College Assists Displaced Students

Middlebury College will provide spaces in the fall term for students from colleges and universities unable to operate this semester in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The College recognizes the challenges students face in changing schools on short notice, under such difficult circumstances, and is eager to assist displaced students to the extent possible.

“Obviously, our entire community’s thoughts are with the people of New Orleans and the surrounding areas,” said President Ronald D. Liebowitz. “Since communications with educational institutions in the region are spotty at best, we ask that members of the Middlebury family share this information with anyone who might benefit from studying at Middlebury.

“As we offer this opportunity to a relatively small number of college students, we are mindful of the utterly enormous needs of the region devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Please visit the Chaplain’s Office hurricane relief web site (www.middlebury.edu/chaplain/katrina_relief) for more information on how to help.”

Middlebury has created a quick response application process for students in four-year programs in the liberal arts and sciences who are starting their sophomore, junior or senior years and can begin classes on September 12. Students will be registered as visiting students with the expectation that they will return to their current schools in the spring term. If it is not possible for a student to return to his or her current school for the spring term, the student may apply to continue at Middlebury. Requests for financial aid are welcome.

The application procedure can be found at www.middlebury.edu/about/news/events. Please contact Joanne Leggett at 802-443-5388 with any questions.

Banner Upgrade 9/24

Banner and BannerWeb will be unavailable beginning at 8 a.m. on Friday, September 23 through late afternoon on Saturday, September 24 for a major system upgrade. This upgrade contains fairly substantial changes to the look/feel and navigation of Banner. LIS will offer three overview sessions for those interested in seeing some of the changes in person that Banner 7 will bring. Please contact Cindy Slater, x5579 directly to sign up for one of these dates:

- Thursday, Sept 15, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Tuesday, Sept 20, 9-10:00 am
- Wednesday, Sept 28, 1:30-2:30 pm

You are also strongly encouraged to review the SCT-delivered overview document which includes a whole host of screen shots and other information about the new look and features for Banner 7. While the document is approximately 30 pages, simply paging through the PDF will give you a nice chance to see some of what Banner will look like, and there is added description if you are inclined to delve (continued on page 4)
Wind Turbine Raised

Have you noticed the wind turbine next to the Recycling Center? The idea for the wind turbine project originated in an Environmental Studies class taught by Amy Seidl. Through Middlebury College’s Environmental Grant program, students in the class received funding to look at the potential for wind power on campus, including feasibility, investigation of sites, return on investment, and potential funding sources. Based on their findings the College created a project that would assist the State of Vermont to explore the technology necessary for wind-generated electricity, collect information about available wind resources, provide research opportunities, and offer educational outreach.

The tower was raised on Thursday, July 28, 2005 and connection to the Recycling Facility’s electrical system was completed in late August. The dedication of the Wind Turbine will be held at 1:30 on Friday, September 23rd as part of the Clifford Symposium.

The tower is 100 feet high and was manufactured by NRG in Hinesburg, Vermont. The turbine weighs approximately 1200 lbs. including the generator. The diameter of the blades (rotor diameter) is 22 feet. The generator will produce electrical power that will be converted to 240 volt single phase (useable for typical households). This will displace power that Middlebury College would be buying at retail prices from Central Vermont Public Service. The turbine has a life expectancy of 20 years and requires little maintenance.

The cost of the project is $45,000. Middlebury College received a United States Department of Energy grant for $22,500. The remaining funding was provided by Middlebury College; one half from Facilities Management and the other half from an environmental grant through the Environmental Council.

Results from Employee Golf Tournament

Front nine
1st place – Bob Cameron, Ray Gale, George Traverse, April Tuck
2nd place – Dave Stetson, Mike Degray, Chuck Torrey, Tim Dragon
3rd place – Kim Downs, Erik Liljestrand, Patricia Scholten, Jackie Davies
4th place – Dean Mandigo, Bryan Merrill, Curt Parent, Joe Decker
5th place – Rick James, Tom Cutter, Marcy Smith, TJ Phillips
6th place – Ed Brown, Leo Hotte, Ray Holbrook, Tim Kerr

Back nine
1st place – Tim O’Toole, Kyle Kelton, David Larose, Mike Pixley
2nd place – Kristen Anderson, Luther Tenny, Annie Janeway, Kelly Trayah
3rd place – Jim Dayton, Rick St.Peter, John Davis, Chris Daly
4th place – Peter Burton, John Rubright, Derrick Cram, Oakley White-Allen
5th place – Scott Witt, Stew Lane, Tom Ball
6th place – Ricky Rheumaune, Eniz Sujic, Scott Barker, Matt Taranto

Closest to the Pin – Hole # 7 – Sandy Vivian
Closest to the Pin – Hole #12 – Carolyn Perine
Closest to the Pin – Hole #14 – Peter Burton

Citizens Medals Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the sixth annual Middlebury College Citizens Medals. This program, started during the College’s Bicentennial year in 2000, is intended to recognize local residents who have helped to strengthen the Addison County community in a variety of ways. Over the past five years, medals have been presented to 30 residents of Middlebury and surrounding towns, for their service in fields including medicine, education, business, philanthropy, government, and the arts.

Nominations for the 2005 Citizens Medals should be submitted to John Emerson, Secretary of the College, no later than Monday, September 19. Nominations may be submitted by any member of the faculty or staff, and may be sent electronically or in hard copy. The nomination should consist of a 100- to 200-word summary of the individual’s contributions to the Addison County community. Please note that those nominated must be current residents of Addison County, and that persons currently employed by Middlebury College are not eligible for the award. The names of the winners will be announced in October.

REMINDER

Staff Council Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, September 14th
9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
Redfield Proctor

Guest:
President Ronald D. Liebowitz

At 9:30 a.m., President Liebowitz will attend for an open Q & A. Bring your Qs!
For Your Benefit
Information about Social Security Benefits

Q. What happens to the Social Security benefits of a surviving spouse when his/her partner dies?

A. It depends on whether the benefit is based on his/her own work history or on the spouse's. Let's consider a hypothetical couple named Jim and Mary who retire together at age 66 with full benefits. Because Mary's earnings exceed Jim's, he has two viable options: He can receive a retirement benefit based on his own work history or he can take 50% of Mary's benefit. If Jim elects 50% of Mary's benefit and she dies first, Jim is then entitled to 100% of Mary's previous benefit. If Jim chooses a benefit based on his own work history, and Mary dies first, he can apply for a benefit based on 100% of her income when she dies. He will receive the highest amount for which he is eligible. Of course, if Jim dies first, Mary's income will not change.

Q. My income is considerably higher than my wife's, but she will retire first. Can she begin benefits based on her own work record, then switch to using 50% of my benefit when she retires, assuming that pays more?

A. Yes, your wife can retire before you do and start receiving benefits based on her own work record. Then, when you retire, she can apply for a spousal benefit of 50% of your income (assuming you both start benefits at the full retirement age). Social Security might adjust her spousal benefits to reflect the fact that she previously received benefits based on her own record, but she will receive the greater of the two benefits in any case. To get a sense of what these provisions might mean to you, it's best to contact Social Security and get estimates based on all the available benefit options.

Library & Information Services
September Workshop Schedule

All workshops require advance registration. To register or obtain more information, please send an email to: helpdesk@middlebury.edu. The instructor will contact you to confirm your space in the workshop and provide the location. If you would like to suggest topics for future workshops, please email them to the HelpDesk as well.

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New Faculty Members

New Faculty members were introduced to various aspects of Middlebury academic and student affairs at their orientation sessions on September 2. They gathered for a photo before joining their faculty mentors for lunch, which was followed by a tour of the library. Please extend a Middlebury welcome as you see them around campus in the coming weeks.
more deeply into sections of interest. You can find this at: go.middlebury.edu/inb (or simply, go/inb). Select the PDF link in the upgrade information. Additional changes are highlighted under the Banner 7 Changes link on the right-hand navigation.

You might ask, “how do we assure the quality of the planned upgrade?” Beginning in June, our testing teams, representing all functional areas of the college, began reading about the upgrade in preparation for full-scale testing which began in July. In a test environment each team successfully replicate all critical processes to assure they are working properly prior to the upgrade. This requires hundreds of hours of effort, all leading up to a sign-off date for the upgrade. On the weekend of the upgrade, representatives from these same testing teams will come in on Saturday, September 24, to again test critical functionality, prior to the system being made available again to the campus. We are quite confident the upgrade will present no major concerns. However, if you encounter an issue or question after September 24, please alert the helpdesk so it can be further explored.

If you have questions about the upgrade, please contact me.

Carrie Rampp
Area Director, LIS
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### 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. Please send your ads to: Classifieds, Midd Points, HR, Service Building, or via Outlook to: Middpoints Editor (electronic submissions preferred).

### Auto

For Sale: 2002 Volkswagen Beetle GLS 1.8 Sport Turbo LTD. 5 speed, 1 owner, 23,500k, snap orange, fully loaded, moonroof, heated seats, 6 disk CD changer. 2nd set of wheels w/4 mounted Hakkapeliita snows, caps. mpg 24 & 35. Excellent condition. $13,900 or best reasonable offer. Call Sue, 388-7026 or x5474.


**Wanted:** Used Playstation 2 or X Box system, with controller. Please contact Susan at x5518.

For Sale: Wing chair, sturdy, Ethan Allen, very good condition, purple-color. $400 or best offer. x5064 or 462-2191

For Sale: Flute and Clarinet. Perfect for school band. $100 each. Also girls tap and jazz shoes, various sizes, $7. x5570

For Sale: 1 remote control for Panasonic MP3 CD player (model SL-SX430); 1 charger and charger adapter for mobile phone (LG VX10 and/or LG TM520 series). Please call or email Nat Caldwell (802.443.5776, ncaldwel@middlebury.edu).

For Sale: Beautiful old desk 31” H 22”W 18” L, lift top, very roomy compartment, warm honey colored finish, hardwood. $100 x 5052

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### Optimal Health Initiative

**presents**

**Autumn Yoga with Zubin Mistri**

8 Monday classes, from September 19 through November 7

CFA room 109 • 12:30 to 1:30pm

This introduction to the practice of Yoga offers an invitation to living more consciously through the body, and with greater ease and steadiness in all areas of life. Through Yoga postures we will explore healthier movement patterns, helping to release habitual tension, and open pathways for movement, breath and insight. The intention of this course is to develop an interior awareness that can radically improve our quality of life on all levels. People of all ages, body-types, and from any Yoga tradition or level of experience are welcome to participate.

To sign up, contact Dee Gilbert at x5338 or dgilbert@middlebury.edu