ENGLISH 208F

The Literature of Aging

Spring 1993

Professor J. Gold
Office: HH 226
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Class room:

Required Texts:

Full Measure. ed. by D. Sennett. pub. by Greywolf Press
On Golden Pond. Ernest Thompson
King Lear. Shakespeare
As We Are Now. May Sarton
Book of Eve. Constance Beresford-Howe
PraiseSong for the Widow by Paule Marshall
also material from Kinko's.

Schedule

May
Monday 3 Aging issues and attitudes, a cultural approach. Life stage expectations.
Tuesday 4 The Economics of aging. Spirituality and Self Knowledge.
Wednesday 5 "Sleep it off, Lady!"; "The Blessington Method"
Thursday 6 As We Are Now
Monday 10 "Leaving the Yellow House"/"The Dust of Yuri"
Tuesday 11 "Gunnar's Sword"
Wednesday 12 "Old Age Pensioners"/"At the Anarchists' Convention"
Thursday 13 "In Retirement"/"The World of Apples"
Monday 17 (First Essay Due)
King Lear
Tuesday 18 King Lear
Wednesday 19 "The Soft Core"/"The Middle Drawer."
Thursday 20 "The Ressurection Man"/"Sutee"
Monday 24 Victoria Day - no classes
Tuesday 25  Paule Marshall: Dementia
Wednesday 26  "Dr. Cohen's Visit": De Mentia and Narrative
Thursday 27  "On Golden Pond"
Friday 28  Make up Class: 2nd Essay Due. Review.
Monday 31  No class. Learned Societies in Ottawa.

June
Tuesday 1  Book of Eve. Second Essay Due.
Wednesday 2  Class Test.
Thursday 3  Cicern: (Kinko's material)
Friday 4  Make-up Class cont'd
Monday 7  "A theory of Knowledge"/"After the Denim"
Tuesday 8  Counts and Counts
Wednesday 9  Counts and Counts
Thursday 10  (Take Home test. Due back June 14th - noon). Questions.

Office Hours: 12:30-1:30 Monday-Thursday

Assignments: 2 Essays. 25% each.
1 class test. 25%.
1 Take Home Test. 25%.

Essay Topic 1. (Due Monday 17 May). Describe some alternatives to the attitudes towards aging that characterize our culture. Illustrate from the Literature.

Essay Topic 2. (Due Tuesday 1 June). Which of the short stories, in your opinion, reinforce or make any expansion on, or can be said to relate to, any of the themes or ideas you can derive from King Lear. Explain your thinking.