enable the Collegium to continue and broaden its offerings.

A Cannon Falls outreach class was offered

this year, and CVEC is co-sponsoring a science lecture series with Carleton College, increasing learning opportunities.

Meanwhile, a broader interest in the Collegium continues as interviews from Good Housekeeping magazine and Modern Maturity are scheduled to appear the next few months. A local state magazine is also writing about the Northfield school. Up and Go, a magazine for seniors published out of Excelsior will soon run an article on CVEC.

## Did You Know?

- Current enrollment of 200 so far this year is already more than all of last year's participation.
- Our web site: www.cvec.org
- Sweaters and T-shirts are available with CVEC logo. call 645-7238 for T's, 645-2311 for sweaters.

## new officers

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over time and through the inevitable change in personnel. Members drafting the policy included McWilliams,

Ballentine and Bettye Roning.

## Course on the presidency brings overflow crowd

ng-time history and civics teacher James Reiley has a way with words, but the recent bruhaha in Washington D.C. could also account for the popularity of his current course, "The American Presidency: from the beginning to the end of the 20th century: Teddy Roosevelt to Clinton." Enrollment in the class was so large,

a second section was added.

In his courses, Reiley says, "I like a lot of discussion, a lot of challenge. I love to play devil's advocate."

**"This class is showing us examples of history repeating itself."**

Regarding his current class, student Carol Mathews said, "Everything that has happened has happened before. This class is showing us examples of history repeating itself."