A Reunion Top 10!
We’ve put together a list of the top 10 things to see and do at reunion.

1. Spend time in Adirondack chairs sharing memories and catching up with friends.
2. Join President Laurie Patton for a special 50th reunion reception and dinner at her home at 3 South Street on Thursday evening.
3. Get a Middlebury map and take a tour of the campus. See what’s changed and what’s stayed the same.
4. Check out the town. Get a coffee at Otter Creek Bakery (formerly Moose Provoncha’s Esso service station). Browse the Vermont Book Shop or head to Sweet Cecily’s, where Calvi’s once mixed milkshakes.
5. For the men: take a stroll on the second floor of Forest Hall and reflect on how dorm life has changed!
6. Attend the 50th reunion panel—it’s the ultimate bonding experience.
7. Learn about some of Middlebury’s history with the ROTC program. Hear and share stories with other veterans.
8. Take time to talk to the student hosts. Chatting with these Middlebury students will take you back in time and bring you up-to-date on the current student experience.
9. Remember the classmates who are no longer with us at the memorial service.
10. Enjoy the cheering, the pounding of canes, and the applause as the Convocation audience recognizes you, and your milestone 50 years, as you proceed into the chapel.

Your 50th reunion is a major milestone, and it’s just around the corner. This is a special weekend, and we don’t want you to miss it. In this newsletter, you’ll find the information you need for planning. Visit go.middlebury.edu/reunion for updates.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. I’ve heard that the 50th reunion begins earlier than others. When should I plan to arrive?
A. The 50th reunion starts on Thursday. Check-in opens at 9:00 a.m., and lunch will be available between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Your committee has scheduled a 50th reunion golf tournament and guided tours for that afternoon, but you can also spend time mingling and catching up with classmates. Beginning at 5:30 p.m., everyone will gather for dinner with President Laurie Patton at her home.

Q. What should I pack for June in Vermont?
A. Good walking shoes and clothing you can layer! Definitely bring a jacket. People tend to dress up for the dinner with the president on Thursday evening. Otherwise, we recommend Vermont casual.

Q. I’d like to come, but I can’t afford it. Can the College help?
A. Contact Ian McCray, director of Alumni and Parent Programs, at 802-443-5443 or by email at imccray@middlebury.edu and discuss your situation with him.

Q. How can I get a campus map?
A. The most up-to-date maps are available online. You’ll find an interactive map and a PDF of the Middlebury campus at go.middlebury.edu/campusmap. Campus maps will be available at your class headquarters when you check in.

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Explore the Mysteries of Science with Our Own “Mr. G”

“Mr. G” is Glenn Govertsen ’66, a retired high school science teacher from Missoula, Montana, who travels around the country and the world introducing people to the fun and excitement of physics.

Using everyday objects like eggs, toilet-paper rolls, and a Rice Krispies box, he stages playful demonstrations of basic principles of physics. Newton’s laws of motion, electrostatic forces, and quantum mechanics are among the scientific concepts he covers, providing clear explanations for the sometimes startling effects he creates on stage.

Govertsen taught high school physics for 31 years before retiring and turning his classroom demonstrations into the Mr. G Science Show. During his long teaching career, he won numerous awards, including the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching.

Govertsen can adjust the content of his show to suit a wide range of audiences—from young children to adults and even other science teachers. Everyone is susceptible to the excitement of science, he says. “I have fun with it all. Science is fun, so why hide it?”

Alumni and family members will have an opportunity to see Mr. G’s Science Show during Reunion Weekend. Performances are scheduled for Saturday afternoon in Wright Memorial Theatre.

REUNION HIGHLIGHTS

THURSDAY
- Welcome, meet and greet
- 50th golf outing
- Guided tours
- Dinner with President Patton at her home at 3 South Street

FRIDAY
- 50th-specific reunion panel, memorial service, and other programming
- Special Collections show of maps donated by Eric Tunis ’67
- Cane Society luncheon (by invitation)
- 1800 Society and volunteer reception (by invitation)
- Dinner and entertainment at Bread Loaf with your reunion class

SATURDAY
- 5k alumni fun run
- Presentation by Carolyn Kroll Reidy ’71, Alumni Achievement Award winner
- Veterans’ gathering—all welcome
- Conversation with President Laurie Patton
- Mr. G’s Science Show (featuring Glenn Govertsen ’66)
- Open houses and receptions
- Reunion parade and Convocation
- All-class reception and dinner
- Fireworks and dancing to the Grift

SUNDAY
- Sunday morning Christian worship with reunion choir
- Hillel light breakfast

The schedule of events for reunion will continue to evolve. Please check our website for the most up-to-date information: go.middlebury.edu/reunion.
It's All in the Details!

REGISTRATION
Reunion registration will open in early March. Register online at go.middlebury.edu/reunion, where you will also find the most up-to-date reunion information and be able to see the names of classmates who have already registered. You will need your Middlebury ID number to register online. You'll find it next to your name and address on the envelope. Online registration will close at noon (EDT) on Thursday, May 26. If you prefer to send a check, please use the enclosed card and return envelope.

50TH REUNION PRICING
The full-weekend package, which includes all meals and lodging for Thursday through Sunday morning, is $300 per person. Without lodging the cost is $220. À la carte options are also available. Please look online or at the enclosed registration card for more registration information.

50TH REUNION VEST
Class of 1966 alumni attending reunion will receive a Middlebury fleece vest as a gift. Please be sure to indicate the size you would like on the enclosed form or in the online registration form.

HOUSING
On-campus housing will be available for all alumni and their guests. The Class of 1966 will be housed in Forest Hall, which is made up of singles. Sheets, pillow, blanket, towels, and soap are provided, with shared bathroom facilities down the hall.

OFF-CAMPUS LODGING
For information about off-campus housing options, please visit the Heart of Vermont Lodging Association website, www.vermontinns.com, or the Addison County Chamber of Commerce website at www.addisoncounty.com, or call the chamber at 802-388-7951.

DINING
Meals will be provided throughout the weekend—from Thursday lunch through Sunday breakfast. On Thursday night, you are invited to dinner with President Laurie Patton at her house. Breakfasts and lunches will be provided at Proctor and Ross Dining Halls. Friday’s dinner and entertainment will be held at Bread Loaf campus. On Saturday, all classes gather for a festive reception and dinner under the tents behind the Mahaney Center for the Arts, which will be followed by fireworks and dancing. You’ll be seated with your class for dinner that evening but will have the opportunity to mingle with other reunion classes.

ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN
Check-in will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 9, at your headquarters in Forest Hall. We encourage you to arrive as close to check-in time as possible on Thursday morning, as the classmates who’ve volunteered to be greeters will be eager to see you again and share the afternoon’s schedule. Whether or not you are staying on campus, you must check in at your class headquarters in Forest Hall to get your registration packet.

At check-in, you will receive your name tag (which serves as your meal ticket), an up-to-date schedule of events, your room key if you are staying on campus, and other important class and event information.

PARKING
There is limited parking on Route 125 in front of Forest Hall for drop-off, but we have parking reserved for 50th reunion alumni just up the hill in Lot M on Hillcrest Road behind Proctor Dining Hall, as well as in Lot R behind the Homer Harris House on Route 125. Students and staff will be available to help you with your luggage, and golf carts will be making loops to assist anyone who needs help.

ON-CAMPUS TRANSPORTATION
Shuttles will be circulating around the campus on Friday and Saturday, and buses will be available on Friday evening for transportation to and from Bread Loaf. Dedicated vans and golf carts will be available for those who need assistance at other times.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION
Don’t miss out on important communications about your reunion! Most reunion communications will be sent to you by email, so please let us know your email address. To receive the latest news, update your contact information by visiting http://go.middlebury.edu/update or calling us at 802-443-5183.

CANCELLATION POLICY
All cancellations received by May 25, 2016, will be refunded in full. Due to contractual arrangements with our caterers and other vendors, we regret that we cannot offer any refunds for cancellations received after that date.

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Can You Help Middlebury Change the World?

This March you can help Middlebury meet a great challenge. Trustee Dave ’76 and Michele Mittelman P’08, ’10, ’13 have challenged the College to have 2,000 alumni make a gift of any size between March 7 and 14. If they do, Middlebury will receive an additional $100,000 from the Mittelmans.

When you play your part in meeting the challenge, you’ll help President Laurie Patton achieve one of the top priorities of her new presidency: to strengthen the institution through increased scholarship opportunities.

“It’s crucial that Middlebury has a student body as diverse as the world that is awaiting our graduates. We know that students learn best in the company of others from different backgrounds and perspectives who can challenge assumptions and provide alternative points of view,” says Patton. “Scholarships help us to prepare all students to be tomorrow’s leaders and change makers.”

When you make a gift of any size during this challenge period, your gift will go further. Direct your gift to any priority and it will still be counted toward the challenge goal. And all gifts from members of the Class of 1966 made during the challenge will count toward the class’s participation and reunion gift goals.

“When funding talented students as they move through their Middlebury careers creates value in the larger world, not only for the students and their families but also for donors, for the Middlebury community, and for the places where our students contribute once they leave,” says Patton.

Help Middlebury meet this exciting challenge—and change the world.

To make your gift, visit go.middlebury.edu/MarchChallenge or call 888-367-6433.

The Class of 1966 Scholarship: Opening a World of Opportunity for Talented Students

As we plan for our milestone 50th reunion, we have a special opportunity to honor our class and our collective Middlebury experiences by contributing to the Class of 1966 Scholarship Fund.

This newly established fund is part of Middlebury’s permanent endowment. Beginning with the fall 2016 semester and continuing forevermore, the Class of 1966 Scholarship Fund will help talented and motivated students attend Middlebury—young people who might not be able to accept the College’s offer of admission without our generosity.

Closing in on our goals

Class of 1966 participation goal: 75 percent
Progress toward goal: 33 percent

Class of 1966 overall dollar goal: $2 million
Progress toward goal: $946,000

Class of 1966 challenge gift goal: 20 donors of $10,000 or more by Feb. 26 to secure a $200,000 gift
Progress toward goal: 22 donors as of January 31

Laurie Patton speaks with students in Alumni Stadium at Youngman Field. Help our new president to support current students. Make your gift from March 7–14 and help to secure $100,000 for financial aid.
Don’t Miss This Chance to Reconnect

BY RICK MILLS ’66

Happy to arrive in 1962, even happier to leave in 1966, my wife, Judy Sheldon Mills ’65, and I didn’t return until Judy’s 10th reunion. We’ve attended every reunion since, but Judy’s 50th showed me something special.

At Convocation, I thought about how brief our time is. First came the 2010 graduates, then class after class until soon appeared the banners of 1945 and 1940. It made me realize that Middlebury is not just people we know but everyone who has ever attended.

Middlebury has been remade since our day. Former President Liebowitz gave us a diverse student body, a global curriculum, and financial strength. And Middlebury will continue to evolve under President Patton.

Talks with students sealed my admiration. What fine young people! I realized I want to be part of this college.

How interesting our classmates have become. We don’t say much about the old days or careers but talk of what engages us now. Old friendships are renewed and new friendships are a-building over coffee, phone calls, and emails.

Come to our 50th reunion if you can. In any case, call someone. Middlebury is a bundle of human stories, including yours. And remember student aid: it’s worth our support.

New Reunion Award Honors Pat Palmer ’57

Middlebury College is recognizing the dedicated service of longtime volunteer Patricia Judah Palmer ’57 by establishing a new alumni award in her name. The Patricia Judah Palmer ’57 Cane Society Award will be presented to the 50th or post-50th reunion class that raises the largest class gift in the form of bequest intentions or life-income gifts.

“By naming this award for Pat, we honor her effective and inspiring leadership in promoting the benefits of gift planning to Middlebury alumni,” says Anne McMenamin, director of gift planning. “Together, Pat and her late husband, Charlie ’57, served as Cane Society volunteers for many years, promoting gift planning to their classmates. Pat continues in this role, recruiting other volunteers, and leads by example in raising awareness about gift-planning options.”

For more information, contact Anne McMenamin, director of gift planning, at 802-443-3196 or amcmenam@middlebury.edu, or visit the Office of Gift Planning website at go.middlebury.edu/giftplanning.
I was drawn to Middlebury for a number of reasons. I knew that I wanted to study Arabic and knew that Middlebury’s program would give me the best instruction. But I was also drawn to the liberal arts curriculum in general, the small class sizes, and the tight-knit community.

When Claire arrived at Middlebury, she wasn’t sure what direction to take in her studies, but she soon discovered she really enjoyed writing, languages, and economics. By her sophomore year, she had declared an economics major with an Arabic minor, driven by her interest in global macroeconomics and international politics.

She also became involved with the College newspaper and was chosen to be its editor in chief as a senior. Her work with the Campus led to an internship with the Christian Science Monitor in Washington, D.C., where she researched and wrote an article about the war on drugs and female incarceration.

After graduation, Claire has a job waiting in the investment division of Bank of America, specializing in emerging markets. “I like that desk because of its focus on global issues and foreign markets,” she says. “I will do that for a while, but I would love to go to law school a few years out.”