Penny Campbell, Chair of Dance Program, Celebrates 25 Years

While Penny Campbell has personally enjoyed a long tenure at Middlebury College, her link to Vermont and the College extends back beyond two centuries. According to family history, a “tenuous” maternal line has been traced back to Ira Allen. Penny’s mother enjoyed summers in Vermont as a teenager on the Allen family farm in New York state, just outside of Bennington. Penny also tells the story of a matriarch of Penny’s “clan” who married into the Wright family of Orwell in the 1800’s. Her nephew, George Murray Wright, attended Middlebury College (class of 1874) and was later named a trustee of Middlebury College.

That connection with Vermont continued when Penny attended Bennington College in pursuit of her undergraduate degree. Penny was drawn to the serenity of her environment. “When my fellow students would leave for break, I would stay because it was so quiet and beautiful.” At Bennington College, Penny continued her training as a dancer. “I cut across exciting periods in contemporary dance. In high school, I was trained by a protégé of one of the so-called ‘four pioneers’ in modern dance. I came to Bennington College at a time when the post-modern sensibility was beginning to invade the traditional modern dance world.”

Upon returning to Vermont after spending two years in Japan following graduation, Penny’s life temporarily veered away from the arts into grassroots political action. Penny’s experiences ranged from union organizing to running for State Senate on the Liberty Union ticket (winning 5% of the vote!). Penny also enjoyed the distinction of being one of the first female bus drivers for Chittenden County Transit Authority. Penny explains, “But dance reached out and grabbed me back, and I didn’t leave again.”

After helping to establish several dance companies in Burlington, Penny was hired as a Visiting Lecturer in Dance in the then Theater, Dance and Film Department. “I thought I would be here for two years. All of a sudden, the ‘visiting’ disappeared. I’m not really sure what happened!” The Dance major (Article continues on page 3)

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Teach a Winter Term Workshop
Do you have a talent? Would you like to share it? Sign up to teach a Winter Term Workshop in January 2011. Deadline: Tuesday, October 26

Contact Tammy Grant in Events Management if you have any questions. Proposal forms can be found at www.middlebury.edu/studentlife/ccal/winter. Deadline for submissions is October 26, 2010 at 5 p.m. Please e-mail all submissions to tgrant@middlebury.edu. Call ext. 3147 if you have any questions.

Buy Snow Bowl Passes in October and Save
Season passes for the Middlebury College Snow Bowl are sold daily through Oct. 31 in the Pro Shop at the Ralph Myhre Golf Course from 8:00-5:00. Forms of payment accepted are cash, check, VISA, and Mastercard. Credit card purchases can be made by calling x5125. After October passes aren’t sold again until the Bowl opens in December. The faculty and staff rate is $175 for an individual and $350 for a family again this year. A MiddCard I.D. number must be provided to make the purchase (these discounts apply to employees classified as “benefits-eligible” by Human Resources).

The taxable amount of this benefit is based on the difference between the general public’s cost and your cost, and because the rate to the public increases significantly after October, you can save by making your purchase before October 31.

Please call 388.4356 or e-mail snowbowl@middlebury.edu with questions.
Milestones are determined by years of uninterrupted employment at Middlebury College. The following milestones were attained in October 2010:

5 YEARS
Cheryl Godard
Public Safety
Ryan Henderson
Facilities Services
Nancy Rosenberg
Health Center
Patty Saunders
Human Resources
John Stokes
Language Schools

10 YEARS
Charles Conway
Library and Information Services
Lyn DeGraff
Reprographics
Jennifer Nuceder
Institutional Research
Ivan Pottinger
Facilities Services
Jennifer Pottinger
Facilities Services
Thomas Sullivan
Facilities Services
Gary Weiss
Library and Information Services

Congratulations on reaching these Milestones!

More October Milestones

15 YEARS
John Connors
Library and Information Services

30 YEARS
Cathy Collins
Reprographics

Congratulations on reaching these Milestones!

Middlebury College
Snow Bowl Ski Patrol
Ski Sale

Saturday, October 23, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday, October 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Crest Room, McCullough

Skis, bindings, boots, cross country ski gear, packs, snowboard gear, skates, bicycles snowshoes and more.

Need extra cash? Drop off your gear to sell on Friday, October 22, from 3-7 p.m.

For more information contact Steve Paquette at 388.4356 or spaquett@middlebury.edu.

Faculty Grants

John Maluccio (Economics) and colleagues from Johns Hopkins University and the University of Colorado at Boulder have received funding from the International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) for a project titled, Assessing Medium-term Impacts of Conditional Cash Transfers on Children and Young Adults in Rural Nicaragua. The goal of this 3-year project is to finalize ongoing household data collection and analyze the effect of an education scholarship program on young adult entry into the labor market.

Middlebury College has received a renewal of a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to support an Emeritus Fellowship for Victor Nuovo, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy. The grant provides funding for research trips and other expenses related to his ongoing research on John Locke.

Six weeks of ZUMBA for $36

For faculty & staff
Tuesdays at 5:15 p.m.
Nov. 2 – Dec. 7
Location: 3rd Floor Gym
Sponsored by the Optimal Health Initiative Committee

Don’t wait to make your resolution...get in shape now and feel fabulous for the holidays! Get a great aerobic workout with fun, easy-to-learn dance moves and a variety of energizing music. From beginners to those with dance experience, this Zumba class is for everyone. You deserve to have a little fun at the end of your work day! Wear comfortable lightweight workout clothes and sneakers that you can dance in. Bring a water bottle. Any questions - call Liz Cleveland at 989.5977 or e-mail liz_cleveland_vt@hotmail.com.
Penny Campbell, ctd. from page 1

had just been established a couple years prior to Penny’s arrival. Penny and Andrea Olsen were the only two faculty members at the time. Penny’s area of expertise is improvisational performance, or as Penny has designated it—“Performance Improvisation.” She describes her work as “musicians and dancers coming together as independent artists who listen to each other carefully and operate as an ensemble improvisationally. It is a balance between virtuosity as a soloist and supportiveness as an ensemble player for whatever is emerging in the work; making choices all the time and producing coherent dance and music pieces.” In the early days, Penny enjoyed a synergy between Andrea Olsen and Peter Schmitz. “Andrea’s focus on how the body works combined with Peter’s focus on choreography and my focus on improvisation created an alchemy that I feel has put Middlebury on the dance map.”

Penny developed “Performance Improvisation” as an advanced level course that trains students in the lineage of her approach to improvisation for dancers and musicians. “At first, my colleague, Michael Chorney, trains the musicians and I train the dancers. Then we begin working together to forge an ensemble.” Penny goes on to explain, “Middlebury dancers have developed a particular look that I think is a result of our focus on creative work—choreography, improvisation, etc. We aren’t trying to reproduce someone else’s material. We are looking for movement that originates in us, in our students.” Over the years, Penny has taught the core courses of the Dance program. In addition, she helped develop a creative process course and an entry-level improvisation course titled “Thinking Body, Moving Mind.” Recently, Penny has been exploring cultural studies. Following a trip to Cuba with the Dance Club of Middlebury in 2003, she finds herself “ensnared by Latin American culture.” Penny continues, “I am fascinated by how culture is communicated through dance and movement.”

Penny’s fondest memories extend beyond the classroom. Having had the pleasure of directing the Dance Company of Middlebury a number of times, Penny considers last year’s opportunity to take the group to the Dominican Republic her “crowning glory.” Penny explains, “I had done a lot of research, building networks and supporting work that is going on in Puerto Plata. The students worked really hard and were very open to the experience. Interactions at every level were very moving. The kids did things they never expected.” The Performing Arts Series has been another highlight for Penny, particularly Guillermo Gomez-Pena’s visit last year. “It has been so much fun over the years to bring high quality, sometimes challenging artists to campus.”

When asked about changes Penny has witnessed over the years, she notes the split of the originally combined Theater, Dance and Film Department into Film and Media Culture and fairly autonomous Theater and Dance programs. “This has been a big transition. Dance is a latecomer to academia. We’re all about bodies, it’s tricky. Dance is sometimes considered the handmaiden of other arts—we dance to others’ music, we create movement, Penny is now looking at a new chapter in her life. Having been limited in her ability to teach technique in recent years, a functioning hip opens up a variety of choices to Penny. “The intellectual stimulation of this community of artists would be difficult to leave. I would have to phase out in a difficult time, but the assistance and understanding of my fellow employees in dining services made it so much easier. From the Chefs who dealt with scheduling and daycare issues to my coworkers who picked up my slack when things got crazy, everyone was understanding and went out of their way to make things just a little smoother. I appreciate all of your help and hard work in making this year as fun and happy as it has been. Thank you,

Pat Peters

A Special Thank You to Dining Services

One year ago, my daughter was deployed to Iraq, her husband was deployed to Afghanistan and I became the caretaker for my two grandchildren, ages 8 months and 2 years. It could have been a very difficult time, but the assistance and understanding of my fellow employees in dining services made it so much easier. From the Chefs who dealt with scheduling and daycare issues to my coworkers who picked up my slack when things got crazy, everyone was understanding and went out of their way to make things just a little smoother. I appreciate all of your help and hard work in making this year as fun and happy as it has been.

Thank you,

~ Laura Carotenuto

“Years ago, I can recall sitting in the Crest Room reading papers. I stopped for a moment as classes were changing; students were moving around, coming and going. A deep glow struck me of being in a place that could devote itself to inquiry, the rich communication of experienced people and newcomers engaged in serious learning. I’ve always valued that.” Following a hip replacement, Penny is now looking at a new chapter in her life. Having been limited in her ability to teach technique in recent years, a functioning hip opens up a variety of choices to Penny. “The intellectual stimulation of this community of artists would be difficult to leave. I would have to phase out in a graceful way. But once space opens up in my life, I start to move. I see myself standing on a brink -- looking back, looking forward, and saying, ‘Well, where would I go?’ I’m an improviser so I don’t have to know. I just start taking steps.”

~ Laura Carotenuto
As we anticipate the upcoming heating season, I am happy to announce that Middlebury College will again offer a fuel assistance program to all college employees. Fuel assistance applications will be accepted from December 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011. Employees may apply for assistance of up to $400.00 to assist with documented heating fuel needs. Please note that the Fuel Assistance program, which is funded through the Chaplain's Fund, is intended to assist employees who are not able to meet their heating needs through other means.

Assistance will be in the form of either a grant (paid directly to the fuel provider) or a loan. Fuel Assistance applications will be available on the HR website (click on "Emergency Financial Assistance") by November 15. Completed applications (including the documentation from the fuel provider) should be submitted to the Scott Center for Spiritual and Religious Life at 443.5626.

If you have any questions, please e-mail emckay@middlebury.edu.

Thanks,
Drew Macan
Associate Vice President for Human Resources and Organizational Development
### Classifieds

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).

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#### Misc.

**For Sale:** Combination oak/oak veneer corner entertainment cabinet w/ solid oak doors. $200. Pick up in Middlebury. Excellent condition. 46w x 59h x 28d; TV opening 30w x 32h, DVD/VCR opening 30w x 5h; pictures avail. by e-mail at ckiuebler@middlebury.edu. E-mail or call 398.1420.

**For Sale:** Ground beef from a pastured, grassfed, organically raised Angus, recently slaughtered. $5/pound while it lasts. Also a few steaks are available. This meat is frozen. I can deliver to Middlebury. Cindy, x5051.

**For Sale:** Misc. furniture/appliances: refrigerator working-good as extra, $20; game table & chairs, $60; 2 piece hutch, $40; free knotty-pine kitchen cab., corner & base; steelcase desk, $20. Will make a deal for anyone who takes it all! Call 802.388.6938 or e-mail kitamax@aol.com.


**For Sale:** Britax Marathon convertible car seat, excellent condition, no accidents, $95. Chicco Cio10.6 Capri lightweight stroller, tangerine in color, includes carry bag and shoulder strap, $25. Sealy Cozy Rest crib mattress, $20. Little Tikes Cozy Coupe, excellent condition, $20. Contact kbishop@middlebury.edu or x5584.

**For Sale:** Quaint full size bed frame. Asking $100. Mattress and box spring included. Pictures available upon request. E-mail mnicklaw@middlebury.edu.

**For Sale:** Grand Piano-Kranich & Bach New York. Good condition; downsizing to upright. Asking price: $750 (pictures available on request). Call x5965 or e-mail mstanley@middlebury.edu.

#### Real Estate

**For Rent:** Furnished restored barn for rent starting October 2, 2669 South St. Ext. (5 min. from campus). Sit on 7.3 acres on same driveway as owner’s house. Gorgeous Green Mtn. views. 2nd level BR and full BA separate from upstairs BR/ study & mid-level mezzanine sitting room. Downstairs incl. country kitchen, DR, LR w/ wood-burning stove, full BA, laundry room, screened porch. Ample storage. Oil-burning furnace & baseboard hot water heat. Rental $1,500/mo., all util. included. Contact Carrie at 388.0436 or x5703.

**For Rent:** New home in Middlebury for rent from Jan. 1 to April 1. Fully furnished w/ 4 BR, 3 1/2 BA, garage, & large fenced-in backyard. Great locat., walking distance to town, College, high, middle, and elementary schools. Owners will be spending those months in California. Rent plus utilities. Rent to be negotiated. E-mail price@middlebury.edu or call 802.598.4480.

**For Rent:** 1 BR 2nd floor and 2 BR 1st floor apartments in Bridport village, 8 miles west of College. $650 and $700 per month, includes electricity and water. Good references and deposit required. Cindy, x5051.

**For Rent:** Sunny studio apartment across from Twilight Hall on College St. $750/month includes heat, electricity, garbage, recycling, off-street parking, deck, large back yard, and hardwood floors. Call Carolyn at 802.388.2542.

**For Sale:** House in East Middlebury. Traditional village house, lots of charm, fresh paint, many upgrades. 1,600 sq. ft., 1/2 acre, 3-4 BR, built-in bookcases, fireplace, huge deck over 1 car garage. Large backyard abuts river. Priced competitively: $232,000. Call 388.0326 eves. or joeryan@together.net.

#### Wanted

**Wanted:** Reliable house-, cat-, and plant-sitter for ten days, November 12-21; we live in Cornwall, so you must have a car. Modest compensation provided. Call evenings 462.2899, or e-mail mkatz@middlebury.edu.

**Wanted:** House-/cat-/plant-sitter needed in Cornwall for mid-December to mid-January, approximately one month (exact dates to be set). Must have car and like country living, affectionate cats, and indoor plants. Modest compensation provided. Call 462.2899 or e-mail mkatz@middlebury.edu.

**Free**

**Free:** 4 Nokian Hakkapeliittra 195/65 R15 studded snow tires (used on my VW Golf). Enough tread for at least one more season. Contact cmacan@middlebury.edu.

**Free:** Workout weights. Dumbbells, barbell; plate weights 1, 2, 5, 10, 12 lbs. Take some, take all. Weight mat for floor also available. Contact Richard, rjenkins@middlebury.edu, x2330.

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**The College Bookstore**

You are cordially invited to a trunk show Friday October 22, 9:00–4:00.

**Chatham Caravan will have a wonderful selection of jewelry, pashmina scarves, alpaca products (hats, mittens scarves), hand bags, & other treasures. Don’t miss this one day event!!**