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Courses for February-April 2008

for Drury Institute of Mature Learning
Every Tuesday at 2 p.m. on Drury University campus

February 5 & 12

"Getting to Know Willa Cather" Two of Cather's novels will be discussed by Michael Gorman, visiting professor at Missouri State University's Department of English. *My Antonia* is one of her most popular and possibly misunderstood novels about the pioneer West and pastoral ideology. *The Professor's House* shows the hold the American Southwest had on Cather. Please read these novels if you can.
Hearth Room at Bay Hall

February 19

"World Population Trends" How serious is the population growth on Earth? What are the primary problems we face? Deborah Corcoran, instructor in the Missouri State University department of geography, geology & planning will discuss these questions and more.
Olin Room at Olin Library

February 26

"The Electoral Politics of the Electoral College" Daniel Ponder, Drury associate professor of political science, will explore the connection between what the U.S. Constitution says about presidential elections, how elections have been transformed in light of the document, and where we are now in reference to the upcoming 2008 election.
Hearth Room at Bay Hall

March 4 & 11

"A Healthy Life is an Active Life" Scott Zimmerman, professor in the department of biomedical sciences at Mis-

souri State University, has done studies on healthy aging at the University of Wisconsin and will look at the differences between a sedentary life and actual aging. This will cover heart and muscle health as well as weight control.
Olin Room in Olin Library

March 18

"Exploring South Africa" Overcoming the violence of apartheid years, South Africa is now a multicultural democracy. Bill and Lee Longman visited this beautiful land in October 2007 and will share pictures and impressions.
Olin Room at Olin Library

March 25

"Exploring Thailand" Among the pictorial topics shared by Mary Blanche and Charlene Cantrell will be Buddhist temples, Thai culture and food, and the Hill Tribe people inhabiting the Golden Triangle.
Olin Room at Olin Library

April 1

"Exploring Quebec" There is something charming about the province of Quebec. It is like visiting Europe without leaving North America. Dennis and Pam Edwards will share their impressions of this charming destination.
Olin Room at Olin Library

April 8 & 15

"Smallness: a Microscopic View of the World Around Us" Drury associate professor of biology Wesley Rowley returns to lecture in the field of science

as we explore the cellular and tissue levels of life as we understand anew that we are more complicated than what "meets" the eye.
Trustee Science Center Auditorium.

April 22

"Field Trip to OOVVDA Winery" OOVVDA is a local winery just north of Springfield. Class members will meet in Lot # 7 on Drury University campus at 1:30 p.m. and carpool to the winery, arriving for a 2 p.m. appointment. Driving directions: Go north 3 miles on Glenstone Avenue. At the blinking red light at the intersection of H and AA turn left (west); look for winery sign.

April 29, May 6 & 13

"American Literature and the Civil War" Randall Fuller, Drury associate professor of English and director of the University Honors Program, examines his study of several famous authors and how this agonizing struggle affected their writings. Authors include Emerson, Whitman, Dickinson, Douglass, Hawthorne, Melville.
Hearth Room at Bay Hall

Suggestions are welcome.

Call Mary Blanche at

(417) 732-8907.

Meet for 12:30 p.m. lunch on the first Tuesday of the month: February 5, March 4, April 1, Findlay Student Center cafeteria. Parking: Lot #1 off Central, Lot #7 off Summit (behind gym)

Registration Form for Spring Session

I would like to enroll in the Drury Institute for Mature Learning.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Birthdate _____

E-mail, if any _____

Please include a check for \$35 made out to Drury IML. Mail or hand to Janet Huston,

Drury Institute for Mature Learning, 900 N. Benton, Springfield, MO 65802

From the Chair

Another year has come and gone for the Institute of Mature Learners; 2007 was a great year!

In addition to the numerous topics and lecturers, the curriculum was expanded to include a field trip to the Japanese Gardens, a visit to artist Charles Summey's studio, the Nelson-Atkins Art Museum in Kansas City, and the Pottery Classroom of Drury University where each person made a clay pinch pot and Benjamin Schulman fired them.

We also had dinner and attended *Copenhagen* following a two-class lecture "Copenhagen: When Physics and Theatre Meet" by Dr. Robin Schraft of the theatre department who also directed the play *Copenhagen*.

Anita Isaac again hosted the Christmas Party at the Harry Cooper Clubhouse with entertainment provided by Lou Le Brun who entertained us playing Christmas carols on her accordion. Varied activities are arranged

each semester trying to have an area of interest for each member.

Also, (my favorite activity) having lunch the first Tuesday of each month with IML members.

As interesting as 2007 was, 2008 is slated to be even bigger and better; Bill Longman has arranged an exciting course schedule for the upcoming year as detailed in this newsletter.

Please complete the registration form in this newsletter, enclosing a check for \$35 and mail it to: Janet Huston, 1940 Arcadia, Springfield, MO 65804-2723. This is an excellent bargain for your money as we have 40 classes each year bringing the cost of each class to approximately \$.87 per session.

Happy Holidays!!!

Mary Blanche, Chairperson

On the Web

Check out our website at <http://iml.drury.edu>

Welcome to the Spring session of IML. What do we do with your dues: Each presenter is paid an honorarium. Other expenses include printing and mailing the *Lifetime Learner* newsletter and other publicity. Additional donations are always welcome and thank you for your support.

Treasurer's Report - October 16, 2007

We currently have 65 full memberships. Funds in Bank Account \$2,990.34 Membership fees are \$35 for the year if paid January through August. Fall memberships are from September until the end of the year and are \$35.

Janet Huston
IML Treasurer

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