President’s Office Hours:
President Liebowitz will hold open office hours this summer from 3:30–5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays July 11 and August 15 in Old Chapel, 3rd Floor. No appointment is necessary, but meetings will be limited to 15 minutes out of courtesy to other visitors.

Optimal Health Initiative
A limited number of half-price memberships are currently available for the 9th series of the Weight Watchers At-Work Program. Meetings take place on Thursdays at 11:45 a.m. in Mitchell Green Lounge. The current session will run until July 19. For more information or to register, call Danica Stein, Meeting Leader, at (802) 287-5704 or e-mail her at danicastein@adelphia.net.

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Middlebury Earns Gold in Culinary Competition
Four members of our Dining Services team won gold medals at the annual Tastes of the World Chef Culinary Conference, hosted by the University of Massachusetts in Amherst in early June. Jim Logan, 1st Cook/Bread Loaf Chef, Brad Marsden from Proctor, Hank Stowe from Proctor and Bread Loaf, had the opportunity to attend this 5-day culinary conference and enjoyed the professional networking, informative lectures, cooking demonstrations and practical hands-on workshops.

The grand finale of this conference is a culinary competition. Delegates are divided into teams of four and then given a “mystery” basket of products to work with. Each team has 90 minutes to create multiple menus to submit to the competition proctor and set up the food racks for the following day’s competition. No substitutions of items in the basket can be made, and all items have to be included somewhere on the menus.

The next day, each team is allowed three hours of cooking time and a 20-minute plating window to prepare their menu (complete with two appetizers and an entrée for four people, and a buffet platter for 10) and present it to the judges. Teams earn points from the judges based on various accepted elements of food production that include menu and recipe design, sanitation, organization and time management in the kitchen, proper cooking and culinary practices, and most importantly the visual presentation and taste of the finished plates. A challenging element of the competition is that all of the menus have to be prepared in pans on portable butane cook tops.

Our Dining Services representatives dazzled the judges, many of them certified executive and master chefs, and came home with gold medals! Out of the 14 teams of culinary delegates from across the United States and Canada, the chefs from Middlebury were included as one of only three teams who earned gold medals that day.

Our Dining Services staff and Middlebury College are thrilled for Jim, Brad, Matt, and Hank, and we are extremely proud of their accomplishments. We only wish that we could have been there to share their food, but you get to do that every day you eat at Middlebury.

~ Perry Richards – HR Generalist

Matt Laws, Jim Logan, Hank Stowe and Brad Marsden display their gold medals.
Changes in MIDDcards

Changes are in the works for the Middlebury College ID cards known as MIDDcards, which are issued to staff and faculty. The changes are:

• All staff members are now eligible for MIDDcards while they are actively employed by the College. (Previously, only employees who met a minimum number of hours were eligible). Employees who are newly eligible received a letter from Human Resources recently explaining how to obtain a MIDDcard.

• Spouse/Partner cards are now available for the spouse or partner of all benefits-eligible employees. (Previously spouse/partner cards were only available to the family of full-time employees). The spouse/partner of a benefits-eligible employee can visit the Public Safety Office to obtain a card.

Most benefits associated with the MIDDcard haven’t changed and are now available to all employees. They are:

• Discounted pricing for events on campus (hockey games, performing arts events, etc.).
• Access to the Natatorium, fitness center, and other athletics facilities.
• Ability to borrow books and music at any College library.
• A 15% discount on certain items at the College Store.

MIDDcards will also still provide access to certain buildings on campus as programmed for each user, and they will serve as a form of identification for employees.

Please note that discounted prices for golf and ski tickets are part of the College’s employee benefits package and so are available only to benefits-eligible employees.

If you have questions about eligibility for MIDDcards, please contact Human Resources at 443-5465.

~ Cheryl Mullins & Alexa Euler

Staff Council Welcomes New Members, Elects Officers for 2007-08

Middlebury College Staff Council (MCSC) met in June to welcome new members, elect new officers, and establish committees. We are excited to begin a new year, and we look forward to doing our part in making Middlebury a better place to work. We encourage you to get involved by attending MCSC meetings, joining MCSC committees, and by speaking to your representative about ideas and concerns you have. The next MCSC meeting is scheduled for 9:00–10:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 11 in Redfield Proctor. Please join us!

Officers:
President: Carol Peddie (District LIS)
Vice-President: Michael Glidden (District Dining)
Co-Secretaries: Martha Baldwin (District D) and Kelly Trayah (District Custodial)

Other Members:
Ed Dolback (District C)
Tiffany Stowe (District B)
Christa Clifford (District A)
Dan Stearns (District Facilities)
Susan Simmons (District E)
Amy Holbrook (Member-at-Large)

Committees:
Staff Speaker Series: Tiffany Stowe, Dan Stearns, Kelly Trayah, Peg Myhre
Publicity and Events: Christa Clifford, Tiffany Stowe, Amy Holbrook
HR-6: Ed Dolback, Christa Clifford, Michael Glidden
Election Committee: Susan Simmons, Martha Baldwin, Amy Holbrook
Safety and Work Environment: Kelly Trayah, Dan Stearns
Staff Development: TBA

Emergency Response Team attends Incident Command Training Workshop

Members of the Emergency Response Team (ERT), along with Lisa Boudah, Director of Public Safety, attended a 24-hour Emergency Incident Command Training workshop sponsored by the Vermont Homeland Security Agency. This program will assist the ERT in its emergency preparations and help when dealing with outside resources like state or local government. This includes fire, police and EMS organizations.

Middlebury College’s ERT is responsible for providing confined space rescue services and other emergency responses requiring technical rescue skills. The ERT is also available to provide back-up emergency response on campus for medical emergencies. The ERT works closely with Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance Association and is a licensed first response team. The team’s responsibilities include confined space rescue, industrial safety services, pre-hospital medical responses, disaster response, and medical assistance to the Health Center, if needed.

The employees on the ERT that attended the workshop are: Chris Ayers; Ed DeMatties; Erin Fierman, ECA; Ray Gale; Dave Guertin, EMT; Eric Leno; Howie McCausland, EMT; Dennis Rheumau, EMT; Ed Sullivan, EMT; Tom Sullivan; Mike Wakefield; Chip Winner. Other members of the ERT include: Norm Cushman; Jim Dougherty, EMT; Carol Grant, EMT; Rick Iffland, EMT; Kathy Webb, EMT.

Staff and Faculty Members Receive Appreciation Awards from SGA

In May, David Edleson, Commons Dean—Cook, received the Rodney and Beverly DeGray Staff Appreciation Award in a ceremony hosted by the Student Government Association. Quinn Mecham, Assistant Professor of Political Science, was the recipient of the Marjorie Lamberti Faculty Appreciation Award. Their names will be added to plaques displayed in the Crest Room. Honorees are nominated for the awards and voted on by students.

In presenting David’s award, Alex Stanton, SGA President, said of him, “When I arrived here as a freshman almost four years ago now, he was one of those people that made me realize that this place was a little different, a little better.” One student wrote in nominating him for the honor, “his compassion for the students he works with, the energy he invigorates the school with, and the principles of respect and equality that he imbues into all make him a truly wonderful person.”

In nominating Quinn, a number of students remarked about the close relationships he has formed with students, even in his short time here. They also noted his clear fascination with both the subject matter he teaches and with his students’ opinions on the subject.

Friends of International Students (FIS) Program is searching for Hosts

Are you interested in befriending a Class of 2011 international student? International Student and Scholar Services is hosting a series of informational meeting on the Friends of International Students (FIS) Host Program in the coming weeks. The FIS Host Program is a hospitality program that offers faculty, staff, alumni and community members a chance to assist an international student with his or her adjustment to life at a residential college in the U.S. The time commitment varies depending on what you and your student are interested in making of the program.

If you would like to explore another culture, we encourage you to join us for a meeting to learn more. Cambodia, Lithuania, Sierra Leone, Burkina Faso and Costa Rica are some of the countries that will be newly represented on campus with the Class of 2011. Come join us at one of the following meetings in McCullough Social Space:

- Tuesday, July 17, 1:00–2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, July 26, 12:00–1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 15, 12:00–1:00 p.m.

Space is limited in order to keep the meeting to one hour. To register, please contact Taunia Cantin at x5382 or isss@middlebury.edu. Feel free to bring your lunch. We plan to host a final recruiting meeting in late August or early September for those who cannot attend the established meeting dates.

2007 International Film Festival Schedule

Saturday, July 7: 7:00 and 9:30 p.m., Dana Auditorium
“The Other Side of the Tracks” (De L’autre coté du Pèriph)
Directed by Bertrand Tavernier and Nils Tavernier

One of 66 documentary film-makers to protest against the Debré immigration law, Bertrand Tavernier and his son Nils took up the invitation extended by the French Minister for Municipal Affairs to spend a month living in the Grands Pêcheurs suburb of Montreuil. Once there, the people they met revealed their own views about the difficulties of integration, amidst economic and social deprivation.

Saturday, July 14: 7:00 and 9:30 p.m., Dana Auditorium
“Berlin Babylon”
Directed by Hubertus Siegert

A documentary about the architects who rushed into Berlin after the fall of the Wall in 1989 to rebuild the newly vacated area, “Berlin Babylon” follows the process over a five-year period — from 1996 to 2000. Designers, builders, city planners and architects came together to erect buildings that would commemorate the Berlin Wall and unite a long-divided city. In the midst of this, politics intermingle with artistic tastes, resulting in a veritable storm of pointed and meaningful construction. Using aerial photography that contrasts the old with the new, the film features a soundtrack that includes ambient group Einsturzende Neubauten and Richard Wagner.

Where on Campus? Answer:

Only three people (all from LIS) responded correctly to the last “Where on Campus?” challenge. The bench is on the Upper Level of the Main Library, near the Reading Area.

“Selections from Truisms: A Sense of Timing”
Artist: Jenny Holzer, American
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 submitting ads can be found at http://www.middlebury.edu/administration/hr/middpoints/Classifieds+Ad+Guidelines.htm. Please send your ads to: Classifieds, Midd Points, HR, Service Building, or via Outlook to: Middpoints Editor or middpoints@middlebury.edu (electronic submissions preferred).

Real Estate

For Sale: Single family residence, Burtoth Acres. 3 BR ranch, 1.5 BA, open floor plan, cathedral ceiling w/skylight, custom birch cabinets in kitchen/dining. Skylight in BA. Den, laundry/utl. rm. & 2-car garage down. Screen porch, mature trees, very private .5 acre in-town location. Call (802) 388-6585/989-2978. $249,000.

For Sale: 3 BR home on one acre, only 4 miles to the heart of Middlebury. Brand new kitchen. New roof, chimney, heating system and all new windows w/in past few years. Beautiful westly view. Located at 2115 Case St. Middlebury. Asking $199,000. Please call 453-4011.

For Sale: Charming Cape in great Cornwall location. 4 BR, 1.5 BA & sunny formal DR. Upgraded in summer ’00 w/all new vinyl windows, kitch. & appliances, siding and roof. 16 x 16 deck w/bench seating & slider off DR added in ’02. Hardwood floors, part. fin. basement. 2.1 acres on secluded country road, limited traffic. $285,000 -- call 802-462-3033 for info. and Website w/photos.

For Rent: Furnished Home. Lease, July ’07 - June ’08. 2,500 s.f. home, 5 BR, 2 BA, avail. while family is overseas (1 owner will live PT in adj. apt.). Asking $1,000 + util. and prop. tax (per month) one tenant, or will sublet to not more than 2 tenants at $600 each (upstrs., dnstrs., shared kitch.). Quiet nbrhd. (Chippman Hill) on dead end, close to town. Call 382-8500.

For Rent: Sabbatical rental, ’07-08 Acad. Yr. Renov. 1800 farm house. Rural setting, easy 15 min. drive from Midd. in Shoreham. Semi-furn. 3-4 BR, 2 BA. Bkfst. rm. w/wood-burning cook stove. $1,000 + util. Rent reduct. for care of 2 cats. No dogs please. Call Bill or Kitty Waldron @ (802)897-5109 or e-mail: wwaldron@middlebury.edu.

For Rent: Lake Dunmore cottage on the water w/ 4 BR. 1722 Lake Dunmore Rd.; $900/wk.; max. occup. 7 people; no pets or indoor smoking. Avail. Sat.-Sat.: Aug. 4-11, Aug. 18-25, & in Sept. Call John at 388-6371 (day) or 388-7421.

Auto


For Sale: 2000 Subaru Impreza Wagon. 94K miles, AWD, AC, good condit. Green. Selling because moving abroad. $6,900 OBO. Call Will 802-989-3625 or wtpelhan@gmail.com.


Other

For Sale: Spinning Wheel, Ashford Traditional, very good condit. spins nicely. Includes large bag of beautiful alpaca and wool roving. $125 for all.

For Sale: Essence floating candle set (2). Glass holders w/11” candles. $10 for set. Also Etudes 8” candle holders (2). Glass Globe w/rustic wrought iron holders. Holds 6” candles (not incl.). $10 for set. All are new, never used, still in original boxes. May be seen in my office in Voter Hall. jcyr@middlebury.edu or x5575.

For Sale: 20” Flat Screen Toshiba MD20F51 TV/DVD combo. Includes: Video CD and CD-R/CD-RW compatibility; wider viewing angle compared to tradit. CRTs; double baffle front-firing speaker design; DTS surround sound output; glow-key rem. ctrl. Pristine condit. List price ~ $600. Will sell for $200. Too big for our camper. Call Linda 388-3097 or x5784.

For Sale: Echo GT-200R gas powered grass/ weed trimmer. Lightweight and easy to handle. Excel. condit.; less than 2 y.o. Asking $75. Call Tim at x5421 or 989-0205.

For Sale: Kayak. Cape Lookout #145 Wildness 14.5” w/rudder plus paddle. New $1,274, will sell for $200. Too big for our camper. Contact snguyen@middlebury.edu or 388-6852.

Free

Free: To good home, 2 sweet, tiger-striped kittens found in Cornwall. Adopt one or both! Contact Susanna at 980-0707 or susannam@middlebury.edu.

Carpool

Carpool Wanted: Rather read than drive? I live near Oadle Park, and I’m looking for others interested in a regular carpool from Burlington. Please e-mail jkiewit@middlebury.edu.

Wanted

Wanted: Recent computer printer. 802-388-1308.

Observatory Open

July 5, 11, 18 and 25

On Thursday evening, July 5, and Wednesday evenings July 11, July 18 and July 25, from 9-10:30 p.m., the Physics Department will hold its annual series of open house nights at McCordell Bicentennial Hall’s rooftop observatory, weather permitting. There is no set program; the public is invited to come anytime during these hours. Admission is free.

According to Middlebury College Professor of Physics Frank Winkler, Venus and Saturn should still be visible low in the west in early July, while Jupiter and its moons will be prominent throughout the summer. On moonless nights, many interesting star clusters and other objects should become visible later in the evening as skies darken.

The observatory dome houses a 24-inch computer-controlled telescope, and several smaller telescopes also will be available on the roof deck. Open house nights will take place only if the sky is reasonably clear. If the weather appears uncertain, call the observatory at x2266 after 7 p.m. on the evening of the open house for a status report.