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Becky Burritt, Facilities Services, Joins 25 Year Club

Sitting in the Grand Salon of Le Chateau for her 25 Year Club interview, Becky Burritt explains why this building is her favorite place on campus. "It's a beautiful old building. Once they renovate them, they take all of the character out of them," she says, but Chateau has retained its old, lovely features. Becky, a Custodian in Facilities Services, knows most of the buildings here since she's worked all over campus in her 25 years, with the exception of the social houses, she notes with a smile. For approximately six years, Chateau and some of the buildings close to it are Becky's responsibility to keep clean and in good shape.

Born in Bristol, Becky grew up in Vermont, married, and had her daughter Virginia in 1980. Virginia has special physical and developmental needs, and Becky spent Virginia's early years taking care of her at home full time. In 1984, she decided to work out of the home again because she says, "I was always Virginia's mom or my husband's wife. I felt like I didn't have a name anymore," so she applied for a job here at the College, hoping to work the 11 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. shift. During the interview, Becky was straightforward about



her daughter's needs and explained that Virginia came first. "They hired me knowing that, and they've always met me half way," Becky says. At times she has been allowed to flex her hours based on Becky's responsibilities at home, and that gave Becky the freedom she has needed to keep Virginia at home with her and still have a job. "Not in many jobs do they give you that freedom," Becky says of the College's flexibility and the trust that Becky will put in the hours required to do a good job at work, even if they are not always a typical shift's hours.

Another reason for her longevity is that Becky has always enjoyed the students. She likes how the commons system has let her see some of the same students over a four-year period, and she says that in those four years "you get attached." Working for the College is somewhat of a family affair for Becky. Her sister works here, as does her husband Ron Munson, a Maintenance Carpenter.

When she's not at work, Becky enjoys being at home. She likes to tend her flower garden – her husband is the
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Way to Go! Challenge a success

Middlebury College received an honorable mention for the 2009 Way to Go! Commuter Challenge, a week-long competition that encourages Vermonters to use cheaper, healthier, and more earth-friendly transportation alternatives. Over 100 Middlebury employees commuted to work by riding the bus,



biking, walking, carpooling, or using another mode of transportation other than driving alone. Statewide, 3,552 people took part, saving 236,813 miles for the week, 10,516 gallons of fuel, more than \$33,000 in total transportation cost savings, and 213,000 pounds of transportation pollutants (including 206,000 pounds of carbon emissions). Thanks to everyone who participated!

Rooftop Observatory Open Houses scheduled

The Physics Department welcomes the public for its summer series of Open House nights at the College Observatory atop McCardell Bicentennial Hall. The observatory will be open for viewing the heavens on Monday July 6 and Wednesdays July 22 and 29. There is no set program; all are invited at any time between 9 and 10:30 p.m. (take elevator to 7th floor). The events will take place only if the sky is at least mostly clear. If the weather appears uncertain, visitors may call the observatory at x2266, after 7 p.m. on the evening of the open house for a status report.



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CHAPLAIN'S FUND RECEIVES DONATION

The Chaplain's Fund recently received a generous gift from Staff Council in the amount \$1,000 to honor staff colleagues who accepted the Early Retirement Program. Funding for this fund is also provided by year-end unused allocations from college employees' flexible spending accounts. The Chaplain's Fund has been in existence since 1992 and is just one example of the variety of resources and programs in place to support employ-

The Fund provides monetary support in the form of either a one-time grant or one-time loan to employees facing an unforeseen financial emergency or crisis. The Chaplain's Fund committee reviews confidential applications from employees. If approved, funding is provided directly to the employee's creditor(s) or service provider(s). HR Generalists are available to assist employees who wish to apply for funds.

Faculty Grants

Frank Winkler (Physics) has received funding from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Chandra X-Ray Observatory General Observer Program for a project that involves collaborators from the Space Telescope Science Institute and Johns Hopkins University. The goal of this research is to study X-ray sources in an unusual galaxy (called NGC 4449) located "nearby" at only 12 million light years distance. Despite its small size, NGC 4449 plays a role in star formation and destruction and is the home of the brightest supernova remnant known in the universe.

John Schmitt (Mathematics) has received a Research Opportunity Award from the National Science Foundation for collaborative research with a colleague at Carnegie Mellon University during his 2009-2010 leave and the academic year 2010-2011. The pair will examine the central problem in the extremal combinatorics of Paul Turan. They will attempt to answer questions of the following type, "How large (or small) can an object be that lies in a particular discrete mathematical system and satisfies a certain condition?" John's project is titled *Minimum Saturated Graphs and Hypergraphs*.

William Pyle (Economics) has received a grant from the Center of International Studies at the University of Delaware for a project titled *The Nature and Influence of Business Associations in Romania*. This project augments Will's previous research on business associations in Russia. The grant funding comes from a U.S. Dept. of State Title VIII program and covers the costs of administering surveys to 200 enterprises and 40 business associations in Romania.

Becky Burritt, ctd. from pg. 1

vegetable gardener of the pair. Another "hobby" of Becky's is home improvement, specifically painting. "I'm always painting, changing the color of one room or another, trying new things," Becky says, adding, "it's going to drive my husband nuts."

For future plans, Becky and her husband will travel out to Ohio to visit two of her step-children and grandchildren. As for work, she's going to keep her head down and get through these tough economic times answering, "just survive – keep my fingers crossed!" when asked about her plans for the next 25 years.

Becky mentions "all the ladies here before me" as people who helped her out back when she first started work at the College. Becky says she used to sit in the break room with them and listen to them talk about how they went about certain tasks at work, and then Becky would try things their way and adjust their methods to make the best way for her. She says, "you learn more if you sit back and listen to people."

~ Liz Hammel

Friends of International Students Program is seeking hosts

Are you interested in befriending a Class of 2013 international student? International Student and Scholar Services is hosting a series of informational meetings on the Friends of International Students (FIS) Host Program in the coming weeks. The FIS Host Program is a friendship program that offers faculty, staff, alumni, and community members a chance to welcome and assist an international student with his or her adjustment to life at a residential college in the U.S. The time commitment can vary depending on what you and your student are interested in making of the program.

If you are interested in exploring another culture, we encourage you to join us for a meeting to learn more. Afghanistan, Bhutan, Ethiopia, Ecuador, Nepal, and New Zealand are some of the countries that will be represented on campus with the Class of 2013.

If you are interested in the program but are unable to attend one of our scheduled meetings, please contact our office to schedule an appointment at x5858. Space is limited in order to keep the meeting to 45 minutes. To register, please contact ISSS at x5858 or issm@middlebury.edu. Feel free to bring your lunch.

The meetings will be held on the following Wednesdays from 12:15–1:00 p.m. in McCullough Social Space:
July 8
July 22



July 3 Floating Holiday

Remember that Friday July 3 is a floating holiday. If you are a CTO-eligible staff member who is usually scheduled to work on Fridays, but you do not work on Friday July 3, be sure to record CTO for that day on your Banner Web timesheet for the pay period ending July 12.

Slow Yoga with Sansea

The Optimal Health Initiative Committee wants to remind all staff and faculty of the Slow Yoga with Sansea class being offered Tuesdays from 4:30–5:45 p.m. at the CFA. To register, please contact Eileen Fahey at x5029. Fee of \$54–\$72, depending on total class size.

Staff Council seeks nominations for Community Council alternate and Ombudsperson

Staff Council is looking for interested staff members to be nominated to positions on the Community Council as the alternate member and as an Ombudsperson.

The Community Council serves as a forum in which all the segments of the College community: administration, faculty, staff, and students, have a voice on nonacademic issues facing the College. With this representative membership, Community Council deliberations and decisions take into consideration the interests and concerns of the whole community. The diverse membership assures that each member of the council hears and understands the views of the other sections of the community, thus linking the four groups that compose the Middlebury College community. The Community Council has a dual role in the College governance structure. Sometimes the council makes decisions and then implements those decisions as College policy. On certain matters, the council serves as an advisory body to the president and administration.

Middlebury College created the appointed position of Ombudsperson to help individuals address situations that may be creating conflict or confusion in their work lives. The Ombudsperson may serve as a sounding board or supportive intermediary depending upon the circumstances.

Please send us a short statement with your reason for interest to scouncil@middlebury.edu by July 15.

Language Schools International Film Festival in full swing

Check out the films in this year's Language Schools International Film Festival. A schedule is available at <http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/lis/resources/film/>. Films are free, subtitled in English, and shown in Dana Auditorium.

Transitions

This column recognizes College employees who applied for and were hired for posted job openings. Congratulations to:

Laura Bachand

In April Laura transferred to the position of Operations Associate in the Language Schools. Laura previously had been the Events Office Assistant in Dining Services since July 2006 after having been a part-time Catering Team Member for two years.

Mary Cairns

Mary accepted the position of Assistant Director of the Middlebury-Monterey Language Academy in May. Prior to this transfer, Mary had been the Administrative Coordinator for the Office of International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) and the Carr Hall Center since August 2008, having held a temporary appointment as a Clerical Temp in the Institutional Diversity department for three months before that. Mary is a 1994 graduate of Middlebury College.

Jessie Jerry

As of June, Jessie is the Operations Manager for the Middlebury-Monterey Language Academy. Prior to this transfer, Jessie had been an Administrative Assistant in the Language Schools since the end of July 2008.

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Auto

For Sale: 1998 Honda Accord EX sedan. 4 door, FWD, automatic, dark green. A/C, sunroof, leather seats, ABS. Complete set of Nokkian all season tires and Nokkian Hakkepelita snow tires. 139k miles. Very dependable car, runs great, has a few spots of faded paint. Kelly blue book value \$4,115. Asking \$3,500 obo. Please call Mark at 349.8640.

Other

For Sale: GPS Receiver, Northstar 941X, price negotiable. Please contact tmanley@middlebury.edu.

Moving Sale: Large desk \$40; dresser \$25; small bookshelf \$10; tall Ikea bookcase \$40. Also, Ikea Leksvik furniture in excellent condition: 2 side tables \$50/set; coffee table \$50; TV hutch \$75; small desk \$50. Call 989.3616 or e-mail mcarball@middlebury.edu for more info.

Real Estate

For Sale or Rent: Charming, comfortable, well-maint. family house for rent or purchase in New Haven, 15 min. drive from College. House dates from 1780s & features spectac. views over Adks., 5 acres of land, a beautiful deck, newly remodeled BAs, landscaped sitting area in wooded glade. 4 BR, large living/dining area w/ wood stove, separate formal sitting or DR w/ fireplace & adjoining reading nook, 2 BA, kitchen, washer/dryer. Wood floors throughout. Price: \$319,000 obo. For further info. or viewing contact Marion at mwells@middlebury.edu or call 802.453.4929.

For Rent: Lake Dunmore, Salisbury. 2 chalets available. Each chalet has 2 BR, sleeps 6 on water. Walking dist. to store, snack bar, laundry mat. No pets/smoking. \$750 weekly. Summer rentals are Saturday to Saturday until Sept 1, 2009. Monthly rentals Sept. 1 to June 1. Call Dolly at 989.3693 after 4 p.m. or 352.4378.

For Sale: Middlebury. Very well maintained 3 BR, 1-1/2 BA home at end of a cul-de-sac in a lovely nbrhd. w/ great play area for children. This home has many nice features normally found only in more expensive homes: spacious screened porch off the kitchen/dining area, newer 1 car garage w/ paved driveway, carpeted full basement, hardwood floors in LR & DR. This is a wonderful home for a very affordable price of \$194,000. Contact Bob, 453.5110 or rjansen@middlebury.edu.

Wanted

Wanted: Looking for room/studio/apartment for fall semester (September-December). Non-smoker, faculty. Please contact: sapfelbaum@middlebury.edu.

Wanted: Dog crate; collapsing wire crate no longer than 36 x 38 " when folded. Dog barrier; barrier that will fit in the back of a Jeep. Please contact cmonning@middlebury.edu.

● Middlebury History

This month in

25 years ago ● The Italian School screened the Oscar-winning film *Il giardino dei Finzi-Contini* in Dana Auditorium. A new sign carved out of California redwood was installed at Calvi's Ice Cream Parlor on Main Street. Jean Richardot, a former UN official, gave a lecture in French at Warner Hemicycle on the art, history, and politics of Haiti.

10 years ago ● Members of the Peking Opera performed at the Center for the Arts hosted by the Chinese School. While hundreds looked on from Frog Hollow, Jim Carrey and Renée Zellweger shot scenes for the film *Me, Myself & Irene* on the footbridge over Otter Creek. Marcel Siebers of the Netherlands Carillon School performed in the College's 14th Annual Carillon Recital Series.

5 years ago ● The Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble presented Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure* on the stage of the Burgess Meredith Little Theatre. Gary Rosen's Teddy Bear Picnic was one of the events in the 2004 Festival on the Green. The ESPN SportsCenter film about Middlebury's Butch Varno won two Edward R. Murrow Awards to add to its Emmy Award.

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