In September of 1983, a new publication hit College mailboxes. The front page of Volume 1, Number 1 of MiddPoints, as it appears in the inset, contained two letters about the publication, one from then President Olin Robison, and the other from Editor Tim Etchells. The editor’s note states, “This publication began with the simple idea that the people who work for Middlebury College want and need to be kept informed about what’s happening on campus and what their fellow workers are up to, and that no current publication quite filled the bill.” The words from President Robison began, “Not since the days of daily chapel has Middlebury had a central campus source of information and announcements.” Each note asked for readers’ input, both information to include in MiddPoints and reaction so that the publication could best serve its readers.

For the first 11 years, MiddPoints appeared on newsprint. The hard copy was “typed on a typewriter, given to a printer to be typeset, which copy I would then manually lay out with my hand waxer. It would be sent across the state to another printer to be turned into a newspaper,” wrote then Editor Deborah van Hodge in her last issue, December 13, 1995. It is no wonder that for the first 10 years, MiddPoints was printed only one time a month and sporadically over the summers. The first years’ issues were heavy on faculty grants, announcements of who was granted tenure, updates on staff, news from around campus, a very slim classifieds section (which was largely made up of position openings at the College), and a long calendar of events section. The events calendar portion of the publication began to shrink significantly in the mid-’90s as e-mail and the Internet became faster and easier ways of announcing events.

Public Affairs was home to MiddPoints until January of 1996. Tim Etchells served as editor for the first 2-1/2 years, followed by Debby Hodge for almost 10.

(Article continues on page 3)
MIIS Fast Facts

Interested in learning a little more about the Monterey Institute of International Studies? Here are some introductory facts and figures:

- **238** MIIS employees
- **63** Are faculty
- **175** Are staff
- **114 / 61** Full-time / part-time staff
- **26%** Percentage of faculty & staff who have been at MIIS for 10 years or more
- **860** Headcount of MIIS students, Fall 2008 (a record fall enrollment!)
- **32%** Percentage of students who are international students
- **64%** Percentage of students who are women
- **10** Number of degree programs offered by the Institute.
  - MA, International Policy Studies
  - MA, International Environmental Policy
  - MPA, International Management
  - MBA, International Management
  - MA, Translation
  - MA, Translation and Localization Management
  - MA, Translation and Interpretation
  - MA, Conference Interpretation
  - MA, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
  - MA, Teaching Foreign Languages
- **16** Number of buildings on the MIIS campus. One notable building is the Lara-Soto adobe house. Built around the middle of the 19th century, it was home to John Steinbeck for a year in the 1940s, and now houses the Admissions Office.
- **0** Number of residence halls. As MIIS is not a residential campus, it doesn’t have many of the things you would find at an undergraduate college – no residence halls, no gym or fitness center. There is one small snack bar for food. However, as the campus is in the downtown Monterey area, a city sports complex, great restaurants, and the beach are only a couple blocks away.
- **30,000** Approximate population of Monterey, California. Contiguous towns are Pacific Grove, 15,000; Seaside, 31,000; Carmel 4,000. Adding these towns in with Monterey makes the area similar in size to Burlington, South Burlington, Essex, and Shelburne.

With the exception of the Fall 2008 student headcount, the enrollment and employment figures are taken from the 2007-2008 MIIS Fact Book, “a very worthwhile collaboration with Institutional Research at Middlebury,” says Amy McGill, AVP of Planning and Special Projects at MIIS. Thanks go to Amy for the information about the city of Monterey and the MIIS campus.

OneMidd Mug Contest

Thirteen readers answered the three questions from last issue correctly: Jason Chance, Mary Cairns, Susan Grivno, Neil Waters, Irene Barna, Peggy Burns, Josh Chan, Cheryl LeBlanc, Linda Ross, Rachel Rosenfeld, Marie Winner, Brendan Smith, and Norma Leduc.

1. **The Monterey Institute of International Education was founded as the Monterey Institute for Foreign Studies in 1955.**

2. **The newest campus of the Bread Loaf School of English is located in Asheville, North Carolina.**

3. **Lake Baikal is the deepest lake in the world and it contains more water than all five Great Lakes combined. The lake is about an hour’s drive from Irkutsk, one of the sites of the C.V. Starr-Middlebury Schools Abroad in Russia.**

Look in the November 7 issue of MiddPoints for the next win-a-mug opportunity!

Buy Snow Bowl Passes Early and Save

Snow Bowl season passes are $140 for an individual and $280 for a family this year, but if you buy them before October 31 you’ll save on the amount of tax you pay. Because the rate to the public increases significantly after October, you can save by making your purchase before October 31. During October, passes are on sale in the pro shop at the golf course from 8-5 daily, or can be purchased by calling x5125. Accepted methods of payment are cash, check, VISA or Mastercard. A MiddCard ID number must be provided to make the purchase (these discounts apply to employees classified as “benefits-eligible” by Human Resources). Online purchases can be made any time at www.middleburysnowbowl.com.
Faculty Grants

Frank Winkler (Physics) has received funding from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration’s General Observer Program for a project titled Grain Destruction in Puppis A, that involves collaborators from the Space Telescope Science Institute, North Carolina State, and the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. With observations from the Spitzer Space Telescope they plan to use the supernova remnant Puppis A as an interstellar laboratory for studying the effects on dust grains in interstellar space.

Sallie Sheldon (Biology) has received funding from the National Science Foundation to support student involvement in a collaborative project with the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA. Students each summer will participate in an interdisciplinary research project at Plum Island Sound which will contribute to a better understanding of how salt marsh ecosystems function and their role in coastal landscapes.

(MiddPoints, ctd. from page 1)

During Debby’s tenure there were other MiddPoints staffers -- a photo editor and a student assistant. Greg Pahl served as editor during the ’93-4 academic year, and he wrote feature articles from February of 1996 until the spring of 2006. The publication’s home moved three times with the Public Affairs office; first it resided in Wilson House, then Farrell House, then moved over to Old Chapel, and finally to Forest West in 1995 when Old Chapel was renovated.

The nameplate, or how the publication’s title has appeared has changed a few times over the past 25 years also, in addition to a switch from the newsprint to a newsletter format. In October of 1985, the title appeared for the first time (as seen above) in a different font and with a weathervane. The July 19, 1994 issue was printed twice: first as usual with a weathervane. The July 19, 1994 issue was printed twice: first as usual with a weathervane. The July 19, 1994 issue was printed twice: first as usual with a weathervane. The July 19, 1994 issue was printed twice: first as usual with a weathervane. The July 19, 1994 issue was printed twice: first as usual with a weathervane. The July 19, 1994 issue was printed twice: first as usual with a weathervane. The July 19, 1994 issue was printed twice: first as usual with a weathervane. The July 19, 1994 issue was printed twice: first as usual with a weathervane. The July 19, 1994 issue was printed twice: first as usual with a weathervane. 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Vermont 2-1-1

Do you need help finding help? Are you facing difficult times and do not know where to turn? Looking for help with everyday needs? Vermont 2-1-1 is a simple number to dial for information about health and human service organizations in your community.

At Vermont 2-1-1, callers will speak with a real person every time. Call Specialists will problem solve and refer callers from throughout Vermont to government programs, community-based organizations, support groups, and other local resources. Vermont 2-1-1 is a local call from anywhere in Vermont and provides confidential telephone assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Live translation services are available for 170 languages, as well as access for persons who have special needs.

Vermont 2-1-1 provides all people in Vermont with free access to community resources, including the following:

- Child Care Resource and Referral
- Clothing and Thrift Shops
- Consumer Services
- Crisis Services
- Discrimination Assistance
- Domestic and Sexual Violence Services
- Education—GED Instruction, Computer Classes
- Employment Services
- Food Shelves and Nutrition Programs
- Health Care Services
- Alcohol and Drug Programs
- Housing—Homeless Prevention, Shelter, Tenants’ Rights
- Independent Living Services
- Legal Assistance
- Mental Health Care and Counseling
- Mentoring
- Military, Family and Community Network
- Parenting Programs
- Senior Information & Assistance
- Stop Smoking Programs
- Support Groups
- Transportation
- Utility Assistance
- Youth and Family Services
- Veteran Services
- Volunteering
- Wellness Programs
- And More...

Just dial 2-1-1 or visit Vermont 2-1-1 on the web at www.vermont211.org.

Annual Winter Clothing Closet
Seeks Donations

Please donate new, “like new,” or “gently-used” winter clothing and blankets (coats, hats, mittens/gloves, scarves/neck warmers, fleece, warm socks, thermal layers & blankets) for the College’s annual Winter Clothing Closet for new students. Many of our students from warmer climates are not prepared to survive a Vermont winter. Please provide good quality, clean and functional items to be given away to students at no charge. Any surplus items are donated to local community support agencies.

Collection of items begins Thursday, October 16 through Tuesday, October 28. (The clothing closet will open on Wednesday, October 29, so donations can only be accepted through the 28th.) Drop boxes will be located at the following places on campus after Fall Break:

Locations: Center for the Arts - Near Rehearsals Cafe; Forest Hall - Registrar’s Office; Main Library - Near the Information Desk; McCardell Bicentennial Hall - Great Hall near staircase; McCullough - In the entry of the Juice Bar; McCullough - C-CAL Office (2nd floor near elevator); Meeker House - Dean of the College Office (on Rte. 30/Off Porter Field Rd.); Public Safety - Harnest House on Rte. 30 (open 24 hrs/day, 7 days/week); Service Building - Facilities Services Break Room (where the vending machines are). Every Commons Office has a collection box.

Questions? Please contact Olivia Whitman, International Student & Scholar Advisor, at isss@middlebury.edu or x5849.

Working with the Media

Reporters contact faculty and staff at the College for comment on their areas of expertise when those topics are in the news. Sometimes it’s the case that faculty and staff in this situation wish they’d had more experience working with the media. Maybe if they’ve done interviews, they could still benefit from the tips of an expert.

The Public Affairs Office is excited to announce an event that will help:

“Working with the Media”
Thursday, October 23, at 4:30 p.m.
Room 216
McCardell Bicentennial Hall

Chuck Strum, associate managing editor at The New York Times and father of Alec Strum ’08, will give a brief talk about working with the media. He will offer tips on doing interviews, what makes a topic newsworthy, etc.

Following the talk, Professor of History Don Wyatt, Associate Professor of Psychology Barbara Hofer, and Dean of Admissions Bob Clagett will join Chuck Strum for a brief panel discussion, and they will all take questions from the audience. Don, Barbara, and Bob have done a number of interviews and will be happy to share the tips they’ve learned.

Refreshments will be available.

Please contact Sarah Ray with any questions at x5794 or ray@middlebury.edu.
New Employees

**Kevin Norton** – In July Kevin joined Facilities Services as a General Service Worker. Prior to employment here he worked for 20 years in the automobile industry as a reconditioning and auto body technician. He is also certified in the propane industry. Kevin enjoys spending time outdoors with his family, especially winter and summer sports activities.

**Shannon Bohler-Small** – Shannon began work as the Events and Administrative Coordinator at the Mahaney Center for the Arts in July. She came to Middlebury from Castleton State College where she was the Assistant Director of Cultural Programming. Shannon taught theater and dance at Middlebury Union High School and English at the Hannaford Career Center. She and her husband Steve have a daughter Chenoah (14) and a son Eamon (10), and the family lives in Shoreham where Shannon is on the Platt Memorial Library board. She loves photography, reading, and spending time with her family.

**Tara Mitchell** – Tara returned to employment at Middlebury College in July, this time as a Kitchen Utility Worker in Atwater. She graduated from Middlebury Union High School and has a beautiful baby boy named Logan. Tara plans to use her income to better support and provide for her son and herself.

**Heidi Neil** – A recent graduate of the University of Vermont, Heidi joined the College Advancement staff as Principal Gifts Coordinator in July. She majored in community entrepreneurship. Heidi’s hobbies include hiking, kayaking, knitting, and camping.

**Danielle Madison** – In July Danielle came on board the Facilities Services team as Custodian. She grew up in Addison County and lives here now with her young son. In addition to her job, Danielle is also furthering her education, working toward a bachelor’s degree in accounting.

**Rogelio Echeverri** – In July Rogelio began work in LIS as Senior Programmer/Analyst. He came to Middlebury from Connecticut College where he worked in the same position for the past 3-1/2 years. In his spare time, Rogelio likes to ride his bike, so he's ready to discover the beautiful roads of Vermont.

**Sherri LaPierre** – Sherri is the new Customer Relations Associate for the Mahaney Center for the Arts. She lives in Burlington with her husband Mark and daughter Emma. Sherri went to the University of Vermont where she majored in studio art and psychology. She loves spending time with her family, painting, yoga, and being outdoors in the beautiful state we live in!

**Robyn Berno**
*General Service Worker*  
*Facilities Services*

**Brendan Smith**
*Graduate Intern, Library & Information Services*
Milestones are determined by years of uninterrupted employment at Middlebury College. The following milestones were attained in October 2008:

5 YEARS
Dwight Christian
Dining Services

Nancy Maxwell
Museum of Art

Cybil Myrick
Dining Services

Cynthia Phillips
Health Center

George Traverse
Facilities Services

Barry Vaccarelli
Facilities Services

10 YEARS
Kathleen Gill
Public Safety

More Milestones

10 YEARS
Ernest Laframbosse
Facilities Services

Suad Teoceanin
Dining Services

Nancy Vizvarie
Academic Affairs

15 YEARS
Amy Holbrook
Economics

20 YEARS
Irene Barna
President’s Office

Darlyn Lussier
Dining Services

Vernon Riley
Facilities Services

CONGRATULATIONS ON REACHING THESE MILESTONES!

Middlebury History

25 years ago ● The region’s strongest earthquake in over 30 years rocked the campus October 7 and measured 5.2 on the Richter scale. A new monthly publication for employees called “MiddPoints” was launched to keep faculty and staff better informed about their workplace. Senator Patrick Leahy spoke at Kirk Alumni Center on “The State of National Security.”

10 years ago ● Staff Council held a series of eight evening workshops titled “Parenting From the Heart,” in response to parenting challenges in the 1990s. President John McCardell appointed the secretary of the College, Eric Davis, to chair the re-accreditation self-study committee. Frank Winkler (Physics) received funding from NASA to support his ongoing research about the Supernova of 1006 A.D.

5 years ago ● Membership in the New Gospel Choir directed by Francois Clemmons, Twilight artist in residence, opened to all without tryouts. Kevin Moss (Russian) gave a talk on “Russian Gay Manifestoes from Kuzmin to Kharitonov” as part of Coming Out Week.

Free

Free: Gentle, beautiful male white older cat to a good home. He is very sweet, loves to be indoors. Cannot keep him. Please call Janine at 989.2220 or x5100.


Free: Doghouses for large dog - one good shape, one fair shape. Hoover vacuum cleaner - Upright 1500. Seen lots of use, but still works, includes bags. Contact jmittell@middlebury.edu.

Wanted

Wanted: An elliptical machine. 388.1308.

(Classifieds ctd. from pg. 8)


For Rent: Short Term Completely Furnished Efficiency, ground floor w/ private porch & entrance. Large main room 13’x16’. Large closet, small BA w/ shower. Separate eat-in kitchen w/ table & chairs. Furnish. include double bed, dresser, desk, porch furn., bookshelves, microwave, sheets, towels, small T.V., comfy chairs, silverware, dishes, pots & pans, coffee maker, plants, artwork, shades, rugs. Avail. immed. Can be rented until end of May or by semester. $800/mo. Incl. heat, electricity, garbage removal, plowing. High speed internet avail. Call 388.0113 before 8 p.m.

For Rent: House-mate wanted for a home in Middlebury just off campus. I am looking for a female house-mate (non-smoker, small quiet pet o.k.) to share my small house on Short Shannon St. from November through May. Private bedroom, shared bath, kitchen, washer/dryer; house has wifi. $500/mo., includes heat & electricity. Please write Jessica at jhart@middlebury.edu.

Milestones are determined by years of uninterrupted employment at Middlebury College. The following milestones were attained in October 2008:
Introducing the e-Support Professional

A message from the Wellness Corporation

"Recognizing that an increasing number of people turn to the Internet for information, we are pleased to announce a new feature on our website www.wellnessworklife.com—the e-Support Professional.

Site visitors can initiate an online, real-time exchange with an EFAP professional. Questions regarding the EFAP services and immediate support can be accessed through live chat, while standard e-mail exchanges will be responded to within 2-3 business days.

We use the latest technology to ensure the security and confidentiality of the information exchanged with the e-Support Professional. The user should be aware that an employer may monitor e-mail sent from the workplace, and that there are always privacy risks involved in sending e-mail from a shared or public computer.

The e-Support Professional is not a substitute for a face-to-face counselor. The following conditions are not appropriate for online support:

- An abusive, violent relationship.
- Serious and deep depression.
- Struggles with alcohol or drug abuse.
- Thoughts about hurting self or others.
- Severe mental/emotional disorder.

Visitors struggling with these issues or who wish to access our comprehensive professional services are encouraged to contact us through our toll free number, 800.828.6025."

~ Hamish Blackman, President, The Wellness Corporation

Personal Finance: Budget & Credit Basics

Tuesday, October 28
10:00–11:00 a.m. and 2:30–3:30 p.m.
Château 108

Presenter: Bob Currier from American Consumer Credit Counseling, non-profit credit counseling since 1991.

Budgeting Skills: Goal setting, selecting a budget system, making a budget, impulse shopping.

Credit Reports: What is a credit report? Importance of a positive credit file; understanding your credit report; how long information remains on report; how to dispute credit report errors.

Credit: What is a FICO SCORE? How does it affect your credit? How to improve your FICO score; danger signals of pending financial problems; 3 Cs of credit; rebuilding your credit history.

To register please contact: Sheila Andrus at sandrus@middlebury.edu or x5190.

Have you had a change of address or telephone number?

Please contact Human Resources at x5465 if you have had a change of home address and/or telephone number. It is very important that your records in Banner have the most up-to-date information. Remember to inform your supervisor of any change of telephone number as well.

When you contact Human Resources about an address or phone number change, you will be sent a “Change of Address” form that you can fill out and return via campus mail to make the change official. You may also print out the form by going to the Human Resources Website at go/hr and clicking on Change of Address Form. After filling out the form, send to Human Resources, Service Building, via campus mail.

Library Book Sale

Tuesday, November 11–Sunday, November 16, Main Library

Open at 9:00 a.m. on first day, continuing during regular library open hours thereafter.

The Middlebury College Main Library will offer withdrawn and duplicate copies of books, VHS tapes, and other media for sale at great prices. Choose from a wide variety of items for scholarly work or recreational reading and viewing. All proceeds from the sale will be added to the library’s materials replacement fund. (Because the low price asked for materials is in part a service to the College community, anyone purchasing items on the first day of the sale will be required to show a Middlebury College ID. Book dealers are not welcome to purchase items for resale on Tuesday, Nov. 11). For more information, contact Joseph Watson, x5487, jwatson@middlebury.edu.
Auto

For Sale: 2002 Dodge Grand Caravan, white, very good condition, 124,000 miles. Books for $5,500, asking $5,000. For more info. call 802.349.3114.

For Sale: 1999 Subaru Legacy Outback, one owner, 130,000 miles, good condition, all season tires. Asking price $3,500. Contact Richard Foote 989.8822.

For Sale: Set of four Hakkapellitta snow tires, almost new, size 205/65 R15 94T. $150. Contact Diane at x3320 or dburnham@middlebury.edu.

For Sale: 2 pair of Karhu cross country skis, poles and boots. Pair 1: Karhu Venture Trailblazer series - Trakker waxless base/wood core, 68.5 inches, Rutterfella bindings, women's size 10 boots (EU 44), like new/barely used, $75. Pair 2: Karhu Nordic 180 - waxless base, 70 inches, Nordic Norm bindings, women's EU 38 boots (size 7), excel. used condit. - boots brand new, $75. Contact Diane at x3320 or dburnham@middlebury.edu.

For Sale: Manual Treadmill, excellent condition, $45. Ab Lounge, good condition, $40. Contact mfarnswo@middlebury.edu.

Other

For Sale: 802.989.0740.

For Sale: Set of four Hakkapellitta snow tires, almost new, size 205/65 R15 94T. $150. Contact Diane at x3320 or dburnham@middlebury.edu.

For Sale: Couch $75, GE smoothtop range $75, Kenmore dishwasher (3 yrs. old) $195, Kenmore 22 cu. ft. side by side refrigerator $100. All appliances in excellent working condit. Call 388.7402.

For Sale: GE Washer & Dryer. GE Profile King-size 3.5 cu. ft. capacity washer w/ stainless steel basket. GE Profile Super 7.0 cu. ft. capacity electric dryer. Full electronic controls with Adaptive Logic System and user-friendly icons. These are Energy Star qualification, which meets or exceeds federal guidelines for energy efficiency for year-round energy & money savings. Purchased 1.5 years ago, like new! Great deal for $500. Call x2996 or 802.989.0740.

For Sale: Bauer Skates. Like new, used twice! Children's size 4. $20. Call x2996 or 802.989.0740.

For Sale: Nordic Track C2000 Treadmill. Comes w/ 15 programs that include weight loss, performance & aerobic options. Warranty has six years remaining on the motor. Original price $800, asking $450. Call 388.7832 after 2:00 p.m.

For Sale: Vermont Castings Defiant Wood Stove, black cast iron, in good condition. Includes custom sparkscreen for open door fire viewing, heat shield in the back. Heats up to 2,400 sq.ft. $700. Call x5227 daytime or 388.1249 evenings.

Real Estate

For Sale: Newly renov. home on 1.2 acres in Cornwall village, across from elem. school. All new plumbing & wiring. Superinsulated, new windows, new high efficiency boiler + a space-efficient floor-plan. Slate roof, wood floors, timber frame, patio, front porch, beaut. yard w/ mature trees, large separate garage w/ possib. of commercial use. Handsome old VT house completely updated w/ sustainability & livability in mind. Asking $270,000. Zak Pritchard, 802.735.3561.

For Rent: Avail. October 1, Cute 1 BR apartment, Middlebury. Two-level apt. behind family home at end of quiet dead-end street near high school. Wood floors, new appliances, large shared yard & driveway. Can rent unfurnished or partially furn. $675/mo. including steam heat, water, garbage, wireless Internet (tenant pays electricity). Call Gregor or Gaen at 802.388.3877.

For Rent: One Bedroom Apartment on ground floor w/ large main room, 13’x16’. Large closet, BR w/ shower. Separate eat-in kitchen. Large gardens, off-street parking. Avail. immed. $800/mo. Includes heat, garbage removal, plowing. High speed internet avail. Call 388.0113 before 8 p.m.


For Rent: Beautiful 4 BR farmhouse on 5 acres in Middlebury, w/ exquisite views of the Adks. 3 mi. from campus. This 2,300 sq. ft. home is avail. from February ’09. Rent is $1,250 + utilities. Screened in porch, 2 wood stoves. Classic Vermont living w/ easy access to downtown. No smoking. Call David at 802.989.8135 or x5255.

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