Show Middlebury I.D. and Ride The Connector for Free

The Connector, the bus route connecting Rutland and Middlebury, will be free of charge for Middlebury College employees beginning Monday, September 10. Addison County Transit Resources (ACTR), Middlebury College administration, and the Human Resources department are teaming up to promote the use of the bus service among College employees.

"With a little advanced notice, the driver will let you off just about anywhere on campus you’d like to go,” says Robert, who takes the bus from Rutland.

The Connector, which costs $2.00 per ride, began its route in December of 2006. Riders have two choices of times each weekday morning and afternoon. Coming north, the bus starts at the Marble Valley Regional Transit District Transit Center in Rutland and makes stops in Pittsford (2), Brandon (3), Leicester, Salisbury, and East Middlebury on its way up Route 7 to its stop on Merchant’s Row in Middlebury. From there, College employees can either walk to campus or get on a Middlebury shuttle bus (the 6:45 a.m. bus) to go directly to campus, with stops at Adirondack Circle and Old Chapel Road. Riders who arrive in Middlebury on the 8:00 a.m. Connector can remain on the bus to ride directly to campus. In the afternoon, riders walk down to the green for a 4:15 or 5:30 p.m. departure south, or those on the earlier bus can call and get picked up on campus before the 4:15 departure from Merchant’s Row.

Drew Macan, Director of Human Resources, says that “the College is trying to find ways to reduce our carbon footprint and to encourage people to take reasonable action to support this goal.” Enabling employees to ride free instead of paying the $4 roundtrip fare removes an obstacle that could prevent people from riding the bus. The College sees this as an opportunity to make an impact on reducing carbon emissions in the region. It also connects to the Strategic Plan’s goals of getting cars off campus and working toward carbon neutrality.

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Redesign

As you may have noticed, MiddPoints has changed. By improving the design, sticking to two fonts (Bembo and Memphis), and introducing a few new features, we have integrated MiddPoints into the College’s family of publications—while making it easier to navigate and more soothing to the eye. Middlebury’s in-house newsletter is published in both hard copy and electronically so that every employee has access to its news and features. In the future, readers will be able to opt for an electronic copy only. Please send us your stories, story ideas, photos, and classified ads for future issues, and we’d love to receive your feedback on our new look.

Reminder from the Payroll Office

Have you added or changed your account information for your direct deposit? If so, please remember that when you add or change account numbers for your direct deposit, your accounts are subject to the prenote process. This means that for one regular pay cycle your check will not be directly deposited. You will receive an actual “check” while your information is sent to your bank(s) for verification. Once your account(s) have been verified, your pay will be directly deposited in the next regular pay cycle. Please call x2008 or x5461, or e-mail payroll@middlebury.edu if you have any questions.

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Karl Obrath, German School, Charles Sala, French School, and Jochen Richter, German School, became members of the 25 Year Club in 2006 but were unable to attend the dinner. They were congratulated last month by President Liebowitz and Michael Geisler, Vice President Language Schools, Schools Abroad & Grad. Programs. Missing from the photo is Rafael Castillo, Spanish School, also a 25 Year Club Member.

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Class of 2011 by the numbers

Orientation began Wednesday for the class of 2011. At 645 students (fall only), it is the College’s largest class ever. They represent 47 states and 42 countries.

7,185
Total Applicants

1,479
Total Admitted

253
Number admitted Early Decision

57%
From Public Schools

5%
From Vermont

74%
From Outside New England

47%
Receiving Grant Aid

100%
Demonstrated need met for students who were awarded need-based aid

24%
U.S. Students of Color

10%
International Students

8%
First generation of their families to attend college

Returning students move in this weekend for the first day of classes on Monday, September 10. The total number of students this year is 2,350. There are approximately 104 “Febss” who will start the spring semester, 2008.
Staff Achievements

Kellam Ayres, LIS, completed her last semester at the Bread Loaf School of English and recently graduated with the Masters of Arts (M.A.) Degree. Congratulations, Kellam! Kellam received an Honorable Mention for her poem “Goldfish” in the Robert Haiduke Poetry prize. A Frost Scholar at the Bread Loaf School of English, class of 1959, Robert Haiduke established the Haiduke Award in 1992. The contest has been an annual event for the past 14 years.

Cynthia “Pij” Slater, Computer Specialist I, Library and Information Services, received her Apple Certified Help Desk Specialist (ACHDS) Certification on August 28. Pij passed an exam verifying her understanding of the Mac OS X operating system’s core functionality and her ability to configure key services, perform basic troubleshooting, and assist end users with essential Mac OS X capabilities. This certification addresses the technical skills needed by a specialist who works at a help desk or otherwise assists Mac users with technical issues.

2007 Employee Golf Tournament Results

120 College employees enjoyed an afternoon at the Ralph Myhre Golf Course last month for the annual Employee Golf Tournament. The “best ball” play was followed by a delicious barbecue. Winning teams included:

Front 9
1st Place - Eric Leno, Roger Bagley, Paul Lathrop, Amy Buck
2nd - Ed Brown, Leo Hotte, Tim Kerr, Ray Holbrook
3rd - Tom McGinn, Meg Storey Groves, Mark Gleason, Ed Guinness
4th - Mike DeGray, Dawn Sumner, Sonja Cousino, Michelle Davis

1st Place women’s team - Patty Murray, Pam Sands, Melissa Sullivan, Jacki Galenkamp
2nd Place women’s team - Cindy Wemette, Karen Carpenter, Liza Sacheli, Nancy Reynolds

Back 9
1st Place - Chris Daly, Ed Wells, Jim Dayton, Rick St. Peter
2nd - Adam Dobucki, Stew Lane, Scott Witt, Gary Weiss
3rd - Matt Rizzo, Kelly Kerner, Hieu Nguyen, Erin Quinn
4th - Rick James, Tom Cutter, Mark Pyfrom, Brett Wilhelm
5th - Mike Pixley, Tim O’Toole, Dave Larose, Kyle Kelton
6th - Peter Mackey, Ron Quesnel, Peter Burton, Adam Breen

Thank you to the golf course staff and Cathy Vincent, HR, for making the event fun for all.

Faculty Scholarship Fund Reaches Endowed Level

In August, the Stewardship Office was pleased to report on the first student to receive financial support from the Faculty Scholarship Fund. A sophomore who studies chemistry and Japanese was awarded the scholarship for the 2006–2007 academic year. Over the past decade, sixty-two faculty and staff members have given to this fund, which was established in 1998 in recognition of Middlebury’s Bicentennial. Since then, the fund has been steadily building and now has a market value of $143,077. Having reached the $100,000 endowed level, the fund can now do what it was intended to do: support students in the name of the College faculty.

Forty-seven percent of students in the entering class of 2011 qualify for need-based grant aid; therefore, the importance of endowed scholarships has never been more apparent. The College is grateful for the generosity of faculty and staff members who helped build this fund and hopes that more individuals will join them in giving to this initiative.

Please contact the College Advancement Office at x3177 if you would like more information about the Faculty Scholarship Fund.

where on CAMPUS?

Twelve readers responded with the correct answer to last issue’s question. The photo is part of the sign for the old “Arthur M. Brown Pool.” The sign appears in McCullough, over the doorway leading from the outer hallway where the ATM machine is, to the inner hallway leading to the Grille and Midd Express.
International Student and Scholar Services to Host Final Information Meeting

ISSS is hosting a final information meeting for those interested in learning more about the FIS Host Program, a hospitality program that offers faculty, staff, alumni and community members a chance to assist an international student with their 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.

We recently welcomed approximately 80 new international and exchange students to campus. More than half of them have requested a host family. While our summer recruiting meetings have brought us many potential host families, we are still seeking a few more hosts.

If you are interested in befriending an international student and exploring another culture, we encourage you to join us for a meeting to learn more. Our final meeting is:

**Wednesday, September 12 at 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in McCullough Social Space—Feel free to bring your lunch.**

Space is limited in order to keep the meeting to one hour. To register, please contact Taunia Cantin at x5382 or isss@middlebury.edu.

Please spread the word to your extended family and friends as this program is open to non-College community members as well.

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(Classifieds, continued from pg. 6)

**For Sale:** D.K. Smith house at 19 Chipman Hgts. Large, private in-town lot at end of dead-end street, views of mtns. Spacious cape w/ 4 BR, 2 BA, 3 fireplaces, HW floors, pantry, study; large dining and LR area. $465,000. Call 802-483-6032.

**For Rent:** One of a kind, beaut. furn. home in Ripton, 15 min. from campus. Stone work, post and beam, views, garden. $800/mo. Includes all util. Call 802-989-5978.

**For Rent:** Bridport 2nd floor large 1 BR apt. in village of Bridport. Great view of Adks., space for garden, large yard. $575/month includes electric. Cindy, 443-5051.

**For Rent:** Historic 1795 Vergennes home, elegantly furn., beaut. maintained. 12 rooms, LR, DR, 2 BR, 2 BA, 2-car garage. Private gardens, luxur. landscaped. No pets, no smoking. In city. Walk. dist. to all amenities. $2,000 month, including util. Deposit. Avail. Fall ’07 - Spring ’08, dates flexible. Call 802-877-0067.

**For Rent:** Well-maint. 3 BR cape. 4 mi. north of College. Large yard & deck, beaut. westerly views. Over 2,200 sq ft of living space. Call Will at x3240 or 453-4902.

**For Rent:** Sabbatical rental for ’07-08 Acad. Year. 2 story house on Chipman Hill (High St.). 2 BR, 2 BA, recently remod. kitch./brkfst. room and dwnstrs. BA, large LR and master BR upstairs, 2 studies. Adk. views & Midd. schools. $995/mo. + util. For more info. contact Kevin Moss at mosis@middlebury.edu or call Judy Olinick at x5532.

**For Rent:** Lake Champlain waterfront cottage built in 1996, in Ferrisburgh, 30 mi. from Burlington, 19 mi. from Midd. Sleeps 6 comfortably in 3 BR (2 Q, 2 twins). Stairs (8 steps) to beach, spectac. sunsets; linens not included; no smoking. Sept. Oct., May, June $800 weekly; or $2,500 monthly includes util. Contact Pat at 802-234-9701 or patajk@verizon.net.

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**Wanted**

**Wanted:** Treadmill. Price dependent on the model and age of the machine. Contact Carolyn at x2195; 398-1420; ckuebler@middlebury.edu.

**Wanted:** Cards for Mary Volkert’s Memory Album. Faculty or staff who remember the Volkerts (Professor Emeritus Erie Volkert, Theatre, and his wife Mary) are invited to send cards for Mary’s 90th Birthday memory album. Please send c/o Jennifer Booker (an alum under Volkert) at 42 Hartman Rd., Amherst, MA 01002 by Sep. 29.

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Snow Bowl in Summer

*John Nuceder and Rob Swift check sheaves on the Sheehan Chair.*
United Way “Days of Caring”

Middlebury College is proud to once again join in sponsoring the annual United Way of Addison County “Days of Caring.” Kicking off the 2007 Community Campaign, the United Way has set aside two days for volunteering – Thursday, September 13 and Saturday, September 15. Over the years, the United Way has had well over 1,000 volunteers completing special work projects for local non-profit agencies, saving the agencies many thousands of dollars.

In support of this event, the College will provide paid time to employees (meaning you do not have to use CTO) if you choose to participate on a day you are normally scheduled to work. In order to ensure proper operational coverage, please obtain your supervisor’s approval before signing up.

If you are interested in participating or learning more about possible volunteer jobs, please contact Helen Freismuth, Co-Director of the United Way of Addison County at Helen@unitedwayaddisoncounty.org.

Weight Watchers At-Work

The 10th session of the Weight Watchers At-Work Program at Middlebury College will begin as soon as enrollment allows. Meetings are Thursdays at 11:45 a.m. in Mitchell Green Lounge. The cost is $144, which can be paid in two $72 payments. Check, cash, or credit card payments accepted. People may join at any time during the series. For more information or to register, call Danica Stein, Meeting Leader, at (802) 287-5704 or e-mail her at furrygirl@comcast.net

Hiring Student Employees

The Student Employment Office is committed to serve, support, and value all members of our community as they contribute their unique talents to the realization of Middlebury College’s goals. If you have questions about any of the procedures for hiring students, feel free to contact us. The Student Employment Office is located on the first floor of the McCullough Student Center across from the ATM. Drop by or give us a call at x5377.

You can also find a lot of information and answers to your questions by visiting the student employment website: http://www.middlebury.edu/administration/seo/.

Middlebury History

25 years ago ● Robert W. Gleason ‘54, professor of chemistry, was named dean of sciences for a three-year term, and the Cinema Club showed “Klute” with Jane Fonda in Dana Auditorium.

10 years ago ● The Center for Educational Technology under the direction of Professor Clara Yu held an open house in CET’s new offices located in the former Addison County Courthouse.

5 years ago ● Three staff promotions were announced: Sandra Laird to safety officer, Jodi Litchfield to ADA coordinator, and Kit Quesnel to unit manager in Dining Services.

ACTR Director Jim Moulton is excited about the program as it fits the ACTR goal of “getting people out of cars and into shared transportation.” According to a recent report from the Union of Concerned Scientists, more than 56% of Vermont’s carbon emissions come from transportation related activities, so driving less is the number one way we can help reduce that figure. “Even riding The Connector just once a week reduces your carbon emissions by 20%,” says Moulton. He adds, “We (at ACTR) don’t want people to think it’s all or nothing to use the bus – start riding once a week and see how that goes… Free transportation takes the last barrier out of people’s minds and increases ridership.”

Using shared transportation like the bus saves you money on gas, reduces wear and tear on your car, and helps our planet – certainly a win-win situation.

Any employee interested in riding The Connector for free should contact Drew Macan at x5465.

Brochures with detailed information about schedules and stop locations will be available in Human Resources starting September 10.

The schedules in HR include locations of park-and-ride lots for those interested in riding but don’t live close to Rte. 7.

When you get on The Connector, simply show your valid faculty, staff, or spouse/partner I.D. to the driver and leave your money in your pocket.

Liz Hammel

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MiddPoints is published approximately twice per month by Human Resources for the faculty and staff of Middlebury College. The issue schedule and deadlines are listed on the Human Resources Web site. MiddPoints is mailed without charge to regular full time and part-time employees. MiddPoints is Human Resources’ primary communication vehicle on policy changes, upcoming events, news, and other items of interest to employees. Entities outside the campus may not advertise in MiddPoints.
Auto

For Sale: 2003 Ford Escape XLT w/ roof rack. Dark grey, 41K mi., runs great, all maint. records included, asking $13,500. Contact Rachel @ x5636 or 989-8198.


For Sale: 2005 Artic Cat Firecat F7 Limited Edit. EFI, Black Widow Edit. w/ Black Magic Head. Very fast sled! Low miles! Excel. condit. $5,200. 2004 Arctic Cat Firecat F6, $3,000 obo. Both sleds have been stored inside w/ covers, also have a trailer avail. 1999 Arctic Cat 400 Four Wheeler, runs excel., $2,700 obo. Contact shuntley@middlebury.edu for more info. & photos, x3144.

For Sale: Nokian Hakkapeliitta SUV Snow tires, 245/70 R16. Used 1 season, Less than 5K miles. More than 90% of tread still left. Asking $450, paid $550. E-mail: ewhitake@middlebury.edu or x3460.

Other

For Sale: Kenmore Heavy Duty Washer, 80 Series; Kenmore Coldspot Refrig. 22 ft., top freezer; Gagggenau Gas Cooktop, 4 burner, 23”; Gagggenau Electric Convect./Conduct. Oven, 23”. Each $50. cafealtagracia@gmavt.net or 545-2128.

For Sale: Furniture. Lrg. Buffet - $275; 5-piece BR Set – art deco (1930’s) - $500; Beautiful DR Table and Chairs (Chippendale reprod) - sacrifice for $900. Call Rob @ x3455. E-mail: rpekorf@middlebury.edu.


For Sale: Got 78’s?? Thorens 180, modified to manual operation. Stanton cart w/ 78 & LP stylus. Gemini preamp w/ phono level input. Make me a swell offer on either, both. Rick, x5486.

Real Estate

For Sale: 3 BR, 1 BA, well maint. raised ranch w/ sunny open floor plan on 1 acre only 4 mi. from the heart of Midd. at 2115 Case St. Brand new kitch. w/ tile floor, maple cabinets, Jennaire range, all new applian. Patio doors open to deck overlooking open fields, west. views. Walkout basement. Asking $199,000. 802-453-4011.

For Sale: Charming Cape in a great Cornwall locat. 4 BR, 1.5 BA, sunny formal DR. Prop. upgraded summer ’00 w/ all new vinyl windows, kitch. & applian., siding and roof. 16 x 16’ deck w/ bench seating & slider off DR added in ’02. Hrdwd. floors & partially fin. basement. 2.1 acres loc. on a secluded road, w/ very lim. traffic, 10 min. from dwntwn. Midd. $255,000. Call 802-989-8395 (Continued on page 4)