

## **The Summer Lecture Series announces its Subject!**

Pleased with the success of last years summer series, planners wanted an equally important subject this year, so it wasn't too difficult to see what was virtually guaranteed to continue making headlines and influencing our lives this year and well beyond. China! The Summer Lecture Series will offer an historic perspective, but then focus mostly on China, today and tomorrow, the awesome growth, as well as the risks, concerns, and dangers. Clearly the strategic issues will dominate Taiwan, North Korea, outsourcing jobs, ecological and human rights concerns and much more. But, we're also hoping to bring a few touches of the deep culture, inherent in this sometimes mysterious, always unpredictable, society.

Summer Chair Bruce Macdonald reports he is still nervously trying to tie down speakers for what he predicts will be a fascinating series, and he also promises a few new surprises, as well! So hold him to that promise.

It's a seven week series Wednesday mornings July 12 to August 23 pencil it into your calendars now!

## **ILEAD Finances**

The Finance Committee proposes the annual budget and meets monthly to review financial performance. Eight members are appointed for three year terms. We will be looking for replacements for three members whose terms expire in May.

## **E-mail Address**

Please make sure ILEAD has your current e-mail address. ILEAD is communicating more frequently with the membership about upcoming events or in some cases timely events where e-mail is a must.

## **Automated External Defibrillator**

ILEAD acquired an AED through a grant provided through the State of N.H. Jill and Lisa along with 4 other ILEAD members were certified on January 27<sup>th</sup> to use this machine. It's located now in the ILEAD office but a cabinet will be installed so it is more accessible on the main floor of the D.O.C. House.

## **Information Table**

Please be sure and check out the table in the main room of the D.O.C. House. There are some great opportunities about lectures and events across the Dartmouth campus and other local events that are happening that you may otherwise not hear about.

## **ILEAD Committees**

It is the goal of your Curriculum Committee to offer you a choice of courses of the highest quality and greatest diversity. To do so, we concentrate on contacting prospective study leaders, evaluating their course proposals, assisting them to insure effective presentations, and providing meaningful playback from course participants.

Our continued success is in no small way dependent on your recommendations for new potential members of our committee. Presently, the terms of 5 of our 15 members are due to expire in May, and we need to have your suggestions for their replacement. Since we are not constrained by a fixed number of committee members, you may wish to identify more than one person (including yourself!).

Thank you so much for your suggestions!

Tony Parra  
Chair, Curriculum Committee

## **Space News**

The Planning Committee continues to work with the Provost's office to solve ILEAD's short and long term space needs. As an aid in planning for ILEAD's future, the College will utilize the University of New Hampshire Survey Center to conduct a survey of the ILEAD membership. It is expected that the survey will identify how ILEAD satisfies member's needs, desires, and concerns while indicating areas for improvement. As Dartmouth Provost Barry Scherr notes in his letter to the ILEAD membership, the results will be an important tool in planning ILEAD's future. Therefore, a high percentage of returns is essential. Members can expect to see the survey questionnaire this spring.

Carl Larson  
Chair, Long Range Planning Committee

The Special Events Committee has twelve members at this time. We meet about six times a year to plan day trips and one or two overnight trips a year. Each member is encouraged to research a trip of particular interest to them and hopefully be able to lead that trip or others on which they are going. The term of committee members is three years with the option of extending for another term. At this time we have four members going off in May, but have been fortunate to have filled the vacancies. However, enthusiastic people are not discouraged. The person to contact would be the new chairperson as of June, Barbara Holmes.

Joan Wilson  
Chair, Special Events Committee

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

ILEAD has updated its brochure. We have a new letterhead design and stationary. The web site is in the process of being modified and as 85% of members with e-mail already know, many ILEAD announcements are sent electronically. A newly designed catalogue will be introduced in the fall, and articles concerning ILEAD are appearing with more frequency in area newspapers, all of this the result of a new committee known as Communications. Communications includes public relations, web site, and all publications including the ILEAD newsletter. We welcome any volunteers interested in writing articles, taking photographs, working with the website, or archives. Please let us know who you are. We are currently interested in finding a newsletter editor beginning July, 2006. If you are interested, please contact Pam Ahlen through the ILEAD office.

Jeff Holmes  
Chair, Communications

Letter from the Provost for upcoming Newsletter:

**“Dartmouth Provost urges ILEAD’s Help”**

**“ILEAD’s Input Essential, Says Dartmouth Provost”**

**“Dartmouth and ILEAD Need to Plan Together”**

**“ILEAD Opinions Important, Says Dartmouth Provost”**

For the past fifteen years, ILEAD has been a valued part of the Dartmouth Community. The programs and events of ILEAD have enlivened the minds of many in the Upper Valley and beyond, while interaction with ILEAD members on campus enhances the experience of the students and faculty at Dartmouth. So, thank you for what you’ve done in the past and continue to do.

The leadership of ILEAD and representatives from my office are working together to understand the success and challenges of the program, and to plan for its future. A key piece of this work is to gather information from the members. In this spirit, we have hired the UNH Survey Center to develop a survey of the ILEAD membership. You will receive this survey via e-mail or US mail in the spring. I encourage you to complete the survey, and return it to UNH. Your input will help guide the discussion as we chart the course for the next phase of your ILEAD.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Barry Scherr  
Provost

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

As we celebrate ILEAD'S 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, this seems an opportune time to reflect upon our phenomenal growth. From those original 38 visionaries who came together to found ILEAD, we now boast a membership of over 1400. In the intervening years, ILEAD has sponsored over 1,000 study groups with some 18,000 participants. What a truly remarkable achievement that is for this volunteer organization.

Volunteers serve on the Executive Council, supervise finances, work on committees, design the curriculum, recruit study leaders, plan trips, lead tours, help in the office, plan and conduct special programs and receptions, develop outstanding summer lecture series, and most importantly of all, lead (pro bono) our study courses.

While our growth is rewarding, it also presents a great many challenges. Space for classes continues to be a thorny issue. We need to offer more classes if we are going to sustain our increased membership, and "*there's the rub*" as Hamlet said. We simply do not have enough classrooms to hold our courses.

ILEAD's Planning Committee has been working closely with the Provost's office at Dartmouth as we struggle to address the issues that face us in the coming years. Now we need your help. Please read carefully the letter from Provost Barry Scherr on this page concerning the upcoming survey that his office is undertaking. We need to plan ILEAD's future together.

Helen Bridge  
President

### **HERE IS HER AD FOR THE ALASKA TRIP:**

"You asked for it!! The Number One destination requested in the S/T survey was ALASKA !!

Now you will have it: An extraordinary trip on a small ship is being planned for spring of 2007. You will soon find an invitation to an informational meeting in your mailbox. Please come hear all about it on April 24th at DOC."

### **HAPPY 15TH BIRTHDAY, ILEAD**

Thirty-eight founders, thirty-eight men and women with the foresight, energy, and inclination to create an organization for lifelong learning based on the expertise of approximately 100 such institutions of education in retirement throughout the country. On April 15, 1991, the organization had its first convocation and ILEAD was chartered: the signing by Steve Calvert, Thomas Campion, and Dartmouth President James O. Freedman. The Pilot program was off and running. On April 30, 1991, five five-week courses had begun: "Myth," "Great Decisions," "Health Care in the United States," "Homer's Odysseus," and "Hawthorne's The Scarlet

## Letter and Shorter Works.â€œ

In June there was a convocation at the River City Arts Theatre in White River Junction, and a celebratory picnic at the Montshire. I found many photos in our archives, people who are no longer with us, people who are still study/leaders or committee members, people whose hearts and energy have been the life blood of our organization. The pilot program had about 109 participants, maybe a hundred or more on a wait list. On September 23, 1991, a second convocation was held at Murdough Center on campus. ILEAD was officially off and running. Looking through the s/l proposals for that fall, I discovered three class proposals submitted. by Joe Medlicott. Of those three he taught "America Moves West: The Literature of the Frontier." The Memoirs class was to come the following year. So it appears that Joe receives the distinction of having taught the most classes. A study leader par excellence!

There are handwritten letters in the archives (how quaint!) no e-mail, even mimeographed sheets, which seems now almost the dark ages when it comes to technology. Scraps of paper, memories, names remembered but not forgotten. To those who came before and loved learning enough to take the time and effort, our gratitude to your foresight. Listed below are the original founders. Please take a moment to scan the list, offer your sincere thanks to those who paved the way for an extraordinary organization that means so much to us all.

### Organization/Finance

Mildred Davison  
Bill Durant  
Midge and Bill Crooker  
Joseph Quattrone  
Bob MacMillen  
Louise and Bob Wickware

### Curriculum Committee

Wayne and Jean Broehl  
Ginia Allison  
Tom Almy  
Colin Campbell  
Tom Campion, (ILEAD Chair)  
Steve Crary  
Bil Davison  
Charles Dudley  
John Lincoln  
Bill Meckley (Assistant to the Chair)  
Bob Peet

### Membership/Promotion

Pauline Field  
Molly Scheu  
Huntly Allison  
Marilyn Breed  
Hjordis and Vernon Ingersoll  
Clifford Jordan  
Virginia Lane  
Bin Lewis  
Mike McGean  
Joanna McMillan  
Crosbie MacMillen  
Mary and Nick Sandoe  
John Scotford  
Lester Smith