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"A Questing Mind Never Retires"

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From the New Director, Bill Carlson

First let me express my joy at being part of Cannon Valley Elder Collegium. Before retiring, I was very impressed by what I heard about CVEC. Now I have begun working with the great people here and I am even more impressed. Our organization succeeds because of dedicated and competent faculty, excellent administrators, and willing volunteers. I hope to foster this tradition.

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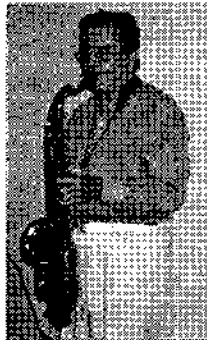
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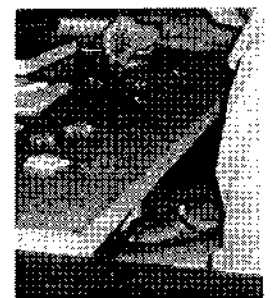
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On Sax

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Winter Term promises to be just as exciting. What are *you* going to take?



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WINTER TERM
JANUARY 3, 2005 - FEBRUARY 25, 2005

Course

The Afghan Kaleidoscope: Cultures in Collision
Consumer Chemistry
Learning How to See with Your Camera
Classics Revisited: Homer's *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey*
The Civil War
A Bureaucrat Looks at Kafka
America and India: Interactions

Instructor

Richard Bodman
Charles Carlin
Fred Gonnerman
Marion Hvistendahl
Bill Woehrlin and Janet Mitchell
Jim Wolf
Eleanor Zelliot

SPRING TERM
MARCH 28, 2005 - MAY 20, 2005

Course

One Islam, Diverse Muslims
The How and Why of It
Mark Twain
The Built Environment: Looking at Architecture and Its Context
Congress of the United States
What is an Original Print Anyway?
How To Read Poetry (Lecture Class)

Instructor

Vern Faillettaz
Allen Hanson
Jim Holden
Sally Legrand
Jim Reiley
Jan Shoger
George Soule

The Fall Meeting

Many CVEC members gathered at the Northfield Community Center dining room on October 3rd for the annual Fall Meeting. Board Chair Bill Woehrlin introduced our new Director, Bill Carlson, and new Associate Director, Barbara Olson Dettle. He also thanked Jerry and Liz Hankins for their three years of leadership and presented them with a plaque.

Collegium faculty member Marion Hvistendahl then entertained the crowd with her oration of Helen of Troy's life. Afterwards, several instructors of next term's courses offered previews of their course content. A listing of Winter & Spring Term courses is presented above; descriptions and registration details will be included in the registration flyer to be mailed in November and will also be available on the web site, www.cvec.org.

New Associate Director

Barbara Olson Dettle has been a member of CVEC for three years and has taken several classes.

She and her husband, Roger, moved to Northfield in 1999, after she retired from 35 years of teaching in the public schools in Winona, Chatfield, Faribault, and Kenyon. Roger, a librarian for 30 years at St. Mary's University, died in 2002 after a long illness.

Barbara has a B.A. in Music Education from Augsburg College, where she was a soloist with the Augsburg Choir, and an M.S. in Education from the University of Minnesota-Winona. Her interests include lifelong learning, golf, water sports, opera, and travel.

CVEC welcomes Barbara in her new position.