McKenna Named Vice President for Communications

Michael McKenna, previously CEO, president and chief creative officer at Marsteller, a global advertising, design, interactive and production agency based in New York City, has been named vice president for communications at Middlebury College. The announcement came from President Ronald D. Liebowitz.

McKenna began his career in higher education, working in admissions at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., and then as assistant director of alumni relations and development at his alma mater, Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn. After a brief stint as a reporter for United Press International, he began a career in corporate communications that included stops at The Gillette Co. and BBDO in Boston, and then Young & Rubicam, Citigate and Marsteller, all in New York.

“Middlebury is extremely fortunate to have someone with Mike McKenna’s broad experience joining us as we set out to better inform the world of Middlebury’s strengths, contributions, and dynamism,” said President Liebowitz. “He takes charge of a staff of talented professionals who already produce some of the best communications materials in higher education, both in print and online. They, and we, are looking forward to having Mike’s guidance as the College refines its communications with its many audiences, from members of the Middlebury community to the wider world.”

“I am excited about the opportunity to help tell Middlebury’s story, and to help the institution do a better job at getting the word out about its world-class academic programs,” McKenna said. “And I’m proud and honored to join this first-rate team.”

McKenna was hired after a nationwide search lasting several months. He will begin work fulltime for the College in November.

A 1973 graduate of Wesleyan, where he majored in English, was a varsity athlete, and an editor of the student newspaper, McKenna went on to earn a master’s degree in journalism from Boston University in 1978.

For the past three years, McKenna has been a Wesleyan trustee, serving as vice chair of the university relations subcommittee and a member of the facilities planning subcommittee.

McKenna and his wife, Lynn, a graphic designer, have two children: daughter Lee is a senior at Taft School in Connecticut, and son Jake, a recent graduate of Harvard College, currently works and lives in San Francisco.

Middlebury Receives 2005 Energy Star CHP Award

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has awarded Middlebury College the 2005 Energy Star CHP Award, which recognizes commercial combined heat and power (CHP) operations that reduce emissions and use at least five percent less fuel than state-of-the-art separate heat and power generation systems. On October 26, Michael Moser, assistant director of mechanical, electrical and utilities at Middlebury, and Sean Casten, president and chief executive officer of Massachusetts-based Turbosteam Corporation, will accept the award on Middlebury’s behalf at the EPA’s sixth annual CHP Roadmap Meeting in New York City.

“Middlebury is committed to being an environmentally proactive campus both in its academics and its operations. Our CHP system is a great example of that,” said Moser.

Since 1980, Middlebury College has owned and operated the central CHP plant that generates electric power for its campus community at an incremental fuel-to-electric efficiency of 150 percent, using heat that the college would have wasted otherwise. Developed in part by Turbosteam Corporation, the 1.8-megawatt system consists of four fuel-oil-fired boilers and three steam turbine generators. The steam turbine generators satisfy up to 20 percent of the college’s electricity demand. The remaining low pressure steam helps produce hot water for the college’s 2,350 undergraduate students, provides heat to more than 1.6 million square feet of building space, and provides AC in select areas.

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Kim Downs • Student Financial Services

Kim Downs was born in Buffalo, New York, where she attended Lake Shore High School. After graduation, Kim enrolled at Canisius College, where she earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science and German. She went on to earn her Masters Degree in Counseling Psychology at St. Bonaventure University.

During her undergraduate years, Kim was a work-study student in both the financial aid and bursar’s office. “I enjoyed that experience and wanted to stay in higher education because it’s an exciting field to be involved in,” she says.

Although her first job was in the student loan department at a local bank, in 1994, Kim left the bank to take a position at Hibert College in Hamburg, New York as a financial aid counselor. About two years later, Kim became the Director of Financial Aid. “We then merged the Financial Aid and Student Accounts offices into Financial Services, and I was promoted to Director of Financial Services, overseeing both areas,” she recalls.

In 2000, Kim moved to Boston to accept a position as Director of Financial Aid at Boston College. Within six months, she was promoted to Director of Financial Services. While she was employed at Boston College, Kim attended the Management Institute for Women in Higher Education at Wellesley College.

In 2004, Kim moved to Vermont to be with her fiancé, Peter Burns, and she began looking for a new job in her area of expertise. A position at Middlebury as Director of Student Financial Services looked like a perfect match. Although Kim had never been to Middlebury before, she liked what she saw on her first visit. “It was a beautiful campus, and the people were so pleasant,” she notes. Kim applied, and was offered the job. She began work on July 5.

As part of her daily activities, Kim oversees the operations of the financial aid department and the bursar’s office and researches a wide range of financing options for both students and parents. “I love researching the best options for them and then negotiating the best deals,” she says. “I also love working with such a supportive team; they’re a great group of people.”

Kim is currently involved in a major initiative to merge the financial aid and bursar’s offices. “We’re not physically located in the same place yet, but that’s what we are working towards,” she explains. “Hopefully this will occur in the very near future. This would bring all of the pieces of student finance together under one roof.”

“We’re experiencing many changes and everybody I’ve been working with has been very patient,” she continues. “They realize that the changes we are making will benefit the students as well as our internal processes and business practices.”

Kim and Peter live in Barre with his three sons, Casey, Jesse, and Ethan. Kim and Peter are planning a wedding next August. An occasional skier and avid Buffalo Bills fan, Kim enjoys traveling, and especially visiting with her family in Florida and friends in Western New York State.

Although Kim has only been on campus for a little over three months, she is already enthusiastic about the College Community. “I think the community here is wonderful,” she says. “Everyone has been so warm and welcoming. It was nice going from Boston College, with its larger university setting, to a smaller campus community which is more like an extended family. It’s been wonderful.”

“I’m just excited to be on campus,” she continues. “It’s a great time because there are so many opportunities for change and moving forward. It’s a wonderful time to be here.”

Greg Pahl

Middlebury College
Figure Skating Club

A non-competitive program culminating in the Skating Club’s participation in the Winter Carnival Ice Show. Lessons for all levels. Instructors: MariAnn Osborne, Sue Ritter, and Susan Veguez. Lessons are for children of faculty and staff. NOTE: This program is limited to Middlebury College ID holders (students, faculty, staff and their dependents). Individuals not affiliated with a college employee should contact the Middlebury Recreation Department for information about lessons offered at the town rink.

Lessons Begin Sunday, October 23
All Skaters will be evaluated for group placement. For details on lessons and fees, please contact MariAnn Osborne at x5435 or Donna Paquette at x5461. Registration is Sunday, October 23. See Donna Paquette in the skate changing room at Kenyon Arena.
Faculty Grants
Pat Manley (Geology) has received supplemental funding from the National Science Foundation’s Antarctic Sciences section in support of a second oceanographic cruise to the James Ross Basin. The grant provides funding for Pat’s academic leave next spring and one summer undergraduate research student; 4 undergraduates will accompany Pat on this 6 week scientific cruise in March 2006.

Jon Isham (Economics), in collaboration with the organization Clean Air-Cool Planet, received funding from the S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation to fund expenses associated with the project What Works? Using Insight from Social Change Research to Accelerate the Nascent Climate Movement.

Jeff Munroe (Geology) has received supplemental funding from the National Science Foundation in support of his NSF-funded research investigating the glacial and paleoclimate history of the Uinta Mountains in Utah. This additional funding will fund fieldwork expenses that were originally anticipated to come from other sources.

Middlebury College has received funding from the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation for continued support of the Vermont Reptile and Amphibian Atlas and amphibian monitoring at Mt. Mansfield. Funds for this project come from the USDA Forest Service via the Vermont Monitoring Cooperative, which is a partnership of the Forest Service, Vermont DFPR, and UVM. Both projects are carried out by Jim Andrews, a research supervisor in the Biology Department.

Open House Night at Middlebury College Observatory October 28th
On Friday evening, October 28, from 7:30-9:00 p.m., the Middlebury College Physics Department will hold an open house night at McCandell Bicentennial Hall’s rooftop observatory, weather permitting. Enter the building and take the elevators to the top floor, following the signs. 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, there will be no moon on this evening so there will be a good view of faint objects, such as nebulae and star clusters, through the 24-inch computer-controlled telescope in the observatory dome and through several smaller telescopes on the roof observation deck. October 28th is near the date when the planet Mars makes its closest approach to Earth this year. Viewers will be treated to a fine view of the red planet if the weather is good.

Since cloud cover obscures visibility, the open house night will take place only if the sky is reasonably clear. If the weather appears uncertain, call the observatory at 802-443-2266 after 6:00 p.m. on October 28th for a status report.

Winter Clothing Closet
The cold, wet weather is upon us, and it is growing colder each week. Our new students from warm climates are not always prepared for Vermont winters. The Winter Clothing Closet was established to assist students with warm clothing and blankets. You can help by donating new, like new, or gently used items at the locations listed below. We are seeking coats, thermal layers, hats, mittens/gloves, scarves/neck warmers, polar fleece, warm socks, and blankets. Please provide clean, functional items and keep in mind student sizes and styles. Clothes and blankets are given away to students at no charge. Collecting begins Friday, October 14th through Tuesday, October 25th. Drop boxes are located at the following places on campus:

Central Locations
Dean of Student Affairs Office  Forest Hall on Route 125
Main Library  Behind the Information Desk
McCullough  First floor entrance to The Grille/Juice Bar or in the Crest Room (2nd Floor)
Public Safety Harvest House on Rte. 30 (open 24 hrs/day, 7 days/week)
Service Building Break Room downstairs (near the vending machines)

Commons Locations
Atwater Commons Office-Allen 213
Brainerd Commons Office-Proctor Hall (lower level)
Cook Commons Office-Battell North
Ross Commons Office-LaForce Hall
Wonnacott Commons Office-Battell South

The Winter Clothing Closet will be held on Wednesday, October 26th in the Crest Room on the Second floor of McCullough. Donations accepted through October 25th.

Sponsored by:
Commons Residential Advisers (CRAs),
Dean of Student Affairs Office/International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS), and
International Students’ Organization (ISO)
We want to bring a special event to your attention. On Saturday, October 29th at 8:00 pm, the Capitol Steps will be performing at Pepin Gymnasium. The Capitol Steps are a hilarious musical and improvisational political satire troupe from Washington, DC that has performed all across America and regularly on National Public Radio. The group is made up of “Current and former Congressional staffers who monitor events and personalities on Capitol Hill, in the Oval Office, and in other centers of power and prestige around the world and then take a humorous look at serious issues while providing a nationwide laugh for millions.” Willing and able to tackle a broad range of subjects, the Capitol Steps are not only hysterical and entertaining but also extremely witty and intelligent.

We are very excited to be bringing such a prestigious and unique show to Middlebury once again, and we would like to invite all of you to join us! Tickets for the event are only $15 for students, faculty, and staff, which is a great deal. You may purchase tickets at the CFA box office by calling MIDD (x6433), where they are now on sale. Hopefully you are as excited about this event as we are, and will seize the opportunity to watch “The only group in America that attempts to be funnier than the Congress!”

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Operating at more than 81% efficiency, the CHP system requires an estimated 6% less fuel than typical purchased electricity and onsite thermal generation.

According to Katrina Pielli, program manager of the EPA Combined Heat and Power Partnership, Middlebury is exemplary in its energy efficiency. “Through the use of turbine generators and the recovery of otherwise wasted energy,” she said, “Middlebury College has demonstrated exceptional leadership in both energy use and management.”

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Real Estate


For Rent: Spring Semester - 2 bed, 2 baths Ranch Style House, very private on small farm in Cornwall, 6 min. from campus. Fully furnished. Living room, with Gel fireplace, dining room, large kitchen, office/study with DSL internet access. Back porch deck with Mt view, one car garage under house. Downstairs family room, with wood burning stove/fireplace, ping pong and darts. Yard set up for badminton & volleyball. 2 Sat/TV receivers, CD stereo, washer/dryer. Heat, electric, water, rubbish, plowing, yard - All included. Pets O.K. Available – Feb.1st through May 31st. $1,250 per month + one month deposit. Call (802) 462-3399 or tmanning@shoreham.net

Auto

For Sale: 1998 Chevrolet Blazer LS, green/blue, 6 cyl, auto, 4WD, loaded, 125K miles, excellent condition, meticulously maintained, records, reliable. $5,200. 989-8078 days/evenings, cathomp@middlebury.edu

Other

For Sale: Airline-approved pet carrier ideal for a cat or small dog. Measures approx. 20x13x11. Steel door with secure locking system. Window vents and handle. Used once. $20. Call x2095.

For Sale: 1988 GMC 4x4 with 7.5’ minute mount plow $1,500 obo; 1999 16’ Crestliner pontoon boat with 35hp motor $5,000 obo; Vermont Castings Dutchwest wood stove 33hx17dx27w takes up to 25” logs front load. Call Shelley, x5260

For Sale: About 800 square bales of first cut hay, nice grass-clover mixture, $100 per ton at barn in New Haven. Put up philosophically by vacationing intellectuals. Call Don or Cheryl Mitchell, 545-2278.

For Sale: Queen Size Futon Couch with unfinished pine frame, great shape, nearly new washable tan velvet cover. Works as couch or bed. $200; White desk top with two full size two-drawer file cabinets. Makes desk together or can be used separately, $150 for all three; Girl's bike with training wheels for 3 to 5 year old. $25. Call 545-2070.

Free: Wood garden shed with gambrel roof excellent condition. 8' W x12’ L x 7’9”H. Includes precast foundation blocks and wood ramp. You take it apart and take it away. Middlebury location. Please call Jim at 388-1631.

Carpool: Ride needed daily to Burlington during the week. Will pay for gas. My daughter goes to school behind Heritage Toyota next to IDX. If you go everyday to Burlington from Middlebury or surrounding town and can get to Route 7 and Allen Street before 8am, please call Bill Hart, x5867.