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**TRUSTEES/STAFF
BREAKFAST
FRIDAY, FEB. 10TH
7:15 - 8:15 a.m.
ROSS DINING HALL
(new location)**

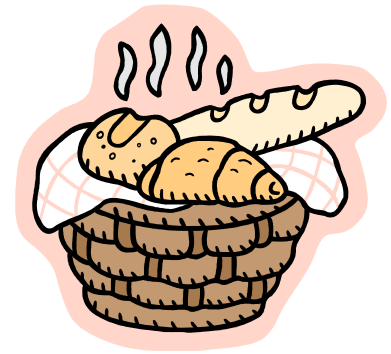
Relay For Life is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs of the American Cancer Society.

A committee of Middlebury students, staff and community members, working with the American Cancer Society, is organizing the Relay for Life at Middlebury College. The all night event is slated for Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29, 2006.

A pre-kick-off program was scheduled for Tuesday, January 24 at 7 p.m., McCullough Social Space. The next kick-off event is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28.

During the event, teams of people gather at Middlebury's track and take turns walking or running laps. Each team tries to keep at least one member on the track at all times. Funds are received from sponsors of relay teams. This is a unique opportunity that brings together the College and general community in a fundraising event to celebrate survivorship and raise money for cancer research and programs. All proceeds raised go directly to the American Cancer Society.

Organize a team today and plan to participate! For further information contact Ross-Lieb-Iappen, rlieblap@middlebury.edu or Meg Young, myoung@middlebury.edu.



The Board of Trustees invites all Staff to join them for breakfast on Friday, Feb. 10th.

Once again the fare will highlight the local bounty and delights of Vermont's agricultural community.

Staff Council encourages all Staff to attend and to use the opportunity for open discussion with the Trustees.

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Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone wrongly uses your personal identification to obtain credit or loans, or uses your identity for other fraudulent purposes. Using your personal data – your name, address, date of birth, Social Security number, credit card information, personal identification numbers – an imposter can open new credit card accounts, drain your bank accounts, start up utility services, apply for loans and make major purchases, all in your name. Identity theft can result in damage to your credit rating and denials of credit and job offers. Once this happens, it can be a complicated and costly process to correct.

Identity Theft is a felony under the *Federal Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act of 1998*. According to the Federal Trade Commission, it ranks as the nation's top complaint.

The rising number of individuals who call the Federal Trade Commission clearinghouse seeking to lodge complaints or gather information best illustrates the rapid growth of Identity Theft. The FTC reports that over 10 million people were victims of this crime in 2004.

Four out of five victims of identity theft do not know how their personal identity information was stolen. Thieves can obtain this information from lost or stolen wallets and purses. They can “dumpster dive” – looking for credit card receipts, financial statements and discarded credit card promotional materials. They can pose as legitimate businesses, requesting that you “verify” personal data over the phone or on the Internet. In recent news, an Atlanta based company that processes credit card and other payments for banks and merchants, reported the theft of information related to millions of individual credit card accounts; computer hackers had breached the company's security system.

TIPS FOR PREVENTING IDENTITY THEFT

If your driver's license uses your Social Security number, contact your state's division of motor vehicles and request that it be removed and replaced by another identification number.

Keep a photocopy of all credit cards in a safe and secure place. Check monthly statements to ensure that no unauthorized charges were made. A credit card or bank statement that does not appear promptly may indicate that a theft has occurred.

Shred pre-approved credit card offers and all other financial information that goes out in the trash.

Request your credit report from all 3 credit-reporting agencies once a year*.

Do not mail bill payments from your home mailbox. Bring these to the post office or nearest postal box.

Keep your eye on your credit card during transactions to prevent skimming of the card. A “skimmer” is a small handheld device that the card is swiped through deceitfully, allowing a counterfeit card to be produced.

Be alert to your surroundings at the ATM machine, making sure that no one is in a position to observe you entering your PIN.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE A VICTIM

Place a fraud alert on your credit reports by calling one of the three credit reporting agencies (*Equifax's fraud report line is 800-525-6285, Experian's is 888-397-3742, Trans Union's is 800-680-7289). The agency that you notify will in turn notify the other two.

Close all accounts that have been compromised and place new passwords on accounts. Follow up all changes in writing with supporting documents, and keep copies of all correspondence.

Contact the Federal Trade Commission (877-438-4338). Go to the FTC identity theft website: <http://consumer.gov/idtheft/>. Obtain information on completing an **ID Theft Affidavit**.

File a police report with local police.

Obtain a copy that can be used to submit to creditors and others that may require proof of a crime.

Contact your Employee Assistance Program (800-828-6025). We can put you in touch with the non-profit budget and debt counseling agency, **American Consumer Credit Counseling**, with whom we are affiliated. They are experts in identity theft issues and can be a valuable source of information and advice.

Faculty Grants

James Davis (Religion) has received a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities in support of a project titled, *On Religious Liberty: Roger Williams and the Birth of an American Ideal*. This project, on which he's working during his academic leave this year, assembles important passages from Williams's defense of freedom of conscience for scholarly and classroom use, in addition to offering a critical interpretation of Williams's thought and its importance for discussions of religious freedom today.

Pieter Broucke (History of Art & Architecture) has been awarded a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities in support of his book project, *Reconstructing the Pantheon of Agrippa: Architecture, Sculpture, and Meaning*. He plans to finish this book during his 2006-2007 academic leave.

Roger Sandwick (Chemistry & Biochemistry) has been awarded a grant from the Petroleum Research Fund of the American Chemical Society for a three-year research project titled, *A Characterization of the Kinetics and Mechanisms of the Reaction of Ribose 5-Phosphate and Amino Acids*. The project investigates the chemical reactions of a common metabolite (ribose 5-phosphate) with components of proteins. The study will attempt to determine whether these reactions are responsible for the production of potentially toxic compounds in the body.



**United Way Ski-A-Thon
March 12, 2006
Middlebury College Snow Bowl**

**Save the date: A Message From
the United Way**

Thank you for your past participation. You might have skied or sponsored a skier, or provided prizes, or helped with organization, food, or set-up. You might have been a member of the band. Whatever your role in the past, we appreciate your support and look for it again this year.

A few reasons to participate in the United Way of Addison County

Ski-A-Thon:

- Great spring skiing at the Snow Bowl—free, if you have \$25 worth of pledges.
- Engage young people of all ages in community giving and philanthropy.
- Have fun helping others.
- Support United Way and the non-profit agencies who help make our community great.

So, save the date. You'll be hearing from us again soon with more details. Or just call us and sign-up now!



Please call the United Way office if you'd like to volunteer to help us prepare for the event or donate a prize, 388-7189, or e-mail helen@unitedwayaddisoncounty.org.

**Winners of the College's United
Way Raffle held in December,
2005**

Congratulations to the following employees who participated in the United Way campaign:

Alice Rouleau , Suzanne Snider, Muriel Harms, Penny Upson, Paul/Jennifer Nelson , David West, Elizabeth Endicott, Kateri Carmola, Maura Clancy, Melissa Beckwith, and Deanna Gilbert each won a \$10 gift certificate to the Grille/Juice Bar, the Wilson Café (in the new library), Rehearsals Café, the Golf Course Snack Bar, the Snow Bowl Snack Bar, or the Redfield Room.

Brenda Ellis, Stephen Weber, Edward DeMatties, Merissa Enterline, and David Colander each won a \$25 gift certificate to the Middlebury College Store.

Cynthia Peet, Dave Matthews, Scott Byrnes, and Monica McCabe each won greens fees plus a cart for the Ralph Myhre Golf Course.

Kristen Anderson, Judith Jessup, and Isabel Smidy each won an individual season pass for the Middlebury College Snow Bowl.

Kevin McAteer won a family season pass for the Rikert Ski Touring Center.

Brigitte Humbert won an individual membership for the Rikert Ski Touring Center.

Stacey Thebedo, Cindy Wemette, and Susan/Roberto Veguez each won a gift certificate for a pair of tickets to any event at the Center for the Arts.

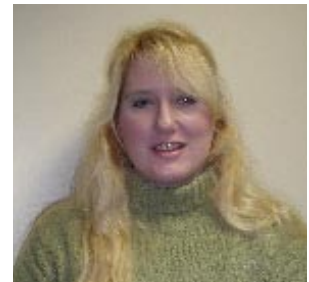
Employees



Barbara Bryant
Custodian



Susan Holcomb
Administrative Associate/BLSE



Lynn Stokes
Utility Worker



John Stokes
Russian School Coordinator

Research Request

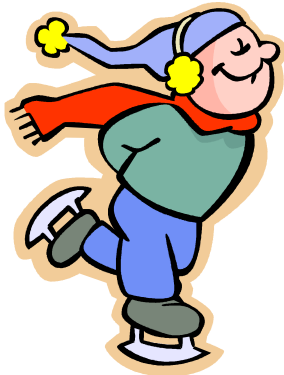
Do you have a 3-year-old?

Be interviewed about your experience as a parent, and receive a gift certificate to Fire and Ice restaurant.

Student Sheena James and Dr. Grace Cho invite two-parent households who are raising a 3-year-old child to participate in interviews about the experiences they have raising their child. The interviews are part of a research project conducted by Sheena James ('06), under the direction of Dr. Grace Cho, associate of the Department of Psychology. They are interested in learning about the variety of beliefs and experiences that parents have in their everyday lives while raising 3-year-old children.

To schedule an interview time, please call Sheena at 443-6468.

STAFF COUNCIL SKATING PARTY



Bring your family for an afternoon of skating

Sunday, February
12th, 1:00 - 3:30 pm
Kenyon Arena

Come enjoy an afternoon with friends and colleagues. Warm drinks and refreshments will be available!

Classifieds

Classified ads are free for members of the staff, faculty, student body, and alumni of Middlebury College. Ads must be submitted seven days prior to the publication date. Please send your ads to: Classifieds, *Midd Points*, HR, Service Building, or via Outlook to: Middpoints Editor (*electronic submissions preferred*).

Real Estate

House for sale: Are you interested in learning about an ideally-situated home for sale in downtown Middlebury that generates income through a separate upstairs rental apartment? Please contact Matt Longman at ext. 3350, or via e-mail at longman@middlebury.edu

For Rent: Rooms to rent by the week or month. Reasonable Prices. 8 miles from Middlebury. Call 453-4525.

For Rent: House - \$1,325 plus utilities. Newly built, very energy efficient, Bristol Village home with two bedrooms and an office on a generous lot within walking distance to downtown. No pets, no smoking. New washer, dryer, stove, microwave, refrigerator and dishwasher. Call Becky at 802-453-5041.

Wanted

Wanted: I am in need of a working computer, for home use!! My laptop is dying and I only need word processing. Must have 'a' drive and 'c' drive. Please call me if you have one to sell - cheap! Kate 388-6258.

Wanted: Squash Players. Squash Anyone? I am putting together an email list of people interested in finding squash partners. If you would like to play more often, find opponents at your skill level, and perhaps meet new people, email ebleich@middlebury.edu. Let me know whether you are a beginning, intermediate, or advanced player.

Wanted: To Rent - Seeking 2 bedroom apartment or small house in Middlebury. Two adults interested in long term only. Call days 802-388-5416.

Auto

For Sale: 2000 Dodge Stratus - Fully loaded, 115K. Runs great. \$2,500. Also parts for Volvo 850. Call Ray at 349-8304.

Other

For Sale: Furnishing your child's room? This 3-piece solid oak desk, chair, and night table set is in like-new condition. From the early 1960's it still has the original varnish and was never painted. Desk has four drawers and night table has two. \$175. See it one minute from campus. Call 388-0178.

For Sale: Appliances! Renovated our kitchen and have a great refrigerator, stove, and dishwasher available for sale. Fridge is a Kitchen Aid Superba, side by side, white, ice and water on door, automatic ice maker, only 3+ years old, great condition. \$300. GE Profile Electric stove with glass top, convection bake and roast, auto self-clean, used 1 year, white. \$350. Frigidaire dishwasher, white, 3 years old but hardly used. \$250. Save \$50 if you take all three! Call Andrea 388-1471 or email asolomon@middlebury.edu.

For Sale: Pawley's Island rope hammock and stand (you can view it at <http://www.pawleys.com/cgi-bin/pawleys/catalog.cgi?parts+Hammocks>). Hammock is natural color rope, with a pillow, and stand is green metal. A few years old, the stand has been outside but hammock is stored indoors and is in excellent shape. \$100. 462-3281.

For Sale: Love seat in like-new condition. Paid \$700, asking \$450. Light brown leaf pattern. Cooking wood stove for kitchen. Good condition. \$600. 453-4525, day or evening.

Free

Free: Wicker couch and rocking chair. Need repair. Call X5659 or 388-7421.