Annual Employee Golf Tournament
Wednesday, August 16, 2006
9 Hole Captain and Crew (4 person scramble)
Check in time – 4:00pm
Tee Time – 4:30pm
Shotgun start
Gather together your team of four college employees and sign up today!
To register for this event, contact Cathy Vincent at x5624.

Language Schools Enrollment Sets an All-Time Record
At a time when American interest in learning languages has never been higher, the Middlebury College Language Schools has achieved an all-time record enrollment. This summer’s group of 1,330 students breaks the previous mark of 1,322 students set in 1987.

Enrollment in nearly every Language School program is up over last summer when the Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish Schools enrolled a total of 1,303 students. In addition, Language Schools received a record number of applications for 2006.

Dean of Language Schools and Schools Abroad, Michael Geisler, called the enrollment record “a breakthrough accomplishment which came about through the dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work of all Language Schools employees throughout the past year.”

The Dean also saluted the work of the entire campus community: “Our record enrollment is a direct result of the high-quality immersion environment created by nearly everyone at Middlebury. Thank you one and all for your hard work on behalf of Language Schools students. Every summer the LS student evaluations show us that your efforts make a difference.”

After 1987, enrollment in the Language Schools declined steadily until it hit a modern-day low point in 1996 with 1,021 students. Since that time enrollments have (continued on page 3)
Gail Jette has a passion for teaching; she has been a ski instructor at the snow bowl for 38 years. Aside from her ski instructor role, Gail was a Physical Education teacher at Middlebury Union High School from 1964-2004. Most employees who are MUHS alums were taught by Gail in school. She also has received numerous awards for advancing the role of women in sports, including being inducted into the Northeast Women’s Hall of Fame and receiving the Pathfinder award in Vermont. She recently was inducted into the 25-Year Club.

What brought you to Middlebury?
I took a job at Middlebury Union High School teaching physical education and coaching field hockey and tennis from 1964-2004. I have taught at the Snow Bowl since 1968 and continue to do so.

Where did you grow up?
I grew up in suburban Philadelphia.

Where did you go to school?
I went to school in West Chester University in Pennsylvania for my undergraduate degree and University of Colorado for graduate school.

Do you have any children?
Yes, I have 2 children, Peter, age 40, and Brooke, age 37. I have 4 grandsons, James, Quinn, Willem, and Zach.

Supervising Student Employees
If you are responsible for supervising student employment in your department or work area, this 2-part program is for you!

Supervising Student Employees covers topics that relate to selecting, guiding and leading students who work under your supervision. Sponsored by Human Resources, specific topics include interviewing, legal considerations, hiring process, cultural differences and perceptions, setting performance expectations, sexual harassment, communication skills and conflict management.

Featured presenters:
- Doug Adams, Director, Center for Campus Activities & Leadership
- Dee Gilbert, Student Employment Coordinator
- Laura Carotenuto, Manager of Employee Relations
- Kathy Foley-Giorgio, Associate Dean of Student Affairs

When is the training offered?
Day 1 August 9 12:30 – 5:00 p.m. Kenyon Lounge
Day 2 August 16 12:30 – 5:00 p.m. Kenyon Lounge

How do I register?
Program registration is limited and commits you to both days of training. Please contact the Student Employment Office at x5377, or via email (if on campus just type Student Employment Office, or sevso@middlebury.edu).

Registration deadline is August 2.
Middlebury College has begun renovation and construction of Hillcrest Hall, a complex of wood-framed buildings located on campus between Hillcrest and Hepburn Roads, and bordered on the north by College Street (Route 125). According to Middlebury College Project Manager Mark Gleason, work on the $4 million facility began in July 2006 and is scheduled for completion in June 2007. Burlington-based architects Smith Alvarez Sienkiewycz (SAS Architects) provided the design.

Plans for the 9,700 square foot project, which will be known as the Hillcrest Environmental Center, call for deconstruction of the south annex, renovation of the original building and western addition, and construction of a smaller two-story addition to the south. Recovered materials will be reused or recycled, including slate from the roof, wood flooring and other unpainted wood, metals and concrete. The building will also incorporate numerous local materials and services, including locally produced windows, furniture and concrete, as well as hardwoods from the college forests and other Vermont Forests, a non-profit conservation organization that promotes the conservation of forest community health.

The completed facility will serve as the central location for the Middlebury College Environmental Studies Program and Office of Environmental Affairs, and will include 14 offices, a studio, study, lounge and teaching space, as well as informal meeting areas for students and faculty. The main component of the addition will be a technologically advanced lecture hall that seats up to 100. The hall will provide space for the weekly Howard E. Woodin Environmental Studies Colloquium Series, which is a key component of the environmental studies program.

A landscaped courtyard will be constructed in an area that is currently a parking lot to the southwest of the building. Access to the building will be made from the east and the west through covered porches into an entrance lobby, where a new elevator will be installed.

“Middlebury is committed to the environment from both an academic and institutional perspective,” said Middlebury College President Ronald D. Liebowitz. “Not only did the college establish the country’s first undergraduate environmental studies program in 1965, but in all college operations — from building construction to dining services — the environment has long been and continues to be a priority. Hillcrest Environmental Center is an ideal example of this commitment.”

The college is seeking certification for the Hillcrest construction project from the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). LEED is a voluntary national standard for developing high-performance, sustainable, “green” buildings. The lead designer for the Hillcrest project, Steve Smith of SAS Architects, also designed the first LEED certified building in Vermont, ECHO at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, and is currently working on several other LEED registered projects in the state.

According to Nan Jenks-Jay, Middlebury College Director of Environmental Affairs and chair of the Hillcrest Environmental Center project committee, the college has been a leader in applying sustainable design principles to four recent construction projects, including McCardell Bicentennial Hall, Ross-LaForce and Atwater Residence and Dining Halls, and the new library. “This project provides the college with a unique opportunity not only to apply LEED standards on campus but to integrate historic preservation with sustainable design,” said Jenks-Jay.

Some key energy systems featured in the finished project will include optimized daylighting and natural ventilation in all new spaces, a heat-wheel heat recovery system for the fresh air ventilation system, and a closed-loop ground source cooling system for the lecture hall.

The original gabled farmhouse, which is at the northeast corner of the current building complex, was built about 1875. In 1919, the college acquired the house and converted it to a dormitory by constructing a two-story addition to the west and a three-story annex to the south.

“Careful attention to the historic character of Hillcrest in the project’s design ensures that the building will retain its identity as an Italianate farmhouse incorporated into the campus and also allows the center for Middlebury College Environmental Programs to serve as a model for the successful adaptation of Vermont’s historic vernacular buildings to contemporary standards of sustainability,” said Glenn Andres, a veteran professor in the Middlebury College Department of History of Art and Architecture and member of the Hillcrest Environmental Center planning committee.

For more information, contact Middlebury College Project Manager Mark Gleason at 802-443-5424 or mgleason@middlebury.edu.

Record Enrollment - (continued from page 1) continued to climb to the point where this summer’s enrollment is 30 percent higher than it was 10 years ago. Across the country, interest in language learning is soaring. The White House has launched the National Security Language Initiative; enrollments in Arabic, Chinese, and other less-commonly taught languages are at an all-time high, and even the Pentagon is funding programs to teach critical languages in public schools.

Among this summer’s Language Schools students, 196 (or 14.7 percent) are current or former Middlebury College students. Other institutions that sent large numbers of students to the 2006 Language Schools are Columbia, Georgetown, Wisconsin, Harvard, Vassar, Princeton, UVM, Chicago, Michigan, Brown, Bryn Mawr, and Wesleyan.
Ergonomic First Aid

What can we do to help alleviate the pain we get after working all day at the computer? Ergonomic issues contribute to worker’s comp injuries and lost work hours. Many of the health problems associated with office ergonomic problems can be addressed if we just learn a little first aid for office ergonomics.

I have asked Dr. Jim McDaniel to visit us on Thursday, August 24 at 9:00am in the library lecture hall (201). He will talk about what we can do to help ourselves stay safe in the ergonomic office environment. Some of the problems we face are pain and tension in our back, shoulders, neck and wrist. With some changes in our posture and at our work station we can help reduce the chance of injury. Learn stretches, breathing techniques and exercises that will have you feeling relaxed and energized all day.

This program is for everyone who works in an office environment. We want you to be proactive before you have a problem. Even if you are currently experiencing problems, it is not too late to take charge of your body. So please come and join us for coffee and refreshments and a 90 minute or so discussion on how to keep ourselves healthy ergonomically.

This program is free of charge and sponsored by the Environmental, Health and Safety Department.

Please RSVP to me at sullivan@middlebury.edu

~Edmund Sullivan

Real Estate


For Sale: Excellent condition 4 BR, 2 bath, finished walkout basement ranch home on 1/2 acre in desirable Weybridge neighborhood. Panton stone fireplace upstirs, wood stove downstairs, front and rear decks. 1.5 miles from downtown Middlebury. Recently replaced roof and oil burner hot water furnace. Lovely landscaping with apple/cherry trees. $287,000. Email: bettyirwin@adelphia.net Telephone: 802-545-2521.

Other

For Sale: Kid’s Step-2 Kitchen Center and Little Tikes Laundry Center with ironing board - both in great condition. 12 ft Pop-up Camper shell ready for your trailer conversion or next project - best offer. 349-9145.

For Sale: Shaker-style cherry computer desk; 18” deep x 54” wide, custom made by a local mill in 2003, in excellent condition, $599 new, asking $250. Cherry king bed with headboard and 2 matching bedside tables (20”x20” wide and long; 27” tall); custom made by local mill, stained dark, excellent condition, $1,360 new ($720 for bed, $320 each table), asking $700 (or separately, $400 bed, $150 each table).

Timeless and beautiful - a real steal. Ethan Allen wingback chairs; 2, rose-colored, good condition, $50 each, $100 for the pair. 388-9888.

Moving Sale: Plenty of large bookshelves, double bed, oak table, chairs, microwave, TV, VCR, CDs, laser printer in good condition, large file cabinet, vacuum cleaner, etc. Avail. after August 1. Please contact me at lcomajos@middlebury.edu.

For Sale: Bissell Big Green Multi Purpose Deep Cleaner. Used very little as a vacuum, shampooer never used. All attachments and user’s guide included. $50. Call x5575 or 545-7111.

For Sale: Custom wood screen doors for 4 foot French doors. $75 for the pair, OBO. Call Wayne at X-5458 or 948-2921 evenings.

Auto

For Sale: 2000 Acura Integra GS-R Hatch, 83,000mi (mostly highway), snow & summer tires, A/C leather, 5-speed, new exhaust, aftermarket Clarion/Infinity stereo, K&N air filter, Mobil 1 synthetic oil, PIAA fog lights, Sylvania Silverstars, 30+ MPG. Very good condition. Photos available. $11,500, OBO - Optional Yakima Roof Rack ($100 Extra). Contact Keith Bishop at kbishop@middlebury.edu or x5584.

Free

Free: Two very spayed female cats available to a loving home. Lucy, Bl. & Wh., approx. 6 yrs. old. Tiger, Gray w/tiger stripes, approx. 8 yrs. old. Both up to date with shots, currently indoor cats - photos available!! mlane@middlebury.edu - Mikki @ x 2309.

Wanted

Room Wanted: I’m a fellow employee at Middlebury College looking to rent a room on or near campus. Please call 980-0308.