

Profile: The Adventures in Learning Board

Four new directors were elected to the Adventures in Learning (AIL) Board by the membership at its recent annual meeting—each to serve a three-year term. The new board, in turn, elected officers for the coming year. Dick Cogswell will serve as president; Betsy Boege, vice-president; Dick Pearson, treasurer; and Jeanine Berger, secretary.

New board members are Jeanine Berger, Les Norman, Tony Parra and Charlotte Spencer. Former AIL president John Callahan is returning to the board as the head of the Long Range Planning Committee.



Jeanine Berger is an Ohio native and a graduate of Wittenberg College. She, her husband Bill and their children moved to New London in 1979 after living and working overseas in Mexico and Bogota, Columbia. They bought the Country Press which they owned and ran until 1998. Jeanine's chief responsibility was with the

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Summer Lecture Program Will Focus on Physician-assisted Suicide

Should physician-assisted suicide be legalized so that it can become an option in end-of-life care? How does it differ from a patient's dying after refusing life-sustaining therapy? Will legalizing physician-assisted suicide lead to the legalization of euthanasia?

These are a few of the questions to be addressed in the Adventures in Learning's summer program that will be held on August 19 from 10 a.m. until noon in Clements Hall in the new Curtis L. Ivey Science Center at Colby-Sawyer College. The program is entitled "The Right to Die: A Physicians' Dialogue" and will feature a panel of three distinguished medical experts: Dr. James Bernat, Dr. David Babbott and Dr. Robert C. Macauley.

Dr. Bernat will lead off the program by framing the debate over whether physician-assisted suicide is a valid part of palliative care of the dying patient. Following his talk, Dr. Babbott will present the case for legalization of physician-assisted suicide, and then Dr. Macauley will present the case against it. The Oregon law and the Vermont bill to legalize assisted suicide will also be reviewed. A question and answer session will follow.

Dr. Bernat was the moderator at last summer's outstanding program on stem cell research. A nationally recognized expert in ethical and philosophical issues in neurology, he has written over 150 journal articles and chapters and is the author of *Ethical Issues in Neurology*, and co-editor of *Palliative Care in Neurology*. Dr. Babbott is professor emeritus of medicine at the University of Vermont and a member of the Death with Dignity Vermont Board of Directors. Dr. Macauley is medical director of clinical ethics at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT. He is both an Episcopal priest and an attending pediatrician in Middlebury, VT.

This special program will be free and open to the public. To make reservations, or for more information, please contact Janet St. Laurent at (603) 526-3690.

~ Julie Boardman

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Kearsarge Shopper. Both have been active in community affairs in this area. Bill is a trustee of the college, and Jeanine is a former president of the New London Historical Society.



Les Norman was born and raised in England and graduated from Oxford University and Andover Newton

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Theological School. During his early years in the United States, he was employed in various aspects of computer applications. In 1992 he was ordained pastor of the United Church of Christ in Sanbornton where he served until moving to New London in 2002. He has been an AIL study leader, having given classes on the first 100 years of Christianity, the Old Testament and, most recently, the life and letters of Saint Paul.



Charlotte Spencer is also an ordained minister—of the Presbyterian Church. She has served churches in

Erie County, Pennsylvania and Richmond, Virginia. She grew up in New Hampshire and is a graduate of Smith College and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Charlotte and her husband retired in 1994 and now live in New London. She has taught two AIL courses on Jane Austen and served as one of the lecturers in the series on the Reformation.



Tony Parra has been the study leader for AIL classes on Dante's "Purgatory" from *The Divine Comedy* and great

authors of the Italian Renaissance. He has also been a series lecturer. He graduated from Manhattan College and earned an M.B.A. from Syracuse University. He grew up in Brooklyn and spent 40 years in the telephone industry in New York City, commuting from New Canaan, Connecticut. A part-time resident of this area for 35 years, he has been living here full-time for 11 years.

All four of the new board members are AIL enthusiasts and separately bring unique skills and experiences to the task of managing this wonderful institution, which has now been in operation for eight years and has over 400 members and a class enrollment of over 700 participants.

~ Heidi Beckwith

From Circus to College: Journey of New Adventures in Learning Web Designer

The Adventures in Learning (AIL) Web site has a new designer. Mike Gregory, senior staff assistant to Colby-Sawyer Vice President for Advancement Judy Muyskens, replaces AIL member Brian Faughnan, who so capably produced the Web site. We join in a hearty round of applause for Brian and extend a warm welcome to Mike.



Mike brings an international flair to his work at the college. Born in Paris and educated in London and Canada,

he attended Concordia University in Montreal, where he majored in film. After graduation he spent almost two years with the Big Apple Circus as executive assistant

DAVID BISNO: Study Leader for All Reasons

This fall Adventures in Learning (AIL) will welcome David Bisno to its roster of study leaders. Many of us remember David as the featured speaker at the annual meeting several years ago. Some know him as the founder of the Institute for Lifelong Education at Dartmouth's Summer Series (ILEAD's) and long-term member of its Executive Council. Still others know David as one of ILEAD's most popular and certainly most eclectic study leaders.

These reasons alone would suffice for extending an AIL invitation to David. But his resume is remarkably more extensive: he has designed and led courses in Massachusetts, California, South Africa, and Australia; he is able to speak with authority about subjects ranging from ophthalmology to Darwin, from British colonialism to polar exploration; and he holds degrees from Harvard, Dartmouth, and Washington University.

God Save this Honorable Court is the title of the AIL course David will introduce in September. The underlying concept took shape as David was auditing Laurence Tribe's constitutional law course at Harvard Law School. For three days a week, he joined with Tribe's law students doing the ground work for this course that will focus on the Bill of Rights and three main subjects: free speech, separation of church and state, and equal protection. As David puts it, "A key objective of the course is to learn to reason through competing interests in order to appreciate

'those wise restraints which make men free'."

The format of the course will be new to AIL: five seminar/workshops running from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The workshops are designed to be provocative, interactive sessions with extensive discussion on each constitutional issue. Exercises in the class as well as readings at home will give participants an appreciation of the reasoning that takes place on the Court. Class discussion will continue over a working lunch and will be followed by a movie each afternoon.

For all these reasons we are delighted to welcome David to AIL and pleased to offer his course, God Save this Honorable Court.



Calendar of Upcoming Events Open to the Public

13th ANNUAL CHARGERS
TENNIS CLASSIC
Sponsored by the
Chargers Club
Patricia D. Kelsey
Tennis Courts
Colby-Sawyer College
Friday through Sunday,
July 14-16, 2006

THE BERKSHIRE
RAINBOW BAND
Big band sounds of the
1930's and 1940's
Sponsored by the Summer
Music Associates
Sawyer Center Auditorium
Colby-Sawyer College
Saturday, July 29, 2006 from
7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

THE RIGHT TO DIE:
A PHYSICIANS'
DIALOGUE
Sponsored by
Adventures in Learning
Clements Hall, Curtis L. Ivey
Science Center,
Colby-Sawyer College
Saturday, August 19, 2006
from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

OPENING RECEPTION
FOR THE
STUDIO POTTER
EXHIBITION
Mugar Art Gallery,
Sawyer Center
Colby-Sawyer College
Thursday, September 7, 2006
from 7 to 9 p.m.

Preview of Adventures in Learning Fall 2006 Courses

Here's a preview of the exciting array of courses that will begin on September 18.



Art Rosen

The Dead Sea Scrolls Community: Apocalypticism Then, Apocalypticism Since

Every apocalyptic community has ended in disappointment or disaster, yet apocalypticism continues to this day. Art Rosen's course will outline the implications of the Dead Sea Scrolls to our understanding of apocalypticism, the Bible, Judaism and Christianity.



Julie Machen

Revolutionary Virginia

Julie Machen will emphasize point of view in this course about outstanding Virginia leaders such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry, and the slaves who labored on their plantations.



Evangeline and Gerald Monroe



The European Union – What is it?

Retired Foreign Service Officers Evangeline and Gerald Monroe will lead this course in the development of the European Union and the role it plays in shaping key foreign policies and forcing changes through increased assertiveness.



David Bisno

God Save This Honorable Court

David Bisno will lead a seminar/workshop of intense, provocative, intellectual exercises to give insight into the way Supreme Court decisions are made. The subjects will be free speech, separation of church and state, and equal protection.



Bryan Jones

Empires at War: North America in the Mid-eighteenth Century

Bryan Jones' course will cover the period 1755 through 1763 when the French lost their stake in North America. The seeds were sown for the British to lose a large part of theirs, and the Indian nations lost their influence and gradually their land to a new country.



Anne Carey

“Macbeth”

Shakespeare's tragedy “Macbeth” will be read and discussed in this course with Anne Carey. The text will be *Macbeth (The Pelican Shakespeare Series)*, and the emphasis will be on the behavior of the characters, the meaning of the play and lessons to be learned from it.

Adventures in Learning Membership Renewal

It's time, once again, to renew your membership in the Adventures in Learning program and take part in our ninth year of offering not-for-credit educational enrichment for adults in the Kearsarge-Lake Sunapee region.

Adventures in Learning is looking forward to the year ahead. The Curriculum Committee has a broad range of terrific course offerings planned for you, and some exciting special programs and events are coming up as well. We hope you will want to be a part of all the rewarding activities scheduled for the 2006-2007 membership year.

As always, our membership year runs parallel to the academic year which is July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. In order to be eligible to enroll in any of our upcoming study groups, you must be a current member of the program so we hope you will take this opportunity to renew your Adventures in Learning membership by sending in your annual membership fee of \$40 per person.

To renew your membership today, you may complete the form below and return it with your payment to: Janet St. Laurent, Adventures in Learning, Colby-Sawyer College, 541 Main Street, New London, NH 03257. For your convenience, a membership card for the year will be sent to you upon receipt of your membership renewal payment.



Adventures in Learning Membership 2006-2007

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Town/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Amount enclosed (\$40 x number of memberships) = \$ _____

Please make check payable to Colby-Sawyer College

FAST FACTS

Adventures in Learning Office Location

The AIL Office is located on the first floor of the Colby Homestead on the Colby-Sawyer College campus. Look for the new sign at the end of the driveway.

Guest Policy

Many of our classes are oversubscribed and have a waiting list. As a courtesy to our membership, please remember that attendance in Adventures in Learning classes is reserved only for members who have registered and been accepted into the class.

Study Group Proposal Form

The study group leader proposal form is now on the AIL Web site. Please submit it to the office electronically if possible. You may complete it by printing or typing if you need to send a paper copy.

Class Registration Form

Is the mail slow to reach your home? You may now print the registration form from our Web site.

Program Coordinator

Sharon Ames
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Seasonal Address Changes

Our database is capable of tracking seasonal address changes. Just let us know what dates to send your mail to which address.

Membership Renewal Time

AIL's new membership year runs from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 and costs \$40 per person, per year.

Office Closed

Please note that the AIL Office will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day and Monday, October 16 for a college fall holiday.

Fall 2006 Registration

The deadline to register for fall courses is Friday, August 25.

Program Assistant

Janet St. Laurent
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Fall 2006



Harry Tether

Chile and Argentina: A Tale of Two Countries

The development of these two countries has been dramatically different since their independence from Spain. Harry Tether will guide participants in comparing and contrasting their cultures, their natural resources and their political institutions, and in exploring how these attributes can impact economic development.



Sarah Drew Reeves

Women in the Bible

The basic readings in Sarah Reeves' course will be selections from the Bible. Writings from feminist and non-feminist authors will help to interpret those texts.



Sue Little

Children's Picture Books: Foundations of Literacy

In this course with Sue Little, participants will examine the extraordinary world of young children's picture books, including their influence in the development of language and literacy at home and at school. Presentations by both a picture book author and an illustrator will be included.



Tom Vannatta

Astronomy

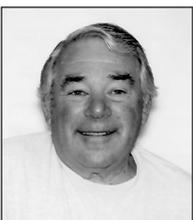
Tom Vannatta will give insight into the world's oldest science, from its history in ancient times to recent observational breakthroughs and theoretical speculations. In addition, participants will explore the solar system, laws of motion, stellar evolution, cosmology and the search for extraterrestrial intelligence.



Gladys Dowd

Sylvia Plath: Poetry and Madness

Gladys Dowd will lead this course about the brilliant, but mentally disturbed, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and author, Sylvia Plath. Her posthumous book, *Ariel*, was one of the best-selling poetry books in the twentieth century.



Ben Acard

A Brief History of Western Free Thought: A Review of Humanists, Church Doubters and Theists

Participants in Ben Acard's course will look for clues in the lives of such freethinkers as Spinoza, Hume, Goethe, Tolstoy, Swinburne, Huxley, Einstein, Freud and Russell that led to their religious views.

Colby-Sawyer Presidency: A Joyful Enterprise

The members of Adventures in Learning (AIL) who crowded into the seventh annual meeting on Thursday, May 18 were served up the equivalent of a double dip ice cream cone. President Richard J. Cogswell opened the meeting with introductory remarks, described new initiatives that have been implemented and spoke of long-range plans being considered for the AIL program.

The first scoop of ice cream was served up by Interim President Dr. Philip H. Jordan Jr. in his enthusiastic introduction of President-elect Thomas C. Galligan. A lawyer by training, Tom—"Please, call me Tom."—is first and foremost a Teacher with a capital T. He comes to Colby-Sawyer after several years of teaching at Louisiana State University and at the University of Tennessee, where he is completing his tenure as dean of the law school. He was the unanimous choice of the selection committee, and the college is very fortunate to have this man follow in the footsteps of President Anne Ponder.

Literally bounding up to the lectern, President-elect Galligan immediately displayed his skills as a teacher by capturing our attention with his enthusiastic remarks about Colby-Sawyer now—and its bright future. Singling out the college's relationship with New London and, most specifically, the partnership that exists between AIL and the college, Tom expressed his commitment to lifelong learning, a goal that

he believes starts in college and is exemplified by Adventures in Learning.

After business was attended to, the second scoop of the cone was served, when Dr. Jordan, president emeritus of Kenyon College delivered his speech. Phil selected the topic of his remarks after being prompted by a query from former Colby-Sawyer Trustee Gerald M. Mayer Jr.: "What keeps a college president awake at night?"

Basing his text on "The Policeman's Song" from the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta *The Pirates of Penance*, Phil offered up his own versions of three verses of the song by delving into the three most pressing issues facing all college presidents. They are: maintaining a current and relevant curriculum while often being confronted with a faculty known to move at glacial speed when accepting change; managing financial duties which include balancing budgets, growing endowments and controlling financial aid; and addressing the needs of growing enrollment while striving to improve academic standards and at the same time seeking the diversity needed to form a vibrant student body. The audience was impressed by the multiple tasks facing a college president that could provide for many sleepless nights.

Yet, Phil faced his audience with a broad smile on his face, and with his sense of humor emanating from his satire on a "prexy's lot," it was clear to all, most specifically to Tom Galligan, that at Colby-

Sawyer, a college president's job could indeed be a happy one. With Dick Cogswell's final words, the happy and unworried crowd turned to the delicious refreshments provided by the college. This wonderful reception is one more example of the mutual respect and appreciation shared by Adventures in Learning and Colby Sawyer College.

~ Sally Southard



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to founder and ringmaster Paul Binder. In fact Mike's first glimpse of the New Hampshire countryside was during circus engagements in Hanover. After leaving the Big Apple, he spent time in both San Francisco and Seattle, before coming to Colby-Sawyer in March 2005. Mike and his wife, Melissa Meade, assistant professor of Humanities at the college, have settled in Newbury.

Mike's vision for the Web site focuses on "making it look and feel part of the Colby-Sawyer community," in addition to developing ease of navigation. "I am ready to do whatever the AIL Board wants," he emphasized.

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Because he works in the same building as AIL administrators Sharon Ames and Janet St. Laurent, Mike has a built-in proximity to breaking AIL news. He has already archived the newsletters and catalogs and put the study group proposal form on the Web site so it can be downloaded. In the future, he suggests, it may be possible

to submit registration requests online.

Because of his passion for movies and his enthusiasm about the AIL program, Mike admitted he might even be persuaded to develop a film course for AIL. Stay tuned ... both to the Web site at www.colby-sawyer.edu/adventure and to the possibility of a course taught by its talented new designer.

~ Ann Lang

Colby-Sawyer Appoints its Eighth President



From left to right: Phil Jordan, Dick Cogswell and Tom Galligan at the Annual Meeting

Colby-Sawyer College announced that Thomas C. Galligan Jr., dean and professor of law at the University of Tennessee College of Law, has been selected by the Board of Trustees as the college's eighth president. After earning an A.B. in political science from Stanford and a J.D. from the University of Puget Sound School of Law, he went on to earn an L.L.M. degree from Columbia University Law School. Tom,

who succeeds Anne Ponder as president, will assume the position on August 1.

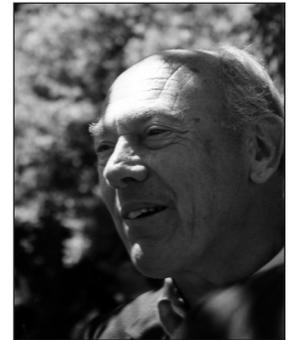
Trustee Chairman Anne Winton Black, '73, '75 said, "Tom Galligan has already captured the imagination of the campus community with his energy, intelligence and clear capacity to continue the marvelous momentum so evident at the college." Likewise, Adventures in Learning members were impressed when they had the opportunity to listen to and speak with him at their annual meeting.

Tom is married to Susan Stokes Galligan, and they have three daughters and a son.

IN MEMORIAM:

Peter McKee

We record, with sorrow, the passing of Peter McKee, a man well-known in the community, an active participant and integral member of Adventures in Learning (AIL) since its inception. Peter served on the original Organizing



Committee and continued as a study group leader, student, member of the Curriculum Committee and as a member of the Board of Directors before becoming Adventures in Learning's second president. His contribution of a lifetime of experience in the academic world was invaluable to the success of the AIL program.

When Peter and his wife Jean retired to the New London area in 1989, they became active in community activities, especially with New London Hospital, where Peter served on the Board of Trustees, as well as socially on the ski slopes and the golf course.

Pursuing academic interests throughout his life, exercising cultural skills which made him a friend to so many, Peter will be sorely missed by those who served with him in community activities and those whose lives he touched in friendship.



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Laurie Mac Ivor

Thank You 2005-2006 Study Group Leaders for Another Successful Year!

Seated from left: Julie Machen, Natalie Davis, Judy Bohn, Hilary Cleveland, Julie Boardman and Anne Carey
Standing from left: Ben Acard, George Tracy, Chuck Kennedy, Dick Little, Charlotte Spencer, Joe Kum, Dick Pearson,
Charlotte Brook-Signor, Jim Moore, Art Rosen, Lee VanBremen, Doug Marshall and Bill Tighe