ast month, Middlebury students had a new J-term option, the Emergency Medical Technician - Basic (EMT-B) class. The course, which usually takes people approximately five months to complete at night, allowed students to complete the written work and practical instruction in four weeks and earn an internship credit from the College.

Fourteen students, many who are pre-med or interested in other health professions, began in early January with the basics—classroom lectures at Brandon Rescue and assigned reading. Ed Sullivan (Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator, EMT-B) served as program coordinator, and he was able to organize a great team of instructors. Student Jeff Stern ’09 who has his EMT-I (Intermediate) certification, and Howie McCausland (LIS) from the College’s Emergency Response Team, also an EMT-I, volunteered their time to teach along with lead instructor Scott Supernaw (EMT-Paramedic) of the Brandon Area Rescue Squad. Four days a week during J-term, the students read case studies, got hands-on training in taking vital signs, blood pressure, assessments, handling trauma, etc., all in preparation for the written EMT-B exam they will take in late February or early March. Day shift members of Brandon Rescue assisted the students with their practicals along with the instructors. In addition, after the first two weeks of instruction, the students went out on calls with EMTs from the Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance Association (MVAA) and the squad in Brandon to get real-life clinical experience.

The work for the students continues this month, honing their skills for the practical exam which requires them to perform the clinical skills in front of a state overseer. Once they pass both the written and practical exams, they are nationally certified as EMTs and can volunteer for a rescue squad here in Vermont or in their own home states.

Ed Sullivan and a handful of interested students came up with the idea to try to get a J-term EMT course for (Article continues on page 2)
Fun Ski Races off to Fast Start

The 3rd Annual Middlebury College Ski and Snowboard Fun Race Series (known by many as the Ski Bum Races) kicked off late last month. Racers on teams associated with the College or local businesses each get two runs down the course on the lower Allen, counting only their best time.

On Friday, January 23, Tik Root (’12) was fastest on the course, with Luther Tenney (Facilities Services), Chris Dayton (Ski School), Jed Malcolm, and Andy Mittelman (Cook Commons) rounding out the top five for the men. Ingrid Jackson (’88) posted the fastest time for the women, with Sasha Woolson (Spanish & Portuguese), Chloe Tabah (’11), Divya Dethier (’12), and Susie Davis (Snow Bowl) taking 2nd-5th respectively. In the team competition, Down the Hill, Not Over took first, followed by Doria’s in second, and CRAcers +2 and Jagermeister tying for 3rd.

On Friday, February 6, Chris Eaton (’99) posted the fastest time, followed by Luther Tenney, Beal Jacobs, Andy Mittelman, and Jed Malcolm for the men. Ingrid Jackson held on to her top spot for the women, followed this week by Eliza Eaton (’05), Jessica Holmes (Economics), Karen Eaton, and Liana Sideli (’09). The Wobblies took first place in team competition, followed by Sugar Maple and CRAcers +2.

Look for further race updates next month.

Winter Term EMT-B Class

Standing from left: Jim McNinch, Zachary DeVore, Stephanie Joyce, Spencer Church, Kevin Glatt, Ben Brown, Nick Palmeri, Ruby Bolster, Abhishek Srivad, Christina Kunykey, Tiernan Meyer, Danielle Kruse, Abby Leathe, Adam Schaffer. Instructors seated from left: Jeff Stern, Scott Supernaw, Ed Sullivan. Missing from photo is instructor Howie McCausland.

(EMT-B Class, ctd. from pg. 1) credit because the class is such a big commitment. It took a lot of effort to coordinate all of the various entities who were involved in making it happen: the Career Services Office, Arlinda Wickland (Director of Student Fellowships and Health Professions Advising), Tim Spears and the Provost’s Office, Brandon Rescue, MVAA, and the College’s Emergency Response Team (ERT). Of the work, Ed says, “If we can enhance the students’ education in any way – make it more fun – then it’s worth the effort. The College has been very supportive.”

“You should see the look on their faces coming back from a call – the look of accomplishment, of knowing they helped a person,” Ed says. That’s a look Ed never tires of; he has been helping students from the College certify as EMTs and find positions on area squads for three years. A former student Ed worked with now has a career in finance, but he still volunteers as an EMT. “There’s no limit on where they can go with it—it’s up to the students,” says Ed of the students’ experiences working on squads while at the College.

Ed would like to offer the Winter Term course again next year and beyond, but he wants to make sure there will be a place on an area squad for each student once he or she is certified. There are only so many spots on area squads though. Ideally, Ed would like to see a Middlebury College squad made up of student EMTs and the College’s ERT. It would be a first response squad that could respond to emergencies 24/7, with College employees covering days and student EMTs covering nights. “It would be an education for students, and then they could volunteer here at the College or outside at MVAA or the squads in Vergennes, Bristol and Brandon; it would fill the need for volunteers in the area,” says Ed of this wish. If the program were able to grow, Ed would want to give the students as much responsibility for managing it as possible, with proper oversight. He says, “The students are excited about it. They bring such enthusiasm and energy.”

~ Liz Hammel
Reminder to 2008 Flexible Spending Account Participants

You have until March 15, 2009, to submit claims for services provided in the calendar year 2008. Claim forms can be found in the HR office or on the HR website by clicking on Benefits, scrolling down to Forms, and then clicking on Flexible Spending Account Claim Form.

All claims should be sent to CBA Blue via:
- Fax at: 888.291.0920
- Mail to: CBA Blue
  PO Box 2365
  S. Burlington, VT 05407-2365

Please call HR at x5465 for Flexible Spending Account questions.

“Scene” on Campus

Jim Ralph, the Dean for Faculty Development and Research, welcomed guests to the Faculty and Staff Articles and Creative Works reception held in the Great Hall on February 11.

where on CAMPUS?

Where lies this patriot?

E-mail the editor at middpoints@middlebury.edu or call x2565.

Milestones are determined by years of uninterrupted employment at Middlebury College. The following milestones were attained in February 2009:

5 YEARS

Bo Cleveland
Dining Services

Sarah Froebel
Sciences Tech Support Services

Yvette Whittemore
Dining Services

10 YEARS

Thomas Baker
Public Safety

Susan Grant
Facilities Services

Jason Terk
Facilities Services

15 YEARS

Christine DuBois
College Store

Lucien Hotte
Athletics

25 YEARS

Debbie Cousino
Commons Office - Atwater

Congratulations on reaching these Milestones!
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. Guidelines for ads can be found on the MiddPoints section of the HR Website. Please send ads to Classifieds, MiddPoints, HR, Service Building, or e-mail to middpoints@middlebury.edu (electronic submissions preferred).

Auto

For Sale: '04 Lance Truck Camper, Model 845. Used from May - September 2005, unused since then. Excellent condition. $9,000. Contact Greg at x5161 or gbuckles@middlebury.edu.

For Sale: 2000 Honda Accord LX. 109K miles, one owner. Town car, maintained at dealership. Asking $5,500. Contact Edita or Frank at 388.2361 or esore@rvmags.com.


For Sale: 5 dimmable compact fluorescent lightbulbs. 14 watts, 800 lumens, 8,000 hours. $8.50 each. E-mail Sarah at sfranco@middlebury.edu.

Real Estate

For Rent: Ground floor large 2 BR apartment, 10 mi. from campus. Avail. March 1 or sooner. Good references and deposit. $650/month includes electricity. x5051.

For Rent: Middlebury Condominium (in town, near covered bridge). 3 BR, 1 BA, full basement w/ W/D. On school bus route. 1 year lease minimum. $1,150/mo. Contact Edita or Frank at 388.2361 or esore@rvmags.com.

For Rent: Middlebury in-town house. New, fully-furnished, 2BR/2BA, Otter Creek location, walking distance to campus and downtown. Mtn. views & abundant daylight, bordered by Otter View Park preserve w/ meadow paths & boardwalk to creek. Fireplace, roof deck, radiant heat, energy efficient, designed by local architect. $1,800/month. Contact John at x5452 or jmcleod@middlebury.edu.

For Rent: Classic 4 BR Vermont Farmhouse on 5 acres w/in 3 mi. of College w/ 2 car garage. Stunning views to the Adks. 2-1/2 BA, W/D, 2 classic stoves (1 wood, 1 gas). No pets. $1,300 + utilities. Contact David x5255 or 802.989.8135.

Wanted

House Sitter Available: Middlebury College retired librarian looking for a house sitting opportunity for summer of 2009. I would be happy to take care of your pets, & I would bring my very well behaved, medium sized Vizsla dog. Patricia Gray, 757.645.4164 or patriciagray67@juno.com.

Special

There is a Benefit Dance on March 14 from 7 to midnight at the American Legion in Middlebury with music by DJ Nerf for Paul “Smitty” Smith (Dining Services) and Diane Schroeder. Tickets are available at the door—$8/each or $14/couple. There is a 50/50 raffle and a “Yankee” auction. Please come and help out Smitty and his family. Thank you. Send donations if you can’t attend to Rene Bougor, C/O Smith-Schroeder, 1523 Halpin Road, Middlebury, VT 05753. If you have any questions feel free to call Kit at x5348.

Special “Wanted” Requests

Wanted: Items for Kids’ Clothing Swap! Spring cleaning? Save the clothing your children have outgrown for a Kid’s Clothing Swap! As part of Staff Council’s upcoming Financial Wel-Fair, we will accept donations of children’s clothing size 0-3 month to size 14. Bring donations to the White Metal Building (located behind the Service Building) on April 2 from 3:15–4:00 p.m. Then, be sure to come to the swap to re-stock your child’s closet with the next size up! All are welcome; even if you do not donate clothing, we hope you will come to get some for your children.

Financial Wel-Fair and Kid’s Clothing Swap: April 2, 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. McCullough Social Space

Questions or offers to help: clgrant@middlebury.edu or tjstowe@middlebury.edu.

Wanted: Film and Media Culture is building a sound effects library and is in search of the following items: rusty skates, broken umbrellas, a metal-bladed fan, a hot water bottle, a metal flashlight, carpet scraps, automobile break drum, old clocks w/ audible ticking, water pistol, horn, large wash bucket, bells, whistle, and an old doorbell. Please contact fdrexel@middlebury.edu with donations.

College Book Store

Stop in at the Bookstore and pick up these guest lecturers’ special books:

John Francis, Planetwalker for $20

And

Peter W. Singer, Wired for War for $25
Staff Book Groups

Organized by Middlebury College Staff Council and the Staff Development Committee

To join the fun, just choose a book(s) that meets your interests. As always, books will be provided to participating staff members at no charge. The facilitator of your book group will contact you in late March to determine a convenient date and time to meet. To join, please send a completed form to Susan Grivno, College Advancement, Munford House, an e-mail to sgrivno@middlebury.edu, or call extension 5630. **Responses must be received by March 9, 2009.**

Underwritten by the Office of the President

Please choose from the following:

**Dog Man: An Uncommon Life on a Faraway Mountain** by Martha Sherrill
(Nonfiction, History / 256 pages)
The dog man of the title is Morie Sawataishi, famed breeder and champion of Akitas. While working as an engineer for Mitsubishi in far northern Japan during World War II, he became fascinated by this hardy dog breed, one of the oldest in the world. Because of wartime shortages (many of the dogs were eaten or used to make fur vests for the military), the breed had dwindled to just a few animals. Sawataishi illegally kept one hidden, and, as soon as the war ended, he began working to strengthen and expand the breed. His fame and that of his dogs soon spread, and his champions were winning dog shows around Japan. After retirement, Sawataishi continued working and living with his dogs, hiking in remote mountains, and even hunting bears. *Vanity Fair* and *Esquire* contributor and novelist Sherrill offers great insight not only into one man and his dogs, but into an older, rural way of life unfamiliar to Westerners for whom Japan symbolizes fast-paced urban life and the latest technology.

"Here's a story of a rare life lived in sharp contact with the natural world -- not just mountain and forest, but even more with that most interesting of species, the dog. These Akitas have wildness in them, enough to bring it out in those who look into their eyes. There's not a sentimental word in this book, but it will move you strongly." *(Bill McKibben)*

**The Spanish Bow** by Andromeda Romano-Lax
(Fiction, History / 560 pages)
"I was almost born Happy." So begins *The Spanish Bow* and the remarkable history of Feliu Delargo, who just misses being "Feliz" by a misunderstanding at his birth, which he barely survives. The accidental bequest of a cello bow from his dead father sets Feliu on the course of becoming a musician, unlikely given his beginnings in a dusty village in Catalonia. When he is compelled to flee to anarchist Barcelona, his education in music, life, and politics begins. But it isn't until he arrives at the court of the embattled monarchy in Madrid that passion enters the composition with Aviva, a virtuoso violinist with a haunted past. As Feliu embarks on affairs, friendships, and rivalries, forces propelling the world toward a catastrophic crescendo sweep Feliu along in their wake. *The Spanish Bow* is a haunting fugue of music, politics, and passion set against half a century of Spanish history, from the tail end of the nineteenth century up through the Spanish Civil War and World War II.

"In her impressive debut, Romano-Lax creates the epic story of Feliu Delargo, an underprivileged child prodigy whose musical ability brings him into contact with world leaders, first-class artists and a life filled with loss and triumph." *(Publishers Weekly)*

**The Eyre Affair** by Jasper Fforde
(Mystery, Science fiction, Humor / 384 pages)
In Jasper Fforde's hilarious romp through time and space, heroine Thursday Next -- an agent with the secretive Special Operations Network, Literary Detective Division -- is sent to investigate the theft of Dickens's original manuscript for *Martin Chuzzlewit* by a diabolical arch villain. What really happened to the elusive character Mr. Quaverly in Dickens's book? Or for that matter, to the drunken tinker Christopher Sly from Shakespeare's play *The Taming of the Shrew*? Why do these characters appear once, only to play no further role in the stories? Is it possible that their disappearances were not the result of innocent editorial decisions by Dickens and Shakespeare but were instead due to devilish doings? Thursday's resolute pursuit of literary truth and justice takes her and an extended cast of ingenious characters on a convoluted historical caper, including a wild and crazy performance of *Richard III* that takes many of its theatrical cues from *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. Fforde's first fiction foray will delight a broad spectrum of intrepid readers, including aficionados of science fiction, history, British humor, and classic literature alike.
“Surreal and hilariously funny, this alternate history, the debut novel of British author Fforde, will appeal to lovers of zany genre work (think Douglas Adams) and lovers of classic literature alike.... Witty and clever, this literate romp heralds a fun new series set in a wonderfully original world.” (Publishers Weekly)

**Dreams From My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance** by Barack Obama
(Nonfiction, Politics, Memoir / 480 pages)

Years before becoming the 44th President of the United States, Barack Obama published this lyrical, unsentimental, and powerfully affecting memoir, which became a #1 New York Times bestseller when it was reissued in 2004. *Dreams from My Father* tells the story of Obama’s struggle to understand the forces that shaped him as the son of a black African father and white American mother -- a struggle that takes him from the American heartland to the ancestral home of his great-aunt in the tiny African village of Alego. A searching meditation on the meaning of identity in America, *Dreams from My Father* might be the most revealing portrait we have of a major American leader -- a man who is playing the most prominent role in healing a fractious and fragmented nation.

“Fluidly, calmly, insightfully, Obama guides us straight to the intersection of the most serious questions of identity, class, and race.” (Washington Post)

**Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norrell** by Susanna Clark
(Science fiction, Fantasy / 1024 pages)

At the dawn of the nineteenth century, two very different magicians emerge to change England’s history. In the year 1806, with the Napoleonic Wars raging on land and sea, most people believe magic to be long dead in England -- until the reclusive Mr. Norrell reveals his powers, and becomes a celebrity overnight. Soon, another practicing magician comes forth: the young, handsome, and daring Jonathan Strange. He becomes Norrell’s student, and they join forces in the war against France. But Strange is increasingly drawn to the wildest, most perilous forms of magic, straining his partnership with Norrell, and putting at risk everything else he holds dear.

“Witty dialogue, cunning observations, and intriguing footnotes…[A] sweeping adventure full of telling details, mixing history and fantasy to create worlds of deep imagination that seem as real as our own.” (San Francisco Chronicle)

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**Staff Book Groups**

*Detach and return to Susan Grivno, College Advancement, Munford House*

*Responses must be received by March 9, 2009.*

Name:_____________________________________________________________

Department:_________________________________________________________

I am interested in participating as a book group member. My book choice is:

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- Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norrell by Susanna Clark

I am also interested in leading the group for _________________________________.

(Leaders will be chosen on a first come-first served basis.)

The best way to reach me is: Phone: _______ E-mail: ____________