Dear AAP Volunteer,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the summer. For us here in Emma Willard House, we are finally able to get some much-needed downtime after another intense year of recruiting and decision-making for the Class of 2014. But this summer’s visitors are streaming in again, and the campus (and even Emma Willard House itself, after some renovations during the winter) has never looked better.

And a fine Class of 2014 it is, the usual “best ever,” in fact. With a 16% increase in applications to just under 8000 and another rise in the quality of our applicants, we had a particularly challenging job this year, and only 19% of the applicants were admitted. The students who will be joining us next year come from 42 states and 36 countries, and 86% of them ranked in the top 10% of their secondary school classes. I am pleased to report that Middlebury is continuing to attract some of the most impressive students in the country and from around the world.

I would like to bring to your attention one change that we are making for the coming year which may affect your important work as an alumni interviewer. As of this summer, we are no longer offering formal on-campus interviews to students when they are visiting Middlebury. That should by no means suggest that we are no longer interested in the personal qualities of our applicants. Nothing could be further from the truth. However, given that less than 10% of last year’s applicants received an on-campus interview, it was a benefit that only a few applicants enjoyed, and one that we could no longer justify in terms of the staff time involved.

We are still informally “meeting and greeting” as many of our visitors as possible when they visit campus. However, we would prefer to keep the playing field as level as possible by giving more of our applicants the opportunity to have an alumni interview. Your interview reports are an important part of our decision-making process, and we read them with care. Last year about 52% of the applicant pool received an alumni interview, down from the previous year’s 60%, and we are hoping to reverse that trend. To that end, we will be working hard to recruit new interviewers, particularly in geographic areas where we currently cannot meet the demand. We are also considering using Skype or some similar technology to conduct alumni interviews with applicants in areas where we do not have enough alumni. More on that in future newsletters.

As always, many thanks for your vital work in helping us to identify and enroll another great class of first-years. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help support your efforts.

With best wishes,

Robert S. Clagett
Dean of Admissions
Thank you, thank you!

The staff at Emma Willard is enormously grateful for your help in the admissions process this past year. We have admitted yet another very gifted, talented, and brilliant class from around the world. As you met with interviewees in both November and January, you no doubt found nearly each and every applicant was deserving of a spot at Middlebury. Ultimately, we have some very tough decisions to make. And, we understand how difficult it was for you to learn when some of your top students did not make the cut. We felt the same pain.

The Admissions Office has recently made the decision to no longer conduct interviews on the Middlebury campus. As Bob Clagett noted in his introduction, we write to inform you of this change and to let you know that many of our peer institutions have already made this decision and are leading the way for more academic institutions to do the same.

We have considered several factors in developing this new policy. The admissions process is becoming more aligned with technology in the 21st century, and our staff is taking on new roles and picking up the work of non-replaced staff—we need to be as efficient as possible with our remaining staff.

The alumni interview is so important to our admissions process and alumni interviews and reports are oftentimes the turning point in our decisions. Interviews are a tool for providing the admissions counselors with insight into the passions of the applicant and their personal qualities. In other words, you are able to provide for us information that we can’t necessarily glean from the application.

We thank you so much for your time, energy, and persistence in making the interview happen. You continue to contribute in a very significant way to the admissions process, and we genuinely thank you for your efforts.

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A few interview statistics to share

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♦ Alumni College to take place August 26–29 this summer.
http://www.middlebury.edu/alumni/events/alumnicollege
Read more about Alumni College: http://www.middlebury.edu/offices/news/communications/middnews/2010/july_2010/node/258206

♦ Athletics http://www.middlebury.edu/athletics/

♦ Facilities Newsletter 4/2010, Facilities Services publishes a newsletter to keep the College community informed of major maintenance projects, progress on capital projects, and other activities of interest. http://www.middlebury.edu/search?q2=facilities

♦ Middlebury News Room http://www.middlebury.edu/newsroom/archive/2010

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News from Campus

New Commons Deans Appointed

Dean of Students Gus Jordan recently announced the appointment of two new Commons deans.

The new Dean of Brainerd Commons is Natasha Chang. Natasha, who holds a Ph.D. in Italian from Cornell, has been a member of the Middlebury community for a number of years, teaching courses in Italian, Women’s and Gender Studies, and International Studies, and we are very happy to welcome her into this new role. She replaces Matthew Pacholec and will continue to teach one course a year in Italian.

In December, following Dean Karl Lindholm’s retirement, Ian Sutherland will become the new Dean of Cook Commons. Ian, who holds a Ph.D. in Classical Studies from Duke, will also teach courses annually in Classics or History of Art and Architecture. Ian will join us on campus in the fall teaching two courses, and will assume his duties as Dean of Cook Commons, at the end of the semester.

College calls off language classes during heat wave!!

(Excerpt from the Addison Independent, Middlebury 7-8-10 edition)—Bits of Russian, French, and other languages could be heard in downtown Middlebury and at local swimming holes on Thursday afternoon rather than on the Middlebury College campus, as students in the college Language Schools were freed from their classrooms and air conditioned-less rooms and allowed to frolic in cooler spaces.

2010 Admissions Poster

Els Van Woert ’05 grew up in New York and Vermont and currently resides in Helena, Montana. Els has a deep love for the Green Mountains and Big Sky of Montana. Her recent work (Chipman Hill Morning, 30 x 20” collage from recycled and repurposed papers) is on display in Emma Willard. Do stop in and see this wonderful work of art when you are on campus.

To see other work of Els, visit http://conservation-cards.com/
Bert Phinney retires after 37 years of admissions work

Retiring after 37 years at Middlebury, Bertram (Bert) D. Phinney ’73 said goodbye to friends in Emma Willard at the end of May. Having read more than 25,000 applications (possibly significantly more than that), Bert participated in/chaired more than 70 admissions committees, welcomed 31 rookies, outlasted 4 “bosses,” and celebrated 37 office Christmas parties. Bert took great joy in reminding us daily how soon it would be until his final days “at the office.”

Seeing Bert with his hands in his pockets, quiet demeanor, slow sweeping gaze if he thought you weren’t right about something, and incredible, unmatched brilliant sense of humor remains deeply etched in the minds of all who know him.

Life at the Admissions Office won’t ever be the same for Carolyn Leggett Perine ’73. She and Bert began their Middlebury Admissions careers in the summer of 1970 after their freshman year at Middlebury College and have been together for 40 years doing admissions work.

“Bert and I had a unique relationship because there was so much shared history between us. We both attended the local high school in the same graduating class. In fact, we shared a U.S. Government class which was taught by Bert’s father. We went on to be classmates, as well, at Middlebury College where we hired by Eleanor Collins in the summer after our freshman year to be tour guides. Little did I realize that our professional lives would be linked together for the next 40 years!

Bert and I were friends in high school and college; we knew each other’s families—parents, siblings and had many shared experiences. By the time we became admissions professionals, our down-to-earth Vermont values provided a common foundation for our admissions decisions. But we brought very different personalities and work habits to the job and enjoyed challenging each other at every turn. Bert’s legendary sense of humor enlivened many long committee sessions even though his quips were often at my expense. Needless to say, I never passed up an opportunity to return the favor. There were not just a few brand new office employees who assumed that Bert and I were husband and wife because of this back and forth bantering! Office life was just more entertaining and enjoyable whenever Bert was around.

Despite our office antics, Bert was a colleague who brought a high level of professionalism to our office, and his viewpoints were highly respected. He was always interested in doing what was right for individual applicants while also wanting to do what was best for Middlebury College. And he had a great internal moral compass with a desire for fairness and accessibility for all students. Bert also brought great computer expertise to the office and willingly shared his talents with all who asked. Our office will be a very different place without him and I personally, will miss him a lot. I just hope he doesn’t read this newsletter!”
Monterey—It is Official Now!

Monterey Institute is now formally known as the “Monterey Institute of International Studies, a graduate school of Middlebury College.” Collaboration has begun with the planning for several four-plus-one degrees (http://www.middlebury.edu/international/Middlebury-Monterey/dualdegree), winter-term exchanges, a lecture series, and more.
MMLA

Middlebury College and the Monterey Institute of International Studies have long been recognized leaders in language education and international studies.

Since 1915, when it first launched an immersion program, Middlebury College has led the world in full-immersion language and cultural education. The Monterey Institute of International Studies, now in its 50th year, is renowned for its graduate education for professional careers in language teaching, translation, and interpretation, and business and global policy. The Monterey Institute of International Studies affiliated with Middlebury College in 2005.

Together, Middlebury and the Monterey Institute bring their combined language expertise to the Middlebury-Monterey Language Academy for high school students.

Our Sites

- **Green Mountain College**, Poultney, Vermont
  Languages: Chinese, French, German, and Spanish
- **Oberlin College**, Oberlin, Ohio
  Languages: Arabic, Chinese, French, and Spanish
- **Pomona College**, Claremont, California
  Languages: Chinese, French, and Spanish
- **Bard College at Simon’s Rock**, Great Barrington, Massachusetts
  Languages: Chinese, French, and Spanish

**MMLA partners with the John Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (CTY)**
Languages: Chinese, French, and Spanish to students admitted through CTY’s Talent Search. http://cty.jhu.edu/summer/immersion/index.html

--- Admissions Shorts ---

**Skype**

Reach out to the Class of 2015 applicants with Skype!
Yes! We are identifying alums who have Skype capabilities and are willing to conduct interviews in this manner. This method becomes particularly helpful with international applicants as well as in some of the larger states with only one or two committees. We really don’t want you or the applicant to travel any more than one hour to meet up for an interview. So, if this is something that intrigues you in addition to the face-to-face interviews you will have, please send your intent to participate in this way to aap@middlebury.edu.

**Mock Interview**

New to the AAP Web site—check it out!
To give you some idea of what an alumni interview could look like, we’ve videotaped a brief interview conducted by Chrissy Fulton, until recently, a member of our admissions staff. It can be viewed on the AAP Web site at: http://go.middlebury.edu/aapmockinterview. It is meant to help you get started if you are having difficulty planning “the feel” of an effective interview. We hope this is helpful.

**Departures**

**Chrissy Fulton**, 2nd-year Rookie
 Chrissy left the Admissions office at the end of June to take on her new role as Admissions Officer at Princeton University. How lucky they are! Our best to you, Chrissy!

**Rachel Rosenfeld**, 3rd-year Rookie
 Following a bit of international travel, Rachel will become a student once again. Rachel is moving to DC where she has been accepted to Georgetown’s Public Policy Institute. She will be studying international development in addition to ethnic identity and its implications on human rights policy. Way to go, Rachel!

*Both Rachel and Chrissy were profiled in the last AAP Newsletter. We are missing them both already!*
Note from the National Co-Chairs

Hello to all AAP volunteers. Welcome to new members of the AAP, too. As Middlebury prepares to welcome a new class to the school, it is important to think about the role each of us plays in the Admissions process. Please know how important the AAP volunteers are to Middlebury as applicant pools seem to grow and the college sees how much value the AAP interview and connection has to each applicant.

Communicate early and often to your local chairperson and, in fact, think about taking on the role of a chair yourself. The passion we Midd alums have for the school is really in evidence in this program. Thanks for your commitment to Middlebury! Please let Joanne Leggett, jelget@middlebury.edu know if you are interested in chairing one of these committees. Also, please encourage Middlebury alums not currently in the program to join AAP by going to http://web.middlebury.edu/forms/admissions/aapreg_form.php.

Carol Tonge Mack ’95 has served for two years as Co-chair of the Alumni Admissions Program. As Carol steps down from this role, Ed Soh ’94 will take over and join co-chair Andre Berot Spring ’88. Ed (who will be profiled in the next AAP Newsletter) and Andre will be soliciting your ideas for this series.

We currently are seeking chairs for the following regions.

- Afghanistan (AFG)
- Alaska (AKA)
- As-Singapore/Philpnes/Thai/Indone (A4Q)
- As-Sri Lanka/Bhutan/Maldives (A2Q)
- As-Hong Kong/Taiwan/Macao (A5Q)
- Australia/Oceania plus (AUQ)
- Bangladesh (BDG)
- Bulgaria (BGR)
- California at large (CAA)
- Canada Ontario (CA2)
- Czech/Bosn-Herz/Croa/Pol (E5Q)
- District of Columbia (DCA)
- Ethiopia (ETH)
- Ghana (GHA)
- Greece/Cyprus (GRQ)
- IL - Chicago (ILB)
- IL - at large (ILA)
- India (IND)
- Israel (ISR)
- Jamaica (JAM)
- Kansas (KSA)
- Kenya (KEN)
- Lower Fairfield County, CT (CTC)
- MD - northern Montgomery Cty (MDB)
- Middle East (MEQ)
- Mississippi (MSA)
- Missouri at large (MOA)
- MN - at large (MNA)
- Nepal (NPL)
- Newark, NJ (NJB)
- NH – Concord (NHA)
- Nigeria (NGA)
- NIS Newly Independent States (NIQ)
- North Dakota (NDA)
- OH – at large (OHA)
- Pakistan (PAK)
- Pittsburgh, PA (PAC)
- Puerto Rico/Virgin Islands (PRA)
- Romania (ROM)
- Rumson/Red Bank, NJ (NJID)
- Russia (RUS)
- South America (SAQ)
- South Carolina (SCA)
- South Dakota (SDA)
- Spain/Portug/Andor/Gibra (E4Q)
- Tampa (FLC)

Work on the technical side of AAP

This summer we have devoted considerable time to upgrading the technical side of AAP, thanks to the overview and support of Mike Roy (Dean of Library and Information Services) and Bob Clagett. Testing for the upgrades is currently underway. We are hopeful that this new year will be exceptional and will lead us to an improved avenue for alumni support. This program could become a model for other institutions.
AAP Web site http://go.middlebury.edu/aapsite. While there, please remember to check your “personal info” for accuracy.

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