Carolyn and David LaRose: Two-Employee Couple for 25 Years

When Carolyn asked David out on a date 30 years ago, both were single parents of young daughters named Jennifer. Carolyn was tired of waiting around for David to ask her out, so she took matters into her own hands. In his defense, David recalls that he had his hands full raising a pre-school aged daughter while working at the Vermont State Liquor Store, and he just didn’t have dating on his radar at the time. “I remember what Carolyn cooked on our first date though: spaghetti and meatballs, green beans, brownies, and a bottle of Mateus,” David recalls.

The couple dated for twelve years before getting married when “the Jens” were 16 and 18. Carolyn and David were navigating being parents and step-parents, blending two sets of rules, dealing with two daughters who had very different, sometimes clashing personalities. “The best thing we did for our daughters’ relationship was get married. They realized they were in this for the long haul once we married, and they got along so much better,” David says.

Carolyn, a native of Salisbury, started working at Middlebury College first, in April of 1985 when she began in accounts payable in the accounting department. In 1990 Carolyn moved over to the Field House and has been there for the past 20 years as an Administrative Associate. “There are not many days I come home in a bad mood – I love working in the Field House,” Carolyn says.

David grew up in Bristol, listening to the Yankee games on the one radio station broadcasting baseball – hearing games in which Mickey Mantle, Roger Maris, and Yogi Berra played. After four years in the Navy, David worked at the Vermont State Liquor Store in Middlebury before becoming the

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Staff Council seeks volunteers for clothing swap

Volunteers are needed for Staff Council’s Fabulous and Frugal Clothing Swap for faculty and staff on Saturday, April 24 from 8 a.m.–12 noon at the Mahaney Center for the Arts.

You need not be fashion conscious or clothing savvy to apply! Help is needed to collect the clothing and accessories the week preceding the event, and volunteers are also needed to set up, break down, serve refreshments, and model for the “What Not to Wear” fashion show, on the 24th. Donations of door prizes are another great way to help while showcasing your writing, artwork, or produce!

If you would like to volunteer or donate a door prize, please contact Peg Myhre at myhre@middlebury.edu or 545.3060. Thank you!

This month in the ARTS

Just a few of the April ARTS events could fit in this issue on page 4. For a full schedule of concerts, plays, and exhibitions, visit http://www.middlebury.edu/arts/news/2009-2010/Apr2010.

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MiddPoints is online! Go to Human Resources, then click on MiddPoints.
Carol Peddie, LIS, to travel to Haiti with medical relief team

On April 9, Carol Peddie, Associate Dean of LIS, will travel to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, with a team of medical professionals from Florida and Pennsylvania. Carol will serve as the team’s utility person during their week working for Hospice St. Joseph, a community hospital & clinic based in the Christ Roi neighborhood of Port-au-Prince whose building collapsed in the recent earthquake.

The team will collect and transport the medical supplies they will use while in Haiti. Many of these supplies have run out, so it is important that they bring as much with them as possible (each person can take 100 pounds). Carol is responsible for all the over-the-counter medications including the following – items in bold are in high need: infant cough syrup; infant acetaminophen and ibuprofen; children’s cough syrup; children’s acetaminophen and ibuprofen; cough syrup, acetaminophen, and ibuprofen for adults; antibiotic cream; anti-itch cream or spray; antifungal cream; antacids.

Carol will happily collect donations or supplies. For questions about how you can help (donating supplies, money – online or cash to be transported with the medical team and handed directly to the hospital, sponsoring a school/class/workgroup project, raising awareness), please contact Carol at cpeddie29@gmail.com, 802.282.6531, or peddie@middlebury.edu, x3113. Carol thanks you for your time, your compassion, and your support.
Introductory Strength and Conditioning Clinic for Middlebury College Faculty and Staff

Here is your chance to get acquainted (or maybe reacquainted) with the college’s state of the art Fitness Center. The same clinics held last year were a huge success. Now it is your chance to take advantage of this year’s offering.

In two, hour-long sessions, we will cover the essentials in the fields of strength training, aerobic training, and program design. Through instruction and some hands on training, you will learn the specific techniques involved in properly performing strength building exercises. Instruction will be given on Nautilus, Hammer, and free weight strength training equipment. You will also understand aerobic machine operation and basic principles of aerobic and endurance training. Instruction will be given on stairsteppers, treadmills, ellipticals, ergometers (rowers) and bikes.

The clinic is divided in two parts:
Session 1: Tuesday April 6, 12:00–1:00
  Essentials in Resistance / Strength Training
Session 2: Thursday April 8, 12:00–1:00
  Essentials in Aerobic / Endurance Training

Both sessions will meet in Lawson Lounge above the Fitness Center. All you need to bring is yourself. You can attend one or both sessions. Keep in mind, this is an introductory class, but people with strength and conditioning experience can also benefit.

If you are interested in attending or have questions, please e-mail me, Steve Monninger, at monninger@middlebury.edu. I am the College’s Fitness Center Director and I am a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist licensed by the National Strength and Conditioning Association. I also coach for the Panther football and lacrosse teams. I look forward to hearing from you.

~ Steve Monninger

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Mail Center Supervisor at the College in August of 1985, a position he has today. David enjoys working with students every day, and he says there is a lot of fun and laughter in the Mail Center. “I run a loose ship. These 18 and 19 year olds don’t want someone barking at them,” says David, explaining how he connects with the young people he has worked with for so long. “The key is – don’t act your age.” Carolyn pipes in, “and it works for David!”

It’s not all fun in the Mail Center; there have been times when David has felt a lot of stress managing a department that has had the same number of employees since 1988, even though the volume of mail it is responsible for increased significantly in those 22 years. “It was a challenge, we got overworked at times and were under a lot of stress for a while, but we’ve done a hell of a job,” says David of the work his team does.

The LaRoses are avid hockey fans who sat at center ice for many of the home games in Nelson and have cheered the same seats in Kenyon since it opened. Carolyn likes to sit right in back of the Middlebury bench because “What’s happening on the bench is all a part of the game for me.” For ten years David ran the scoreboard at the basketball games, and the couple follows most of the sporting events on campus. They also enjoy camping in the summer and going to rock concerts together – Bruce Springsteen and Paul McCartney being a couple favorites from the recent past. They have enjoyed going to Mt. Tremblant north of Montreal for the international blues festival in the past as well. Carolyn and David will take a “baseball trip” once they retire; they plan to travel around to several major league ballparks and then visit the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland, Ohio.

The focus of their time outside of work centers around their three-year-old granddaughter Alexxis who they describe as their “heart and soul.” Carolyn says of David’s bond with their granddaughter: “She stole Grampy’s heart; they’re pretty tight.” Being Grammy and Grampy to Alexxis takes up a lot of their free time, and when David retires in a few years, he looks forward to the drop off and pick up and after-school fun with her.

Of their long careers at the College, David says, “We’ve been treated very fairly here – it might sound like a cliché, but it’s a great place to work because of the people. We would have to search long and hard to find a place we would be treated as well.” Carolyn adds, “We have definitely met a bunch of great people.” Carolyn and David are enjoying these years a lot, both in their jobs and as a couple, noting that there have been a few bumps along the way, but nothing they couldn’t get over together.

There are many reasons to think Carolyn and David would be sick of each other. The two have driven to and from work every day for 25 years with a trip home together for lunch. “We were green before green was cool,” says David, clearly the more talkative of the couple. Carolyn adds, “Sometimes it’s a quiet ride home . . . I’ve learned to give him his Dave space.” All of the togetherness seems to make the pair more fond of each other, not less. “We have a great routine,” says Carolyn, David nodding as she explains, “When we get home from work, I cook while David watches some sports and reads the newspaper. After dinner, David cleans up and does the dishes while I sit down and unwind.” A favorite way they relax is sitting on the lawn in back of the house, looking at the fields, the mountains, and the wildlife together.

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~ Liz Hammel
KeyServer Q&A

The Helpdesk is using a new licensing management product called KeyServer. This product allows Middlebury College to provide software licenses for applications in a much more efficient way than we were just a year ago.

• What is KeyServer?
  KeyServer is a tool for managing software licenses over the network.

• Why is it being implemented at Middlebury College?
  KeyServer will help us make better-informed decisions regarding software license purchasing and allow us to invest in more site/concurrent-use licenses instead of individual licenses. This will give more of our users access to certain software and save the College money by sharing the licenses and purchasing only what is needed to support concurrent users.

• Do other colleges and universities use KeyServer?
  Yes. Some of the organizations using KeyServer are Brown University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Georgetown University, Harvard University, MIT, Princeton University, Stanford University, University of Arizona, University of Massachusetts, University of Vermont, Wellesley College, Yale University.

  This off-site address covers many of the questions the campus may have about this product:

  Your input is welcomed. Please direct any feedback to Lisa Terrier at terrier@middlebury.edu.

Richard Goode, piano
Sunday, April 4, 4:00 p.m., Mahaney CFA
Legendary international pianist plays works by Haydn and Schumann. Fac/staff tickets: $18; 802.443.MIDD (6433) or go/tickets

The Dick Forman Jazz Group
Saturday, April 10, 8:00 p.m., Mahaney CFA, Concert Hall
An evening of sparkling, sophisticated, mainstream jazz, featuring Middlebury’s own Dick Forman on piano. Free

RiP: A Remix Manifesto
Saturday, April 10, 3:00 and 8:00 p.m., Dana Auditorium
A collaborative documentary film exploring copyright laws and remix culture—available online for viewers to mash up. Free

Faculty Grants

Peter Ryan (Geology and ES), with co-PIs Jeffrey Munroe and Patricia Manley, has received a Major Research Instrumentation award from the National Science Foundation, titled Acquisition of an XRD, FTIR, and WDS for Integrated Mineralogical and Geochemical Studies at Middlebury College. These instruments will complement existing equipment, enabling Geology faculty and students to enlarge the scope of their research into trace metals in Vermont soils, groundwater and bedrock; the mineralogy and geochemistry of tropical soils; and sediment analysis as a means of investigating paleoclimate.

Cynthia Packert (History of Art & Architecture) has been awarded a senior short-term fellowship from the American Institute of Indian Studies. She will conduct research in India for four months in early 2011, collecting material for a book-length study on the art, architectural development, and increasingly global influence of recent Hindu temples, particularly those built by the BAPS Swaminarayan community. Operating from the city of Amdavad, she will also visit other Hindu and Jain temples in Gujarat and southern Rajasthan.

Jacob Tropp (History) has been awarded a fellowship through the Rachel Carson Center, a joint initiative of Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich and the Deutsches Museum, supported by the German Ministry for Research and Education. He will spend four months in Munich working on a project titled Native American Administration and the Making of International Development Expertise, 1935-1960. The project explores connections between the U.S. government’s administration of Native American reservations and the evolution of transnational development “expertise.”

Guntram Herb (Geography) has received a Fullbright Research Fellowship to conduct research in France during his 2011-2012 leave for a study titled Geopolitical atlases in contemporary France: Constructing French national visions through maps.
College faculty and staff offered 5% discount for children at MMLA

The Middlebury-Monterey Language Academy (MMLA), a language immersion program for middle and high school students, will offer a five percent discount this summer for children of the faculty and staff of Middlebury College. In addition to the 5% discount, Middlebury College benefits-eligible faculty and staff will be able to use payroll deduction to pay MMLA tuition.

Inaugurated in 2008, MMLA draws upon Middlebury College’s almost 100 years of experience in operating the summer Language Schools, as well as the expertise in foreign-language pedagogy of its affiliate, the Monterey Institute of International Studies.

MMLA currently offers programs in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, and Spanish for students in grades 7-12. This summer, MMLA programs are located at four sites: Green Mountain College in Poultney, Vt.; Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio; Pomona College in Claremont, Calif.; and Bard College at Simon’s Rock in Great Barrington, Mass., where MMLA partners with Johns Hopkins University’s Center for Talented Youth. Note that the discount does not apply to the program in Massachusetts, and that not all languages are offered at all sites. Please check the MMLA Web site, http://www.mmla.middlebury.edu, for specific information.

For more information on the discount, payroll deduction, and the application process, please contact Jessie Jerry at 802.443.3156 or mmla.admissions@middlebury.edu.

Reminder of College’s Smoking Policy

As spring arrives and we open windows to let in the warmer air, it is a good time to remember the College’s smoking policy. Please keep in mind that smoking should not take place where smoke is likely to enter buildings, including near open windows. Thank you for helping maintain our healthy and comfortable working environment.

For a look at the policy see the College handbook at http://www.middlebury.edu/about/handbook/misc/smoking

Middlebury History

25 years ago ● The Admissions Office received a record 4,006 applications for the Class of 1989, a 12 percent increase over the previous year’s number of applicants. The British Broadcasting Company (BBC) was on campus to interview students and faculty for a documentary about the 10th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. Students enjoyed a special lobster dinner in the Hamlin and Freeman Dining Halls.

10 years ago ● The College announced that the former president of Poland, Lech Walesa, would speak at Commencement. Jazz great Wynton Marsalis gave the John Hamilton Fulton Lecture and followed-up by performing with his Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra in Kenyon Arena. Seniors Amelia Berry, Adina Racoviteanu, and Jenna Sigman received three of the 60 Thomas J. Watson Fellowships that were awarded nationwide.

5 years ago ● Artist Matt Mullican won the commission to create a 64-panel, yellow-and-black mural for the new library. “Russian-Chechen Conflict: Struggle for Independence or War on Terrorism?” was the subject of a symposium that included films, lectures, discussions, and personal reflections. Dena Simmons ’05, a Truman Scholar and Vermont Citizenship Award winner, was chosen for USA Today’s All-USA College Academic Team.
**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 ads can be found on the MiddPoints section of the HR Website. Please send ads to Classifieds, MiddPoints, HR, Service Building, or e-mail to middpoints@middlebury.edu (electronic submissions preferred).

### Auto

**For Sale:** 2003 Toyota Corolla, white, automatic, 87,000 mi. Florida car, never driven in VT. Perfect condition. $7,000. Call Tania 802.989.2483, tsmorodi@middlebury.edu.

### Other

**For Sale:** Color TV (27” Apex) with corner entertainment center (5 ft. tall, Sauder); both in great condition. Corner stand holds the TV and has shelves for additional electronics. $50 for the TV, $40 for the corner stand, or $70 for both together. Call Steve at 545.2223 or x5439.

**Huge Multi-Family Rummage Sale:** Lots of infant/toddler/children clothes of all sizes, adult clothes, books, games, toys, household items. One day only, rain or shine, Saturday April 17, 9:00–4:00 at Aurora School, 238 Peterson Heights, Middlebury. Questions: tdegray@middlebury.edu.

**For Sale:** 3 BR Cape (1,500 sq. ft.). Great country locat. 25 min. SW of Middlebury in Orwell. Open floor plan, LR, DR, mudroom, eat-in kitchen, 1-3/4 BA (recently remodeled), addition w/ office, laundry, & addit. storage. Kitchen has stainless steel appliances. Property just under 1 acre on hill w/ beautiful Adk. views, surrounded by woods & farmland. Barn, swing set, perennial flowers & fruit trees, lots of gardening space, close to Lake Champlain, Sunset Lake, Lake Bomoseen. $155,000. Photos avail. Contact Stacey at x5898, 802.989.1309 or sthebodo@middlebury.edu.

**For Sale:** DR Pro model trimmer, 4-cycle engine, electric start, new battery; $125. Hardwood 4-drawer desk and desk chair, $35. Sears car-top cargo box, $20. Antique oak fireplace surround, fits fireplace opening 38” high by 32” wide. Sauder entertainment center, unassembled, free. Call 989.7081 or e-mail wolfson@middlebury.edu.

**For Sale:** 4 BR lakefront cottage in Maine. $1,200/wk. + security deposit. In the quite village of Bryant Pond near Bethel, boasts 180 ft. of private waterfront on Christopher Lake. Main floor has kitchen, LR, family room, shower, glassed-in eating area. Second floor has 3 BR, office w/ bed, full BA w/ claw-foot tub. Lake is quiet and not overpopulated, w/ good fishing. Contact Matthew, x5460 (day) or 453.5583 (evening).

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**For Sale:** Beautiful contemporary condo (no fees, care-free living), very private but only 1 mile to town, terrific western views from two large balconies, 2-3 BR, 2 full BA. First floor: 2 BR, full BA. Second floor: open floor plan, dining, living, kitchen w/ cathedral ceilings, full BA, large balcony. Third floor: large sunny room w/ large balcony, lots of built-in bookshelves. $186,000. Available the end of July. Call Tatiana 802.989.2483, tsmorodi@middlebury.edu.

**For Sale:** 3 BR / 2.5 BA / office/den/front porch. Walking dist. to College and downtown. 2 BR / 2.5 BA / office/den/foyer. New carpets, new paint. Full BA, new bathtub. Open floor plan, dining, living, kitchen w/ cathedral ceilings, full BA, large balcony, Lots of light, new appliances. $185,000. Call 802.349.0188. Contact: jshears@middlebury.edu or herb@middlebury.edu for more details.

**For Rent for Academic Year 2010-11:** 3 BR (+ office) house with mountain views on scenic Sheep Farm Road. Lots of light, new wooden floors and open floor plan. 2 miles from Middlebury College. Rent $1,600/mo. +utilities. Contact 802.388.9353 or 802.349.0188.

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### Tutor Wanted

**Looking for a Chinese Tutor willing to work with a 6 year old who is very interested in learning the language. Their persistent interest is self-motivated and I expect it may be fun for both involved. We will work out a schedule based on your available time. This is not a baby-sitting job but you will have to be able to communicate with and enjoy children. Please contact mzelis@middlebury.edu if interested.**

### Seeking Donations for the Fabulous and Frugal Clothing Swap

Donations of gently used, clean, women’s and men’s spring and summer clothing and accessories are wanted for Staff Council’s Fabulous and Frugal Clothing Swap on Saturday, April 24. Donations will be collected the week preceding the swap in locations TBA. You may also bring donations right to the swap at the Mahaney Center for the Arts on the 24th. For more information go to http://www.middlebury.edu/offices/administration/scouncil/events/swap or contact Peg Myhre at myhre@middlebury.edu or 545.3060.

### The College Bookstore

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