David Saward Celebrates 25 Years at Middlebury College

Twenty-five years ago, just days after being hired as head coach of the men’s soccer team, David Saward thought his job here might be over. The team traveled down to Union College in Schenectady, New York, for a scrimmage, and David didn’t know all of his players yet. The team lost a close game in the last 10 seconds, and after getting together for a quick chat, David rushed everybody into the two vans for the ride back to Middlebury. Back on campus, after everyone had taken his bag and left, David and his assistant coach saw one bag remaining on the pavement. “Once we figured out who the bag belonged to and confirmed that he wasn’t in either of the vans for the ride home, my captain and I got in my car and drove all the way back. The player was sitting in a bar in Schenectady having a beer and a burger. I’ll tell you I really got to know my captain and that player well on the ride back,” David says, adding, “I’m lucky I kept my job.”

Hired as the head coach of men’s soccer and women’s squash, assistant coach of men’s tennis, and instructor in physical education classes, David’s responsibilities have shifted over the years, but he has been the men’s soccer coach for the duration. Presently, he is also the assistant director of athletics. Of teaching physical education he says, “I really like that part of my job – I wish we could do more. It’s an important component for the students’ education . . . it’s what I was trained to do,” he adds, referring to his master’s degree in physical education. David coached women’s squash for 21 years, and he learned a lot from coaching women in a sport with a “completely different dynamic” than soccer, and he applied that learning to his coaching of the soccer team.

It’s when he’s talking about soccer, or “footie” as David calls it, pointing out that everywhere except in America the game is called “football,” that David really gets passionate. “Actually it’s quite pathetic – I can’t get enough of soccer. I love being out on the field. There’s something completely captivating about the game,” he says. He believes that soccer is a great vehicle for learning about oneself, teamwork, and taking responsibility for the decisions one makes on the field and for how one performed physically in any given game. “It’s not

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Orientation will begin Tuesday, August 31 for the class of 2013. The target size for the class is 670 first-year students (580 enrolling in September, 90 in February).

7,984
Total Applicants

1,529
Total number of admitted students

19%
Applicants admitted

19%
U.S. students of color

10%
Foreign nationals

6%
First generation of their families to attend college

42
States represented

4%
From Vermont

70%
From outside New England

36
Countries represented

86%
Top decile

1,970–2,200
Mid-range combined SAT I

30–33
Mid-range ACT

$32,484
Average grant awarded

Milestones are determined by years of uninterrupted employment at Middlebury College. The following milestones were attained in August 2010:

5 YEARS

John Dugan
Facilities Services

Jennifer Grotz
Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference

Tracy Himmel Isham
Career Services

Laurel Kelliher
Health Center

Leah Kerr
Dining Services

Ian McBride
Library and Information Services

Janine Podraza
Center for the Comparative Study of Race & Ethnicity / W.A.G.S.

Wade Stevens
Dining Services

10 YEARS

Susan DeSimone
Biology

Sunita Duracak
Dining Services

Noreen Cargill
Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference

George Matthew
Music
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a set-play game, and you can’t control it as a coach. Every game is completely different, and that’s what keeps me coming back,” David explains, adding that it’s his job as coach to try to guide players, but come game day, they have to take charge – “it’s the ultimate players’ game.”

The biggest challenge David has is trying to get his players to live in the here and now, not in the past “glory days” of high school. “There are so many different pressures on these kids now, and not everyone will respond to them well. Failure is going to happen and that’s o.k.; you just have to deal with it. Life isn’t linear going from good to great,” he says. David tells the story of a NESCAC semifinal game at Bowdoin against #1 Williams in which Middlebury took the lead with 10 minutes left. The team was playing well, but then Williams tied it up and beat them in the last 30 seconds of the game. “That was a long bloody bus ride home. But it showed how the players deal with disappointment and was an opportunity to talk about how they’ll have to deal with worse disappointments in their lives beyond college – you just have to get up and get going again the next day,” he says.

David himself had to experience a low before finding his calling in coaching. He started out his working life as an accountant in his native London, a job he says, “nearly sent me off the top of Tower Bridge. It was a four-year experience I can say I hated, but it was the means to an end because it allowed me to go to university for free. I was a history and physical education major, training to become a teacher, and during my second year I came to the U.S. to coach a soccer camp, and it blossomed from there.” In this job at Middlebury he feels he’s found what he wanted to do. The environment here with its “correct balance of academics and athletics” is one that suits David, and he felt that from day one. “It’s still fun. I’m lucky to be able to earn my living doing something I enjoy,” he says.

One of the things David has enjoyed in the environment within his department is the exchange of ideas among coaches: “I’ve learned tons about the craft of coaching from my colleagues. It’s been a terrific part of my education. I’m always learning.”

David’s two children, Andrew (20) and Elizabeth (16) are both athletes. Andrew is a swimmer at Susquehanna University, and Elizabeth is a three-sport athlete who plays field hockey in the fall. “As a parent I’ve managed not to inspire my kids to play soccer,” he jokes.

In addition to his work here, David enjoys teaching courses for coaches during the summer in what he calls “big boys’ and girls’ footie camp.” It’s an opportunity to rub shoulders with the big names in the game and for David to learn a bit from them during these national certification courses. “They’re good professionally because you get to keep up to date with what’s going on in the game – there’s a good exchange of ideas.”

During his first week on the job 25 years ago, David got a phone call from a local radio station congratulating him. He was asked what the position here was a stepping stone to, and David replied, “to the rest of my career.” Coaching was his goal, and being able to do it here at Middlebury has been tremendously rewarding. He says, “Getting this job was the highlight of my career!”

~ Liz Hammel
Faculty Grants

Anne Knowles (Geography) has received additional funding from the National Science Foundation for her collaborative research grant titled, Holocaust Historical GIS. The supplement provides support for one Middlebury student to complete a research project begun during a research seminar course and for a total of four students to present their Holocaust research at the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

Robert Prasch and Thierry Warin (both Economics) have received a grant from the Center for Interuniversity Research and Analysis on Organizations (CIRANO) to support organization of a conference in April 2011 titled, “Is Too Big To Fail Too Big To Succeed?”

New Employees

Gary Forbes – Gary was hired in April as a Custodian in Facilities Services. He went to Middlebury High School and worked at Goodro Lumber before coming to the College. Gary lives in Middlebury and likes to hunt, fish, and do other outdoor activities.

Jennifer Lussier – In April Jennifer was hired as a Custodian in Facilities Services. She previously worked for Agrimark. Originally from Middlebury, Jennifer lives in Bridport and enjoys being outside and participating in outdoor activities.

Clare Crosby – Clare just graduated from Middlebury College in May with a joint major in environmental studies and biology, and a minor in Spanish. She is the Sustainability and Outreach Coordinator in the Environmental Affairs department. Clare is originally from Austin, Texas.

Cameron Cole – Cameron was hired this spring as a Seasonal Landscaper for Facilities Services. He lives in and went to school in Ticonderoga and worked at Fortview Restaurant and Leerkes Farm previously. Cameron likes to fish, hunt, ride four wheelers, hike, and just be outdoors.

Steve Ratkovits – In May Steve joined Facilities Services as a Refrigeration Mechanic / Plumber. Previously he worked for JW & DE Ryan in Vergennes, where he lives. Steve enjoys spending time outdoors and traveling with his kids.

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Come join us for a great aerobic work-out. With easy-to-learn dance moves and energizing music that includes salsa, merengue, cumbia, reggae, cha cha, bellydance, and more, you’ll be having so much fun you won’t realize that you’re getting a great workout. From beginners to those with dance experience, this Zumba class is for everyone. Bring a co-worker and come give it a try. Your body will thank you!

Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers that you can dance in. Bring a water bottle! Any questions call Liz Cleveland 989.5977 or e-mail liz_cleveland_vt@hotmail.com.

5:00 on Tuesdays & Thursdays
Starting Sept. 9 for six weeks
Location: 3rd Floor Gym Pepin
Six Week Session: Once a week $36.
Twice a week $72.
Once a week participants can come either day.
Drop-in rate $10 a class.
Learning Opportunity for Staff

Middlebury College partners with Vermont Adult Learning each year to provide our staff with a great opportunity to improve their basic skills. From September through May, staff members may receive free confidential sessions to help strengthen basic skills in one or more of the following areas:

- Reading
- Writing
- Math
- English as a second language
- Grammar
- Working toward a GED

Classes are held once per week for one hour between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. and are paid time. Approval and coordination of schedules is necessary through your supervisor. Class size is tailored to individual needs and can range in size from one-on-one instruction to groups of three to six. The instructors will contact each student prior to scheduling the sessions to determine the student’s goals, then will set up the classes in the best way to accomplish them.

Since availability is limited, employees will be accepted into the program on a first come-first served basis. If you are interested in participating, please contact your supervisor and Sheila Andrus, Training Manager, at x5190 or sandrus@middlebury.edu.

Transitions

This column recognizes College employees who applied for and were hired for posted job openings. Congratulations to:

Justin Viau
In June Justin transitioned to 3rd Cook in Dining Services. Prior to this position he had been employed as Grille Servery/Utility Worker and Dining Hall Attendant.

Carrie Macfarlane
Carrie began her appointment as Head of Reference and Instruction Librarians in LIS on the first of this month. Prior to this appointment, Carrie was the Reference and Instruction Librarian for the Sciences since 2005.

Nicole Patterson
This week, Nicole became Academic Department Coordinator for the Chinese, Arabic, and Italian Departments. Since 2004 she was Academic Department Coordinator for the French and Dance Departments.

Dwight Christian
Next week, Dwight will transition to 3rd Cook in Dining Services. Previously, Dwight held the position of Kitchen Utility Worker since 2005.

Middlebury History

This month in

- 25 years ago • Governor Madeleine Kunin named Ellen Mercer Fallon ’72, a partner in the Middlebury law firm of Langrock, Sperry, Parker and Wool, as her legal counsel. Burlington Mayor Bernard Sanders reported on his recent visit to Nicaragua. Jim Douglas ’72, the president of the Porter Medical Center board, announced that no smoking will be allowed anywhere in the facility except in the coffee shop.

- 10 years ago • Helen Young (Biology) received a grant from the National Science Foundation to conduct research into the pollination relationship between bumblebees and jewelweed. Winners of the Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference’s Bakeless Nason Literary Prizes were Ann Pancake (fiction), Sam Witt (poetry), and Paula Peterson (nonfiction). Ruth A. Davis, director of the Foreign Service Institute and former Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, delivered the Language Schools Commencement Address.

- 5 years ago • Sandy Laird (Public Safety), Patti McCaffrey (Dining), and Chris Norris (LIS) completed the “Emerging Leadership: Moving Forward” training program. William Pyle (Economics) received a teaching fellowship from the Eurasia Program of the Social Science Research Council. Visiting workers from Estonia, Ukraine, Poland, Turkey, Colombia, and Slovenia completed their tours of duty working in College dining halls for the summer.
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**

**Misc.**
**Bridport Town-Wide Yard Sales:** August 21 and 22, 9:00 - 4:00. Maps available at all sales on the map, Pratt’s Store, and Boise’s Citgo.

**For Sale:** Barron’s Anatomy Flash Cards, 2nd Edition ($10 - like new); McCoy dissection kit ($5); HGS Molecular Structure Model Set for organic chemistry ($30, like new, all pieces and manual included); Netter’s Anatomy Flash Cards for iPod, 2nd Edition ($15 - new, still wrapped in plastic). Take the whole lot for $50. Call x5543 or e-mail bonomo@middlebury.edu.

**Yard Sale:** Lots of girls’ clothes for all seasons - sizes 7-12 in excel. condit., adult clothes, Riedell figure skates, gymnastic suits, xc skis & boots, games, toys, household items, bunk beds, twin bed linen sets, and more. Saturday August 28, 9:00–3:00 at 988 Lower Plains Rd., Salisbury. tdegray@middlebury.edu.

**For Sale:** Gently used executive L-shaped desk with right-hand computer return. Hand rubbed, dark lacquer finish on oak w/ mission styling & detail. Very sturdy ball-bearing sliding drawers & keyboard tray. 7 drawers include 2 hanging file drawers, 1 center utility drawer w/ organizer. Dimensions: 68.25 x 80.25 x 29. Purchased from Furniture USA Showroom in 2005. Paid $1,300, asking $600. For pictures & questions, contact Debbie at 802.363.6406.

**Real Estate**
**For Rent:** Charming, newly renovated saltbox house conveniently located on South Street, just a quick walk to College or town. 3 BR, 2-1/2 BA (master suite includes private bath, attached reading room). Features a sunny eat-in kitchen, stainless appliances, hardwood floors, woodstove. No pets, please. Available immediately, flexible dates. Call Will at x2331 for more information.

**For Rent:** 4 BR, 1-1/2 BA unfurnished house in great Weybridge neighborhood, 1 mile from campus. Recently renovated kitchen/BR/LR/mudroom/WD. ½ acre lot with veg. garden & fruit trees, deck, 2 car garage. Available September 1 for long-term lease. $1,350/mo. plus utilities. 802.443.3316.

**Wanted**
**Wanted:** Looking for horizontally-oriented dresser for reasonable price. Please contact Madeleine at mwinterf@middlebury.edu or 802.453.6338.

**House-Sitters Available:** Very nice Middlebury couple available to house-sit for you this fall while their house is being renovated. Will take good care of your digs while you’re away. Please contact Bo Cleveland at rclevela@middlebury.edu or call him at 989.4619.

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