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Students and Teachers

Shortly after I came to Middlebury as this magazine’s guest editor back in February, I received an e-mail message from Anne Lucke ’03. “I was wondering if you would include in your next issue a small article about Butch Varno, who recently earned his GED,” the note said.

Being brand-new to the College, I had no idea who Butch Varno might be or why his completion of the General Education Development requirements might have particular significance, so I gave Lucke a call. Varno, she explained, is a Middlebury resident who has cerebral palsy, which has left him with little control over his body and essentially no use of his arms and legs. “He has been connected to the Middlebury College community for about 40 years,” Lucke told me. “He helps manage the men’s basketball team, cheers the women’s basketball team on, and goes to as many football games as he can.”

If you are a Panther sports fan, you probably already know Varno, at least by sight. He’s the guy in a wheelchair who’s often sitting next to the Middlebury bench at the men’s home basketball games. That has been his reserved seat for about 25 years, ever since Russ Reilly came to Middlebury as assistant basketball coach and struck up a friendship with one of his team’s greatest fans. It has become a Middlebury tradition for the first-year players on the football team and the men’s basketball team to take turns taking Varno to each other’s games. “It’s a great experience for the kids to get to know him,” Reilly observes. “Butch is a really good guy.”

Varno’s special relationship with Middlebury goes back to the 1960s, when his physical condition forced him to drop out of school at the age of 15. He became friends with an 18-year-old college student named Terry Colvin ’64, who volunteered to help him with physical therapy and tutoring. Colvin introduced Varno to other students at the College, and when Colvin graduated, the Middlebury connection continued. Forty years later and living several states apart, Colvin and Varno remain close friends. “Terry is like my big brother, and he takes no credit for how much he has helped me,” Varno says.

A few years ago, Varno decided that he really wanted to earn a high school degree. With the help of Ann Lucke and many other student friends who volunteered to serve as tutors, he started catching up on the mathematics, English, history, and other subjects he had not been able to study in high school. Finally, he started taking the GED exams, which had to be given orally because of his poor eyesight. He passed the last of the exams, the science section, in November. “The GED was such a challenge,” he admits. “I wanted to give up so many times, but Coach Reilly said, ‘Knock it off; you’re so close—don’t give up on me.’ ”

In early February, a number of Varno’s Middlebury friends gathered in Mitchell Greene Lounge to present him with his GED diploma and celebrate his accomplishment. But much of the conversation focused not on what he had done, but on what he might do next. “Butch is definitely a journey person, not a destination person. He’s already looking for another project,” Lucke says. She and his other tutors are trying to raise money to get him a special graduation present: an electric wheelchair. It would make the next stage of the journey a little easier. —JC
Shocked by Ari
I quite enjoyed your article on Ari Fleischer '82 in the winter issue. I was, it is true, shocked by the disingenuousness of a man with so much power and floored by his powers of self-aggrandizement and deception. But all was forgiven with his howler: "The country is increasingly trusting the government...and the things the government says."

How hilarious, coming from the man who scolded us about a nonexistent "credible threat" to Air Force One in order to explain his boss's hiding out during the attacks on September 11, from a man who warns us to watch what we say, from a man who can keep a straight face while pimping one of the most disastrous, unfair, and dangerous tax cuts this country has ever seen. Mr. Fleischer is entitled to believe what he chooses to believe, but he must realize how preposterous he seems asking any sensible person in this country to take what he says seriously.

I'm embarrassed for Middlebury.
Jon Sherman '94
Chicago, Illinois

Looking for God
After the battle that ensued from the summer issue of Middlebury Magazine, I applaud the editors for the presumed foresight to choose an article about Ari Fleischer as the cover story for the winter issue. Republican, conservative, and politically correct for the moment, versus Democratic, liberal, and politically incorrect. It is a deft mind that navigates these kinds of waters, but my thoughts are focused on the lack of any mention of God in the article about Ari or the Q & A accompanying it, especially since our president makes it a point to express his faith so often. Maybe Sesno should've asked Ari about God, and maybe all the others should take the time to really read the Bible. I guess we are a tough audience to please, but God is tougher.

Calvin Johnson '74
New York, New York

Favorable Impression
How surprised and pleased I was to find on the cover of the winter Middlebury Magazine one of my favorite people, Ari Fleischer, then to discover he had the good taste and sense to be a Middlebury graduate. This article initiated my very favorable impression of this season's issue. The coverage of the aftermath of September 11 was particularly moving. We are certainly beholden to Rachel Morton for a quality publication. It has been delightfully controversial at times, but sensitive and timely.

Ann Robinson Walker '45
Medford, New Jersey

Trust the Government?
I enjoyed Frank Sesno's article on Press Secretary Ari Fleischer, but I was disgusted by the interview that accompanied it. In one of his responses, Secretary Fleischer defends his threatening people to "watch what they say." Is he also going to tell us what gods to worship? His job is based around the First Amendment, and he forgot it. Mr. Sesno's article implied Secretary Fleischer had done well in Murray Dry's constitutional law class; the secretary presumably knew the Bill of Rights then.

In the next paragraph Secretary Fleischer says, "We're seeing an era that is now returning to the early sixties and the fifties where people trust the government again." Interesting: a solid Republican repeatedly asserts that the country is increasingly trusting the government. A marvelous sentiment, except it's not true. A recent University of Indiana study revealed that less than a third of the American population trusts our federal government, hence our record increases in independent and third-party voting and registration. The study also showed that only 18 percent of the respondents thought their own representatives had not traded votes for campaign contributions. Ouch.

Gore, Bush, and every U.S. senator accepted campaign contributions from Enron. To be fair, the interview between Mr. Sesno and Secretary Fleischer was conducted before the Enron injustices were fully revealed. Now the secretary might not say such false words, especially in light of several lawsuits against the White House and the unprecedented action taken against Vice President Richard Cheney by the General Accounting Office.
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Bush got into office with less than 48 percent of the vote and the help of the butterfly ballot, a few hanging chads, and "the single most corrupt decision in Supreme Court history," says Harvard Law Professor Alan Dershowitz in his book, Supreme Injustice. Our judges have become politicians. Our politicians have become business buddies. No wonder there's a growing and frightening anarchy movement. We're all suspicious, yet most are optimistic. This is America, and we will vote again.

Secretary Fleischer can say, "people trust us," all he wants, but he cannot make it true.

Edwin H. Greene '96
Cambridge, Massachusetts

It Must Take Courage
The story about Ari Fleischer was trenchant. It must take a great deal of courage for this graduate of a prestigious world-class college to act as spokesman for someone as limited as George W. Bush, Jr.

Dr. Tomas Feininger '56
Vieux Quebec, Quebec, Canada

Corrupting the Youth
I was disappointed that you didn't round out your winter 2002 issue by including the views of a Midd friend, proud parent of a Midd grad, and once, like Ari Fleischer '82 and Ron Brown '62, a President's Man. I'm referring to Bill Moyers (P'86). I am sending on his widely circulated speech of October 16 entitled "This Isn't the Speech I Expected to Give Today." It's about September 11 and its aftermath, the "patriotic" corporate feeding frenzy in Washington vs. the "patriotic" sacrifices on Main Street. [The speech can be found online at www.mtn.org/iasa/moyers.html.]

I am curious where Middlebury stands in relation to the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, a group led by Lynne Cheney. This group investigates any critical inquiry of American foreign and internal policy on college campuses. Such activity is seen as unpatriotic. Professors are blacklisted when they raise questions and have discussions about U.S. domestic and foreign policies.

Evidently, for Cheney's group, to question authority is to corrupt the

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youth, a crime that earned Socrates the death penalty. Who is corrupting the youth at Middlebury now, the way several professors did when I was a student there in the years 1957–1962? I fondly remember and appreciate John Andrews (philosophy), Beowolf Brown (English), Paul Cubeta (English), Arthur Healy (art), William Harris (classics), Moose Provoncha (life studies), and Charlie Warner (history). There were very few women in the faculty then.

These men were not stuffed shirts; many had been in Paris when Paris was Paris. They took us out of our boxes and taught us to use our eyes and brains and not swallow whole what we were told or read in textbooks and newspapers. Similarly the Korean War vets, who had faced death, took the Middlebury administration out of its box then. Middlebury was wild and libertine. We were not afraid to inquire; the inquiry was as deep as the powder on the mountain on good days.

Like the present students, we were born in a U.S. at war, grew up in a U.S. at war, and will die in a U.S. at war (always fought in the name of peace). As Bob Marley sang, "Until the philosophy which holds one race of people is superior and another is inferior is discredited everywhere there is war…. War in the East. War in the West. War up north. War down south. War. War….”

Your winter 2002 issue invited this letter and these ruminations. I found it a bucolic and soft-porn edition of the orchestrated show found on all the networks: Attack oil America!

Robert Leverant ’61
Sebastopol, California

Sorely Missed
Lisa Healy’s thoughtful article on Jeff Bittner ’96 in the winter 2002 issue [“Loss and Lessons Learned”] saddened me greatly. When I was the editor of Symposium, Middlebury’s journal of politics, Jeff served as a member of the editorial board. It was during that time that I got to know and admire Jeff. He was the journal’s resident expert on international security. In a prescient article in the spring 1995 issue of Symposium, he wrote that “the first and most obvious consequence of the end of the Cold War is the absence of a common enemy… however, events
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would soon prove that security—even if not against the Soviets—was as important as ever.”

Jeff was a bright guy. He was also a great friend. Asked to write an article on short notice, Jeff neither hesitated nor complained. His intelligence was rivaled only by his compassion, energy, and enthusiasm, which were all so amazing then and sorely missed now. It is so hard to reconcile the beauty of Jeff’s life with the evil that brought it to an end. It is my hope that we will honor Jeff’s memory by living our lives according to the inspiring example he so ably set.

Ablignt Das ’95
Boston, Massachusetts

Inspiriting the Life of the Mind

I remember my days on the hill, struggling to understand Goethe in the original German, hurrying to catch up with the reading for Mr. Tillinghast, and uncovering the intriguing metaphysical conceits of John Donne with David Littlefield. My love of literature and history drew me back to Middlebury for my M.A. at Bread Loaf and was further nurtured there by a remarkably free exchange of ideas among faculty and graduate students alike.

As I read the summer issue of Middlebury Magazine, I was struck by the juxtaposition of two provocative articles. The first (“A New Family Portrait”) has been dealt with exhaustively in recent letters by alumni, and probably not much more can be added on either side of that issue. The second article was more intriguing to me, for it recounted an alumnus’s visit to Havana during the presidential election recount saga. The writer spoke of chatting with Cubans and apologizing to them for the fact that we might actually have George Bush in the White House after all. The editorial decision to feature these articles in tandem raised concerns that the College has subordinated its traditional humanistic mission in favor of more contemporary ideological controversies.

As a native Vermonter, I’ve always had libertarian leanings, and thus supported President Bush last year. While I don’t expect that he garnered much support from the faculty and students at Middlebury, I do expect the school to carry on its academic mission, its devotion to the life of the intellect that I carry with me today as one of my most cherished memories. Politicization of college campuses has steadily grown since the sixties; however, the College has a more important obligation to its students and alumni than mere ideological arguments. It must remain a place that inspires the life of the mind in all who tread those leafy walks. This goal constitutes the higher purpose of a humanistic institution: a place in which all who live and study are inspired to test the boundaries of the human intellect unencumbered by the claims of contemporary experience.

Annie Bailey Burridge ’83(M.A. English ’97)
Newburyport, Massachusetts

A Recollection of Dr. D.K. Smith

I was delighted to read in the fall issue of Middlebury Magazine that Reuben Mark ’60 and Julie Johnson Kidd ’67 have seen fit to endow a chair in honor of Dr. D.K. Smith ’42. Dr. Smith, or “D.K.” as he was affectionately known to his students, was a warm and caring teacher who was just as concerned with his C students as with his A students—a fact not forgotten by this member of the former group. In the 35 years I spent in the Foreign Service after leaving Middlebury, I did not always recall the finer details of Economics 101, but I did recall and try to emulate the humanity of Dr. Smith.

A vignette: At one point Dr. Smith announced to his economics class that Mrs. Smith had complained that he was not reading enough outside the field of economics. To remedy this situation, he and Mrs. Smith proposed that a group of students join them at their home in a monthly book-reading club. The rules were simple: read a book outside your major field of study and come prepared to discuss it over a light dinner. I signed up and was the only male to do so, which made the sessions even more delightful. As it turned out, the participants had such a good time that we decided to meet for readings twice a month. This is but one of many fond memories of a friendship with Dr. D.K. Smith.

Peter E. Spalding ’61
Washington, D.C.

A Treacly Scourge Exposed

Congratulations to Elisabeth Robert ’78, CEO of Vermont Teddy Bear Company (“Bear Market,” fall 2001), but can’t she put her evident business acumen to some other use? All these years, inquiring minds have wondered who is responsible for that treacly scourge of relationship-building, the Vermont (please always emphasize Vermont) Teddy Bear. Now we know.

Peter Kingsley ’66
Marblehead, Massachusetts

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**Back to Geography 101**

The caption for your photo of climbers on Mount Cotopaxi in Ecuador [Class Action, winter 2002] has several significant errors: One, Cotopaxi is 19,345 feet high (you have it listed as 15,000 feet—those pictured deserve more credit than you give them). Two, it’s not the highest volcano in the world or even in Ecuador. The Ecuadoran title goes to Chimborazo at 20,703 feet, and the highest volcano in the world is Ojos del Salado on the border of Chile and Argentina, which is 22,590 feet high.

*Chris Dayton ’87*  
Middlebury, Vermont

**Gotta Have Heart**

I was appalled to read “Recharging the Batteries,” by President McCardell. In this time of great uncertainty, I think we could all benefit by recharging our “heart” batteries occasionally, instead of engaging in an endless pursuit of words on paper. Referring to the events of September 11, Dr. McCardell reminded us of “the vacancies in our knowledge of Islam and Afghanistan.” How about the vacancies in the spirit of those who wish to perpetuate this global ceremony? As one who deeply misses this supposed institute of higher learning, I’m saddened to see that these precarious times have evoked nothing more from some than a meandering “intellectual” book list.

*Adam Coldson ’97*  
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**Missing Rachel**

I was disappointed to hear that *Middlebury*

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*Magazine* editor Rachel Morton is moving on. I got to know Rachel through my association with the D-8 singing group as business manager. Our relationship consisted mostly of my pestering her to give us prime magazine real estate for our ads. This, in addition to several short interviews, introduced me to a journalist with enthusiasm, interesting ideas, and the high level of competency to make those ideas work. Rachel has a way of professionalism with the subtle Vermont tone-down, perfect for our college magazine. When she has found fame as a “real world” journalist, I will proudly say that I once sang to her in the shower [for a magazine photo shoot]. Many will miss her, and many more will miss the creative, thoughtful, and at times controversial editing they have quietly enjoyed for years.

Justin Elicker ’91
New Canaan, Connecticut

Rachel, Good-bye

I criticized *Middlebury Magazine* editor Rachel Morton a few years ago when a certain article appalled me. (I should probably use quotation marks around “appalled,” because I was just upset enough to go all trite inside—I probably used that predictable in-letters-to-the-editor word.) But I was sorry to see that she has left the magazine. It is interesting, well presented, and fair, and she has done a good job contributing to a more accessible and stimulating Middlebury. Good luck to Rachel and to her successor, and may the magazine continue to grow and improve!

Ned Farquhar ’80
Palo Alto, California

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E-mail: middmag@middlebury.edu.
Erica Wonnacott: Celebrating a Life of Caring

Erica Wonnacott, dean of students emerita, passed away on March 9, after a prolonged struggle with cancer. She came to Middlebury in 1968 as assistant dean of women and served as dean of students from 1970 until her retirement in 1988. Middlebury awarded her an honorary degree in 1989, and Wonnacott Commons was named in her honor. The following is an excerpt from remarks made at a memorial service for Dean Wonnacott by Karl Lindholm, dean of advising and faculty head of Brainerd Commons. Lindholm worked with her in the Dean of Students Office for 12 years.

Near the end of her time as dean, Erica was getting some award and was asked for her résumé. She didn’t have a résumé, so she wrote one. It was half a page long. She put down her two academic degrees and her two dean’s jobs. She said that was everything, and it was. She had no publications; she had made no speeches; she belonged to no national organizations.

Being the dean of students, living in the house that she and her husband, Bruce, had built in Weybridge, and being an engaged citizen of Weybridge and Middlebury—those things were enough. She made her pleasures many by making her needs few, as Thoreau instructed.

Erica liked students; she liked being around them. She made them feel as if she had nothing else to do that day but talk to them. She was intuitive in her approach to students’ issues and campus problems, and her judgments, especially about people, were unerring. She knew the difference between a mountain and a molehill, and she didn’t waste a lot of time on trivial matters. She was always good in a crisis, calm and decisive.

Erica was notoriously forgiving of student mistakes. As a disciplinarian, she had a strong moral sense, acting on what she felt was right. She always slept on a decision, and often reversed herself if what was decided the day before didn’t feel right. She didn’t worry about consistency, and she could be accused at times of inconsistency. But she knew that, in the words of Emerson, “the journey of the best ship is a zigzag of a hundred tacks. See the line from a sufficient distance, and it straightens itself to the average tendency.”

She went to only one conference a year—the New England Deans meeting. She was the only woman there, and she more than held her own. The other deans—all powerful, authoritative men—liked her and respected her. She held her own here at Middlebury, too. At meetings of the president’s staff, up there in the imposing Old Chapel Room, Erica would offer her point of view, and Olin Robison, the president, would sigh and say, “Oh, Erica.” She would respond, “No, really, Olin,” and he would do it her way.

Erica earned the everlasting admiration of those who worked with her, never more so than in the difficult year of 1978, when Bruce was diagnosed with brain cancer and died. Every day that year, Erica came to work and dealt with matters that required great reserves of patience and empathy. We were awed, and our loyalty and admiration were cemented. We waited for her to crash, but she never did.

Erica was strong.

That powerful model will stay with us. Erica is not defined by a long list of singular achievements. Her gift to us is in the way she lived her life and went about her work from day to day, with strength and generosity of spirit and integrity. I join all of you, I know, in being grateful for the life of Erica Wonnacott.
Welcome Back, Ngawang!

When the Chinese government arrested Ngawang Choephel in 1995 for alleged espionage, a close friend explained that “he was doing what his education at Middlebury College taught him to do—scholarly research.” He was filming the traditional music and dance of his native Tibet.

For six years, Choephel languished in Chinese and Tibetan prisons, while his friends back in Vermont and around the world worked for his release. Amnesty International, the Vermont delegation of the U.S. Congress, Tibetan advocacy groups, the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, and Middlebury’s chapter of Students for a Free Tibet were just some of the voices raised in protest over his detention. On January 20, 2002, one month before President Bush was scheduled to visit China, Choephel was released on a medical parole, his health seriously depleted by the poor conditions under which he had been held.

A scant four weeks later, looking worn but determined, Choephel strode to the microphone at a College reception being held in his honor and thanked the standing-room-only crowd for the College community’s help in gaining his release. “You make Middlebury a place that I will always hold in warm regard,” he said. “Thank you very much for the hard work you have done.”

Although Choephel grew up in India, his Tibetan heritage (his family fled from Tibet when he was two) informed his interests and ultimately led him back to his homeland. He studied traditional Tibetan music and joined the Tibetan Institute of Performing Arts in Dharamsala.

In 1993, Choephel came to Middlebury on a Fulbright scholarship to study and teach ethnomusicology. Two years later, with travel documents issued by Chinese authorities in India, he entered Tibet to conduct his research. “It was entirely my decision to go into Tibet,” he said at the Middlebury reception. “I had no other mission … except to research and document Tibetan traditional music for my project.”

Choephel’s safe return was Middlebury’s project, and faculty and students danced and sang at the reception in celebration of his release.
NEWSMAKERS

EXEMPLARY!
Daniel Scharstein, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science, is this year's recipient of the Perkins Award for Excellence in Teaching. The award is given each year to an outstanding member of the College's natural sciences division. It rotates annually between the mathematics/computer science faculty and the laboratory science faculty and is awarded on the basis of students' evaluations of the teacher.

BERNINGHAUSEN HONORED
The first endowed professorship in the Chinese department will be created through a gift of $1.5 million from Kathleen O'Connor Truscott '83 and William F. "Ted" Truscott '83. The gift honors John D. Berninghausen, Charles A. Dana Professor of Chinese.

"We chose to honor John Berninghausen because of his commitment to excellent teaching, his ability to expand the mind, and his courage in establishing a Chinese language program at Middlebury in 1976. I owe my global view of the world largely to John, and I am indebted to him for teaching me about a fascinating region," said Ted Truscott.

SUPER BOWL THEORY
Professor of Economics Paul Sommers’s research on the Super Bowl theory of stock market behavior was recently cited in both the Wall Street Journal and the Boston Globe. The theory is that if a team from the original National Football League wins the title, the stock market increases for the rest of the year. If a team from the old American Football League wins, the market goes down.

If the theory holds true, this year's upset Super Bowl victory by the New England Patriots should signal a declining market. But Sommers notes that the predictive power of the Super Bowl has declined precipitously in the last decade, falling from 82 percent accuracy to less than 50 percent. "Reading the sports page now is not going to make it any easier to read economic tea leaves," he concludes.

GIVING PEACE A CHANCE
Middlebury ranks second on an annual list of all small colleges and universities producing Peace Corps volunteers. (A small college is defined as one with fewer than 5,000 undergraduates.) In the Peace Corps’ 41-year history, 382 Middlebury alumni have joined its worldwide effort, and 22 are currently serving in the organization.

In a letter to President John M. McCarrick, Jr., Peace Corps Chief of Staff Lloyd O. Pierson wrote, "The important role these students play in promoting hope, opportunity, and freedom cannot be underestimated in this time of adversity."

Escola Portuguesa

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE has established a new Portuguese School which will open in the summer of 2003 with approximately 30 students. Undergraduate language instruction will be offered in a seven-week program on three levels. The College also plans to offer beginning Portuguese during the 2002-03 academic year and hopes to have study-abroad opportunities in Brazil beginning in 2003.

Although Portuguese is the world's sixth most commonly spoken language, at present there is only one summer program in the U.S. devoted exclusively to its study. The Portuguese School will be Middlebury's ninth language school and the first summer program added since the Arabic School was inaugurated in 1982.

The College has also announced new study-abroad programs for students of other foreign languages. New immersion programs have been arranged at the University of Ferrara, Italy (fall 2001), the University of Poitiers, France (spring 2002), and the Freie Universität, Berlin (October 2002). In addition, Middlebury will begin sending students to a new School in Latin America in August 2002, with sites in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Montevideo, Uruguay. A possible school in China (Hangzhou) is also being discussed.

A RARE TREASURE
AMONG SOME 19,000 VOLUMES housed in Middlebury's Abernethy Library of American Literature is Henry David Thoreau's very own copy of his masterpiece, Walden; or, Life in the Woods, with his numerous hand-written annotations. This priceless volume was part of the original collection of American literature bequeathed to the College in 1923 by Julian W. Abernethy, Class of 1876.
A Gift to Advance Global Understanding

Middlebury College recently received a gift of $1 million from the Felix and Elizabeth Rohatyn Foundation to create an endowment for the Center for International Affairs, which will be renamed the Rohatyn Center for International Affairs. The center's mission is to provide opportunities for students to explore international issues through direct interaction with academic experts and policy makers, and the endowment will enable the center to bring more international leaders, scholars, and businesspeople to campus.

Felix Rohatyn '49 was the United States ambassador to France from 1997 to 2001. Prior to his appointment as ambassador, he was a managing director of the investment bank Lazard Freres and Company in New York. He also served for many years as chairman of the Municipal Assistance Corporation of the City of New York.

The gift was announced by Acting President Ronald D. Liebowitz, who said, "This generous gift will make it possible for our faculty and students to engage the most pressing international issues by interacting with leaders whose work is directly related to those issues. It is an honor for the College to have the name of such an accomplished and respected alumnus on this vital and stimulating center."

Say Good-bye, Say Hello

WARM WINTER with little snow didn't bode well for Middlebury's midyear graduation ceremony and the traditional ski-down at the Snow Bowl. Fortunately, a storm delivered snow just in time, and Saturday, February 2, turned into a beautiful day for more than 100 graduating Febs.

The students attended a ceremony at Mead Chapel, where they received replicas of Gamaliel Painter's cane and heard addresses by President John M. McCardell, Jr., and their classmate Jared W. Miller. "As kids we are asked what we want to be when we grow up," Miller observed. "We are trained to interpret certain jobs and experiences as success itself. However, the most important aspects of our lives are not those things, but the person behind them."

In the afternoon the Febs assembled at the Snow Bowl, dressed in traditional caps and gowns (decorated in some cases with leis, tinsel, and stuffed animals). They rode the lift to the top of the slope and then skied down in a ragged procession to the cheers of family and friends.

Just four days later, 106 new Febs checked in at a welcome center in Proctor Hall, where they were warmly greeted by an enthusiastic team of Feb orientation leaders. "I am so psyched that they are here," observed Peter "Brick" Abrukian '04, who was part of the welcoming team. He could have been speaking for the entire campus.

All Americans

Nine athletes on Middlebury's winter sports teams have been honored as first- or second-team All Americans:

**MEN'S HOCKEY**
- Christian Carlson '02 (first team)
- Matt Dunn '02 (first team)
- Kevin Cooper '04 (second team)
- Ryan Constantine '02 (second team)

**WOMEN'S HOCKEY**
- Catherine Elkins '02 (first team)
- Amber Neil '03 (second team)

**INDOOR TRACK**
- Michela Adrian '03 (first team)

**MEN'S DIVING**
- Derek Chicarilli '02

**ALPINE SKIING**
- John Rusten '05

Photograph by Bob Handelman
Sports Shorts

R THE FIRST TIME in many seasons we don’t have a national championship to write about. Since Middlebury has garnered 15 NCAA championships in the past seven years, perhaps no championship trophy is a story in itself. Trophies notwithstanding, league and individual successes over the past few months have been impressive.

The men’s swimming and diving team won the NESCAC championships—the first time in 35 years that Williams did not win the NESCAC men’s title. Grayson Stuntz ’02 picked up two first-place finishes and set two NESCAC meet records. The team of Stuntz, Scott Strickler ’02, Mike Malloy ’02, and Matt Clark ’04 set a NESCAC record in the 200 medley relay, and diver Derek Chicarilli ’02 earned first place in both the one-meter and three-meter diving events. Chicarilli was selected as the NESCAC diver of the year and senior high-point winner for scoring the most points in diving over the past four years. Panther head coach Peter Solomon was named NESCAC swimming coach of the year, and diving coach Lisa Gibbs was selected as the diving coach of the year for the third consecutive year.

The men’s and women’s hockey teams both entered postseason play ranked number one in Division III. The women’s team enjoyed another stellar season but suffered its first Division III loss in seven years to a hustling Manhattanville squad. The team fell in the NESCAC semifinals to Williams 2-1, ending an 86-game unbeaten streak in Division III home games. The Panther women had a tough opening round. That win set up the third game of the year with cross-state rival Norwich as Middlebury hosted the 2002 NCAA championship weekend. The teams had split their regular season games with one victory each, but this time Norwich handed the Panthers a 5-2 loss. The squad finished with a school record for wins (26-2-1), while Kevin Cooper tied Middlebury’s single-season record with 28 goals.

Other news: The women’s swim team competed at the NCAA championships and placed 30th out of 62 teams. The women’s indoor track team competed in the ECAC championships at Tufts, finishing 21st out of 74 teams. Michela Adrian ’03 went on to represent the Panthers at the NCAA national championships in Ohio, finishing fourth in the 5000 meter run.

The alpine and nordic ski teams competed at the NCAA in Anchorage, Alaska, finishing 11th out of 23 teams.

The women’s basketball team saw its 11-game winning streak come to an end with a loss to Bowdoin in the NESCAC championship game. The team finished the season 22-5 overall, and Megan McCosker ’02 was named NESCAC defensive player of the year for the second straight season.

The Panther men’s basketball team posted an 11-13 season record and a 3-6 record in NESCAC play.

The women’s squash team ended its season with a sixth-place finish in flight “B” of the Howe Cup hosted by Yale. The team’s final record was 13-8.

—Kelly Kerner

Coach Peter Solomon told his swimmers he’d shave his head if they won the NESCAC men’s championships. They did, and the coach immediately acquired a striking new look.
The Emerald Isle
A late-season snowstorm is no problem for lacrosse players on the artificial surface of Middlebury's Peter Kohn Field.

Photograph by Paul O. Boisvert
Clean Your Plate

LIFE AT THE OTHER END OF THE FOOD CHAIN

BY KIM ASCH

GLAD IN APRON AND RUBBER GLOVES, dishroom volunteer Eleanor Tutwiler '03 is getting her first glimpse of the dinner period from the perspective of the people who routinely clean up after her. She doesn't like what she sees.

The dirty supper dishes coming from Proctor and Freeman International Center (FIC) dining hall are laden with untouched food, the kind of fare found on the menu of a snazzy restaurant: whole filets of salmon with dill sauce; slabs of lamb zinfandel; heaps of field greens, sesame noodles, and fresh guacamole. Many are covered with stacks of unused napkins, inexplicably bound for the trash can. "I'm definitely learning how much food and napkins people waste," says Tutwiler, her nose wrinkling.

Tutwiler is one of about a dozen volunteers working tonight for the Dishwashing Project, a new staff appreciation initiative. Once every two weeks, staff members from both dining halls are given a paid evening off while students, faculty, and administrators volunteer to take their places. The goal is to "build a better, less stratified, more respectful Middlebury College Community," and to "learn what it's like to make our school work on a day-to-day basis," explain Leda Smith and Oren Frey, two enlightened seniors who cooked up the idea.

Both had noticed a certain carelessness among their peers who, they say, rely on "nameless, faceless" College employees to scour the bathrooms.
join them in the cafeteria revolves past her. "It's like on
and administrators interested in shoulder-to-shoulder, using
and landscaping. In
three hours, we had 7.5 positive
have signed up to work as a
enough to you."
"But," adds Smith, also an
timeframe is a
In the fall, the pair pro-
MCardell that all students be
for the first
It really isn't volunteer
work anymore if you require
If people do it because they want to, that's
the purest form of contribution, I think," MCardell told
the Addison Independent, a local newspaper that covered
the project's kickoff. "I couldn't support the effort being a
requirement, but I thought that joining them in the cafeteria
would be an added incentive for students to volunteer."
Support for the project has been overwhelming. "Within
three hours, we had 75 positive e-mails" from students, faculty,
and administrators interested in helping out, Smith says. Social
houses signed up to wash, as
did the environmental-interest
workload hits its peak between
6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. "When
you regularly feed 1,200
people, it can get tough."
By 6:30 p.m., some of the
rookies are finding it difficult
to keep up. "This is definitely
can get tough."
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rookies are finding it difficult
to keep up. "This is definitely
harder than it looks," says Anya
Puri '88, director of Alumni
and Parent Programs, who is
stationed in the Proctor dish-
room, trying to empty a multi-
tiered carousel of dirty plates,
cups, and cutlery before it
revolves past her. "It's like on I
Love Lucy, when she gets stuck
on the candy assembly line."
Puri and several colleagues
from College Advancement
have signed up to work as a
team tonight. Four of them are
shoulder-to-shoulder, using
spatulas to scrape the food off
the plates into a long narrow
trough in front of them. (It
takes about two volunteers to
do the job of one experienced
dishroom staffer.) "I may be
seeing the bad end of the food,
but it's clearly better than
when I was here," says Puri,
recalling that waste was also a
problem back in the mid-'80s.
While she was an undergrad-
uate, some students created a
massive sculpture entirely out
of the food left on plates to get
the point across.
Back in FIC, student vol-
unteers are earnest, smiling—
and slightly disgusted. Tutwiler
Regular staff members
who remain on duty for
tonight's shift—the paid night
off rotates among employees,
so that each will have a couple
of breaks by the end of the
semester—give the volunteers
high marks. "They're doing
good," says Donna Blaise, a six-
year veteran of the dishroom.
Russell Hult, her supervisor,
adds, "They come in with
smiles on their faces and such a
positive attitude. They're so
gung-ho and so organized."
Volunteers remain enthusi-
astic about the project after
their shifts are over—even if
their feet and backs are a little
sore. "I had such a fun and
rewarding time giving some-
one a paid night off. I think
other people should appreciate
this opportunity and take
advantage of it in order to give
something back to those who
make our lives run more
smoothly," senior Ken Mullane
wrote to Frey and Smith after
the first night of the dishwash-
ing project.
"By the end of the four
hours, I had a newfound
respect for everyone who
works at Proctor," wrote
Corinne Balint '04. "I now
smile and say hi to the workers
who showed me how to wash
dishes, and I think twice about
leaving so much unfinished
food on my plate."
Mission accomplished? Not quite. Frey and Smith
would like to expand the effort
to include other departments.
"I feel like the potential on
this campus is huge," Smith
says.

Kim Ash, a freelance writer
in Vermont, is managing editor
of The Hill, the magazine of
Western Maryland College.
Climbing the Wall

State-of-the-Art Rock Leaves No Holds Barred

By Trent Nutting '02

Stomach-thumping techno bass throbs while students clad in Lycra and tank tops or baggy hospital pants and ragged T-shirts twist their bodies into amoeba-like configurations. They cling and grimace and flex sinewy arms as they clamber up and across four stories of fake rock face. Some move slowly, deliberately, assuredly, while others scramble. Some are guys and some are girls. But all are here for the same reason: to shrug off gravity's laws as they test themselves on Middlebury's new climbing wall.

Completed in January by a crew of workers from the Oregon-based company Entre Prises, the climbing facility in newly renovated Nelson Recreation Center has pumped student rockhounds with a newfound energy for the sport. The old wall in Fletcher Field House wasn't a whole lot of fun. It was an angled plywood structure jammed into the corner of the building and surrounded by safety nets. The safety nets weren't there to keep climbers...
The new facility's colossal size of 2,000 square feet allows nearly 30 climbers to work on the wall simultaneously; whereas, the old wall could handle only several climbers at a time. “In Fletcher,” says Wessler, “you always felt on display. There would be three people climbing and 12 watching. It was tough to focus on the intricacies of technique with so many distractions.”

Now, if anyone is standing around, they’re probably gathering the mettle to tackle a particularly difficult route, or perhaps giving their fingers and legs and arms a much-needed rest before tackling the rock one more time.

When climbers, novice or expert, talk about the appeal of their sport, their expression changes. It’s as though they’re looking somewhere else, remembering every inch of rock that they’ve pulled their body over, feeling again the scrapes and bruises endured in days or years of climbing. They’ll describe the places they’ve traveled to in search of new rocks to climb and tell stories of the people they met there. Most of the time, though, the discussion will turn to the topic of movement, because in climbing, movement is the thing. The best climbers, the most graceful and efficient and elegant climbers, have a way of turning gravity from law into mere suggestion. Watching as they dance skyward, one is tempted to think, if only for a moment, that the natural way of things is up.

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The Media's New Bias
HAS THE DRIVE FOR DIVERSITY DAMAGED AMERICAN JOURNALISM?

BY SARAH VAN ARSDALE

IT WASN'T LONG AGO that every medium-sized city in America had its own daily paper—sometimes two competing papers, morning and evening. And those papers were owned by local news magnates who hired and fired and reported as they saw fit. The only women contributing to the papers were writing clever recipe columns on the Friday “Women’s Pages,” and the only black reporters were freelancers brought in to write about “the race question.”

Journalism has changed over the past 20 years, and newspapers' circulation numbers have dropped with the advent of more television news, a decline in interest in reading, and the growing might of national news conglomerates. In Coloring the News: How Crusading for Diversity Has Corrupted American Journalism (Encounter Books), William McGowan '78 suggests that there has been a decline in quality news reporting as well, due in large part to the way in which news organizations have pushed for diversity among their staff and in their reporting.

It isn’t that McGowan, a regular contributor to the Wall Street Journal and a fellow at the Manhattan Institute, is opposed to diversity, or that he thinks we should go back to the days when news was reported almost exclusively by and about white men. “Given the industry’s past sins of racial, ethnic, and cultural exclusion, the steps it has taken to enhance minority representation in newsrooms and in news coverage represent a worthy, overdue, and historical-ly necessary effort,” he emphasizes. “But after nearly a decade of monitoring how the nation’s most important news organizations cover these issues, I would say that the drive for greater diversity has failed to yield better journalism, and that this has negative implications for American society’s growth as a multicultural society.”

McGowan’s argument in Coloring the News is gripping, no matter which side of the diversity question you’re on. He presents his case with the kind of in-depth, considered, and thorough reporting you’d expect from a seasoned journalist. And his reporting here is tinged with a bit of the “gratuitous cynicism, brash iconoclasm, and ready impertinence” that he says was once a hallmark of good journalism—a healthy cynicism which, he charges, has been all but obliterated by the surging call for diversity.

The result of that call, ironically, has been a new bias in journalism, one that at first glance seems to favor people of color, gays, and women, but in actuality serves no one. As one example of this bias, McGowan cites the reporting of the murder of Matthew Shepherd, the young gay man whose body was found tied to a fence in Wyoming in the fall of 1998—a murder that fueled the push for hate-crimes legislation across the country. This murder was covered nationally in no fewer than 3,007 stories, including a cover story in Time magazine.

McGowan juxtaposes this coverage with the 46 stories that were published about the 1999 rape and murder of a 13-year-old Arkansas boy named Jesse Dirkhising. He attributes the relative paucity of report-
ing on that case to the fact that the boy was murdered by two gay men.

News organizations contacted by McGowan about this disparity said that they didn’t report on the Dirkhising story because it didn’t have national consequences the way the Shepherd story did. But, McGowan writes, “No one admitted the obvious: that the Dirkhising story was too hot to handle because it raised the explosive issue of gay pedophilia and because it threatened the sanctity of the gays-as-victims script which had attained the status of holy writ in the media.”

In other words, both the murders of Shepherd and Dirkhising were tragic and horrifying, but the current bias in the press allowed reporters to ignore one story while thoroughly covering the other. This really isn’t any advance over the days when the Dirkhising murder would have been splashed across the news and the Shepherd murder would have been buried on the back page.

Throughout the book, McGowan also acknowledges the equally damaging bias that predominated in the press until recently. In a chapter titled “Gay and Feminist Issues,” he reminds the reader of the 1960s, when Time magazine “called a same-sex orientation ‘a pathetic little second-rate substitute for reality, a pitiable flight from life.’”

“Once the most vital force in America’s political life, news organizations have forfeited their leadership role,” writes McGowan. “Today, many of them... seem stuck behind the ideological curve, wedded to a rigid view of diversity that the general citizenry finds both irrelevant and suspect.”

**NOTEWORTHY**

> **IF YOU’VE EVER WONDERED WHETHER TO GIVE TETRACYCLINE BY INJECTION OR BY MOUTH, OR IF YOU’D LIKE A RUNDOWN ON THE SYMPTOMS OF RIVER BLINDNESS, WHERE THERE IS NO DOCTOR: A VILLAGE HEALTH CARE HANDBOOK** (Shama Books: Addis Ababa) is the book for you. Edited by **DR. RICHARD HODGES ’75**, it is intended specifically for village health care workers in Ethiopia, where proper medical information is often desperately needed and frighteningly scarce. For the more casual reader, Hodes, along with authors David Werner, Carol Thuman, Jane Maxwell, and Andrew Pearson, provides a fascinating look at health care in Ethiopia, with information about which folk remedies truly work, which don’t, and how to treat everything from cobra bites to menstrual cramps.

Perhaps most affecting is the concrete information about treating and preventing malnutrition, chronic diarrhea, typhoid fever, and other common health problems for the people of Ethiopia, a country where the average life expectancy is 43 years and 140,000 children are infected with HIV.

In the past 40 years, we’ve seen the child-rearing pendulum swing from the spare-the-rrod-and-foil-the-child approach, which often made children afraid to speak out loud, to a free-wheeling, no-rules freedom that leaves many bewildered and unsure of themselves. There must be a better way—which brings us to Positive Pushing, a theory developed by **JIM TAYLOR ’81** who believes that by pushing children carefully, paying attention to their needs and abilities, one can help them to grow into more accomplished, successful adults.

In **Positive Pushing: Raise Your Child to Be Successful and Happy** (Hyperion Press, New York), Taylor lays out the “Three Pillars of Successful Achievers”—self-esteem, ownership, and emotional mastery—which can help children to make the transition to confident and capable adulthood. Taylor knows that raising a “successful and happy” child isn’t easy, and the book is peppered with “red flags” to warn parents when they might be drifting off course. These include “Punishment Exceeds the Crime,” “Taking on Your Child’s Responsibilities,” and “Overmatching Your Child.”

> Anytime you start a novel with a character coming to a small island, you’ve got a good book going, and **KATHERINE TOWLER’S** (M.A. English ’84) *Snow Island* (MacAdam/Cage Publishing) is no exception. From the opening pages, when George Tibbits steps from the ferry for his annual stay on the island, we’re drawn into the tale, and we wonder how his life will intersect with that of 16-year-old islander Alice Daggett. Perched precariously on the cusp of adulthood, Alice is haunted by questions about her father, who died six years earlier.

Set in 1941, this book is saturated with the details of its time and place, with quahogging buckets, sandy beaches, and boats lost to hurricanes. The feeling of being on a small New England island is palpable: “The start of the season was marked by the morning George Tibbits stepped from the ferry, blinking at the light. He came to Snow each year on a warm day when you could smell the water after the locked-in months of winter, when the air was thick with the clotted scent of mud and salt and dried seaweed.”

> For all our fascination with the lives of stars, we rarely get a chance to hear actors reflecting on the details of their work and their lives. The *Actor’s Art: Conversations with Contemporary American Stage Performers*, edited by **RICHARD A. DAVISON ’56** and Jackson R. Bryer (Rutgers University Press), presents interviews with 17 actors ranging from Jessica Tandy, who made her stage debut in 1927, to relative newcomers such as Nathan Lane. Through the actors’ own words, the reader gets a new perspective on their work and on what it means to be an actor.

> In **Roman Holidays: American Writers and Artists in Nineteenth-Century Italy** (University of Iowa Press), **LELAND S. PERSON ’69** and Robert K. Martin bring together 12 essays on writers and artists, including Nathaniel Hawthorne, Henry James, and Margaret Fuller. Hawthorne’s novel *The Marble Faun* provides a central focus for the book, and rightly so, considering the influence it had on readers of the time. But this is more than a gloss on that one novel; the writers examine the ways in which travel to Italy enabled Americans to break free of the expectations imposed by society back home. “Being on holiday in Europe, much like going into the ‘wilderness’ for earlier generations of American explorers and travelers, offered both opportunities and danger,” the editors write in the introduction.
Building a Better College

IT’S NOT THE STRUCTURES, BUT THE PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS THAT WILL FILL THEM

BY RONALD D. LIEBOWITZ

The February meeting of the Middlebury Board of Trustees was among the most significant in recent memory. The board approved not one but two major projects: the new library, to be located on the site vacated by the “deconstructed” Science Center, and Atwater Commons, a complex of residential buildings and a dining hall that will be located on the north side of the campus, behind the Château.

The Board of Trustees’ bold decision reaffirms the College’s commitment to the most fundamental goals of a residential liberal arts college: to ignite a passion for learning that will last a lifetime; to create venues in which a diverse body of students and faculty can pursue that passion together; to offer multiple opportunities for students to grow into leaders; and to foster social relations built on respect for individuals and community.

The new library, in spite of its traditional name, will offer our students and faculty much more than a traditional library and will serve as the intellectual and academic centerpiece of the campus. Planning for this facility took more than seven years, but the process allowed us to consider carefully the major questions facing the future of college libraries.

Many of those questions had to do with the impact of the increasing digitalization and accessibility of information. How will new information technology influence the amount of space we will need to house our collection, and how is that space likely to be used in 2004 and beyond? There are no simple answers to these questions, but our planning committee, after visits to many colleges and discussions with many library specialists, arrived at what we believe are responsible yet flexible assumptions for our new facility. Although cost containment factored into many decisions about the building’s design and program, the central consideration was always the nature of our teaching and learning environment.

First and foremost, the new library will provide the venues in which multiple kinds of learning and inquiry will flourish, both supporting what goes on in the classroom and fostering independent research. It will offer more than 700 seats, all of them equipped with power and data connections. There will be traditional reading rooms, quiet study areas, assisted-learning stations, student-carrel suites, group-study rooms for collaborative work, faculty-study rooms, a 24-hour study area, and a media-development laboratory. Teaching spaces will include electronic classrooms, a 30-seat “smart” lecture hall, a Web-conference seminar room, and the College Writing Center.

The library program accommodates the rapidly changing way in which information is stored, accessed, and utilized in teaching and scholarship. The program will be prepared to offer “wireless” services throughout. Yet, and probably most important, the new library’s program assumes that human interaction is essential to the learning process. Students and faculty will be well supported by staff from Library and Information Services (LIS), a new entity now being formed through a merger of staff from Starr Library and from Information Technology Services, with a singular mission to provide the best access to information in all its forms.

Starr Library has served the College well for the past 102 years and remains dear to scores of alumni, faculty, and staff. Yet Starr’s infrastructure could not support the kinds of opportunities a liberal arts college of the twenty-first century must offer its students and faculty. Current plans call for Starr to be renovated for use as a major academic building, thereby retaining its link to the College’s core mission.

The Atwater Commons project also speaks to the importance of human interaction in extending the educa-
sional experiences of our students. The new residence halls will provide mostly senior housing to complement the existing first-year, sophomore, and junior living options in Atwater Commons’ other residence halls—Allen, Coffrin, and the Château. This mix of housing will ensure that seniors, who often look toward a more independent style of living as they prepare for their transition into the “real world,” will want to live on campus and will thus be able to offer their maturity and experience to the Commons and the social life of the College as a whole.

Atwater Commons, like the library, is more about human relationships and learning than the physical infrastructure that the buildings will provide. While additional beds would be necessary in any case to accommodate the planned expansion of the student body, we have chosen to configure our residential spaces into five Commons, each with approximately 425 to 475 students. This arrangement offers students small-scale communities in which to develop meaningful relationships with fellow students, with faculty, and with staff. These communities will balance the kinds of academic and social interaction that take place daily within the larger College community.

In the more intimate Commons environment, students can continue discussion of issues and ideas that arise in classes; enjoy special dinners that bring them into closer contact with faculty, guest lecturers, and artists; develop a sense of community through participation in intramural athletics or volunteer work organized through the Commons; or engage in other activities that can be better done on a smaller scale than that of the campus as a whole.

For those who are unfamiliar with the structure of our new residential system, we have five Commons, each led by a senior faculty member, called a faculty head of Commons. The primary role of the faculty heads of Commons is to help students establish an atmosphere in their Commons that promotes learning in its broadest definition: learning about a range of academic subjects, learning about others, learning students’ residence halls. The dean plays a major role in the daily lives of our students, advising them on a variety of issues and serving as the contact person for faculty who might have questions or concerns about a student’s performance in class. The continuity provided by an ongoing connection between students and their Commons dean, who may know them for their entire four years at Middlebury, has already proven to be an invaluable feature of the system.

Ultimately, these new buildings will help us to create a seamless academic and residential experience.

The faculty heads and the deans are assisted by student junior counselors (JCs) and resident assistants (RAs) and by Commons resident assistants (CRAs), who are recent graduates. The JCs, RAs, and CRAs live in the Commons and support our students in many ways—providing advice on class selection, helping students to cope with stress, or helping them identify the services provided in such offices as the Counseling Center, the Health Center, and Academic Support. The Commons community ensures that students know the people who can help them, and those people know them.

The addition of 150 beds through the Atwater project will not only improve the quality of our residence halls, it will also bring the College closer to its targeted enrollment goal of 2,350. A larger enrollment will in turn permit us to recruit and hire the remaining 15 of 30 new faculty positions that were part of the College’s strategy for growth, approved by the Board of Trustees in 1995. These faculty positions, many of them in emerging fields and interdisciplinary areas, add energy and imagination to the curriculum and cocurricular programs, while helping to ensure the close student-faculty interaction that defines the residential liberal arts college experience.

Ultimately, these new building projects are not simply structures in which to house books or house students; they are environments that will help to create a seamless academic and residential experience. The library will help every student to make the connection he or she needs—with a book, a Web site, a research librarian, a student tutor, or a professor. Atwater Commons will make each student part of a community that offers intellectual stimulation, advice, support, and opportunities to become a leader of the community.

One of our faculty heads, Professor Stephen Donadio, likes to say that his job is to make sure that “no student leaves Middlebury without have the chance to sample everything it has to offer.” These new projects will continue expanding the range of possibilities that Middlebury offers, while ensuring that this remains a place where every opportunity is within reach and every person within call.

Ronald D. Liebowitz is Middlebury’s acting president.
Posse students and friends at the program's annual Posse Plus retreat in February 2002.
Thenia Fischer wasn’t thinking about making connections when she first set foot in Vermont on a chilly day in April 2000. The 18-year-old high school senior had lived in Brooklyn most of her life, but she had come north on the bus to visit the College where she would be enrolling in the fall. As Fischer peered out of the bus window, the first thing she noticed was the cemetery at the southern edge of campus. Not a good sign, she thought. Then she looked around at the students wearing shorts in the freezing cold and wondered what was wrong with them. She recalled the pungent smell of cow manure that had drifted into the bus on the ride into town. “It was like the twilight zone,” she said. When Fischer walked into an orientation session in the gym, she sat down on the floor and cried.

College culture shock is not unusual. Students who don’t attend the elite private high schools that supply Middlebury with many of its undergraduates often feel academically and socially ill equipped when they arrive on campus. Those from big-city public schools feel it doubly; they’re used to living among so many different kinds of people that no one is a minority, and when they come to Middlebury, which is 80 percent white, it’s as though they’ve landed in another country. Fischer, who is black, says that when classes started in September, she felt “like an outcast.”

Had she come to Middlebury on her own, Fischer might have become discouraged and transferred to a larger school. But she wasn’t on her own, thanks to a partnership that Middlebury established three years ago with the Posse Foundation. This nonprofit group, based in New York City, recruits student leaders from urban public high schools and sends them to college in multicultural teams, or posses. There are usually 10 students selected for each Posse—Fischer is a member of Middlebury’s second Posse, known

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as Posse 2—and they spend the better part of their senior year in high school getting to know one another. Once they get to college, they function as a support group, complete with weekly meetings, an annual off-campus retreat, and a faculty mentor. They help one another to navigate the social and academic challenges of the “twilight zone” Fischer experienced.

Middlebury currently has three Posses—29 students—and next year will have four, one in each class. Each Posse student has earned a highly competitive scholarship that covers 75 percent of the College’s comprehensive fee. Some qualify for additional grant aid as well. And because they come from New York City public schools, many of them, but not all, are minorities.

While the Posse scholars bring a measure of racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity to Middlebury College, Michael Schoenfeld, dean of enrollment planning, believes that their contribution is more profound than that. They are helping to “unite the campus,” he says. They have been selected not only for their academic potential, but also for their leadership skills. Part of the Posse Foundation’s mission is to help them hone those skills in high school, so they will arrive at college ready “to build relationships between disparate parts of the campus community,” says Janine Clooney, a math professor, director of Middlebury’s academic support office, and one of three Posse faculty mentors.

Simply put, these kids are activists and joiners, not loners. “They’re increasing the discussion of what it means to be different,” says Schoenfeld. “If we have 40 of these kids getting involved and speaking their minds, that’s at least 40 different organizations and a lot of classes that are more multicultural than they were before.”

Athenia Fischer, a sophomore, is a good example. She is copresident of the student group Women of Color, a member of the Ross Commons Council and the College Activities Board, and treasurer of both the African American Alliance and the Pan-Caribbean Student Organization. Another sophomore in Posse 2, Melissa Camilo, comes from the Washington Heights neighborhood of Manhattan. She has three campus jobs and plays on the basketball team. Sara Yun, a junior who was born in South Korea, has led a Girl Scout troop in town, and belongs to a tap-dancing group on campus. She is a member of Posse 1. So is Adam Cohen, whose parents are from Cuba; he wrestles in the intramural club and belongs to a campus literary society.

These students and their fellow Posse scholars naturally have mixed feelings about the role they are expected to play on campus. Sometimes they welcome the challenge of educating others as well as themselves. Other times it feels overwhelming. When Melissa Camilo went out for the basketball team, she got the impression that the rest of the team expected her to be a good player because her skin is dark. She also sensed that minority students outside the team were proud of her because she was the only player of color. “I was on the bench most of the time, but I think they felt like they were represented,” she says. Camilo quickly started to burn out from doing so much: the team, schoolwork, jobs. “But I couldn’t quit. Everyone was looking to me to succeed,” she says.

After the destruction of the World Trade Center towers in September, the Posse Foundation posted a letter on its Web site, directed in part to the scholars studying at its partner colleges and universities. It read: “You can help make life better on your campuses by continuing to work hard, continuing to get good grades, and continuing to take on leadership roles in your communities. We have total faith in you.”

This sense of responsibility is instilled in Posse scholars soon after they are selected for the program, usually in December of their senior year in high school. Starting in January and continuing through the summer, they attend weekly workshops that prepare them for the next four years. Study skills are part of the training, but the focus is mostly social: how to build teams, how to communicate across cultural boundaries, and how to make change happen on a college campus.

The Posse Foundation started in 1989, when Deborah Bial, then a youth counselor in New York City, had a conversation with a young man who’d dropped out of college. He told her that he
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Angela Boulart ‘03 grew up in Madrid, Spain. She started thinking about coming to Middlebury when she was in the ninth grade.

never would have left if he’d had his “posse” with him. That made sense to Bial. Who wouldn’t benefit from having good friends around to back them up in the face of new challenges? The foundation started out by sending five students from New York to Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. Today Posse students come from Boston and Chicago as well as New York; there are nearly 300 of them studying at 14 colleges and universities, including Bowdoin, Brandeis, Hamilton, and Carleton.

Each fall hundreds of high school seniors, recommended by their schools or community organizations, show up for a Posse meeting in Manhattan. Through role-playing exercises, group discussions, and individual interviews, Posse staff members look for kids who might get overlooked in a traditional admissions process, yet who are bright and articulate, work well in a team, interact easily with different kinds of people, and have the drive to succeed. The partner colleges and universities, together with Posse, make the final selections.

Schoenfeld, who graduated from Middlebury in 1973, says the admissions office was somewhat resistant at first. “What we knew was the age-old test of class rank, grades, and test scores,” he says. “Posse was saying, ‘Here are some new criteria.’” When the College started reviewing Posse applications, “some looked qualified in the traditional way, and some, on the surface, looked considerably less qualified than the standards we were used to,” Schoenfeld says. “It looked like there would be some risk involved.”

Adam Cohen, a friendly, athletically built junior with a dazzling smile, admits that he had to “learn the art of doing schoolwork” when he got to Middlebury. At Midwood High School in Brooklyn, he had spent most of his time playing sports. Sara Yun attended the Townsend Harris High School in Queens, a public school that accepts only 10 percent of the students who apply. She played softball and tennis, was a member of the debate team, worked on the school newspaper, took a variety of dance lessons, and studied Korean on Saturdays. Athenia Fischer came from the Science Skills Center School in Brooklyn. She was an informal den mother to the younger teenage girls on her block, taking them to an amusement park in the summer and buying them stockings to wear to church. At 16 she worked the night shift at McDonald’s.

If Middlebury took a risk with Posse, it was without question worth taking, Schoenfeld says. The College has been trying hard to attract more students of color while moving away from traditional affirmative-action policies. Posse, with its emphasis on teaching kids to reach out across racial, ethnic, and cultural lines, was a step in the right direction. “Diversity in the 1960s and 1970s meant affirmative action,” says Schoenfeld. “The thinking was, there’s a wrong that’s been committed against blacks, and we need
to right that wrong. Then, in the 1980s, diversity and affirmative action were more about competition. We needed more black faces so our numbers looked good compared with other colleges. In the 1990s and today, diversity has moved beyond number counting and doing social good. It's now about excellence. We cannot reach our full potential as an institution without being diverse.

Despite Middlebury's commitment to increasing diversity, many of the Posse scholars had never heard of the College before they got involved with Posse. Melissa Camilo wanted to go to Yale. Adam Cohen figured he would end up at SUNY-Binghamton or Penn State with a lot of other kids from his high school. Sara Yun’s father wanted her to go to Cornell or the University of Pennsylvania—schools with more Asian students like her.

Instead, the Posse scholars have had to adjust to a campus where there aren't a lot of students like them. It can be tough. Mike Schoenfeld recounts how one Posse scholar, a young woman, walked into the dining hall, looked around, and exclaimed, “Oh my God. I'm black!” There were some nonwhite students in the room, Schoenfeld points out, but she was feeling, for the first time, what it was like to be the minority in a majority culture.

There are cultural misunderstandings to deal with, too. Many of Camilo’s classmates “just can’t believe I got a good education at a public school in New York,” she says. “They ask me, ‘Were there gang越野 in your school? Did you have metal detectors?’” Sara Yun once attended a church service in town, and an older man came up to her afterward and asked if she was Korean. When she said yes, he announced that he had served in the Korean War. “What was I supposed to say?” she asks. “Was he expecting me to say thank you? I wasn’t even born then.”

W hen I was a student at MIDDLEBURY in the mid-1980s, there were only a few students of color on campus. Some had only white friends; others stuck together. There was a lot of sticking together on campus, but not necessarily the good kind. Different kinds of people didn’t mix much. Few of us took the chance of crossing over from one group to another.

The Middlebury College I remember is not the school it is today. It is, of course, still largely an institution of the white middle class, and students still naturally gravitate toward others like themselves. Yet there has been a perceptible shift in attitude.

There is no better illustration of this than the Posse Plus weekend retreat I attended in March 2001. Each of the Posse scholars had invited two or three acquaintances from campus—hence the “Plus.” Along with a few Middlebury administrators and faculty
members and their old Posse trainers from New York, they assembled at an inn in Rutland to share personal histories and talk about how they do or do not fit in on campus. It looked unlike any Middlebury gathering I had ever seen. Black, white, Latino, Asian, Arab, gay, straight, friends, strangers, trendy, geeky—all together, smiling and talking.

On Sunday morning, as the retreat was coming to an end, Ilona Lewyckyj, a Posse trainer, asked everyone to sit in a big circle. She called the Posse scholars into the center of the room and instructed everyone else to close their eyes. She told the Posses: “Tap three people you trust.” The students swiftly strode around the circle, resting their hands briefly on people’s shoulders or heads. “Tap three people who are smart,” Lewyckyj continued. Again, the students walked the circle. Then, a minute later, “Tap three people who are brave.” The people in the circle sat very still, some with their heads bent. The only sound was Lewyckyj’s voice and the swish of pants legs. For ten minutes, the list went on: “Tap three people you appreciate. Tap three people who changed your view. Tap three people you want to get to know better.”

Everyone sitting in the circle was getting tapped at least once or twice. The effect was powerful, like someone telling you for the first time that he or she loves you. Benny, a scruffy, gentle-looking student, sat with his chin in his hands, his dimples deepening each time he felt a hand on his disheveled head. Mike Schoenfeld had tears streaming down his cheeks. Janine Clookey pulled the scarf from around her neck and blew her nose on it. When Lewyckyj told the people in the circle that they could open their eyes, they did it slowly, as if they didn’t want the experience to end.

After I graduated from Middlebury in 1986, I began to think that my education had been missing something. I hadn’t encountered a lot of people who were different from me. I hadn’t learned much about reaching out to those who were. If I had to go to college again, I thought, I might choose a more diverse school.

After attending the Posse retreat, I changed my mind. When I mentioned this to Janine Clookey, she said she had experienced a similar change of heart. When she came to teach at Middlebury in 1984, she felt “uncomfortable in the institution.” Part Native American, she’d grown up in a working-class family in Buffalo, New York, and spent a lot of time on a nearby reservation. She felt isolated when she started her career in academia. But lately, she says, she has “learned to adore Middlebury.” Posse is part of the reason why. “Posse isn’t window dressing,” Clookey says. “It is a vision that is so real. It’s about opening doors to each other, becoming culturally competent. It’s not just a race thing, it’s an everybody thing: I learn about you, and you learn about me.”

A month or so after the retreat, the emotional intensity it generated is hard to detect on the surface of the campus. Mike Schoenfeld is back in his office, contemplating the big picture of Middlebury’s evolving multiculturalism. “It’s relative,” he says. “We are way more diverse than ever before, but we still have a way to go.” Meanwhile, the Posse scholars are just trying to get their papers written, study for exams, and pay off their book bills.

Underneath, though, powerful connections remain. While the scholars are individual students first—they don’t all live together, take the same classes, or hang out together every weekend—Posse is a source of strength when they need it. “At the end of the day, you’ve got each other,” explains Camilo.

That is a good thing to have when you are 20 years old and trying to find your way in a strange, new world without severing ties to your old one. Posse scholars work hard to appreciate both. Melissa Camilo had a tough time adjusting to the quiet of Middlebury after the noisy hustle-bustle of Washington Heights, so now she studies in the Grille, the campus eatery that rings with music and laughter. “I can’t concentrate without something in the background,” she says. On the other hand, Middlebury offers at least one thing that Washington Heights doesn’t. “I love stars,” Camilo explains. “But at home all I can see in the sky are the lights from buildings. Here, if I want to see stars, all I have to do is look.”

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Peter Schmitz, visiting professor of dance and theatre, shares a hug with Najia Lyles ’05 of New York City.
IN TALIBAN AFGHANISTAN

A PHOTOGRAPHER’S JOURNEY THROUGH A HARSH AND BEAUTIFUL LAND

PHOTOGRAPHS BY LUKE POWELL

In the fall of 2000, Vermont photographer Luke Powell went to Afghanistan to document mine-clearing operations taking place under the supervision of the United Nations. The Taliban granted him a visa, assigned an “adviser” to accompany him, and from August through October, he visited minefields throughout the southern part of the country. In November he went into the area controlled by the Northern Alliance, where he visited schools and camps for displaced persons in Badakshan and the Panjshir Valley.

This was not Powell’s first experience in Afghanistan. He had spent a considerable amount of time there in the 1970s, taking photographs for a collection he called The Afghan Folio. In that collection, he tried very hard to represent the country and the culture in a respectful way, showing Afghanistan as its own people would want it to be seen. It was because of this work that the Taliban allowed him to return.

Traveling with international aid organizations enabled Powell to go to places that he never could have reached on his own. Some of the villages he visited had not seen a Westerner for more than 20 years. He was always conscious of the danger posed by stray Taliban soldiers, who might not take the time to find out that he had permission to take photographs. “As I have gotten older, I have become better at this sort of thing. I work faster; I have experience shooting in Egyptian villages and Palestinian refugee camps behind me; and the white in my beard also helps,” he observes.

Whenever Powell visited a new village or minefield, the lame and the sick of all kinds were brought to see him. “I would tell them, ‘I’m terribly sorry, but I am not a doctor,’” he says. “I was never more aware that I do not have the gift of healing, unless I touch enough people with my pictures and this inspires them to take action to make things better.”

Luke Powell lives in Middlebury and has lectured at Middlebury College. His photographs have frequently appeared in this magazine. He is currently working with the United Nations Information Center in Afghanistan. You can view more of his work on the Internet at www.lukepowell.com.
In the ancient Near East and in Asia, where urban civilization began, there were always wild tribes from the desert or mountains waiting to swoop down and sack any settlement that had grown too weak to defend itself. Consequently, in Afghanistan, which has seen destruction countless times, houses are often built like small forts.
SUROBAY LAKE
This lake lies along the road between Jalalabad and Kabul, not far from the border with Pakistan. Most of Afghanistan is rugged and dry. Adases list the land area as 647,500 sq. km. (slightly smaller than Texas) and the water area as 0 sq. km. Only 12 percent of the land is arable, and only 3 percent is forested.

LITTLE GIRL, OLD MEN
When the photographer arrived in Khalawak with a team of deminers, at least a hundred people came out to the highway to greet them. Many were either amputees, very old, or small children. Concerned about having all these people clustered along the highway, Powell suggested moving into the village. No one responded, so he just started walking in that direction by himself, and soon the whole crowd followed. “We reached an open area, well beyond the highway,” he recalls. “I stopped, and some of the deminers arrived with village leaders, but still things were chaotic and people were a little tense. Then I sat down, and slowly everyone else did the same.”
Powell’s work with the demining team began in Kabul in the fall of 2000. Knowing that the Taliban was especially strict in that city, he was careful to shoot only subjects related to the demining operation. He usually had to shoot in a hurry, because the men with him were worried about the Taliban. The mosque behind the men and their trucks is across the street from the soccer stadium that the Taliban used for public executions.

Landmine Victim, Missing Hand
Powell was photographing a group of mine victims, all men and boys, near a cemetery in Kabul Province. “We were surrounded by dozens of their friends and brothers and curious passersby,” he remembers. “I stepped away from the group as I finished, to change film and to get out of the spotlight. Groups of women in burka and little girls had been passing by at a distance. Suddenly I noticed a woman who was intentionally coming toward me—not something that happened very often. She showed me the stump of her arm, and I realized that this courageous woman was also the victim of a mine.”
My Taliban Adviser

"I had a Taliban adviser with me for two months. We understood each other's situation, enjoyed each other's company, and were careful to work within limits," Powell says. This photo was taken at an austere Timurid mosque in a village called Ziratgah, located in the desert south of Herat. The Timurids are descendants of the fifteenth-century Mongol leader Timur Lenk, known in the West as Tamerlane. They built many of the great architectural monuments of Central Asia.

IDP Camp, Herat

Powell was actually standing in a roped-off minefield when he took this photograph of a large IDP (internally displaced persons) camp in Herat in western Afghanistan. The minarets and a small mausoleum in the background are all that remain of what was once one of the most imposing architectural complexes in Asia. It was blown up by the British in 1885 so it would not interfere with the defense of the city in the event of a Russian invasion of India.
These two mine victims live in a village in Kabul Province. "For every amputee one sees in Afghanistan, there was at least one other mine victim who died before reaching the hospital," Powell says.

Kites at Herat
"Before coming to Afghanistan, I had read that among the many things banned by the Taliban was the flying of kites. But on my first afternoon at Herat in October of 2000, I opened my window and counted 14 kites visible at that moment in one direction," Powell says. When the British destroyed the monuments of Herat, nine great minarets were left standing. Three have since fallen in earthquakes, and one was all but destroyed in recent fighting.
SUNRISE AT KANDAHAR

Kandahar Minefield

Kandahar was the home-base of the Taliban. Powell took photographs in and around the airport there and visited minefields on hilltops overlooking the town. “An orderly scatter of white-painted stones indicates that the area was a minefield that has now been cleared,” he explains. “Afghanistan is so poor that any signs that are put up will soon be hauled away for their materials.”

HERAT SUBURBS

“What I missed most, what has sadly changed in Afghanistan, is the number of animals that one sees day to day,” Powell says. “In the past there were camel trains marching through the boulevards and donkeys braying in the distance. Canaries and finches sang in small cages in hotel hallways, quail in dome-like wicker cages were carried by silk-robed men and little boys to barren hilltops at dawn, a pet pelican might live in the garden, and sheep were everywhere.”
Afternoon at Char Bagh
Herat is on a wide, gently rolling plain with distant mountains all around. "It is particularly breathtaking when seen from the distance, because the skyline is defined by the Friday Mosque, the Citadel, the minarets, and several other dramatic and historic features," Powell explains. These rise above a large expanse of low mud-brick buildings that look golden in the late afternoon sun. The entire valley is an oasis in the desert of Khorasan.

Boy with Henna
This young man was simply walking in a park in the town of Kirkot, Paktra Province, waiting for henna to stain his hair and hands. While Powell had to be careful about taking portraits, especially of women, boys were a safer subject.
**What Goes Around Comes Around**

Floyd Moreland ’64 has always loved playing the ponies (and a couple of camels, a lion, a tiger, and a donkey). They helped to pay for his college education and, as a retired classics professor, he remains devoted to them. The ponies are among the 58 hand-carved wooden animals that make up the carousel on Casino Pier in Seaside Heights, New Jersey.

As a boy, Moreland rode the carousel on summer vacations. Later, he took a summer job running the carousel. “I ran the carousel 16 hours a day, 7 days a week. I had a scholarship to Middlebury, and the $1.25 per hour in summer paid the bills. My dad passed away just prior to my high school graduation, so this was the only way I could go to college,” he says.

When he heard in 1983 that the carousel was to be sold, Moreland went to see it one last time. The sale fell through, and Moreland convinced the owners to let him refurbish the aging ride. The owners agreed, and with the help of friends, the carousel was restored. In 1986 it was named in Moreland’s honor, the Floyd L. Moreland Historic Carousel. He continues to this day as its curator and manager, overseeing its operation and the ongoing restoration.

**One Big Party**

To achieve her dream of making space a part of everyday life, Mila Pavek ’92 (M.A. Russian ’93) helped organize the world’s largest cosmic soirée—Yuri’s Night: The World Space Party—attended by more than 10,000 people in 40 countries and 90 cities.

The party, the second in what organizers hope will become an annual global celebration, was held on April 12. It marked the 41st anniversary of the first manned space flight by Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin.

Yuri Gagarin was the first human to see Earth from space and to realize its fragile beauty.

Yuri’s Night, just like the world Yuri observed from space, was without political boundaries. From Algeria to Vietnam, from Australia to Mexico, revelers partied together, using Internet broadcasts. They held private dinners and public bashes. Pavek estimated that the “flagship” event at the Museum of Flying in Santa Monica, California, brought in about 2,500 people, some wearing space suits and themed costumes. The entertainment included headliner DJs and high-tech space gizmos. Each location put its own spin on the party: some held symposiums, others drank Russian vodka and fired up the barbecue, but all toasted Yuri at midnight.

“It’s a movement to celebrate space,” Pavek commented. “It’s also the world’s best geek party.”
More Medals for Chris Waddell

Chris Waddell ’91 went home from the 2002 Paralympics at Salt Lake City in March with three new medals to add to an already impressive collection. He took a silver medal in the monoski downhill event, a bronze in the giant slalom, and another bronze in the slalom. Waddell, who was paralyzed below the waist in a skiing accident that occurred while he was a Middlebury student, is now a 12-time Paralympic medal winner. He won two silvers in 1992, four golds in 1994, and a gold and two silvers in 1998. He has also won three world championship gold medals and a host of other honors for competition in both skiing and wheelchair racing.

Keeping Good Company

Reuben Mark ’60, CEO of Colgate-Palmolive Co., was named one of the top 25 managers of the year by BusinessWeek magazine. “Total return to shareholders of 3,363 percent during his 17-year tenure is more than triple that of the S&P 500.” Also included in the list were Richard Fuld, Jr., CEO of Lehman Brothers and parent of Christine Fuld ’03; and L. Dennis Kozlowski, CEO of Tyco International Ltd., Middlebury College trustee, and father of two recent Midd grads, Cheryl Kozlowski ’96 and Sandra Kozlowski ’99.

Where Religion and Science Meet

The Metanexus Institute on Religion and Science, created by Dr. William (Billy) Grassie ’79, has received a $3 million grant from Sir John Templeton and the John Templeton Foundation to promote a continuing dialogue between scientists and theologians. Based in downtown Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Metanexus was founded in 1998 to study issues that overlap the borders of science and religion—issues raised by genetic research, cloning, biosciences, and computer technologies, for example. The institute has created an online magazine and discussion forum (www.metanexus.net), with more than five thousand regular subscribers in 57 countries, and it sponsors research, lectures, and conferences to encourage constructive engagement of science and religion throughout the world.

Greens Keeper

Adrian Benepe ’78 is the new commissioner of New York City’s Parks and Recreation Department. In announcing Benepe’s appointment in January, Mayor Michael Bloomberg observed, “Adrian is completely devoted to parks and has worked his way up the ranks, excelling at each opportunity.” In fact, Benepe’s first job with the Parks and Recreation Department was as a pushcart vendor in Central Park in 1976. After graduating from Middlebury, he became an urban parks ranger and then held a number of positions with the parks department, the New York Botanical Garden, and the Municipal Art Society. Now, as parks commissioner, he oversees 28,312 acres of parkland throughout the five boroughs, including all parks, stadiums, beaches, pools, playgrounds, and recreation facilities.

Meet the Press Secretary

Alumni returning to campus for reunion this spring will have an opportunity many journalists would relish. They will be able to hear and question White House Press Secretary Ari Fleisher ’82, who will be attending his 20th reunion. On Saturday morning, June 1, he will speak to a reunion audience and then open the floor for comments and questions. For any alum who has ever wanted to take Sam Donaldson’s place long enough to ask just one question, this is an opportunity not to be missed.
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24 Marion Janes McIntosh celebrated her 101st birthday on December 23, 2001, at home in Worcester, MA. She enjoys keeping up with correspondence and wrote Christmas cards in December. She is a great reader, especially enjoying biographies and keeping up with the newspapers. She recalls that "spent four of her happiest years at Middlebury College."

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25 Dear 1928 classmates: With the death of Margaret "Tib" Moody Rice on December 9, 2001, we lost the youngest and very special member of our class. Special because her father, our "Peevy" Paul Dwight Moody, became president of Middlebury College in 1922. Since Tib graduated from both Middlebury High School and Middlebury College, she had great respect and interest in both. Living off campus, she chose class activities carefully, with a preference for English Club and dramas. As a student, English and literature were her favorite fields, and she was an avid reader all her life. Her quiet friendliness, intelligence, and lack of pretension convinced us that she would have a wonderful life and she did. She married Charles M. Rice in 1931, and his career as an educator took him from private school headmaster to president of Athens College in Greece. In retirement, they moved to Carleton Willard Village in Bedford, MA, where Tib continued to live after his death. These years were wonderful for me, because we could share news and memories of Middlebury by telephone and notes. She managed health restrictions gracefully, enjoyed her home, and continued to read widely. Friends may contribute to the Charles and Margaret Rice Carleton Willard Village Memorial Library Fund (100 Old Milleria Rd., Bedford, MA 01730). We express our pride in her and our sympathy to her daughter, Mary Rice Stout, and her son, David, who was so helpful with our Moody area honoring Peevy at Midd. I wish all of you could see the photo of Elizabeth Stoughton Westfall and her daughter, Barbara, on the deck of the Pittsburgh Gateway Clipper paddlewheel boat, taken two weeks after her 94th birthday. It was an outing arranged by the Francisca Manor, where she lives in Beaver Falls, PA. She enjoys Beaver Valley community events at the country club, and many activities with her daughter. Her 10th great-grandchild was born in June 2001. • Elizabeth Hayes Balch's grandson, of the Kenos National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska, finally persuaded her to fly east. She and her granddaughter visited relatives in Pennsylvania and then toured by car to Niagara Falls and Rochester, NY, to visit a niece. They then drove to Castleton, VT, to share Midd memories with another niece, Pamela Hayes Rehlen '65, who introduced her to Middlebury friends of Pam's era. Elizabeth was safely back home in Rogue River, OR, for her 94th birthday. • It was a 95th birthday for Dorothy Kirk Simpson on November 15, with family members flying in to enjoy the celebratory dinner hosted by her daughter, Barbara Gold. She writes: "Nobody believes I am 95, which means that I am still looking pretty good." Now living in the Presbyterian Home, a skilled-care facility near her daughter's home, she is busy participating in many activities. Letters to Dorothy may be sent to her in care of Barbara Gold, 8 Prospect St., Utica, NY 13501. • Jean Blanchette St. Clair '64, daughter of Nap Blanchette, is acting as class agent for her class as he did for ours. Jean announces that a first grandchild and wishes us to know that Nap's grandchildren, about whom he used to boast, are now a dentist, a Ph.D. in bio-organic chemistry, and a veterinarian. • Zella Cole Hibbert was introduced to us at Essex Meadows. She writes: "My nine grandchildren are scattered all over the globe, but come to visit when they can, with my 10 great-grandchildren in tow." Breck '60 and Sue Hibbert Lardner '60, living nearby in Essex, CT, also send greetings. • Thanks so much for the family letters. Minn

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29 I have given up the space in downtown Chestertown, where I have been doing my professional work, and have consolidated into my Heron Point apartment. Not easy to do after many years of maintaining an office away from home! • We regret to report the death of Helen Walter Bosworth on October 28. The condolences of the class go to her daughter, Sarah Tiberi, and all the family.

Class Secretary: Dr. Raymond J. Sabiners, 230 Heron Point, Chestertown, MD 21620-1676.

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31 Although the turnout for our class reunion last June was numerically disappointing, the reunion did prompt more correspondence, for which your secretary is always grateful. • Walton Crocker's widow, Elsie, herself a virtual classmate, wrote glowingly of her trip to Alaska with daughter Ellose. Ellose agrees, I think, with the late Ken MacClelland's statement that "you have to say Alaska is different." • Prudence Ingham Montgomery wrote, wishing for a more peaceful world and hoping our generation had not lost all optimism for the future. • Mary Stolte Toomey has been clearing out that shelf of memorabilia she vowed to get at one day. She returned your secretary's 1935 wedding announcement. • From Harvard, MA, Ruth Atwood Muller wrote a nostalgic note contrasting the extraordinary difference between the campus of our time and its appearance today, with all the changes. Oh, well! As Betty Pease felt reminds us: "After all, we are all over 90—plus!"

Class Secretary: Mrs. Edward W Weeks (Mary Duryea), P.O. Box 151, Ashburnham, MA 01430.

Mary Omwake Dearborn moved into Trinity Oaks retirement home in Salisbury, NC, last fall. She visited her daughter and husband, Katherine and John Heckscher, in Massachusetts during the fall. I enjoyed lunch with all three of them in November. • My son, Dr. Stephen H. Weeks '71 and his wife visited me during the holidays. Stephen teaches theatre arts at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, OR. • Evelyn Rentick Russell '31 now resides in La Chance Retirement Home in Gardner, MA. • Word has been received of the August 26 death of Hewitt Page. We send the sympathy of the class to his family. The Hewitt Page Scholarship Fund was established at Middlebury in 1964. • Condolences are also extended to the family of Margaret Bunniold Ross, who died on October 23.

Class Secretaries: Mrs. Andrew W. Reid (Eleanor Otto), Valley Ten Apt., 215, Norwich, VT 05055; and James A. Fechtner (gfechtner@iastel.com), 26 Salem Way, Glen Head, NY 11545.

Charles Kuster now lives in Leadville, CO, the highest city in the U.S. After a long hospital stay, he regained the energy to represent our generation and march in the Boom Days Parade with the
Secretary Hopkins reports: My terrific cosecretion has been at home recovering from heart valve replacement surgery. Knowing Marsh as we do, he has had a very positive attitude and hopes to see us in Middlebury for our reunion May 31 to June 2. Rusy and Jean Wilcox Day are still wintering in Florida, where they are entering the computer world with gusto! All seems well with them and their busy children and grandchildren. After 27 years in Florida, Jono Jones Corbett has moved north, where she enjoys being closer to her family. Her new address is 330 Bella Vista Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850. Caroline Elliott Dorst is now in a nursing home near her daughter, where she would love to get letters from Middle kids in care of Laranochelle, 151 Water St., Boscawen, NH 03303. Frank W. Gould Jr. also has a new address: 138 Three Mile Bridge, VT 05602. He is living with daughter Nancy and her husband and three children. Now 89, Frank retired at age 80. He worked his early years on the family farm, middle years as an insurance agent, and later years as a taxi driver. He still enjoys going to sporting events involving his grandchildren. Charles Harvi writes that he and his wife are still “growing strong.” Their new home is finally finished and John and wife have produced the “worlds most beautiful granddaughter.” Ruth Furness Lombardy doesn’t drive anymore and has some trouble walking due to severe arthritis, but she gets to church goes to Middlesex Center to play bridge, and is involved in events at the Somerville Civic League. She feels blessed that son Steven lives with her; her other son, Neil ’62, and his family also spend a lot of time with her. Elizabeth Vanartsdalen MacArthur, who is still enjoying good health, tries to keep active and useful. However, sometimes she wishes she were living in the “horse and buggy” age, instead of living in this computerized and automated world. Rita Cosenza Moore and William are happily living in their retirement condo. They have a wonderful holiday with 14 family members—at different times. Rita enjoyed Boise and San Diego just before their annual week in New Hampshire with all the family. Marie Lantce Osborn and Gordon are enjoying their apartment in Herrin, IL. They are far enough south to miss some of the winter cold and are also near both of their sons, who have been a great help. Marion Wishart Packard has hopes of attending our reunion, and her sons have offered to take her. She feels so grateful to have good health, “for her age.” Marion is hoping that Doris Ryan Pitcher will also be able to come for reunion. Grayce Cookson Pierpont lives in the house next door to her son. Healthwise she has no complaints, except for admitting she does move about at a slower rate. She is also hoping to be able to make reunion. We regret to report the recent deaths of two of our classmates: Laurence Shields on October 6 and Clifford Laws on October 27. We send the condolences of the class to both their families. Clifford’s daughter, Martha Laws Anderson, is a member of the Class of 1970. Otto Colburn, “Shea” sounds very happy to be living in Sarasota, FL. She and Harley love the climate, flowers, activities, and just about everything. Harley is involved in gardening and arranged a great display of red and white poinsettias in front of the house for Christmas. He is also very proud of the roses he has produced. Healthwise, both seem to be trying to keep well and active. Trudy has been diagnosed with macular degeneration, making it necessary to make some adjustments. They now have a caregiver/companion five days a week to help with driving, cleaning, and so forth. On the advice of their doctors, they are not planning a summer trip to Vermont, and they are sorry to miss the lovely mountains and scenery. This has been a difficult newsletter for me to get together, but with the help of my family and friends, I am typing, writing, and generally organizing—I’m glad to say we all made it. It is becoming increasingly difficult for me to see, to write, and to function in general. So what’s new for most of us? I will think of you during reunion, but since I can’t travel alone anymore, I will probably have to miss coming. It has been great to write to you to be great news and to thank you for all of your help!
She served as senior warden for about 20 years. She broke her ankle in May 2001. When I spoke with her in early December, she was at last walking normally and looking forward to the holidays. Alice Bassett Brown and her husband continue to live in their home in Buffalo. Alice says it is really too large for them and someday they may downsize and move to a smaller house. One of their daughters lives in California; the other daughter and their son live in the Buffalo area. They have 10 grandchildren. Alice has been enjoying YWCA-sponsored trips, including one to the Philadelphia area, where she visited Longwood Gardens and the DuPont Home. She and her husband were looking forward to the holidays with family members. Eleanor Carroll Mullis continues to be a very active parishioner of Grace Episcopal Church in Monroe, NY, where she served as senior warden for about 20 years. She is a lay eucharistic minister and a lay reader, qualified to lead Morning Prayer service, which she does frequently. Eleanor is also a member of the Colonial Dames and is active at the Monroe Senior Center, Attending bridge and exercises. We regret to report the death of Arthur Wheeler on September 7 and of Ruth Sheldon Pratt on October 1. The condolences of the class are extended to both their families.

Secretary Gould reports: Continuing our report on our fall Reunion last fall, the College treated us royally and we thank all involved from the bottom of our hearts. The festivities began Friday evening in the Blue Room at Bread Loaf with a social hour followed by dinner. We had a fine time reuniting and chatting. (See winter column for list of those attending.) Friday night the College transported us to Middlebury for our group that lived at Jewett Wilcox freshman dorm. Saturday morning, the Homecoming Convocation was wonderful, and the physical looks—those of opening remarks. I have just finished John Elder’s book. class Secretary: Ms. Jeannette Olson Gould (jgog @aol.com), PO. Box 543, Quechee, VT 05059; and Mrs. Raymond J. Skinner (Ruth Skinner), Bainsted St., PO. Box 52, Danville, VT 05828.

Bertha Waite Markland, Bill Markland, Jeanette Olson Gould, Thor and Carol Miner Gustafson, and Ruth Coleman Skinner, all Class of 1939, enjoyed a full reunion at Middlebury. The executive vice led by Chaplain Laurel Macaulay Jordan ’79 and welcoming Rabbi Irwin Schiffer as associate chaplain. During the service, selections were read from the New Testament, the Hebrew Bible, and the Qoran by a student from each faith. Marvelous music was provided by the College Choir. After a final look at the Adirondacks from the sixth floor of Bicentennial Hall, Ruth and I departed—exhausted, but in agreement that it had been a wonderful weekend. Wish you all could have been there. We missed you. After visiting and chatting with Bob Cushman on Friday and Saturday at our reunion, we were shocked to hear of his death on Monday. Bob was a willing local contact with Middlebury for our class, and he will be sorely missed. The sympathy of all us is extended to Corean and the rest of his family. We are sad to report the deaths of two other classmates: Marianne Monroe Glazier on September 10 and Norma Parsons on October 19. We extend the condolences of the class to their families. Fred Wheeler’s daughter, Missi, writes that Fred had a serious heart attack last July. He is recuperating at the nursing home where his wife is and would welcome cards, letters, and photos. His address is 716 E. Cedar Rock St., Pickens, SC 29671. Missi can be reached at missi@pursers.com. Fred you have our very best wishes for a complete recovery. Joyce Mackenzie Cropssey had planned to attend the reunion, but fell and broke her hip. She has made a good recovery and is walking.

The Christmas greeting from Bill ’41 and Bertha Markland carried a photo by Bertha of her mother was alert and able to understand what was being said to her. I speak for the class in thanking all those who contributed so generously to the fund for our great young men fighting the terrorists in Afghanistan. “We all say “Amen” to that.”

Betty Roberts Avery is grateful for good health that enables her to enjoy her great-grandson and an active social life. Ruth Coleman Skinner had 80 trick-or-treaters on Halloween! That was just a start for her busy Thanksgiving and Christmas schedule. She is a retired school teacher living near Worcester, MA, and Thompson, CT. Along the way she celebrated her baby’s 50th birthday. “Can’t believe it.” Betty Anne Dunning Jones sent us her Christmas greetings, Thanks, Betty Ann. The Christmas greeting from Bill ’41 and Bertha Waite Markland carried a photo by Bertha of the twins’ most recent birthday. “Some group.” Jim has visited Mom twice (in 1968 and 1976). Now living in Fort Thomas, KY, his e-mail address is bird3cat@aol.com. Daughter Phyllis retired last year, after 31 years, from teaching nurses at the College of Nursing and Health at the Univ. of Cincinnati. With a granddaughter in the freshman class, Bert MacFadden reports: “My feelings for the College are even more intensified. This made our reunion doubly pleasurable. She (Devon Parish) is one totally happy girl with her choice of college. Her joy is our joy.”

Norm and Irene Fernandez Anderson are most thankful that they are both well and able to travel. Last year, they went to San Diego for a Golden Eagles reunion and then to Flagstaff, AZ, to visit with son Kirk and his family. In August Norm’s sister and two daughters joined them for a cruise to Norway on the Marco Polo. We missed them at our 62nd Reunion, but they had plans to attend a squadron reunion in Missouri. They heard about Middlebury from a high school teacher that enables her to enjoy her great-grandson and me—what a trip! Our regimented days in the Army were far away.

Vera Waite Markland is in environmental studies at UVM, spent the fall semester in Australia. Granddaughter Melissa is a sports physical therapy major at Simmons. “Just finished John Elder’s book, Reading the Mountains of Home. I have read it slowly, not wanting to come to the end. In it Prof. Elder connects Robert Frost’s poem “Directive” with the environmental history of Bristol, VT, where he lives, and combines these with a series of hikes he has taken in the area. I wish I could send each of you a copy. (And add to Bill’s collection of Storr’s Lee’s ‘Camelot Painters.’) Dorothy Gates O’Neill’s daughter sent me an account of Dottie’s two severe strokes. In October, when Sharon wrote, her mother was alert and able to understand what was being said to her. I speak for the class in expressing our concern. Betty Miller Paley had
recently had lunch with Bob and Lois Whittier Pickard. Betsy Barber Barney relates what happens when one's plans for a peaceful summer are disrupted by the breakdown of the septic system and a storm-damaged deck. Not much time for lounging, I gather. A letter from Martha Wyman Palin was a welcome surprise. She had hoped to travel instead of preparing from a fall. She reports that her husband is "holding his own." Jean Sweany Hancock braved the new rigors of flying to spend the holidays with her daughter and family in Chicago. She described the new procedures for boarding a plane. Patience was required. A letter from the College reports the death of a classmate. For Cornelia Shriver, November, and also of Pearl Stevens Farman in November 14. Bob Anderson has suggested that the class be canvassed about having a two and one-half year reunion next fall. I personally would like to give it a try. Despite the problem of distance from our homes and transportation options as we begin to hand in our driver's licenses, another reunion would be very pleasant. Please let me know your thoughts.

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Bert MacFadden ‘39
Sempepes Stillman spent Christmas with son Graham and his family on Cape Cod. At last report, they were planning to drive to Key West late in February. Kay said she’s taking her snorkeling gear with her “for one last fling.” Bill and Yvonne Golding Weinhardt are still actively traveling, but staying in this country during the past year, especially for visits with family members. In a Christmas message, Libby and Steve Wilson reported that they’re “doing OK” in Portland, OR, and mentioned nine feet of snow already on Mt. Hood, some 50 miles from them. Keep in mind that the 60th Reunion is now only a little more than a year away, and leave May ’03 open, pending definitive dates to be reported soon.

Thanks to the wonderful companionship of my 7 year-old (don’t be alarmed—he’s a yellow lab), we are both active.

—Dottie Robinson Foster ’45
Bobby Van Aken Smith '47 and Virginia Stowell James '47 got together at the Hartford/New Haven Chamber meeting last October.

Bobby Van Aken Smith’s new left knee—go with the right one, as she puts it—will enable her to make it to reunion. Classmates gathering in September at the Point Arena home of Phyllis Howland McIntosh included Jean Mace Burnell, Flo King Millsap and Frank, and Sally McCullough Serritt and Graham. Despite the tragic news of that second week of September, the friends talked, reminisced, planned, and enjoyed the support of being there together. George and Janet Rogers Enzminger could not be there, because it was wedding time for their son. In Salt Lake City, Flo reports she has taken part in 15 news programs, 33 history slide shows, and 23 tours around town. She also went on a nine tour weekend with friends, took an Elderhostel trip in Yellowstone Park, and is busy with weekly hiking and cross-country skiing. She also reports the birth of twin grandsons and an eight-day tour via motor home to the petite reunion at Phyll’s home. Pat Harvey Oehler reports several gatherings in California, for activities such as wine tasting and a visit to the Sacramento Zoo. Participants included Al Boisexavan ‘44, Dotty Milligan Schuck ‘42, John Lorini ‘45, Doris Smith Eardman ‘46, Gil Blis Allen ‘57, and Jonathan Glidden ‘68. Travel engages many of our classmates. Joyce Walsh Heath has had three trips to Panama and a trip to Puerto Rico since 1998, plus two trips to California last summer. She’s studying conversation in Spanish and Chinese, holds several town offices in Brandon, VT, and says she’s busy ALL the time. Mary plans to attend our 55th also. Christmas travel brought pictures from Bill and Jeannette Atkins Louth, with wonderful descriptions of their travels in New Zealand, visiting sheep stations, watching shearing, and especially marveling at the work of the border collies. They cruised to various coastal towns in Australia before crossing the Tasman Sea in 80 mph winds and 24-foot seas to New Zealand. They didn’t even get seasick! Late last spring, they took a cruise and land trip to Alaska. Jean Mace Burnell plans to attend reunion, and Mollie Stevens Cheshbrough is also looking forward to our 55th. Mollie seems to have recovered from the broken ankle suffered in China last year when she was traveling with Lynn Bruni. Marion Durkee Stillman planned a September trip to Seattle, but canceled after September 11. She enjoyed Octoberfest in Pennsylvania, Viennese Boys Choir in December, a visit to her daughter in Virginia, and museum-visiting in DC. Bart ‘48 and Tiffany Clark Nourse
projects—helping to fund the development program at NYC Technical College, an institution which his father, Major Benjamin Namm, played a large part in starting 55 years ago. Andy also noted he was lucky to sell his investment business at the right time. He continues to run a small foundation and a few portfolios. His daughter is in administration at Connecticut College.  

Anne Meyer Marshall  

sent a thoughtful communication: “At the risk of being preachy, I'd like to write about my recent efforts to respect the dignity of every human and the rich rewards when and if I succeed. My endeavors are spreading to casual contacts—particularly people I don't know well or at all, such as butchers, clerks and cashiers, receptionists in offices of health providers, library patrons, etc. (With the probable exception of telemarketers who call at dinner time!) Anyone who is treated as a friend, rather than a server, responds positively and gratefully. This has worked best with total strangers! There is not much racial diversity where we live near the end of Cape Cod. However diversity of sexual preference is very common! We've found that our acceptance of gays and lesbians has richly rewarded us with expanded friendships and associations. Since September 11, I believe it's particularly essential that we reflect upon and recognize and respect the many other sexual and political cultures. I cringed when I read of some of the immediate negative reactions to American Muslims after the tragedy. We cannot be indifferent or casual about the precious nature of every human person. We cannot allow the persecution of, or even casual cruelty toward, people who do not embrace our values or beliefs.”  

Barbara Parker  

thoroughly enjoyed her recent visit to her daughters and son-in-law in San Francisco. She was a substitute teacher in 2001 in New Jersey, but wants to get back into her field as a business writer and editor. She also yearns for a move to Middlebury, as I suspect a few others do. Bill Pihlcrantz pitched in with a lively message from his home in Orlando, FL. Bill hasn’t lost his sense of humor, and his strong opinions. Bob Jackson tuned in with a happy message that he is now living happily with a "significant other." (His wife died from cancer five years ago.) He also noted that Bob Skudder’s urges to keep moving. He has both times replaced and can now walk again without pain—and he’s no longer bowlegged. A Christmas message from Jackie Brooks Davison informs us that she is still extremely active in Lexington, MA. She recently traveled to India and Nepal and her reports are filled with great insight into life in these countries.  

Last year Dave Peet had a magnificent trip to India and Switzerland, visiting Rome, Florence, Genoa, Pisa, Lake Maggiore, and Venice. An evening gondola ride and eating gelato (“the greatest ice cream ever created!”) were amongst the highlights. Dave has been executive director of the Scottish Highlands Foundation, and had both times replaced and can now walk again without pain—and he’s no longer bowlegged. A Christmas message from Jackie Brooks Davison informs us that she is still extremely active in Lexington, MA. She recently traveled to India and Nepal, and her reports are filled with great insight into life in these countries.

Wallace Faber and Mary are into their fifth year in Western, RI. Since his retirement in January 2001, he has been exploring his newly found talent in watercolor painting. “What a fun surprise,” he says. He painted a watercolor of the University of PA and his son is an athlete, an article in the Western Sun. “Last spring we visited with Rita and Cliff Forbush '49 in Brackton, FL, and sent him a painting of Old Chapel by me. Great to see them and talk about Midd!” Also in Rhode Island, Paul “Rocky” Rochford recounted some of his military experiences in World War II in the Providence Journal (October 26). A member of the 17th Airborne Div/4 Company 513 Parachute Infantry for the Rhinelander and central Europe campaigns, he served in the 13th and 82nd Airborne Divisions. After the war, he got his degree at Middlebury and a master’s degree from Columbia. In the 1960s, he was a Sergeant First Class, Operations/Intelligence with the 16th and 18th Airborne Divisions. In civilian life, he was a high school principal for 14 years and an administrator at Roger Williams College. He also taught psychology at Salve Regina College. He and wife Patricia have five children and five grandchildren.  

We regret to report the death of Margaret McNair Muesssel on January 6 and send the condolences of the class to her husband, Dan Muesssel '49. Carol Hentz Spooner shares news of the T. William Hentz Scholarship. The first four-year recipient, who had been studying in Madrid last year, returned to Middlebury to receive her master’s from President McCordell last May. The Malaysian student from Singapore graduated Phi Beta Kappa and received the Anthropology Department Award and the International Student Award. Last year two of the Posse Program students began receiving the scholarship. Last April, one of them received the Four Angels Award, which is given to the sophomore woman of color who through her activism and leadership in the Middlebury community in her first year, embodies the spirit of the four outstanding women who died in an auto accident in 1999. She spent fall semester at the Univ. of Havana. The other Posse student has returned from a semester at the Univ. of Moscosea. Carol says these are truly amazing women and wishes we could all meet them.  

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Joan Allen Armour made time to host what has become an annual holiday luncheon for Hartford area alumnae, Joan and Norm '53 celebrated Christmas several times with their scattered family in Massachusetts, Texas, and Pennsylvania—fitting in a little skiing at Breckenridge on the side.  

Although Mary Sellman McIntosh has retired from teaching at Miss Porter's School, she is keeping almost as busy as a substitute teacher at area schools. Carol Osborn Moger and husband Harvey continue to enjoy cross country skiing and snowshoeing in Greensboro, Vt. They especially like this area for its old-fashioned atmosphere. They were looking forward to a trip to Tuscany and Provence in the spring. Connie Parsons Portisky and her husband live in Hudson, OH, but try to spend much of the spring, summer, and fall in the Berkshires, MA. Connie and Portisky share a house as a child. They have two married sons, one living next door and the other in Williamsport, PA. Julie Ellis Weeks regrets not to get our 50th as planned, because of a difficult recovery from unexpected surgery. Happily, she was feeling much better at Christmastime. Dave and Charlotte Clark Hay prepitated the enthusiasm of grandson Clark Reid '05 as he talks about being a freshman at Middlebury. He has commented frequently that it's a great group of people—one of the Middlebury hallucinations that, along with inspirational professors, seems to have stayed the same. We experienced that last winter when John Hunisak, Midd prof, of an history; came to Chicago in con-
connection with the Van Gogh-Gauguin exhibit at the Art Institute. He spoke to an enthusiastic group of Art Institute. He spoke to an enthusiastic group of
enjoying an extended period of clear, sunny days with no snow to shovel.
Ken Carle writes that he and his wife are now spending the winter months in Naples, FL.
Graceanna Hawley, wife of Ken Carle who died in 1988, would like to stay connected with the College. She has moved to 28 Lockwood Ln., Boxford, MA 01925.
Sad news from Ellie Warnpler Mager: her 21-year-old granddaughter, Jennifer Lynn Lacey, was killed in an automobile accident on Thanksgiving Day. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family, Ellie.
We all have our recollections of the disasters of last September. Jane and Gordie Ross had planned a barge trip in France later that month, but it turned out to be fortunate that they couldn't go. Three days after they were scheduled to leave, Jane had surgery. As of this winter, they were enjoying the ski slopes of Killington/Pico.
Tom '51 and Marilyn Muth-McCandless canceled their September vacation in Scandinavia.
Ellie Hight Morris wrote that she and husband Irv carried through with plans to visit Ireland in late September. They found it was "wonderful medicine for stressed and bruised nerves."
Will and Carolyn Bennett '61 Jackson were traveling by rail from Beijing to Moscow when the planes list. As they arrived at the Russian border to change trains, they were greeted with live television coverage from New York and Washington.
Former class secretary Jim Ross was one of five Middlebury area residents receiving Bicentennial Citizens' Medals from President McCardell on November 2. Former business manager of the College, Jim is still associated with the College as a consultant. He has volunteered with numerous community organizations, serving as a member of the Porter Hospital board for 26 years, the Addison County Chamber of Commerce board for 25 years, and the Addison County Cumber Board since 1999. An advocate for the disabled, he has been the recipient of several awards, including the Governor's Award for Distinguished Service from the Vermont Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. Heartiest congratulations, Jim!

Midd graduation, Dick Eddy enlisted in the Marine Corps Officer Candidate Program. Commissioned a second lieutenant, he saw two years active duty in Korea, joined the Marine Corps Reserve, and retired as a major in 1954. Still affiliated with Thomas Publishing, he was also part of the group that started ESPN. David Page joined the Peace Corps and served in West Africa.
With a medical degree from Yale, he had a practice in ophthalmology in Huntington, Long Island, for 30 years. All three got together recently to go over their yearbooks and reminisce about the good old days.
Anne Upson Stone writes that she and Fred will see us at reunion. Included in her mail- ing was a photo of her new sea-going puppy, who defies ALL commands.
Jean Hosford Bovington writes that her husband says he's coming with her to our 50th— but she's concerned about him missing his own 50th at Denison the same weekend. Jean phoned Polly Norton Polstein, her Midd roommate, suggesting she join in at all the 50th.
Jim and Jane Rupp Cooke spent two weeks at Grindelwald in the Swiss Alps in '01. They also got to Park City, UT, for the Master's World Championships and to Sun Valley for the Middlebury Alumni Ski Week.
A photo of John and Carol Holmes Phillips shows them linking with son Dave. On an Elderhostel bike trip last spring, they cycled from Italy to the foothills of the Austrian Alps. Last summer they traveled to Green Lake, WI, for a family reunion.
Pete and Ruth Eldridge Race had a busy year with community activities, choral singing, and travel. Last winter, an Elderhostel to New Zealand and Australia included a stop-off in Hawaii. Last fall they cruised from Amsterdam to Vienna on the Rhine, Main, and Danube Rivers, visiting their German exchange student of '75 and his family along the way. They finished this trip with a few days in England, including a visit to their "sister" town of Brixton in England. March 1st, 2002, was theಡ death anniversary of John's father, and 2003 marks his 50th reunion.
Carol Holmes Phillips, Carol Whitman Brewster, and Shirley Herrmann Andrews. Reunion co-chairs Bill Trask and Ruth Shonyo Trask report on the reunion book: "The cover is vibrant in living color; the layout is poppy and eye-catching; and the memories section is well remembered. We hope you see us all at Middlebury, May 30 – June 2, 2002."

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Congratulations to Sally Utiger, who was recently voted Tennis Umpire of the Year by the New England Tennis Umpire's Assoc. This award is all the more cherished when you realize that the voters were all of her peer umpires.
About half a century after graduating from Middlebury, three alumni found themselves living in the Landings in Savannah, Georgia! Dick Buckingham '54 met David Page at a party at the Landings five years ago; later he met Dick Eddy at St. Peter's church. Dick Buckingham, who spent four years flying as a naval aviator, completed his degree with the Class of 1958 and spent his civilian career with Continental Can and Cadbury-Schwepp. After

Hosford Bovington, Jeanne Parker Cahill, Jane Rupp Cooke, Dick Day, Roger Handy, Bill Kirby, Paul Lincoln, Ken Nourse, Chuck Ratté, and Barbara Bieber Zeiller. The goal is 100 percent participation—something no matter how much—from each of us. If you haven't yet made a contribution, please do so and save them from having to contact you. Our thanks to all of them for working hard on our class gift. Please note that long-time class agent Steve Baker's correct phone number is 888-451-3703 and his e-mail address is seabaker@over.net. Both were listed incorrectly in the 50th Reunion Directory.

Class Secretaries: Richard T. Allen (rtaallen@yovislink.net), P.O. Box 172, Oxford, MD 21654, and Mrs. Joseph W. Davis, Jr. (Ann Gelling) (sensei@jnomely.net), P.O. Box 3, The Ridge, Oxford, MA 07377.

Congratulations and best wishes are in order for Carol Nieves-Sosa and Millard Davis, who were married on October 13. He reports that Carol graduated from Smith College (cum laude in biochemistry and comparative literature), and is now a first class botanist.
"We took a two-week honey moon from Natural Bridge to Ding Darling Preserve to the Everglades and points in between and north. I took 1,700 photos toward a new book.
A special newspaper supplement, entitled "A tribute to Peter Marshall," came out on the occasion of Peter's retirement after 25 years at Nypco in Clinton, MA. One local company in attendance summed it up well for the entire community: "We would like to congratulate Peter Marshall and extend our gratitude and best wishes. We have all benefited from his impact on the Clinton Community and the plastic industry. We appreciate his many years of devoted service and contributions, which will be remembered for many years to come." The Wachusett Chamber of Commerce announced soon after his retirement that Peter had been chosen Person of the Year, and the honor was bestowed at a dinner ceremony on November 9th.
We received word of Elizabeth Cox Estey on October 8, after battling cancer for more than four years. We extend the condolences of the class to her husband, Donald, and all the family. A memorial appeared in the winter issue.
Class Secretaries: Mrs. Robert B. Nickerson (Nancy Whittemore, (foggy@bigdog.net)), 4 Osprey Ln. Mystic, CT 06355 and Mr. Thomas C. Ryan, (tnr@alcom) 3 Knipp Rd., Houston, TX 77024.

Secretary Ryan reports: Greetings from deep in the heart of Texas! As is most of the country, it is much more somber here than it was before September 11. Perhaps a feeling of a loss of innocence, an unsettling fear. At any rate, I tried to contact those closest to the situation, those living in NYC, and see how they perceived the situation. I was able to visit with two people. * Erica Child Prud'homme described it so well that she could not see the towers from her apartment, she could see the smoke: “The streets had no vehicular traffic, but a parade of solemn people, carrying briefcases, walking north up Broadway in the middle of the street. They had come from way downtown. There was no commercial air traffic, but a lot of lethal-looking pointy-nosed military aircraft and helicopters flying very low. My daughter, who lives in Brooklyn, came out of the subway in downtown Manhattan to find a mass of screaming people. A policeman told her to run north, and she did.” Erica feels cross with the federal government. “With all that money spent on the FAA and the CIA they should have known about this.” She has a feeling of vulnerability, and of sadness. Like all New Yorkers, and the rest of us, is continuing her life, with a showing of her latest work at the Blue Mountain Gallery, 330 W. 25th Street. By the time you receive this, her private showing will be over, but I'm sure the gallery will be happy to help you. You can preview her work at www.artincontext.org/artist/erica_prudhomme/image.html. * Jane Pope Berton is out for a walk on that beautiful morning and, upon returning, heard that a small plane had hit one of the towers. She saw the second hit on TV. “I was amazed, dumbfounded. But I am sure the New Yorkers who responded and reacted so well to such a terrible event.” She has visited Ground Zero twice, once with visiting friends, and has no plans to do it again. It is with her every day: the smell of the furnaces travel widely, even as far north as some of my Texas friends. Jane is not happy with our response to the attack, and feels that other choices were available that were not adequately pursued. Jane spends about half her time in NYC and the other half in Burlington, where two of her three children live. She holds a master’s in teaching English as a second language and has retired from teaching, primarily Chinese and Russian at Pace Univ. She sounds really good!

* On a lighter note, we received Christmas cards from Betty and Dick Davenport (they look terrific), and Ken and Barbara Knight Moffitt, who continue to enjoy life in Colorado and Pennsylvania. I talked to Ferd and Mary Lou Bendel's son, Bryan, who received a Christmas card showing the Wyckoff family on the idyllic snow-covered front lawn of their home. Ferd is recovering nicely after shattering his right shoulder in a fall from his roof. He also shattered an illusion when he told me that their Christmas picture had been “horror!" “computer enhanced.” In Middlebury, I spoke with Bob and Betsy Heath '55 Gleason, who said that everything was “wonderful.” They were planning a February family get-together in New Hampshire Chuck and Ann Heath Fay, they said, were, as usual, spending the month of January in Hawaii. So, a happy new year to all! Stay in touch. They are connected! And keep those cards and letters coming.

Reports of my employment are greatly exaggerated. . . . The Sandor Agency hired me to write a press release . . . Why they sent out a release calling me the director of public relations is beyond me.

—Vicky Grove Memminger '56

Secretary Makin reports: Jojo Kittell Corey writes that husband Dave was diagnosed with a malignant tumor on his vocal cord in September. Fortunately, 80 percent of it was removed surgically and the rest was taken care of with radiation. Dave's laryngitis is slowly disappearing and he will soon have his booming voice back again. He will need it to cheer at the Midd hockey games, as last year Jojo and Dave attended over 19 games and I bet they both do the same this season. I attended the Tufts/Midd hockey game in January and watched our very powerful team win 10-0. Roy and Esther Whittmore Craig were also cheering the team on.

* George and Janny Neffland Fenner had an amazing trip last fall, traveling more than 2,000 miles from the Pacific to the Atlantic down the Amazon—with a little paddle-jumper helping get over the Andes. In December they were visited at Ocean Reef by Susan and Earl Samson in their Trumpet cruises. Earl was planning to return there in January. * John and Kathy Hughes von Hartz spent two weeks touring the Galapagos Islands and then another two weeks going up the Andes. Kathy writes that it is amazing to walk among the animals and birds that are so tame they never move when approached. However, apparently a bull sea lion did give them a bit of a scare. * In August, Ann and George Limbach went to Europe, where they hiked in five different countries with Wilderness Travel. This was followed by a week of biking in Portugal. George, who is still practicing law, had plans for a hip replacement in April. * Art '53 and Joan Tolley Bassett '55 toured Alaska in September to visit daughter Tami Woolsey and Tom and Lois Guernsey '58. Wbolsey spend much time there this winter. ♦ As I write up these notes in January, Bruce and Sue Heyer Byers are very involved with the YMCA still. The YMCA still asks him to assist the new business manager from the federal government. "With all that money and the record keeping in line with National Red Cross policies. Then they returned to NYC to see more information on the 300-mile back country trail they report on behalf of grief-stricken families affected by September 11 and the subsequent plane crash in Brooklyn. She said they heard from many old friends as a result of the program. They have been on assignment since September. Their first three weeks were in Connecticut, aiding those who lost family members in the disaster. Then for three weeks in November they went to New York City. Where families came to get help from FEMA, the United Way, and other agencies, including the Red Cross. In January they had a week in Suffolk County with the Red Cross office helping the staff to improve their record keeping in line with National Red Cross policies. Then they returned to NYC to see programs that they had helped to initiate being carried out by their trainees. "Going back was very ego building for us. Our coworkers were so happy to see us. There is so much money out there and we have to make sure people get what they need, not what they want," wrote Peggy. * It is with sadness that we report the death of Julie King's husband, Jack Maxson. He passed away before Christmas after a long illness. Our deepest sympathy goes to Julie. * Ron Lawson reports that he spent some time in December in the ice and snow of Bavaria, visiting old friends and places. He returned to a wintry Norfolk, VA. * In June 1999 Richard Westfall retired as business manager for the Greenfield, MA, YMCA. He's enjoying retirement very much, while volunteering at the local hospital, walking his golden retriever, reading, and kayaking. The YMCA still asks him to assist the new business manager from time to time. * John and Judy Phinney Stearns travel back and forth between Glastonbury and Bridgewater, VT, where they are very involved with the Catsamount Trail Assoc. They work on the trail, build bridges with the Forest Service, and help to raise funds to protect the trail. If anyone would like more information on the 300-mile back country ski trail that runs the entire length of the state, get in touch with the Stearns. 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and authoritative standard" on early medicine in
will turn when they are looking for the seminal
skiing on Burke Mountain in 15 minutes."Burke
production for nearly 20 years. Its a labor of love
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island thing for six weeks every summer, going to
new'sletters for Oxford Health Plan, which she can
of artificial body parts—from the first mechanical
recent months was her book
Connecticut. Congratulations, Wendy! Also out in
promptly had several plum assignments land in her
flooded by the world's largest dam. # As soon as
involved with the games. In early spring, Diane was
Since their niece lives in Silver Creek and works in
Cit \ City and Lark City, home of the Winter Olympics.
Cathedral. This wonderful trip celebrated their 44th
"Glory of Christmas" presented at the Crystal
near by as friends.
months spent sailing along the Maine coast
for nearly nine months of the year. The three
France for 10 days this spring. They still do their
Pan Am days. They were to cruise down the
Park City, they had an "inside" tour of the area
and Olympic venues. She is a ski instructor,
and Olympic Giants in the baseball season.
we regret to report the death of
Barbara Wicks on November 6. The condolences
of the class are extended to her family. • Derek
Evans was one of 26,000 volunteers at the 2002
Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. Due to
extreme security resulting from the September 11
tragedy the volunteers will be spokesperson for the
athletes and coaches. Following the regular
Olympics, Derek will volunteer at the special
Olympics. The benefit to the volunteers is the fun
of being there, Olympic uniforms, special gifts,
and having their names inscribed on a permanent
monument. Good work, Derek.

Dottie Bigelow Neuberger was among five resi-
dents of Addison County receiving Bicentennial
Citizens' Medals on November 2. The Medals were
presented "to residents of Addison County who
have helped strengthen the community, and whose
service has been sustained and distinguished.
Oftentimes, their efforts have gone unrecognized
for many years." Dorothy also received four years for the
Counseling Service of Addison County (CSAC),
based primarily at Middlebury Union High
School. She continues to work as a part-time sub-
stitute in special and alternative education pro-
grams, as a consultant for CSAC, and as an instruc-
tor at the Community College of Vermont (CCV).
A former member of the Middlebury school board
and a former trustee and chair of the Porter
Hospital board, she's a current member of the
board of directors for the statewide organization
Youth Empowerment. Dottie is also the winner of the
Governor’s Award for Service to Children and
the CCV Outstanding Instructor Medal. • We
regret to report the death of John Castelli
on December 1, 2001. We send the condolences of the
class to his wife, Patricia Tbone Castelli, and
to daughter Michelle Castelli Clancy, who graduated from
Middlebury in 1982.

When Scott Riccio '94 (center) married Angela
Romanus in Elmhurst, IL, on September 23, his
best man was his father, David Riccio '59 (right).
Also in attendance was Patrick J. Reinkemeyer '87
(left), Scott's colleague at Morningstar, Inc.
Hampshire, not long after the horror and sadness of 9/11. Our life here in the S.F. Bay Area has been a bit hectic, but quite interesting nevertheless. Bob is now on the city council (referred—HAA!) and I am still on the water board and involved in several environmental causes. Another chunk of time has been the rewarding and demanding volunteer job of obiterdictum and, educationally, of overseeing a forum group of 570 members. Would love to see anyone coming to S.F. and the Bay Area! • Mary Charles Blackburne graduated from Coach University (www.coachu.com) and gained her first international client in Bristol, England, last late last year. • Phil Bulley reports that he and Pam spent a most enjoyable time visiting the magnificent art and art collections in Venice, Florence, and Rome. Highlights were a full day at Pompéii, and of course, the Vatican Museum. Phil continues to enjoy his (almost) retirement. His remaining time is spent woodworking, visiting and/or entertaining family, and enjoying the wonderful Cornwall countryside. • Susan “Susie” Tallman Warner has been recovering from fracturing her heel last May. She keeps busy with volunteer projects, both her own and her husband’s. When asked what she was looking forward to in 2002, she responded: “More time with my grandchildren. We have four—all on the West Coast. A trip to China in March/April with Elderhostel (one of the advantages of getting older). We have a marvelous time on an Elderhostel trip to New Zealand last year. And of course less economic woes for the country and an end to terrorism.”

Enjoying a reception at the Panther Valley Inn in Alliance, NJ, Charles Sprigman Jr ‘64 (left) and his cousin, Walter Savage ‘49 (center), were on hand to celebrate the marriage of Charles Sprigman III on August 11. While Anne McKenzie Jourlait no longer returns to the French Summer School at Midd, she visited her mother and sister who live in Maine. Earlier last year, she and Doug were in France, an advance 40th anniversary present. They had a good time last May at the Midd Cape Tournament, playing with Breck and Sue Hibbert Lardner. • Angela Larossetta Randall went to Mexico on a one-week mission trip. With her husband, Joe, she traveled to Sicily in April. She report that trying to explain the Church to the people was quite challenging, since half of the people on the tour spoke Spanish. In the fall, they participated in a big family reunion in New Jersey. 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ner) make sure you arrive by Friday noon to play in our
classmate scramble at the college golf course.
Reservations back home should be as late as possible
on Sunday so that you can join us at the Davis-
Patterson camp on Lake Dunmore for Dog Team
steaky burgers at brunch and lake activities through the
afternoon. We have planned a class survey back to the
university office, please do so ASAP. If you’ve
lost yours, go online at www.middlebury.edu and
look for it under our class reunion page (or call the
university office and ask for another one). With creep-
ing age and increasingly scary world events, we need
and want to be with old friends more than ever. We
are interested in the adventures of your grown-up children (24 and 27) and is very involved with her businesses, Feather Your Nest (interior design) and Elephant Lifters (magnetic and infrared products for health). She writes: “Feathering was always my favorite thing to do, but now I’m torn between the two—I LOVE helping people enjoy their home, but it’s even MORE rewarding to get or keep them healthy, energetic, and feeling better than great!”

We also heard from Tom Easton. He reports that “it’s hard to believe that I have now retired from the FBI for 18 months. I’m still enjoying flying the Gulfstream IV aircraft for Pipistrelle International in worldwide travel. Kathy and I now have six (6) grandchildren and we enjoy them immensely!”

Virginia Backus Wilcox is excited to report that son Graham, a filmmaker, has started on his first “paid”
film project. * M. Burke Walker recently returned to
his native Virginia to stage the Truman Capote-
based Holiday Memories at Theatre Virginia. His par-
ents, who live at Westminster-Canterbury in Virginia Beach, were planning to attend Holiday Memories. Burke did his graduate studies in theatre at the Univ. of WA in Seattle. He later headed the graduate directing program at Washington and cofounded Seattle’s innovative Empty Space Theatre, where he was artistic director for two decades. Four years ago, he moved to NYC to free-
lance and he’s now excited about theatre “in the hinterlands.”

Steve Heidel reports that daughter Sarah has completed a federal court clerkship and is very involved with the lifestyle we are now leading and to have a good health as well. It is not something I would have planned on many years ago, but we are loving it and have not found boredom to be a problem. Actually I am now doing those things that I always wished I had time for when I worked. Our e-mail in both Chatham, MA, and Nokomis, FL, is bndelayn@aol.com. * David Robinson is “still working full time as voyage coordinator for the Banque Peto­n Castle, a square-rigger devoted to making adventure sail-around-the-world voyages. Formerly with a certified natural history tour-Company, he is now with the Rodin Hospital in Nauk, NH. Remember that Felicia and I had a toddler at the last reunion in 1997?
This reunion William will be seven, and is happily attending first grade at the Pine Hill Waldorf School in Wilton, NH. In February 2001, we had a great adventure when Felicia, William, and I escaped the NE winter weather 3 weeks with the Peton Castle for three weeks. We also visit-
ed islands in the French Polynesian group, with an average air and ocean temperature of 87 degrees. We adults even came home with Polynesian tat­tos. Our biggest news is that we are adopting Tomas (11), a Bolivian girl, from the Boarding School of Gagarin in the Stolnits region.
spent six weeks with us last summer, as part of KidSave USA’s Summer Miracles 2001 program. We look forward to seeing many classmates over Reunion 2002 weekend!

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Dan Curry checks in with yet another (his fifth) Emmy for best special visual effects for the final Star Trek Voyager episode, “End Game.” He is now producing the visual effects for the new Star Trek series: Enterprise. His son, Devin, is a sophomore at USC School of Cinema.

69 Class Secretaries: Anne Harris Onion (onnionphilly@etherional.net), P.O. Box 207, Gilmanton, NH 03237; and Peter Reynolds (preyon@avant.com), 64 Maple St., Bristol, VT 05443.

Putty Clark (pdc@clarkhawaii.com) sends an update: “I am married with three adopted children from China, Paraguay, and HonolulacI have been in the real estate business for 20 years and have my own company, Clark Realty Corp, on the Big Island of Hawaii. The Web address is www.clarkhawaii.com for anyone interested in a glimpse of what’s happening here.”

70 Class Secretary: Dr. David Deochser (khawandessa@msn.com), 35 Blackbear’s View, Bath, NC 27808; and Andy Wentink (andywentink@midflorida.edu), 1571 Route 30, Cornwall, VT 05753.

Secretary Desochser reports: We’re sending cards to the class, in small groups, over the next year. Please answer those cards when you get them and send us your news for this column. If you want to reply sooner, write to us at the addresses above. I am a radiologist, and I’m working half time for a year and learning to fly a helicopter. Most challenging! Elsa is a flight instructor, as of November. Max Brown, my veterinarian wife, Claire, have purchased a small farm near Donald’s mother, Dr. Marguerite Gulick. Grandfather Dr. Eugene Birnbaum operated the practice for 50 years prior to his death in 1974. Specializing in dogs and cats, the Gulicks offer state-of-the-art medical care and will even make house calls. The Gulicks have two daughters, one a teacher at Berkshire Country Day School and one a student at Berkshire Community College.

71 Class Secretaries: Dr. Susan R. Thornton (thornton@synergist.net), 22 Vincent St., Binghamton, NY 13905.

Barbara J. Horiiuchi writes from the Windy City:

“Life is good. I am with Jones Lang LaSalle in the Aon Centre (which used to be the Amoco Building), the next tallest building after the Sears Tower. My most recently read book was Chi Fitness, exploring our chakras and aspects of energy relative to our bodies. I have been a member of a small discussion group for the past four years that explores spirituality and different religious perspectives. A Course in Miracles, Flights of Fancy, Death and Dying, Sea goat, Soul, Chakra, Mary Ann Williams, and a lot of Jungian and New Age reading. It’s been a rewarding experience overall. On a personal note, my husband and I live in a brownstone in the Gold Coast in downtown Chicago and enjoy our urban lifestyle. We have no children and only one car, which is difficult for many suburbanites/country folk to understand. We enjoy our visits to Colorado for skiing and the Caribbean for windsurfing. We have had the occasion to visit Jeff and Susie Elmsendorf Roberts in Hudson, WI, on our trips to Minnesota to visit with my husband’s parents. They are three children, two dogs, two birds. Susie’s given swimming lessons, and Jeff’s business is doing well. Their oldest daughter, Lucy, graduated from Middlebury in 2000. Hope all is well with you and yours.”
a terrible cold and laryngitis. Afghanistan was not a great place to be sick when I was there in 1970, and it sounded far worse in Anne’s report; so I was relieved to hear her voice a few weeks later, proving that she’d recovered. • We offer our condolences to the families and friends of Eric Spengler, who died December 11, 2001, and Linda Reeves Pettit, who died on April 20, 2001. Memories for Eric and Linda appear elsewhere in this issue. I am sorry not to have more information about Eric, but can share some insight into Linda’s death, which came after an 18-month battle with ovarian cancer. Kathy Mulligan Lord, Mary Kate Sullivan Cox, Nancy Morgan Serpa, and Becky Patterson BX noted that Linda was a lifelong friend. Linda was expecting. Graying hair aside, we still seemed indeed, still crazy after all these years. Some of us a lifetime!” Gavin, Charli wrote, “appreciated life in women in bed each morning than most men do in essential extrovert.” At Midd, he was a guitarist, a middleburg who directed the Vermont State Craft processes. • Paintings by Anne Cady were featured at the Frog Hollow Vermont State Craft and also relates to the deep-sea sedimentary Lake Mead has social and environmental implications “the quintessence of publications.” • Charli Fulton wrote recently remembering Gavin Cullen (whose June 2001 death was announced earlier) as “that quintessential extrovert.” At Midd, he was a guitarist, a singer with the D-8, and a wee hours WRMIC broadcaster: “the DJ in his pjs—talks to more women in bed each morning than most men do in a lifetime!” Gavin, Charli wrote, “appreciated life in all its fullness and determined to be happy regardless of whatever difficulties arose.” • With the approach of our 30th Reunion, I am struck by what a difference five years makes. I can’t speak for everyone, but I sense that at least some of us have been sobered a bit by life since our wonderful 25th. At that reunion, we thumbed our noses at the 50th birth­days still ahead and celebrated the fact that we were, indeed, still crazy after all these years. Some of us still had very young children; Gavin Cullen’s wife was expecting. Graying hair aside, we still seemed like the fountain of youth. Turning 50 has been a bigger deal for me perhaps than most of us were expecting. It seems incredible that we are announcing the deaths of two classmates and remembering two others who died in the past year. September 11 struck close to home for many of us. More than a few of us have had brushes with cancer and other serious illnesses. As a class, we may be less carefree now than we were a few years ago. Nonetheless, many—I hope all—of us continue growing in new directions, trying new things, adjusting creatively to new circumstances. I encourage everyone to come back to Midd for our 30th Reunion, older, wisest, maybe more grateful for our past, present, and whatever the future holds. And still ready for a good time! See you there.

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Celebration of Color,” Anne’s work was chosen because it celebrates Vermont’s spectacular fall color. • We regret to report the death of Charles Dixon on October 15 and send our condolences of the class to his family. A memorial appeared in the winter issue.

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Class Secretaries: Greg Dennis (gjengo@ymail.com), 1053 Middlebury Road, Cranston, RI 02921-2485 and Barry Schultz King (bkinglet@gogethe.net), P.O. Box 77, Ripon, VI 57066.

As a journalist in Zimbabwe, Sandy Meldrum (andy@mywind.co.zw) has found himself in a difficult situation. In a February 6 message to Barry, he writes: “Robert Mugabe, 78, and in power for 22 years, is running for re-election. His campaign consists of having his supporters beat, torture, and kill anyone associated with the opposition. Lots of repression. The economy is spiraling downwards. He is also attacking the press and in the past few weeks the minister of information has named me as a terrorist, a saboteur, a threat to national security, an agent of international intelligence, and a liar. Does that fit with the guy you remember from Middlebury? The good part is the great solidarity that I have with Zimbabwean journalists. We are standing together and it is very gratifying. Despite (or maybe because of) all the state-sponsored vio­lence, it looks like the opposition candidate could win.” Sandy was being interviewed that night for the NPR program, Fresh Air. Greg heard the interview and messaged Sandy (in part): “I just heard you on Fresh Air a little while ago, on the San Diego PBS radio station. I just wanted to drop you a note to let you know how much I respect your hanging in there and continuing to do the tough reporting. Of course I hope you won’t put yourself in any more danger than you may already be, and that you are right about the prospects for freedom and democracy in Zimbabwe. Eventually truth and freedom will prevail, hopefully soon. It’s all a long way from the days of hanging out in the SDUs, isn’t it? Best of luck to you, and thanks for fighting the good fight. As you said, what is happening in Zimbabwe might make a difference for all of Africa, and even globally. Stay safe and well, and I’m looking forward to that next interview with Terry Gross.” We hope to continue our report in the next issue. Sandy also informed us that “Earl Irving left Harare a few months ago and is now at the U.S. embassy in Mexico City, which he tells me is really great—good food, fascinating culture, interesting city and people.” While practicing law in Morrisstown, NJ, Dan Somers spends much of his spare time with his family and their horses. Although his oldest child departed for college last fall, he and Julia “still have a very full house occupied by three teenagers, with more driver’s licenses and college applications (and bills) on the horizon.” • Bob Hutton in his 24th year of teaching music, German, chemistry, and physics at the high school in a village of 1,000 (mostly Tlingit Indians) in Hyder, Alaska (2001). Many mem­bers enjoying a variety of activities, including bare­boat sail charters, kayaking down the Stikine River from British Columbia to Petersburg, AK, and bik­ing rail trails. Bob says, “If you have kids old enough to have some stamina and young enough to want to go with you, e-mail me at bhutton@hoonah.net, and together we’ll come up with recommendations for rail trail trips in PA and MD.” • If you’re looking for some peace and quiet, I’d suggest avoiding Bill Hoyt’s household in GREELEY, CO. Bill continues to work and travel for Earth Systems Education while wife Cathy is still teaching at Union Colony Prep, where she’s working on a National Science Foundation grant. Daughter Sarah (14) is an avid gymnast, Aaron (9) is a soccer goalie for an indoor soccer team, and Anna (6) “has a disposition which is best described as bright and forward; she is likely to get whatever she wants in life.” The Hoyts share their home with a dog, a cat, two turtles, and a fish named ‘Mike.” • Bob Pettit, who died October 23, 2001. Memorials for the families and friends of Eric Spengler, who came after an 18-month battle with ovarian cancer. Can share some insight into Linda’s death, which can be attributed to the trim of a farmhouse she had recently bought.” Three days before she died, “up on a ladder painting three days, adjusting creatively to new circumstances. 1

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Last November, David Twichell of the U.S. Geological Survey was on campus to speak on “Geology in Lake Mead, Behind the Hoover Dam.” His research project on sedimentation in Lake Mead has social and environmental implications, and also relates to the deep-sea sedimentary processes. • Paintings by Anne Cady were featured at the Frog Hollow Vermont State Craft Center in Middlebury last fall. Entitled “A
career in professional baseball was an unusual one. After taking a year's leave of absence in the mid-
1990s to focus on his work, he could be found working for a couple of baseball clubs. Tim returned to
Teaching for one year, then took a position with the Padres. I (Greg Dennis) had the pleasure of seeing
Tim at a Middlebury gathering in San Diego in 1999. After the gathering, Tim went off to the Padres
annual dinner, where he sat between retiring Padres star Tony Gwynn and the club's manager, Bruce
Bochy—both of whom gave him a hard time for being late because he had been at the Middletown
event. While in Boston before Christmas, Tim also had a chance to grab a cup of coffee at the
Westwood, MA, Starbucks with Kate Peterson Burr and Brian G behavior. With most of us
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Olivia Hooper '97 and Michael Curry were married on June 30, 2001, in Rye, NY.

Rebecca Philips '00 and Peter Emerson '98 were married on June 24, 2000. Celebrating with them in Bakersfield, CA, were Erin Branch Weinberg '01, the newlyweds, Emma Craven-Matthews, Catriona Craven-Matthews, Diana Egbers Fanning '71, (back row) Jen Close '98, Nick Lauriat '98, Mark Weinberg '98, Amy Emerson (budget office), John Emerson (prof. of mathematics), Ian Barkin '98, Peter Matthews (prof. of economics), Carolyn Craven (prof. of economics), Kari Nygaard '01, Dave Keyes '98, "Doc" Emory Fanning (prof. emeritus of music and Mead Chapel organist).

A large Midd contingent gathered in Katonah, NY, for the June 16 marriage of Molly Lukins '97 and Brian Burke '97: (all '97 unless indicated) (front) Michael Bender, Becky Cowgill Wilkoff, Dates Fryberger, Caroline Portny '98, Jody Kaufman, Louise Smith, Laurie Higginbotham, Kate Dates, the newlyweds, Christine McCann Hamner, Shannon Reilly, Maggie Bittinger, Olivia Severs, Amy DiAdamo; (back) Nick Wilkoff, Brad Soroca, Adam Duarte, Tyler Lifton '98, Amy Nichols, Evan Alexander, Matt Fritz, Jenny Walton '98, Kevin Burke '96, Jamie Cowperthwait, Caleb McClennen, Matt Biju, Whit Parks, Laine Catlin, Jocelyn Nill, Keith Liljegren, and Franklin Foster '98.

Joanne Doyle and Matthew Pauley '92 were married on March 31, 2001 in Pasadena, CA. Celebrating with them at a reception in L.A., were (all '92 except noted) Charlie Watson, Nick Eifner, Tristram Perkins, Sarah Ellwood Opler, Eddie Opler '93, (middle row) Kingman Gordon, Campbell Barrett, the newlyweds, Peter Walsh, Brian Willing, (back row) Ben Faucett, Amar Ranawat '90, Warner McGowin, Bill Tice. Fred McCrea '89 missed the photo.

In Manchester, VT, Betsy Heckman '97 and Drew Tanzosh were married on June 23. Joining them were Midd '97 friends Susie Church Maxwell, Christopher Turner, the newlyweds, and Nichole North Hester. Sarah Raunecker '92 missed the photo. At Berkshire School, Betsy teaches history, while Drew teaches math and physics.
On August 18, Wendy Russell '95 and Eric Tracy were married in Rochester, NY, where they celebrated with (front) Anna Nolin '95, Graham Fox '95, Dan Haley '95 (kneeling), Allison O'Hare Liggett '94, the newlyweds, Trystan Phifer O'Leary '95, Kathy Follert Ebner '87 with daughter Wynne, (second row) Ben Halpern '93, Matt Hamilton '95, Brendan O'Leary '94, Jen Kahn Hamilton '96, Nicole Mathews Engler '95, Julie Russell '01, (third row) Alyssa Sveden Sinclair '94, Neil Sinclair '93, Shannon Detweiler Nguyen '95, Hieu Nguyen '92, Martha Mullane '95, Dudley Winthrop '94, Daron Barnard '95, Peter Wood '71, Jed Harris '99, Amy Flanders '97, Nicole Kassissieh '95, and Katherine Buchan '95.

Melissa Sopher '97 and David Moran were married in Shelburne, VT, on May 20, 2001.

Middlebury friends gathered in Garrison, NY, to celebrate the July 7 marriage of Isabel Roberts and Cort Corbin '95: (all '95 unless noted) (front) Seth Cameron, Kirtley Horton Cameron, Spencer Tullio, the newlyweds, Tom Kuchler, Susie Strife '02, Libby Zug '97, Adam Greenberger '93, (back row) Kate Nicita Shepherd '96, Jonathan Shepherd, John Beveridge, Robert Fogelman, Steve Rexford (M.A. English '95), Brendan Sullivan (English '00), Scott Sanders (M.A. French '93), and H. James Stahl.

The June 30 marriage of Kristina Parker '98 and Kevin Justh '97 at Portland Head Light in Cape Elizabeth, ME, brought together ('97 unless noted) Kristen Chencus, Wendy Peterson, Brent McKay, Clay Hartzog, Alex Blum, Zac Stillerman, Jen Burrell, Jen Close '98, James Holland '98, and Peter Huoppi '00. Kris works for the World Wildlife Fund in DC; Kevin works in real estate investment banking.

The marriage of Meredith McLean '93 and Mark Gramelspacher took place at Robert Todd Lincoln's Hildene in Manchester, VT, on May 19, 2001. The festive weekend wedding centered around the Equinox Hotel, including a clambake rehearsal dinner, golf, and a fun-run “Race to the Altar” the morning of the wedding. Friends from 1993: (front) Eddie Opler, Jason Cort, (standing) Sarah Elwood Opler, Kerri Heinecken Milne, the newlyweds, Meghan Honan, Lee Casselman Whelan, and Kathy Dougan Cort.
Gathering in Connecticut for the June 30, 2001, marriage of Allison O’Hare ’94 and Jeff Liggett were (front) Joe Engler, Nikki Mathews Engler ’95, Wendy Russell Tracy ’95, Jennifer Kahn Hamilton ’96, (standing) Trystan Phifer O’Leary ’95, Melissa Halasz, Laura Christian ’94, the newlyweds, Dan Haley ’95, Matt Hamilton ’95, Brendan O’Leary ’94, Daron Barnard ’95, and Eric Tracy.

Aarin Willoughby and Jamie Holmes ’90 were married in Brandon, VT, on August 19, 2000. The gathering included Craig McGray ’95, Tom Powers ’91, Heather Widlund ’91, Jane Keller ’89, the newlyweds, Rob Hanson ’90, and Josh Landis ’97.

Following the August 11 marriage of Beth Trudeau and C.J. Sprigman ’93 in Hackettstown, NJ, the newlyweds were surrounded by (clockwise) Walter Savage ’49, Theo Dolan ’94, Mike McCollum ’96, Charles J. Sprigman Jr. ’64, Peter O’Hara ’94, Dane Sobek ’93, and Elizabeth Gold Sobek ’94, holding daughter Tessa Hope Sobek. C.J. is an emergency room physician at the Underwood Memorial Hospital in Woodbury, NJ.

Classmates from 1998 gathered in August 2000 to celebrate the marriage of Heather Corkadel ’98 and Erik Skinner in Colorado: Mark McCormack, Katie Padden, Dan Ackerman, Erin Mara, the newlyweds, Emily Olson, Tim MacMillan, Liz Dubin, Chuck Donnellan, and Becky Sama.

A reception at the Mamaroneck Beach & Yacht Club brought together Midd friends celebrating the marriage of Rebecca Rudy and Tim Shaw ’93 on August 11 (all ’93 unless noted): (front) Dave Collard ’94, Rob Crowley ’94, the newlyweds, (standing) Dan Scheidt, Paul Dalpe, Ross O’Hanley, Chue Yi, Eric Sevigny, Grady Woodring, Rick Gronda, Jordan Sullivan, and Suzy Dairymple Sullivan ’91.
Middlebury friends celebrating the August 18 marriage of Laura Karch and Bill Eaton '90 in Belmont, MA, included (all '90, except where indicated) John Hoult, Beth Walton, Alex Chang, Jill Skovron, Tom Hand '87, Jon Mowry, Geoff Coffey, Sam Hodgson, Marci Griffith '89, Amar Ranawat, Ian Kelley, Tom Louderback, Bill Champ, Kristen Peterjohn Brown, Joe Brown, Andy Rosenshine, and the newlyweds.

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Guests arrived by gondola for the marriage of Maya Van Putten '95 and Scott (Duffy) Thompson '94, high atop a ski mountain in Telluride, CO. Celebrating with them on August 18 were Mike Higuera '97, Mimi Mather '96, Roberta Stewart '95, Bryan Wockley '94, Peter Polson '95, the newlyweds, Elizabeth Bales '94, Foster Hetherington '95, Janine Hetherington '95, Chad Peck '95, Vikram Capoor '91, Tara Sweeney-Capoor '94, Jennifer Marden '01, and Karl Pelletier '95, with twins Madison and Alexander Pelletier.

Kathy Kulis '97 and Tim Dailey were married at the Andover Inn on the campus of Phillip's Academy on August 5. The wedding party included Michelle Lin, Kara Delahunt '97, Sahili Sheth '97, Lisa D'Ambrueso, the newlyweds, Christopher Dailey, Rob Hauer, David Kulis '95, and Brian Kulis. Other Midds in attendance were Amy N. Smith '97 and Mike Szymanski '98.

In traditional Greek style, Sarah White '91 and Stefan Bournakel '91 rode donkeys to the church on August 4, 2001. The "small but raucous group" on the island of Santorini in Greece included Lana Fuller '91, Ted Siebert '90, Jim Rondeau '91, Shawn Miller '91, Mary Blanchard '92, Phil Busse '92, and Prof. Robert Buckeye.

The June 16 marriage of Katherine Behrens '94 and Scott Crosby took place in Baltimore, MD, where they celebrated with ('94 unless noted) (front) Alexandra Mackintosh Aspbury, Maggie Zraly, the newlyweds, Ariana Speyer, Patrick Sullivan '95, (middle row) Ben Paxton '95, Edelen McWilliams, Rebecca Eisele Luib, Jillian Theberge '95, Nancy Hastings Fox, (back) Peter Aspbury, Juliet Caldwell, Peter Savodnik, Charlotte Furey, Alison Vreeland, Liz Weems Carpenter, and Peter Carpenter '93.
Congratulations to Adrian Benepe, who was recently named NYC Commissioner of Parks and Recreation.

Joelcyn Samuels has left Sen. Edward Kennedy’s staff to serve as VP and director of educational opportunities at the National Women’s Law Center. Before joining Kennedy’s staff, she spent a decade as a senior attorney and adviser in the Office of Legal Counsel at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

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Buzby Whalen had hoped to make the trip as well, but were unable to go. Cindy is a legal consultant in NYC, where she lives with husband Stuart and daughter and son-in-law to counsel and coach at St. Paul's School in Concord, NH, where she lives with husband John and son Casey (9). ♦ Lisa Salyard Brussell is living in Boulder, CO, with husband Benjamin and kids Alexander (5) and Sophie (3). ♦ Anna Jones-Weinstock has joined the Vermont Community Foundation as VP for donor relations and communications. Ann recently completed her work as a senior staff member in Middlebury's successful Bicentennial Campaign. ♦ Teresa Mansfield, husband Kirk Elliott, and daughters Julia (10), Marta (7), and Emma (5) are back in the States after six years of living in Taiwan, where Kirk worked for Nabisco. They're living in San Diego, CA, where Teresa is back at work as a population consultant and Kirk is a student at the Pacific College of Oriental Medicine. ♦ In case you missed it, the Discovery Channel aired a three-hour documentary last November on Bill's expedition to Devon Island. Geologist Charles Frankel contributed to the exploration effort and his brother, Chris '74, was also involved. The Discovery site on the Internet outlines the story of the expedition: “Take four geologists, two biologists, a chemist, seven engineers, two doctors, four physicists, an optical scientist, an industrial psychologist, an architect, a businessman and an independent filmmaker. Divide into groups of six—some get more than one turn—seal in a small habitat on a remote island in the Canadian Arctic and see what happens. That is the mission for 25 people participating in the Mars Arctic Research Station this summer.” ♦ Now living in Riverside, CT, Peter and Peggy Holden Briggs have three daughters; Anna (12), Sarah (9), and Madeleine (5). Peter writes: “We spent a total of six years in Prague, Czech Republic, from 1995 through 2000, during which time I held a variety of positions with Citibank: corporate bank head for the bank to found a new venture in Central Europe, Central Asia, and managing director of Citicorp Venture Capital for Central Europe. In 1998, I left the bank to found a new venture in Central Europe, with mixed results, and during 2000 returned to New York, rejoining Citigroup.” As the third time father in the global loans business of Salomon Smith Barney, Prague is a beautiful city and we had great adventures, both professionally and as a family, in Eastern Europe—and skiing in Austria! Still, it’s good to be home in the U.S., living in CT, spending our summers on Lake Champlain, and winters skiing wherever the snow is good.” ♦ Peter Christiansen shared the sad news of Bill Watlington’s death last July. Bill came to Middlebury as a February freshman and lived in Barrett, next door to Peter. He was tall, wore aviator glasses, and loved jazz—listening to it, talking about it, and especially playing it: A jazz pianist himself, Bill loved the music of Erroll Garner and Oscar Peterson. Bill majored in history at Middlebury, and Peter remembers how enthusiastic he was about his studies, particularly the courses he took in American history. Peter recalls many good times, especially the Christmas break of the year for his family. Each year during the last five years, Bill and Dublin, Peter in Scotland. Together they traveled to Naples, where Bill’s father-in-law was commander of the Seventh Fleet. You may remember Bill’s yearbook picture—he and the late Paul Minater were sitting in the snow in lawn chairs, wearing their bathing suits. After graduation, Bill enlisted in the Marines, where he was a first lieutenant in the elite Amphibious Reconnaissance Unit, following military service. Bill was best man at Peter and Serena Furman’s wedding. Bill married Maureen Smythe, and they had two children, Rodney and Chloe. Peter and Serena live in Stow, MA, where Serena has started her own business, A Space Design, creating 3-D designs for museum exhibits and designing commercial interiors. Peter recently started a new job at the Leaby Clinic, where he is director of corporate and foundation relations.

80 Class Secretaries: Anne Cowherd (acowherd@inc.com), 1225 Park Ave., New York, NY 10128; and Suzanne Rohrdat Stater (sfrater@ytdtown.ca), 21 Galles Ct., Beaconfield QC, H9W 5H5 Canada.

Anne Cowherd and Susie Rohrdat Stater (with husband Kurt and daughter Christina) planned a mini reunion during the fall Homecoming Weekend at Middlebury College. The reunion quickly got bigger, as we bumped into the Hentz and Gardner families. Like us, they saw Homecoming as a great opportunity to relive some memories, but also as a great place to have fun, and for children and adults alike. The weather and foliage were spectacular. Bill and Madeleine (13), Molly (10), Parker (8), and Mavee (3). Kathy manages the Iacocca Foundation that actively supports diabetes research. Ned’s company developed and marketed a product that incorporates butter and olive oil called Olivo Premium Spread. Look for it in a dary case near you. In keeping with northern activities, the whole Hentz clan went sled dogging in Quebec over Christmas. They highly recommend the experience! Ned reports seeing Michael Bassett during his trips to NYC, where Michael lives and practices law at Jones, Day. He is an avid rider and, although suffering a bad fall recently, he’s back in the saddle again. ♦ Peter Gardner moved to Hanover, NH, from NYC in 1996 with wife Victoire and children Evan (16), Emma (14), Nadya (9), and Parker (6). Since then, he got a law degree and a master’s in environmental law from the Vermont Law School, plus a master’s in intellectual property law from Franklin Pierce Law Center. He’s practicing intellectual property law in Hanover firm Stebbins, Bradley, Wood & Harvey. He writes legal articles when the opportunity arises, the most recent of which is “Media at the Gates Panic! Stress! Ethics!” in the Vermont Bar Journal (September 2001). ♦ Sue Follett Panella and her family spent a wonderful summer vacation in Glacier National Park in Montana. She’s consulting with Gang&Gang, which gives her a nice balance between motherhood and professional life. As she writes, “During the first 15 years of our marriage, I accum­ulated votes as the ‘Worst Parents Ever,’ the bulk of our time and energy is devoted to the kids— Andrew (grade 5), Leslie (grade 3), and Jeffrey (age 6)—and their activities.” ♦ Judy Kula Walklet (jwalklet@yahoo.com) lives in Oakland, CA, with husband Jack, daughters J матa (6) and Sophia (4), and stepchildren (ages 18, 15, and 11). The five chil­dren allow her to “simultaneously experience par­enthood at every possible stage!” After leaving the printing industry in 1998, Judy became VP of busi­ness development for ThirdAge Inc., the leading Internet site serving the baby boomer audience online. Her company survived the roller coaster ride of the dot-com meltdown and continues to develop integrated marketing partnerships with Fortune 500 companies. ♦ We were happy to welcome Missi Stern and Mark Podsky welcomed daughter Natalie Flora on September 23, and Kirk and Madeline Hardart Saville became the proud parents of Grace Hardart on November 11, 2000. Madeline was east for Christmas, but is enjoying her new life in San Jose. ♦ Alison De Laney Granger and family are happily settled in Farmington, CT. She’s managing portfolios, a job she likes to a multi-billion-dollar bargain-hunting adventure: “Rather than seeking the best value in cashmere, I hunt for the best deal in the bond market.” Husband Hal is working from home, while Liz is soaking up the sun on Maui. (8). They regularly visit her parents in Middlebury. Alison’s room works part time in Old Chapel. ♦ After 20 years in network television, Tim Rockwood writes from Kennington, MD, that he’s finally doing something his mother finds worthwhile and important. He’s the senior editorial pro­ducer of “Avoiding Armageddon,” an eight-hour international television and multimedia series and book for Ted Turner Documentaries, LLC, on weapons of mass destruction. The project puts him in touch with high-powered non-proliferation thinkers and has him working on landing inter­views with Mikhail Gorbachev, Jimmy Carter, Fidel Castro (whom he filmed in Cuba in 1986), and Nelson Mandela. The series will air on PBS in about a year. Tim’s wife, Jessica, works with the UN and World Bank, and son Jordan works on being a first grader. ♦ Niffir Fields Condon lives with husband Michael and daughter Mackenzie in Glenwood, IL. She has her own business, representing photographers to advertising and promotional agencies. In her free time, she auctions fine art and antiques, and renovates her house. She has a nice guest room and would be delighted to share it with classmates traveling through the area. ♦ Peter Duncan (sal贽er@iol.com) continues his work helping mid-sized and small businesses improve their competitive positions and become more successful. He also appears on radio shows and gives speeches at business conventions. When not on the road for work, Peter is often traveling for fun. He and Sylvia (Allen) ’81 and kids Ian (10), Terry (8), and Stephen (4) get to Vermont for a year and to Canada with Peter’s siblings, including Chris Duncan ’84, Suzanne Duncan Simmonds ’86, and her husband Craig ’85. Peter continues to be active in sailing, traveling to regattas up and down the East Coast and, last summer, to the International Championship in England, where he was the sec­ond USA boat, placing 18th in the ’70-boat fleet. ♦ Mandy Boe Faulkner owns a great retail store in Darien, CT, called Amanda & Company; “sort of a ‘chick shop,’ like one of those really neat stores that women gravitate toward and men get fidgety in.” She sees a lot of Midd alumni in her store and encourages us all to stop in. She loves what she does and is happy to be flexible as a full-time single mom to Brad, a musician (15); Matt, a marine biologist (13); and Cali, a humanitarian (10). And still she finds time to work out at her rowing club, write a screenplay, and learn how to play the guitar. ♦ Bob King, his wife, and three kids (11-year-old twins and a 5-year-old) have been in Seattle for the last seven years—after stops in Denver, Hartford, Atlanta, New York, Boston, Chicago, and Virginia. Bob is the president of Everett Pad & Paper Co., a privately held manufacturing company with locations in Seattle and Dallas. ♦ Jane Hammond McKinney enjoys life on an active
farm in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Charlottesville. VA. She and husband Charlie have a small Angora/Charlkin cattle, and a herd of Cashmere goats. She also enjoys hunt tests and field trials with their American Pointers. * Theresa Costello is working on her fifth degree, a Ph.D in public interest psychology, specializing in health psychology in occupational health. After Midd she got a second bachelor’s in physical therapy from Ohio State, then a master’s in international management from the American Graduate School of International Management, and a master’s in psychology from NC State Univ. She teaches and runs research studies at NC State and practices as a physical therapist in occupational rehab settings. When not working, she tries to get to inner tubes, does woodcutting, and provides live-in care to a man with a spinal cord injury. * Congratulations to Ben and Annie Hartmann Philbrick, who were married recently. They live in Stonington, CT, with her kids—David (12) and Elma (10)—blended with two teenage boys (15 and 18). “A lot of fun and patience, and the kids love the first!” Annie sees a lot of Hootie Fogg, her roommate at Midd and a 25-year friendship still going strong! * Andy “Noodles” Nestler has settled back into life on the East Coast, much to his ex-employer’s chagrin. Out of the food business and into pharmaceuticals, Andy is running sales and marketing for Bayer in Morristown, NJ. He and wife Robin are raising another batch of Nestlers: Ryan (17), P (16), Andrew (13), and Sam (9). Daughter Ryan, who accompanied Andy to our 20th Reunion, is considering following her father’s lead as she looks into college. Andy joins Paul Schueffer, Eric Kemp, Andy (18), Geoff (16), and John (14) in Vail for the annual Midd Supermasters Lax teams get-together and a great mini reunion of their own. When not playing, Andy has been actively coaching his boys in football and lacrosse at the middle school level. * Annie has seen Ellen and Marc Baker several times recently and can report that they are enjoying life in her old neighborhood of Darien, CT. They are busy raising sons Marc Jr. (18), Kevin (16), Christopher (13), and James (10). The Bakers are all enthusiastic skiers and spend their winter weekends tearing up the slopes at Stratton. Marc is president of his family’s real estate development company in Pleasantville, where he oversees the building of residential communities and light industrial parks in the area. Ellen and Marc will be visiting Middlebury often starting this fall, as Marc Jr. has been accepted for full admission following in his father’s footsteps. Warn the neighbors. * It has been great hearing from so many people, some of whom admit they have never written in before. We look forward to more correspondence, as your classmates are anxious to hear what is filling your lives these days!

### An Anchorage alumni reception in November brought a Midd gathering to the home of Jeff Clarke ’82. Alice Torry-Knapp ’81, Jim Reskurt ’81, Cliff Dekey Geffen ’86, Eric Menich ’84, Jeanne Hamiison Lursen ’83, Glenn Gellet ’86, Mike Graham ’84, Julie Greene-Graham ’84, Ian Moore ’84, and Ian Moore ’84. Martha Leahy Durcan, and Carl Erdman. Jim and wife Jean have twins daughters (9), a daughter (7), and a son (1). * Kevin Granath has been named senior VP of sales for PlanetOut Partners, Inc., a diversified media and services company based in San Francisco and serving gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people and their families and friends. Kevin also serves on the boards of the Internet Advertising Bureau and theWireless Advertising Asoc. * Jennifer Salmon has completed a Ph.D. in aging studies at the Univ of South Florida. She will remain at USF where she is assistant director at the Florida Policy Exchange Center on Aging. She lives in Gulfport with three cats and a dog. * Ruth Turner McLaughlin (ruth@belknaplandscape.com) writes: ‘Had a great time at reunion in May, although we only made a day trip. If you haven’t been back to Midd for a while you should make the effort! The new facilities are fabulous. Belknap Landscape Company, Inc., was named Business of the Year for 2001 in the construction/real estate category by Business NH Magazine! Check out our Web site at www.belknaplandscape.com. We are still very busy and hoping to remain that way. The kids are all skiing and two are in the race program, so I have to be a race worker on weekends.’ * Janice Harvey Holley (janholly@aol.com) lives in Surrey, England, with husband Patrick, daughter Eileen (16), and son Danny (7). She wrote in January, on “the one-year anniversary of my layoff or ‘redundancy’ (in British English) from Enron Corp., where I worked for almost four years as an international corporate tax director, specializing in Latin American tax. I used my Middlebury Spanish, as well as the accounting I mastered in at Rice Univ. I have worked at large corporations doing international tax for some 15 years, and Enron had to be the most challenging, interesting, and exciting place I worked. It’s very sad for me to see its collapse, especially after all my hard work and that of many other very dedicated workers.” Hope to return to work when we return to the U.S. Meanwhile, I am enjoying my free time traveling in Europe, spending time with the kids, and pursuing personal improvement classes, both physical and intellectual.” Jan will be in England for another year or two, and would like to hear from friends. * Tyrone Wilson is in his seventh season as the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. In December he travelled to Livemore, CA, to present an evening of selections from Shakespeare plays and classical and contemporary literature. The tour is part of the company’s outreach, mostly to schools, to acquaint students and others with what is happening in Ashland, OR. * It is with great sadness that we must report the death of Thomas Craig “Tucker” Gosnell on December 31. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. The sympathy of the class is extended to his wife, Silvia, and all the family.

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Mary Ann Petkiewicz Wilmart has earned her doctorate in physical therapy (advanced orthopedics and manual therapy) from the Univ. of St. Augustine for Health Sciences. She received an M.A. in physical therapy from Duke in 1984. Now the owner of Wilmarth Physical Therapy in Andover, MA, Mary Ann and husband Roger have three children—Victoria (11), Lauren (11), and Zachary (9)—all of whom attend the Pike School in Andover. Mary Ann (mwwilmarth@mediadnet.com) is VP of the Pike School Parents Assoc. * Evelyn Hart and husband Adger Williams announce the arrival of son Samual in April 2001. He joins sister Elizabeth (7). At Colgate Univ., Evelyn is an associate prof. of mathematics and Adger works in the library. * We’re looking forward to seeing all of you at reunion, May 31 to June 2!

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Secretary Ulrich reports Out in Fairbanks, AK, Anne Sudkamp has a new job as coordinator of the International Arctic Social Sciences Association. For the past 10 years, Anne has edited the Russian Far East News, a newsletter about business, economics, and politics for the Univ. of AK, Anchorage. Anne and husband Tim Walker have a daughter, Helen (8 in May), and a son, Cole (3 in January). All are doing well. * Peter Conard has been living in Seattle for most of the last decade. He’s enjoying life in the Pacific Northwest with wife, Lisa Apple and sons, Jackson (6), and Jack (3). After a brief move to Vermont (1996-1998), they decided to head back to the Northwest, where Peter is a partner with Sullivan Conard Architects. * Terry Epstein and family welcomed third daughter Abby on November 28. Big sisters Jordan and Caroline are making the adjustment to their new baby sister! * After working with many principals during her 11 years as a teacher, Victoria Reed, of East Lyme, CT, has become the new principal of Highland School. She got her degree in education administration at the Teachers’ College of Columbia Univ. * Cheryl Potter recently published her first book. It is titled The Paths of 21 American fiber artists, including herself. (“It’s a nonfiction art book. Surprisingly, no novel from me yet—and here I thought I was going to write the Great American Novel by the time I was 30.”) Her book tour was starting on January 15. “It took me three years to write and will be available at all the usual commercial outlets. It traces the paths of 21 American fiber artists, including herself.” (Paul).
believe that I am 40 years old and have a daughter old enough to go to college. If Jenna gets in, she will be a third generation Middlebury student, as both of her parents and two of her grandparents graduated from Middlebury. I’m speaking at Middlebury on March 15 and can be contacted at cheryl@cherrycorn.com. This is my wholesale business, Cherry Tree Hill, Inc. of which I am president. An autographed copy of my book can be found at www.handpaintheaven.com, a retail store that I founded three years ago. Middlebury’s first endowed professorship in the Chinese department has been made possible by a gift of $1.5 million from William (Ted) and Cindy O’Connor Truscott, in honor of Prof. John B. Berninghausen. Upon Berninghausen’s retirement, the endowed professorship will be known as the John D. Berninghausen Chair in Chinese. Prof. Berninghausen, who recently stepped down after more than two decades of service as chair of the Middlebury College Chinese department, joined the Middlebury faculty in 1976. He established a Chinese language program and cofounded the interdisciplinary major in East Asian studies.

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Betsy and Larry Stabler celebrated the arrival of son Peter on November 8. At the Hotel Excelsior in NYC, Peter-T-zance-ski celebrated his 40th birthday with a big bash in the second floor breakfast room. A great Chi Psi turnout, including such stalwarts as Tom Knox, Todd Hermanson, BJ Paik, Pepsi McCormick, Andrew Zehner, etc. (Sorry if we missed ‘84). The gig was catered and baby-sitting service was even provided. How things have changed from the “old days” at the Chi Psi house. Martha and Yik Matt Ellenthal also doubled up with the recent arrival of Natalie Outlaw Ellenthal at 8 lbs. 8 oz., 20 inches, bigger than any trout Matt has ever caught. Another addition to ‘84, John Fraser has added a Belle to the ball. Weighing in at 9-plus lbs., she will probably be a future Lady Rangers draft pick in 2020. Marty Lanigan has set up shop on his own in NJ, starting a new business venture leveraging his security expertise and “Lyla”’s lips-curling ability. Jason Bacon is “excited” to be resting comfortably in London, before he starts his next post-doc, com foray. In a matrimonial race between Paul Quinlan and David Wagstaff, Wags managed to beat his old “Prince album” and Jewett nemesis to the position of assistant general counsel in the Philip Morris international headquarters. It’s quite a switch from Moscow, where my husband and I spent more than seven years, but we’re quickly becoming accustomed to clear air, clean food, lakes, and mountains, and, above all, calm. Our daughter, Rose (2), is particularly enjoying her new surroundings and is taking the addition of a third language in stride. William Gibson and wife Diana recently bought their first house in Sharon, MA. Cairy Hall continues her work as a pediatrician for the Indian Health Service in New Mexico. Last July she received the Navajo Area Indian Health Service Area Director’s Award for Outstanding Health Care Provider. Gus Gerdlsks has been named executive VP at First Financial Trust, where he will continue his responsibilities as chief investment officer. Gus’s fellow Panther hurler Andy Gluck and wife Kim Davis Gluck added to their family lineup last May, when they welcomed Stephanie into their home as their foster daughter. Stephanie, who is a first grader, joins Samantha and Joshua in the Glack dugout. For those playing along at home, OutHouse.com effectively went down the dot.com tubes last fall, taking me with it. I have remerged older, but probably no wiser. I’m now the VP and general manager of Disaster Kleenup International, Inc., a national franchisor of restoration contracting companies in Indianapolis. If a rusty tornado picks up your house in Kansas, we can make it all better.

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Congratulations three times over to Pamela and Ron Palmeri, who are the proud parents of twins. Gabbielle Tate, Piper Donovan, and Griffin Curtis were born November 26 in San Francisco. They join older brother Tucker (3), who is “very much the proud big brother.” On the business front, Ron’s company, Grand Central—“a 60-per-son start-up in an emerging technology area called Web services—just raised a $23 million Series B round from Morgan Stanley, Goldman Sachs, Benchmark Capital and individual investors.” After reunion, Christine Langlois traveled to France “to have an immersion experience to help prepare for the Massachusetts Teacher Test in French. Apparently it worked, since I passed!” I started teaching French and Spanish to 7th graders in September. This is quite a change from my previous career in international business in the high-tech sector.” “After practicing law for seven years and being in politics,” Gary Domoracki writes, “I left the practice of law and returned to business school at the Rock School of Business at Dartmouth with my wife and three kids. After two great years at Dartmouth I came back with four kids, and joined the investment bank of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette in their private client group. In 2000, DLJ merged with Credit Suisse First Boston. Some of our classmates and KDR fraternity brothers now work at CSFB. Dave Ballard is a managing director of capital markets in our New York office and we recently hired Henry Persons into our Private Client Group in Chicago.” Gary’s family lives in Hamilton, MA, where he has been coaching youth football and basketball for several years. Henry Persons and wife Susy welcomed son Henry James Persons on April 7, 2001. (“The sixth generation Henry, but all have different middle names.”) Henry Sr. recently stopped practicing law and started financial advisory practice with Credit Suisse First Boston’s Private Client Group. A 10-year Chicago resident, Henry says he had a great time at our 15th Reunion. “I work in an office with several Middlebury grads and parent/alumni boosters, including Gregg Frazfous ’00, Curt Goldman ‘00, and Peter Skoglund, whose youngest son Daniel is a Midd freshman and middle son Matt graduated in ’01. Compared notes on all the baseball national championships we won with the recent hockey and lacrosse national championships stories—plenty.” John Aicher (aicheresq@msn.com), who lives in Rockville Centre, NY, recently bought a beach house in Southold, NY. He and wife Stacey have a big year ahead, celebrating their 10th anniversary and his 10th year of running his own law firm. John and Stacey have two kids, Julian (4) and Aidan (6). Besse Cromwell Staples enjoyed representing Middlebury at the inauguration of Sandy Unger as the 10th president of Goucher College in October. Besse and Tom live in Baltimore with son Guthrie (1) and daughter Nellie (3). Brad and Katie Carpenter Nelson (kjsmail@comcast.net), who welcomed daughter Lindsay Grace Nelson on October 13. She joins big brothers Graham (6) and AJ (4). They are living in Edina, MN, where they both grew up. Brad works in the investment business and

Anne Machado ’82 and Mary Borah Gorman ’83, members of Midd’s first women’s varsity ice hockey team, continue to face off against each other in the Northern New England Women’s Ice Hockey League games.

A December gathering in Simsbury, CT, celebrated the marriage of Debra Payne ’85 and Tony Jewell on September 29 in Jackson Hole. ’85s at the shower included Tony Mauck Butterfield, Nancy Umes-Berry, Deb Payne Jewell, Laura Bull Bailey, and Jenny Karin Sidford.

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Kate is at home with the kids. • Chris Peters and wife Kathryn are living down in Texas. “We really enjoyed reunion and it was great for Kathryn to be able to spend more time with my Midd friends. We traveled to Washington, DC, at the end of October for some sightseeing and a friend’s wedding. It was unbelievably empty due to the events of September 11. During that trip we had tea with Hans and Ginny Thomas Wydler and their kids, Hans and Isobel. (Isabel was born just before reunion.) My term as commissioner of the Texas HS Lacrosse League ended in October. It has been great to be a part of the growth of lacrosse in Texas. I was in touch a fair amount last fall with Erin Quinn about the role of the Midd alumni in helping shape the future of our Midd Lacrosse players. Erin has raised the level of talent very high the past few years at Middletown.” • Michael Smith recently relocated from San Antonio and joined the Cornell-Weill Medical College in NYC as associate university counsel. • Emily Conant Spinner is happy to report the birth of daughter Eliza Conant Spinner on April 24, 2001. She joins sister Rose Augusta (2.5). Emily writes: “I’m taking time off from practicing environmental law and staying home with Rose and Eliza. I sput my time between NYC and Southampton, NY.” • In Boston, Julie Morris Ogden, Kate Wallace Perrotta, and Grady MacIntyre-Cohen and Lisa Cheney Sullivan met for some serious Christmas shopping and lunching. Julie is living in Byfield, MA, where husband Steve teaches at Governor Dummer Academy, Julie and Steve have two sons, Malcolm (3.5) and Christopher (1.5). Kate is an attorney for Electric Insurance Co. in Beverly, MA. Kate and Paul ’94 have twin daughters, Liz and Lucy (4), and another daughter, Maggie (2). Kate and Paul have the girl in Hamilton, MA, where they recently bought the house Kate grew up in. Pam resides and teaches at the Talt School, where husband William was recently named Head of School. They have two boys, Jon (5) and Tom (4). Sue, a tax director for Yale Univ., lives in Hartford with husband Andrew ’84, and children Emma (6), Nell (4.5), and Harry (2). • Paul Morrison, Tom Farrell, Anne Marshall Norris, and Lisa Cheney Sullivan gathered with spouses (and in-laws) for what seems to be transpiring as a new tradition to have many of us in the Boston area join us next year! Paul lives in Dover, MA, with wife Tonja and daughters Isabel (2.5) and Abigail (almost 1). Tom Farrell and wife Betsy live by the ocean in Newburyport, MA, with Patrick (5.5), Maggie (2.5), and Matthew (1.5). Tom is an attorney for Icyo International in New Hampshire and Anne recently moved from New York State to Sutton, NH, where she skis the winter months away with daughter Olivia (12) and son Justin (10). Anne (aned@att.net) is president of the Maine/New Hampshire Xerox Sales Agency, New England Document Solutions, Inc.

Gina and Rod Ward and children Carolyn (5), Julia (3), and Robby (1) were planning to return to the U.S. in January. After living the last four years in Wiesbaden, Germany, they are moving to Wilmington, Delaware. “We look forward to being a little closer to old friends and family.” • Sally Evans writes from her home in Schleswig, Germany: “My husband and I just rented the movie Best In Show and recognized Hiro Kanagawa playing the role of the pet shop owner. It was a fairly brief scene, but it was definitely him, because I noticed his name in the credits at the end. Did anyone else see that?” • Tal Birdseye is the head teacher at North Branch, a one-room school in Rupert, VT. The curriculum is flexible, utilizing talent from the community. Tal attended a school similar to North Branch when he grew up in Atlanta. He emphasizes that he wants most of all for his students to learn about themselves and the community as they study their curricula. “The more they can learn to tend to their own needs and take care of each other, the better off they’ll be,” he reported. • Brian Williams is living in Burlington, VT, and teaching English at BHS. “Married since 1996 to Bookies Tampas, we have Haven (4) and Mandle (1) to keep us busy.” • Shaun and Phil Simonides are pleased to announce the birth of daughter Lauren, “who arrived two and one-half weeks early, while we were out of town for Thanksgiving! It’s been a wonderful experience, and we look forward to meeting everyone else’s future Midd kids at our reunion in the spring.”

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Secretary Puri reports: I want to thank all of you who responded to my holiday e-mail. It was wonderful to hear from so many of you and thank you for your notes, pictures, and news. If you haven’t received a message, I’m sorry, but it probably means that we haven’t got your most up-to-date e-mail address. But here’s your chance to update all of your information by joining Middletown’s new online community! When you go to the Web site, you can register and easily update your personal information. You can also search for your friends, join a discussion or chat group, register for events (on and off campus), and post news and pictures! • Kristen and David Bohanon are living in Oklahoma with son Andrew (5). After nine years of running his own law practice, David is now doing commercial real estate and having a great time! David and his family visited Jim Falvey on the Cape last summer. • Annie and Ian Williams and kids Eliza (5) and Peter (3) love living in Wilmington, DE. HE complaints about the lack of snow, but otherwise he sounds like a Chamber of Commerce representative, calling Wilmington “just about the ideal place for us, with a nice mix of big city access, urban arts and culture, covered bridges, and trout streams.” • We received a great photo of Jeremy Fryberger and his dog, Wod, at the2002 Midd Recap in San Valley, ID. After years of working for an architecture firm, Jer has started his own comprehensive service, Jeremy Fryberger Architecture and Construction. He’ll provide everything for his clients except the financing! If you head out to do some winter skiing or some summer hiking and fishing, look him up. • Professional photographer and self-proclaimed “fun hog” Michael Halle sent a beautiful card from his home in Portland, OR. • Chris Wood spent January term here in Middlebury, teaching a course in the environmental studies department. Yes, Woody is shaping young Middletown minds. • Back in the Boston area, Chris and Kristin Crowder Dollase send news of the birth of son Jack. • Christopher Dollase on November 12. He joins big sister Caroline (almost 3). In February, Kristin was heading back to work in communications consulting with William M. Mercer; Chris is a lawyer with Testa, Hurwitz and Thibeault. • Those of you in the Boston area may have seen a January newspaper article about the fabulous bakery/restaurant, Pane e Salume, Woodside-Byfield, run by one of our very own Caleb Barber and his wife Deirdre Heckin ’89. Race reviews all around! • Matt and Liana Discipolo Caffrey have a new daughter, Natalie Maria. She joined her older sister, Michela (5), on May 28. • Ron and Sondra Thomas Papanek live in NYC. Needless to say, Midd is very busy with three children, Ella (2) and twins, Clay and Anka (born in November 2000). • Chris Summersgill is currently on a “play binge” (he should look up Mike Hall), while he re-evaluates his professional career. He has traveled back East to visit Midd friends, to Guatemala to learn Spanish, and to Tahoe to do some skiing. He’s probably back in San Fran by now! • The Bay Area is home to tons of Midd alumni, including Michelle Dube, who is working for Cisco Systems, and David Peak, who married Pamela Mahoney on June 23 in South Yarmouth, MA. David’s VP of business development for software company Afternoon, Inc. and his wife is a project manager for Sapient Corp." • Bridie Jennings Dunnott reports that she is living a bicultural, bilingual life in Paris with her French husband (whom she met on her junior year abroad) and sons Cedric and Julien (6 and 4). Bridie is writing for the kids’ international school newspaper and teaching art classes. She’s a great volunteer, interviewing prospective Midd students. • Other volunteers in our class include Leslie Virostek, who came up to campus in January to talk with Midd students about life as a freelance writer. • Holiday greetings also came in from Peter and Julie Reel ’89, Strauss, Roman Macaya, and Matt Lewis. Tim and Carol Currin and Angela are enjoying life in Cambridge, MA, with son Logan (2): “He’s quite a handful at this stage and we spoil him rotten. Neither of us wants to see bad cop.” • Tim’s eloquent message is worth sharing with everyone: “Things are good in our lives here. Especially after the cumulative events of the past year for our country, we take great stock in how fortunate we have been and continue to be—really a life of blessings.” • Thank you all for the good word, the good work, and for keeping in touch. Please send me more and please come visit your alma mater soon. You are always welcome!
Derek, before moving across the country to NYC. Katie was planning a January visit to Jay and Janelle Moburg Leonard to meet their daughter, Phoebe Elizabeth, who was born in December 2001. After spending a few years at the cutting edge of the Web for Doubleclick, Vic Hoyt is happily taking a break from the working world. Last we heard she was eating tacos on the beach in Baja, Mexico. “Life is good,” writes Vic. Susan Spieckci is writing a book about part-time college faculty and would love to hear from you, if you are one: speickci@mit.edu. Nancy Moore reports that she “was ordained to the Episcopal priesthood in Dover-Foxcroft, ME, on January 19, Hallelujah!” “A little earlier than expected,” writes Laura Andrews Albertson, “we welcomed our son, Theodore (Ted). Gregory Alberton, into the world on November 17. Susan Anderegg was a huge help with her support and expertise in obstetrics. Even though we were across the country from each other, she was a great help over the phone.” Congratulations to several newvelldies in our class. Stacy Whitman and Ted Kelly were married July 27 in Sea Girt, NJ. Stacy is a freelance writer who has contributed articles to several national magazines. She’s a staff writer for Random House/Broadway Books. Ted is a director at Aerop Capital partners, a funds management firm in San Francisco, where they live. The marriage of Kristin Veker and Kenmpfer Ryan took place on September 22 in Minneapolis. “We are living in Chicago, so call us when you get to town.” Slachi Kiri and John Rodgers were married on October 27 at the Philadelphia Cricket Club. Both doctors, the two met in the emergency room at Temple University Hospital, where Jock is a resident in urology. Sluchi is a radiology resident at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia. Apparently it was on the squash court where romance blossomed. At the Univ. of NH, George Hurtt was recently promoted to assistant prof in the department of natural resources and the Institute for the Study of Earth Oceans and Space: “I teach and do research on several federal grants, on topics including Amazon deforestation, the U.S. carbon budget, the global carbon cycle, and global climate change.” I am also a principal author and scientific spokesman for the New England Regional Assessment of the Potential Impacts of Climate-variability and Change, published this year. And, when I’m not working, I have been training to become a registered Maine sea-kayak guide, teleskping, and pursuing many other interests.

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Sheila Trask has opened a new business in her Bethel, VT, home, offering services from word processing and academic typing to resume development and research. A former cataloguer at the Baker Library at Dartmouth College, Sheila has experience in teaching advanced online search strategies, and she’s also a writer with recent articles in Roots and Wings, an adoption publication. She serves as a contributing editor to Essential Living. Alexandra Kirby and Dennis Taylor were married on November 10 in Garden City, NY. In Manhattan she’s working on a book for Random House/Broadway Books. Ted is a director at Aerop Capital Partners, a funds management firm in San Francisco, where they live. The marriage of Kristin Veker and Kenmpfer Ryan took place on September 22 in Minneapolis. “We are living in Chicago, so call us when you get to town.” Slachi Kiri and John Rodgers were married on October 27 at the Philadelphia Cricket Club. Both doctors, the two met in the emergency room at Temple University Hospital, where Jock is a resident in urology. Sluchi is a radiology resident at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia. Apparently it was on the squash court where romance blossomed. At the Univ. of NH, George Hurtt was recently promoted to assistant prof in the department of natural resources and the Institute for the Study of Earth Oceans and Space: “I teach and do research on several federal grants, on topics including Amazon deforestation, the U.S. carbon budget, the global carbon cycle, and global climate change.” I am also a principal author and scientific spokesman for the New England Regional Assessment of the Potential Impacts of Climate-variability and Change, published this year. And, when I’m not working, I have been training to become a registered Maine sea-kayak guide, teleskping, and pursuing many other interests.

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Paralympic gold medal winner Chris Waddell was on hand to light the Olympic cauldron in Salt Lake City for the evening celebration on February 7. Jen Poinier Ballinger (theballingers@bryanballinger.com) writes to “share the news that Merrill Anne Ballinger joined Bryan and me and our two dogs on September 11. Yup, September 11. It sure is nice to have a GOOD reason to remember that day!” Tara Kasaks (tarakasaks@aol.com) and Peter Cowles were married on September 9, 2000, in Waterbury, VT. She writes: “Two months ago, three years ago, first working for Digita and now for Stride Rite, the Kech Corp, in marketing I often see Julie Jones, who is a corporate lawyer at Goodwin Proctor.” Tara also sends news of two new births. Chuck and Catherine McGrady Matthews, who have moved from Northampton, MA, to Columbia, SC, welcomed son Carter in February 2001. Also new parents, Tom and Jennifer Miller French have a new daughter,克莱l, born October 2001. Their son, Tom Jr., is in Brooklyn, NY. The marriage of Catherine Speth and Clayton McCullough took place on March 10, 2001, in Columbia, SC, where Catherine teaches at Heathwood Hall Episcopal School and Clayton is an attorney with the law firm of Collins and Lacy. Robin van Ornman Aznayez (vanornmanaznayez@juno.com) reports that she has left Corporate America and has started her own small business and marketing consulting firm, called Big Sky Enterprises. Becky Castle is the new executive director of EARTH University Foundation. EARTH is a Spanish acronym for School for Agriculture in the Tropics Region. Based in Costa Rica, the university draws students from all over Latin America.

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Tom Evans (tevans@callegari-berville.fr) writes: “After a couple of years in South America, my wife, Jen, and I have moved back to Europe. To Paris this time. Paris is as wonderful as ever; yet, it’s hard to acclimate to the cold weather after years of sun and beach. And the French habit of getting apartments they vacate is amusing. One has to become an amateur electrician to deal with all of the exposed wires dangling from sockets. One of the biggest draw to France was proximity to old Midd friends and their frequent visits. For some odd reason, people seem to be more inclined to visit Paris than Sao Paulo. So far we’ve had some memorable occasions with Ehsun Khan, Jamie Hamilton, Julia Kay, Geisha Williams ‘93, Julian Dobbs-Higginson ’94, and others. Keep bumping into Sophie Pietrini ’94 in the streets, too. We’re looking forward to visits from many others, so please do get in touch when you’re in the area. Geoffrey Geiger (geoffrey.geiger@anderson.ucla.edu) has been living in London since September, working at a distressed debt trading firm. “After a lot of time running around Europe,” writes Mila Pawek (mila.k.pawek@sea-launch.com) (M.A. ’93), “I am now employed at Sea Launch out in the Los Angeles area. I am happy to have a friend from the Russian master’s program (Lora Wheeler, M.A. Russian ’93) out here to keep me company. I would love to hear from any old friends in the area, but Lora and I are particularly trying to get in touch with Gavin and Denise Getty.”

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August 15: They are calling him Essex and have pronounced him a "wonderful addition to our family." Carla Huck and Michael Paian welcomed daughter Arianna on October 9. Carla is the director of TeachNet, an international educational technology program of the nonprofit organization Education Inc. Michael is a principal of investment banking firm Williams Capital. They live in NYC, where Carla has kept in close contact with Clare Burns, who divides her time between Paris and Val d’Isère, France. Cynthia Gabriel writes: "Our news Felix Paulick and I had a baby for his wife, Vivian Gabriel, on September 15. I'm really proud of our amazing, wonderful homebirth in our NYC apartment (with a midwife, of course). I'm studying to be a midwife myself. We're totally into the parenting-baby thing. It's sooo great. I have done it before years ago if I had known!" Kingman Gordon reports that all is well on the West Coast, where he continues to work at ESPN Magazine: "While the San Francisco advertising climate has been quiet, I am optimistic that things will heat up towards the end of the year. At least, that's what I continue to say to myself everyday. The year has been filled with lots of Midd activity on the East Coast and West. Pete Walsh hosted a bunch of Midd people at his lodge-building in Jackson, WY, last summer. The list is too long and the memory too short to recall all the names. Tristram Perkins followed that up by hosting a large Midd crew over Labor Day weekend in Chatham, Cape Cod. On hand were Bill Tice, Matt Pauley, Rob Reis, Nick Ellner, John Rudge, Sara Weale, Warner McGowin, Ben Faucett, Pete Walsh, myself and many more. Nick Ellner, Bill Tice, Drew Meyers, John and Sara Rudge, and I all welcomed in the new year together in the Adirondack Mountains of New York. It was a fun-filled time that included lots of pond hockey, a sleigh ride, and our own version of the winter Olympics. A good time was had by all! Finally, on the West Coast, a recent party in San Francisco brought together the likes of Pete Steinle, Matt Thompson, myself, and John '93 and Blakely Anderson Atherton, as well as Ian Morton '91 and Mike Chonker. Always good to see the Midd crew. See you all soon.

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AdrienneEckliff (adrienne_eckliff@emerson.edu) is a full-time drama teacher in a middle school outside of Boston; she also works part time at a small performing arts school: "I love my students—they are eager and enthusiastic. Meanwhile, I'm finishing my MLA in theatre education from Emerson College, hoping to get in a Ph.D. program in the fall. It has been a very hectic two years, but I've fully made the transition from corporate to academic." Holly Cookis (holly.cookis@93@alumni.middlebury.edu) has accepted a new position with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, where I have been working for nearly three years. In July, I am moving back to the East Coast to be the regional special events manager for the Northeast." She hadn't picked a city as of this winter,"but I'm looking at Albany, Boston, Providence, and Hartford right now."

Stephen Prentice (stephen.prenstine@fidelityinvestments.com) writes: "I'm still working my day job at Fidelity Investments doing software architect-

ture, but I'm happy to report I've launched my woodworking business, Bodhi Tree Woodworking, in a desperate attempt to keep my sanity. The company world is for the birds—my heart and soul are in woodworking! I specialize in building Craftsman-style furniture and cabinets, traditionally in quarter-sawn white oak." Christine LeDoux and Marty Johnson, who were married June 17, 2000, are living in Seattle. Susan Buxby and Joshua Barnes were married on May 19, 2001, in Madison, AL. Living in DC, Susan is a communications coordinator and Josh is a staff accountant at bigdough.com in Bethesda, MD. The marriage of Meredith McLean and Mark Gramehl briefly took place on May 19 in Dorset, VT. Meredith is an attorney with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in DC, and works on assignment as an attorney at the office of legal counsel for the Indiana Dept. of Environmental Management. Mark is chairman and CEO of Evergreen Capital Management Co. They live in Indianapolis. Bill (bil1@badwordrock.com) and Amoreena (amoreena@hotmail.com) Hartnett O'Bryon are happy to announce the birth of daughter Zoe Francesca on May 27, 2001. After six years in San Francisco, Amoreena and Bill have moved back to the East Coast and are freelance Web designers in Woodstock, NY. Jack and Ashley Essex '94 are happy to announce the arrival of their son Storrs Essex Thayer on August 15. Tom and Amanda Clayton Levenberg welcomed daughter Anna Rebecca on Thanksgiving Day, November 22. Amanda writes: "Tom and I are both lawyers living in Chicago. I can be contacted at claylev@attbi.com and I would love to hear from old friends." Santa was good to the Symmott family this year! Lauren and Mark Symmott welcomed son Matt on December 23: "8 lbs., 11 oz., and solid as a rock." Chris and Jennifer Parton '84 Hansen welcomed son Sterling Christopher on January 26, 2001. By the time they had time to write, he was "busy crawling on the beach and eating sand, here in southern California."

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After 20 months in Chile, Eugene Lee (eugenelee@yahoo.com) returned to graduate school in Connecticut for his M.S. in wildlife conservation management, focusing on conservation biology: "I'm working at the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), U.S. office, in DC: "I am a program officer in the Species Conservation Program and am/will be working on charismatic megafauna (read: big, fuzzy animals that people love and want to save), such as elephants, rhinos, tigers, possibly whales, orangutans, pandas, vaquita (a porpoise), gorillas, and sea turtles, mostly in Asia and Africa, but occasionally in Latin America and other places as well. So, I'm back in DC, living just a couple blocks from where I used to live in Arlington, VA. If you come to DC, please look me up. I would love to see you and play tour guide around DC. Also, I was recently named an elephant advocate for WWF's Campaign in Malaysia. To find out what happened on the tour and see some awesome pictures, go to http://www.worldwildlife.org/ and click on 'The Heart of Borneo' graphic to get to the web site. You can access the expedition by scrolling to the bottom of the page and clicking on 'WWF Expeditions' under the 'Featured Sites' section. So there you have it. You've caught up on what I've been up to. I'd love to hear from you, but warn you that you may not hear back for a while. But you're all in my thoughts." Gene Switz returned to Middlebury in January to teach Screenwriting. I showed on the day he landed in Burlington and the night before he arrived was so happy to have and be able to share winter term the way he always remembered it—"except for all the fancy new buildings all over the place." Jeff David, Phoebe Folger, and Fritz Meunzer '96 were in New Orleans to cheer on the Pats in the Super Bowl. Eric Schroeder '93 opened his home and was a gracious host. Matt Gorra was also there to join in the festivities. GO PATS! Peter Pasbursky@europeancredit.com) and Alex Mackintosh Asbury recently moved to London from NYC. Victoria Buckley and Nicholas Banks were married on May 19, 2001. Victoria is an equity research analyst with WFG Farber-Present Fund, LP in NYC. Nicholas is a VP in institutional equity sales at ABN AMRO. The marriage of Katherine Behrens and Scott Crosby took place on June 16. While employed by Interior Visions in Boston, Katherine is pursuing a master's in interior design from the New England School of Art and Design at Suffolk Univ. Scott is in account management at Bridge Information Systems. The September 2 marriage of Heidi Van Winkle and Craig Gorton in Maine took place at Wohelo, the Luther Gulick Camps, where Heidi is employed. Craig is employed by IPI, and they are living in South Dartmouth, MA. Vitienda Gentile and John Drake were married October 6 in the Chapel of Jesus in Frascati, Italy. Now living in Burlington, VT, Viviana works for the Burlington school system and John is employed by IDX. On December 8, Huey Fern and Alvin Ung were married in Malaysia, where he is a correspondent for the Associated Press.

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Julie Fedin '97 celebrated the birth of son John Beveridge and Chris Gostyla, and they hope to again attend reunions! # Lilia Gerberg (lilia_gerberg@yahoo.com) recently returned from Peace Corps service in Zambia and is living in NYC. # Graham Balch (graham_balch@yahoo.com) joined the Peace Corps and is stationed in Guatemala, where he lives in a remote jungle village: “I’m helping the local government office plan development with more participation of the people.” # Jonathan and Sara Vintiadis McCall, married in June 2000, are now living in Davis, CA. # John Foster (janifost@sover.net) and Jeff’s commitment to several charities, including a Jeffrey D. Bittner Memorial Fund, established by his family to support Jeff’s commitment to several organizations. # Nicole Allard (nicole.allard@chesapeake.edu) got her M.A. from Regis Univ. in Denver. Brooks is the director of Armed Forces personnel at the Kennedy Center recently commissioned by the Kennedy Center to write a play about the Olympics for a feature being released this spring by New Line Cinema. # Jessica Weinstock is an account manager at Zentropo Partners in San Francisco, where Scott got a job with a law firm. # Also in San Francisco, Rebecca Fine (rebeccafine@yahoo.com) is working for Equant, a subsidiary of the France Telecom Group; and Jen Horning is working in the telecom industry. # Still in San Francisco, Weezie Smith is working at Wilderness Travel and was off to Chile in mid-February. # After graduating from the Univ. of VA School of Law last spring, Katie Hosford Traverse (traverse@perkinscoie.com) became an attorney in Seattle law firm Perkins Coie LLP. # After spending a year in Moscow, Christine Jacobs (christinejacobs@hotmail.com) got her M.A. from Middlebury School in August and is now living with Meredith Hinkley ’95 in Portland, OR. “I’m an Americorps VISTA volunteer, working with the Regional Drug Initiative, an organization that fights drug and alcohol abuse. We love it here in Oregon, but we miss the Green Mountains of Vermont.” # Matt Bijur was working on the Winter Olympic Games in Utah. # Jody Kaufman has been covering the Olympics for the Ski Racing magazine, where she has been a staff writer for four years. # After graduating from the Univ. of VA School of Law this spring, Katie Hosford Traverse (traverse@perkinscoie.com) became an attorney in Seattle law firm Perkins Coie. # After graduating from the Univ. of VA School of Law last spring, Katie Hosford Traverse (traverse@perkinscoie.com) became an attorney in Seattle law firm Perkins Coie.
Zealand last summer to race in a 16-hour endurance ski race. After Amy Starr Redwine (amy Starrwine@yahoo.com) graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in May 2001, she and Derek moved to Denver, CO where she’s working on a novel. “I’m planning to start looking for a full-time job as a Presbyterian minister in Denver soon, and meanwhile am doing some substitute preaching in local churches.” Matt Feinberg hopes to receive his master’s in English this spring or summer at Colorado State Univ., where he also is a composition instructor. He enjoys being near the mountains, so hopes to teach in either Denver or Vail. Church in Denver soon, and meanwhile am doing some substitute preaching in local churches.”

Nick (jwilkoff@forrester.com) and Becky Cowgill Wilkoff (becky_wilkoff@harvard.edu) enjoy living close to many friends in Dedham, Nellie Fox is working at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. “We made our first trip back to Middlebury last summer, staying with Emory and Diana Egbers Fanning ’71, and visiting with Jodi Emerson Hatch and her son, Ryan. It was wonderful to come ‘home’ to Midd!”

On June 17, Tracy Miller ’98 and John Besson were married on the banks of Lake Chautauqua, NY. Living in Ann Arbor, MI, Tracy is a computer trainer for AIP International and John is an architecture grad student at the Univ. of MI. “Susie Church Maxwell had a big year. She completed her master’s in education’ from Harvard in June, married Brad Maxwell ’99 on July 28, and moved to Ithaca, NY, in August to start a new job as director of the Park Scholar Program at Ithaca College. “Life is great, marriage wonderful, and I can’t wait to come back to Midd in June.”

Happy 2002 to everyone. We want to remind everyone to please keep sending us information about you, your friends, enemies, lovers, ex-lovers, etc. The more info you send us, the better. Mike Stinemann, Midd Notes NYC correspondent and coordinator of “ShterComing 2000,” sent a wealth of information. Jake Steele is in law school at the Univ. of Midd, MA. Lisa Himann ’98 recently host­ed a big reunion in Bar Harbor, ME. Mike Stout flew in from Little Rock, AR, where he’s writing highly classified software for DigiTech. Ethan Nickel flew in from Eugene, OR, where he guides fishing trips for those few rich folks that can afford that expert tutelage. Sandeep Oberio led the DC- based band, while Strange is attending law school at Denver Univ. Adam Boyfie is still living in Vermont and still working on that novel that will change American literature forever. Attending the Univ. of CT med school, Eric Lowe will soon be able to operate on people legally.

Emily Olson and Katie Padden continue living in Vermont and still working on that novel that will change American literature forever. Attending the Univ. of MN med school. Eric Klintberg are still rippin’ it up in NYC. Erin Grace, Erin Dempsey, and Keri Linas were all last seen in New York City, as is Dan Siegal. On his fifth job in Denver soon, and meanwhile am doing some substitute preaching in local churches.”

Kevin and Katherine Inglis Joyce were married in Mead Chapel on May 19, 2001. Middlebury prof. Larry Yarbrough performed the ceremony. The reception was held at the Waway Inn. Abby Manzella, Joyce Wagner, Rebekah Fletcher, Michele Biancinosi, Lauren Stewart, Amita Narayanan Bruce, Noah Bruce, David Cohen, Ken Ebbitt, Jim McGrath, Carlos Hortas, and Jeff Inglis ’95 were all part of the wedding party. Also in attendance were Betsy Goodchild, Tricia Zlotek, Brad Martin, and Megan Allen. Kat also joined Abby Manzella in Charlotteville, VA, for her birthday. Kat (ngisknark@aol.com) is in her second year in law school; Kevin works for a promotional event management company in Portland. New BYU grads are living in Boston, where she’s employed by Simmons College and he works for Capital Resource Partners. Kristina Parker and Kevin Jush ’97, married last June, are living in DC, where Kevin works in real estate investment banking, and Kris works for the World Wildlife Fund. Following the marriage of Leila Menard and Joseph Meighv on July 14 at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Middlebury, the newlyweds celebrated with a walk on the Green street dance. They first met at the street dance in 1998. Carol McMurrich and Gregory
Ringing in the new year at Jeanne Restivo’s party in Boston, Joe Kraft, Pete Steinberg, Rob Kercher ’00, Chris Morosky, Ben Block, Whitney Dorne, Kristen Vogel, Adam Burns, Tom Blabey, Matt Arnauld ’01, Bob Bryan ’01, Ashley Ellicker ’00, Kate Sabatini ’01, Chris Lindstrom, Abby Haber ’01, Jessica Bean ’01, and Kelsey Dodd ’01, and many others.** Sara Doniger’s New Year’s guests included Rob Levy, Dan A. Meyer, and Liz Cassidy.** Geoff Silvis spent New Years in Florida, while John Felton was in El Paso, TX, searching for a bowling game.** Bradford Maxwell won a Yahoo fantasy football trophy. Congratulations, Brad.** Emily Reintern writes: “After quitting my job and spending an amazing summer in a log cabin in Alta, WY, I left the life of fishing, chopping wood, and hiking to come back to DC and take a job with the Speaker of the House. I’m now a floor assistant, which means I get to spend my days either on the House floor or watching the House floor.” Emily wants to “thank Amy Kinner for joining me in some holiday festivities, even if it was meeting out of state with a bunch of Republicans.”

** Ben Block, a first year law student at UVA, recently won the school’s “Law Pageant.” His show-stopper was his talent of limberjacking.** Brian Harrison, who still lives with his parents in Braintree, MA, has been seen playing video games with Barry Nelson ’00 in South Boston.** Spotted on the streets of Somerville, MA, were Mike Cormier, Mike Hussey, and Adam Dreiblatt.** Brendan O’Donohoe was seen in Boston over New Years. He has been struggling throughout the winter.** Bonnie Sarkar (brsarkar@cessna.textron.com) is living in Wichita, KS, because “Cessna Aircraft Company offered me a job as a technical writer and I took it. I’m also working on my MBA and my pilot’s license. I just soloed a couple of weeks ago.”** In Seattle, Shanna Hill (shihall@shilla@hotmail.com) is finishing her master’s in social work at UW: “I’ve been working for a transitional housing program for homeless/street youth, as well as helping to develop a new program at the Downtown Seattle YMCA that will provide wrap-around services to youth aging out of foster care. Newly developing hobbies include server the impact of my impending monthly student loan payments on my projected social work salary, wishing for snow, and touring the Northwest with Eleanor Long and Mike Bilodeau. I would love to hear from long-lost nomads and hermit-types (Kate Landis, Jason Price). Also, any Seattle-area alumni interested in volunteering with youth or supporting our programs, please contact me!”** Todd Fryatt (toddfrayatt@hotmail.com), Jim Chapman ’89, and Jed Raymond ’00 were recently sighted in the Hawaii lacrosse tournament on Oahu. Todd reports: “I am a loyal Val participant, but I’m pretty sure we made a calculuating error. Also, Jed Raymond stole the show once again. He was voted as the Best Defensmen in the tournament.”

** Although Jason Price will soon be finishing his Peace Corps tour, he plans to travel before returning home.** Last summer, Kully Hagerman was named head coach for women’s lacrosse at Babson College, where she is also the assistant field hockey coach.** On December 4, Dwayne Nash presented an award to Andie for her service at the Council on Foreign Relations at the U.N. in NYC. Holbrook was being recognized for her work in the Balkins. Dwayne was heading to London in mid-January to complete his law degree at King’s College.** Charles Macintosh and Mark Westra, Peter Westra’s father, will be doing the Nine Mile Ice Race from S.F. to L.A., June 2-8. They “would love for others to join us in Peter’s memory.” For more information, contact Mac at charles.macintosh@csf.com.

** Jessica Grillo, Matt Murphy, Lyndsey Erickson, and Dave Liss were heading west in February to cheer on team USA in Salt Lake City. They were also visiting Gwenie Rogers and Hilary Amoss, who recently moved to Utah, where they were “enjoying the snow and excited to experience the Olympics. Go USA!” Gwenie is a snowboarding instructor at Park City Mountain Resort, and Hilary is working as a ski instructor.** Rachel Davis is living in Denver, where she’s working for an ambulance company (American Medical Response).** In Vail, CO, Lizzy Lokey teaches Spanish and science to middle and upper school kids. “I love the school because in addition to getting out on my own, I get to lead climbing trips in Moab, mountain biking trips in Fruta, hut trips in the mountains, and ski with them every Friday. While skiing with my kids, I have seen Dave P, Sandro, Miles C., Scott L., and Brendon C. In summer, she leads trips for Moondance Adventures out of Atlanta: ‘This summer I will lead one in Costa Rica. Then, I take a break after the trip.’ After four months of guiding and traveling in France and western Europe, Chat O’tved writes that his “residency requirement bared its two-month long teeth.”**

** Devin Arrington is a first year law student at UVA, attending the University of Virginia School of Law in Richmond.** After four months of guiding and traveling in France and western Europe, Chat O’ved writes that his “residency requirement bared its two-month long teeth.”** After four months of guiding and traveling in France and western Europe, Chat O’tved writes that his “residency requirement bared its two-month long teeth.”** After four months of guiding and traveling in France and western Europe, Chat O’tved writes that his “residency requirement bared its two-month long teeth.”** After four months of guiding and traveling in France and western Europe, Chat O’tved writes that his “residency requirement bared its two-month long teeth.”** After four months of guiding and traveling in France and western Europe, Chat O’tved writes that his “residency requirement bared its two-month long teeth.”**
Pudding House Publications has published Knute Skinner's "Greatest Hits: 1964-2000," as part of their inaugural "Greatest Hits" series. Knute lives in Ireland, having retired from his position at Western Washington Univ. Herbert Martin (M.Litt. '72) has compiled the poetry of four of the editors from "He Own Voice: The Uncollected Works of Paul Laurence Dunbar." Herbert was distinguished visiting prof. of English at Shawnee State Univ., where he taught creative writing classes and African American literature.

The Radiant, the third book of poems by Cynthia E. Martin (M.A. '83), has won the Levis Award from Four-Way Books. Cynthia will be the Third Annual Dana Brigham Lecturer at the annual meeting of the Thoreau Society in Concord, MA, in May 2002. Scott Hutchinson (M.A. '87) has been named New England Poet of the Year by the New England Association of Teachers of English. Scott (sghutch@cyberportal.net) teaches at Gilford (NH) High School. Michael Chesley Johnson (M.A. '82) had an exhibit at the Catamount Arts Gallery in St. Johnsbury, VT, during the month of January. The exhibit, "Under the Sun: Landscapes of the American Southwest," featured pastel paintings of Arizona and New Mexico. Elizabeth Marshall Davis (M.A. '90) is enjoying being a mother in Harvardville, ME, where she and her husband live: "Our daughter Rose Elizabeth was born August 11, exactly 11 years—to the day—after I graduated from Bred Loaf." Now working part time for the Maine Humanities Council, Elizabeth is designing a pilot curriculum to bring reading groups and literature to at-risk youth. She works with adolescents in the corrections system in Portland.

At the annual meeting of the Foreign Language Association of Virginia last fall, J. Richard Guthrie (M.A. '66), who received a foreign language teaching certificate from UNC, was one of nine in the US awarded the Distinguished Service Award for 2000-2001. He was also one of five teachers in Illinois to receive the lieutenant governor's award for excellence in teaching languages. His daughter, Laura Jean Sasse, who was born in this troubled land. Scott and Bonnie Lunderville (M.A. '69) and his wife spent a month in Cambodia last summer: "It was the first time my wife had seen her sister since the Khmer Rouge's Communist takeover in 1975. While it was exciting to visit the ancient temples of Angkor in Siem Reap Province, as well as meeting some nieces and nephews for the first time, it was disheartening to learn about the rampant corruption in this troubled land." Scott and Bonnie Greenland Sasse (M.A. '86) report that they have a daughter, Laura Jean Sasse, who was born October 23, 1998. They were united as a family on April 16, 2001. Kim Killingsworth (M.A. '91) left Laspau and Harvard last spring for Ithaca, NY, where she is now the assoc. director of international admissions at the Johnson Graduate School of Management, Cornell Univ. Accustomed to traveling throughout Latin America, she will now be traveling the globe.

English

Italian

Aldo Finco (M.A. '63, D.M.L. '67), prof of Italian and French at Texas Tech Univ., has been honored with the establishment of the Aldo Finco Endowed Chair in Italian. The $1 million gift was given by Aldo's daughter and her husband, Carla and Brad Moros. The author of three textbooks and 27 articles on contemporary Italian literature, Aldo has been teaching at Texas Tech, in Lubbock, TX, for 33 years and has no plans to retire. After teaching English as a foreign language for six years, Julie Maigret Shapiro (M.A. '93) began a career in tourism/hospitality three years ago. As an event planner for the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau, Julie is "working toward my goal of moving to Europe (France or Italy) and would appreciate hearing from anyone who might have advice for me." Her e-mail is julienaigret@earthlink.net. After three years in Florence, Carol Pennisi Prout (M.A. '99) has moved to North Carolina to pursue a Ph.D. in Italian at the Univ. of NC at Chapel Hill. "I have been appointed the director in residence at the Lorenzo Medici (an exchange program with UNC) and will be teaching Italian for spring semester 2002."
22 Fanny Barnes, 101, of Pittsfield, NY, on October 24, 2001. With an M.A. from the Univ. of Pennsylvania (1926), she taught high school biology, physics, and chemistry at Angola, NY, and Haddon Heights, NJ, retiring in 1960. From 1960 to 1970, she ran a small restaurant, called Donnymore. She was predeceased by siblings Charles, James, Ada ‘16, and George ‘21. Survivors include two nephews and a niece.

23 Radcliffe W. Lyon, 101, of Austin, TX, on July 29, 2001. He worked 21 years for the Vermont Marble Company in Rutland, VT, Peterborough, NH, and Dallas, TX. He also worked 20 years for Restland Memorial Park in Dallas, TX. He was predeceased by wife Cynthia (Billing) and three brothers, including Charles Lyon ‘18. Survivors include daughter Helen Pringle, son Robert Lyon, three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and a sister.

24 Payson R. Webber, 98, of Rutland, VT, on November 8, 2001. After two years at Middlebury, he graduated from Harvard and went on to a career in architecture. Predeceased by first wife Mary Williams Webber ‘23 and by brother Christoph Webber ‘38, he leaves wife Dorothy, son Robert A. Webber, and two granddaughters.

25 Evelyn Plumley Adams, 97, of Peterborough, NH, on November 11, 2001. The second woman to serve as a Middlebury alumnus trustee, she was a founder of the Boston Alumnae Assoc. and received an Alumni Plaque for her service to the College. She and her late husband, Ernest M. Adams ‘25, established the Paul D. Moody Fund in memory of the former Middlebury College president. The wildflower garden she maintained for more than 40 years received several garden club awards. When she moved from Wellesley in 1997, she donated her garden to the New England Wildflower Society’s Garden in the Woods in Framingham, MA. She leaves her daughter, Emily E. Adams ‘60.

26 Margaret Moody Rice, 93, of Bedford, MA, on December 9, 2001. She was the granddaughter of renowned 19th-century evangelist Dwight L. Moody and the daughter of Middlebury president (1922-1942) Paul Dwight Moody. She was predeceased by Charles Rice, her husband of 63 years, in 1995; a sister, Charlotte Moody Emerson ‘30; and brothers, Charles, James, Ada ‘33, and George ‘21. Survivors include daughter Margaret Rice Stout, son David Rice, four grandchildren (including Susan Rice ‘79 and Timothy Stout ‘82), and five great-grandchildren.

27 Helen Walter Bosworth, 94, of Needham Heights, MA, on October 28, 2001. With the Sorbonne in Paris (1930), she taught high school French in Chehnsford and Melrose, MA, until 1934. During the ’50s and ’60s, she was a real estate broker for A. Clinton Brooks Co. in Needham. She and Raymond F. Bosworth ‘29 were married in Mead Chapel in 1934. Predeceased by her husband in 1987, she leaves daughters Sarah Tibbet, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

28 Charlotte Adams Merriam, 90, of Concord, NH, on January 8, 2002. She was a teacher in Grand Isle, VT, before attending UVM College of Medicine. She worked with the State of New Hampshire Dept. of Public Health Clinical Laboratory from 1958 until her retirement in 1976. A volunteer for the American Red Cross, she was active in the Older Adult Outfitting Club of the YMCA, was a capable horsewoman, and a student pilot. Survivors include son Robert Merriam, daughter Barbara Renaud, and three grandchildren.

29 Marguerite Hunold Ross, 89, of South Setauket, NY, on October 23, 2001. She was inducted into the WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) in 1942 and was sent to MIT to study meteorology. She served in Seattle, became the first WAVE to serve in Alaska, and retired from the Navy with the rank of lieutenant commander. She entered the investment field in 1957. For 17 years she served as corporate secretary to philanthropist Theodore Manforth. Predeceased by her first husband, Russell M. Stern, she is survived by her husband John S. Ross.


31 Donald W. Easter, 87, of Sun City Center, FL, on November 17, 2001. A 40-year resident of Manchester, NH, he owned and operated Easter’s mens and boys clothing store, and was president and treasurer of Realease Realty Company. In 1980 he retired to Sun City Center with wife Carol Wheeler Easter ‘36, who died on February 1, 2001. He was active in the security patrol, the Shrine Club, and the men’s golf assoc. He leaves sons Carl, Richard, and Wayne Easter; a sister, eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

32 Jean Edgerton Orr, 85, of Bangor, ME, on August 13, 2001. After attending Middlebury for two years, she graduated from the Univ. of MI in 1937. While living with her husband in Afghanistan, Thailand, and Nepal, she was principal of the Kabul (Afghanistan) International High School and taught English at the International High School in Bangkok. For 14 years, she served as librarian for the Stetson (ME) Public Library. She also served as president of the Maine League of Women Voters. Survivors include husband Julian H. Orr, daughters Mary Orr and Nancy Orr, son Julian Orr, two granddaughters, and a great-grandson. Her late grandfather, Francis M. Edgerton, graduated from Middlebury in 1864.

33 Gertrude E. Dole, 86, of Bronx, NY, on December 8, 2001. She was a research social scientist with emphasis on evolution of kinship relations and social customs. For her major contribution to the Oral History Project of the Society of Women Geographers, she received their outstanding achievement award in 1999. Survivors include sisters Edna Backup and Dorothy Johnson, and several nieces and nephews, including Peggy Backup ‘71. She was predeceased by sister Elizabeth Joslin.

34 Clifford W. Laws, 92, of Silver Lake, NH, on October 27, 2001. He served as an Army chaplain in the Pacific from 1943 to 1945. With a degree from Bangor Theological Seminary, he served parishes in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine, retiring as director of Rockcraft Lodge in Sebago Lake, ME, in 1977. He was predeceased by wife Elizabeth (Atwood) in May 2000 and by son David in August 2001. Survivors include daughters Janet F. M. (Mrs. Lewis) Armstrong ‘96, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.


36 Robert V. Cushman, 84, of Middlebury, VT, on October 29, 2001. He served with the Navy for a 14-month tour of duty during World War II. As a hydrogeologist, he worked for the U.S. Geological Survey in New York, Connecticut, and Kentucky. Returning to Middlebury in 1975, he was an active volunteer for the Henry Sheldon Museum, school board, and Rotary Club. He was the historian of the Middlebury Congregational Church, and sang in the choir. Survivors include wife Correan (Walker), daughters Nancy Cushman ‘66 and Susan Catches, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and nephew Leon Cushman ‘74. He was predeceased by daughter Charlotte Friedberg in 1989. His late father, Harry L. Cushman, graduated from Middlebury in 1907.


38 W. Phillips Palmer, 85, of Middletown, OH, on January 6, 2000. He served in the Navy during World War II, returned an M.P.H. degree in medical care organization (Univ. of MI), and served for 27 years as an administrator for the medical service program of the United Mineworkers of America Welfare and Retirement Fund in Pennsylvania. He retired in 1981 after organizing and heading a division of primary care for the Pennsylvania Department of Health. He is survived by daughter Patt Guilfoyle, son Wendell P. Palmer II, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.
OBITUARIES

Alison Meader, and son Jonathan Meader. Meader '40 and by husband A. William Sweet '41.

She taught French in Washington, DC, and in Burlington, VT. Later she was a librarian in the child-

Survivors include daughters Andrea Hawes, Teresa Ayotte; son Steven Farman; seven grand-

children; and two great-grandchildren.

Jesse H. Gordon, 84, of Magalia, CA, on December 13, 2001. A resident of Walnut Creek for 50

years, he retired as a manager for Pacific Bell, where he was employed for 32 years. He attended

Tufts Univ. Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and was a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Naval


Gordon, daughter Judith Anne Stewart, and four grandchildren.

Asa Shiverick Jr., 84, of Chagrin Falls, OH, on November 19, 2001. After serving as a pilot in

World War II, he became president of the Wagenman Paint Co. He retired in 1988 as presi-

dent of the Charles E. Schuler Engineering Co., based in Newark, OH. A noted philanthropist, he

hosted a radio show in Birmingham, AL, and

Survivors include a sister, Jean Parsons Ross.

Robert B. Rivel, 80, of Pittsfield, MA, on November 30, 2001. He served as an

officer in the Navy (1942-1946) and earned a mas-

ter's in economics from Columbia Univ. (1947).

His expertise with the financial aspects of business

led to a distinguished career at Chase Manhattan

Bank, Lazard Freres & Co, Union Dixie Savings

Bank, and the Private Export Funding Corp. He

was also an adviser to the NYC and New York

State comptrollers on debt management, and served as chairman of the Mayor's Contingency Planning

Committee. For his faithful service to the College,

he received an alumni plaque in 1969. He leaves

wife Helen (Stewart) (honorary '42), son Robert W. Rivel '72, daughter Joan Ravel Pettrone '74, and

six grandchildren.

Helen Miller Schenck, 81, of Westminster, CA, on December 24, 2001. She lived for several years

in Caribbd, NM, before moving to California, where she retired as an administrative assistant at a

company in Agoura Hills. Survivors include daugh-

ter Margaret Ann Jones, son Roswell M. Schenck,

four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

A 1951 graduate of New York Univ. School of

Business, he attended Middlebury for two

years. He retired in 1990 as a senior systems

analyst and programmer at Sanders Associates

in Nashua. He leaves wife Barbara (Reid); sons

Robert, David, and Richard Eiermann; three grandchildren; and a sister.

Marilyn Boyce Squier, 79, of St.

Johnsbury, VT, on October 8, 2001.

Predeceased by husband William Squire in 2000

and by son Earl Squier in 1979, she leaves daughter

Carolyn Gonyaw and two grandchildren. A cousin,

Evelyn Wheeler Stagg, graduated from Middlebury

in 1959.


A graduate of SUNY Geneseo School of Library

Science, her first job was as film librarian at RKO

Pathé in New York. She worked about 40 years in

the library field, mostly in the Monroe County

Library System. Survivors include husband Edward J. Spires, daughter Sherrie Spies, and a

sister.

Elizabeth Carr Scott, 76, of Denver, CO, on December 11, 2000. She was a teacher in the

Detroit, MI, public school system for 22 years.

Retiring to Grosse Pointe, she volunteered at the

library, was active in the AAUW, and worked on a

local beautification commission. She was prede-

ceased by husband Charles A. Scott '44 in 1992.

Survivors include daughter Shelley Bereshof, two
grandsons, and brothers Boyd H. Carr '39 and

Edward Carr.

Barbara Shaw Wick, 75, of Burlington, VT, on October 30, 2001. She owned and

operated the Ski Shop in Burlington from 1955 until 1985. She also owned and operated the Ski

Shop in Essex Junction, Addison House on

Middlebury. Survivors include husband Hilton

Wick; sons Jim and Bill; daughters Jane, Ann, and

Julia; 15 grandchildren; four great-grandchild-

ren; and brother Gale Howard Shaw Jr. '53. Other

Middlebury relatives include niece Danielle Shaw

Virtue '82, cousin John S. Gale '43, and late cousin

Robert G. Gale '41.

Margaret McNair Muesel, 72, of

Danvers, MA, on January 6, 2002. She was a manufacturer's representative for Amigo

Mobility Company and the owner-operator of

Muesel Mobility Associates in Danvers for more

than 15 years. A founding member of the Danvers

Disabilities Commission and a member of the

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, she

was also an active member of ATOMS (Assoc. to

Overcome Multiple Sclerosis). Besides husband

Daniel Muesel '49, she leaves sons David and

Robert Muesel, a sister, a brother, and three grand-

children.

Donald S. Zaunsmel, 75, of Fort Pierce, FL, on January 15, 2002. He served in the Navy
during World War II and the Korean Conflict. He had lived in Fort Pierce since retiring as VP of

Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Hampshire in 1988.

Survivors include: wife Dorothy (Menou), son

David Zaunsmel, daughter Kristen Zaunsmel, and
two granddaughters.

Diana Martin Spohn, of Fredericksburg, VA, on June 21, 2001, from complications of a stroke
the previous December. After one year at Middlebury, she transferred to Wellesley College.

Her career was in advertising and real estate. She
leaves husband Martin, daughters Melissa and

Christina, and four granddaughters.

Wendell J. Shepard, 78, of South

Burlington, VT, on December 22, 2001. Serving in the Air Force during World War II, he

was awarded an Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters. While attending aircraft mechanic school
in California, he fell ill and was hospitalized for

three years with tuberculosis as a result of time
spent as a prisoner of war in Germany. He earned a degree from Middlebury and was employed by the

Vermont Department of Social Welfare until his
retirement in 1991. Predeceased by wife Charlotte
(Beatry) in 1995, he leaves son Charles.

N. Richard Wilson, 68, of Chateaugay, NY, on November 16, 2001. With a Middlebury M.A. in
French (1959), he taught French and other subjects at Chateaugay Central School until 1967. He served as organist of the
Centenary United Methodist Church in Malone
from 1954 until his death, and he gave organ recitals in communities throughout northern New
York. A piano and organ tuner, he served many
churches and schools in northern New York,
including the Crane School of Music at Potsdam.
Predeceased by two sisters and a brother, he is sur-
vived by several cousins.

Barbara A. Wicks, 66, of Portland, ME, on November 6, 2001. She was a social
worker at a settlement house in New York City. A volunteer at hospitals in Englewood, NJ, she was involved with Amistad in Portland and was active in the Neighborhood Association. Survivors include a brother.
Thomas C. Gosnell, 42, of Weston, MA, on December 31, 2001, of cancer. With a Juris Doctor degree from Albany Law School, he practiced law at Rogers & Wells at NYC and became chairman of Big Woods Limited Partners, a private investment group. An active member of Trinity Church in Boston, he was trustee of several charitable organizations, including the Adirondack Nature Conservancy and Land Trust and the Nantucket Historical Assoc. He was an avid skier, sailor, and windsurfer. He leaves wife Silva, son Philip; parents Thomas and Georgia Gosnell, a brother, and two sisters.

Charlotte DuBois Elfe, 61, of Columbia, SC, on August 14, 2001. She taught in Germany and studied at the Philipps University, where she met her future husband. With an M.A. in German from the Univ. of MA (1965), she was a senior instructor of German at the Univ. of SC until her disability retirement in March 2000. Survivors include husband Wolfgang Elfe, son Charles Elfe, daughter Catherine Elfe Vanden Houten, two grandchildren, and two sisters. Her late father, Charles N. DuBois, graduated from Baldwin College, and the VA School for the Deaf and Blind.

Mary P. Jones, M.A. French, of Scranton, PA, on October 18, 2001. A professor emeritus at Bryn Mawr, a scholarship and prize fund had been established in her name.

Gratia Kiracofe Ridge, M.A. Spanish, of Richmond, VA, on October 22, 2001. She taught Spanish at Pembroke State College, Mary Baldwin College, and the VA School for the Deaf and Blind.

Barbara F. Klitzman, 38, Russian, of Dix Hills, NY, on September 11, 2001, in the World Trade Center disaster. A graduate of Princeton and Columbia, she worked for Cantor Fitzgerald.

HONORARY DEGREE

Stuart C. Haskins, 97, of Phoenix, AZ, on November 13, 2001. He was ordained a Congregational minister in 1929 in Glastonbury, CT. He served in several churches and held interim pastorates in Portland, ME, and Nashua, NH. A Navy chaplain during World War II, he lived in Laconia, NH, for 24 years before moving to Phoenix in 1990.

STAFF

Charlotte Smith Ross, of South Burlington, VT, on January 20, 2002. She began her employment at Middlebury in 1972 as secretary to the librarian. From 1979 until her retirement in 1985, she served as an administrative assistant for the Bread Loaf School of English. In Middlebury she also served on the board of Elderly Services, Inc.

Maggie Morgan-Wright, of Bristol, VT, on January 2, 2002. She joined the College staff in January 1998 as a program assistant in the PALANA (Pan African Latino Asian Native American) Center. Her work led to the creation of programs across campus, and she initiated several efforts to connect members of the Addison County community with College students, faculty, and staff.

Elfe, son Charles Elfe, daughter Catherine Elfe.
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The Frog Run

THE SPRING PEEPERS’ SONG HERALDS THE END OF THE SUGARING SEASON

BY JOHN ELDER

BOILING DOWN THE SAP of sugar maples to produce syrup traditionally occupies Vermont farmers from about the end of February each year. March and April are mud season in the Green Mountains. The melting of four months of snow makes rivers rage, and fields get too mucky for walking, much less for driving a tractor or a team of animals. But this time is also when life rekindles in the maples that dominate our forests. The sap of sugar maples is twice as rich in sugars as that of most deciduous trees. The Abenaki people discovered thousands of years ago that, if concentrated, it yielded a delicious natural sweetener. They produced it by sliding stones that had been heated to a glow into large birch-bark containers of sap, adding new stones to keep it at a boil. Yankee farmers who learned this art from the Abenaki developed their own evaporators—flat pans simmering above a wood-fired arch of bricks. But the goal was identical—to condense watery sap to syrup.

Because the early settlers in Vermont often lived in such isolation, this product meant much more to them than the delicacy we pour on our waffles. Throughout the nineteenth century, it was in fact common to transfer the finished syrup to a smaller, separate evaporator, where it could be reduced to granular maple sugar in a process known as “sugaring off.” This allowed farmers to avoid the expense of imported cane sweeteners and, in years when they had extra to sell, provided an important cash supplement. Such a history explains why, even today, when syrup is in most cases the final product, variants of the more elemental word sugar define every aspect of the process. Sugaring takes the sap from a maple grove, or sugar bush, and renders it into syrup over an evaporator that steams beneath the opened roof-louvers of a sugarhouse. When March blizzards arrive, some of the syrup is boiled to an extra-thick state and then whipped up into the traditional confection called “sugar on snow.”

Sap courses through the trees when the temperature rises above freezing during the day but drops below it at night. Sugarmakers can be ready for this tidal surge if they
watch the ground. The remaining snow cover in the woods, smoothed out and shining from the late season slump that levels all, will begin to draw back in a circle around each maple’s trunk. Longer days and stronger light warm the gray-brown bark and gradually create little wells that reach down until they touch the mud. You wouldn’t want to set your taps much before these circles appear, since holes drilled in the trees fill back in and block the flow within a couple of months. On the other hand, it’s important to be ready for the first good run of sap. There may only be three or four big runs in a year.

Sugarmakers thus pay keen attention to the fluctuations of temperatures and sap marking the year’s passage from winter to spring. In February 2000 our own family began sugaring. Experiencing it for myself has helped me understand how important this annual project must have been, psychologically as well as economically, for the inhabitants of remote hill farms. Summer, fall, and winter in Vermont are glorious. Their essences are distilled, their contrasts dramatic. But spring always seems late and short. Weeks pass when winter has lost its grip but nothing new has taken its place. Watching the temperatures’ courtly dance around the freezing line suddenly becomes exciting, however, when maple syrup is the culmination.

Not only does sugaring help us remember that spring is coming, it also gives us a reason for desiring that it not progress any faster. Once we have awokened to it, we long to dwell in this protracted in-between. This time for standing in the warm, sticky sugarhouse, witnessing the alchemy that turns air and water into gold. For talking through the night with family beside the shimmering evaporator. Or for drinking a beer with friends who step into the sugarhouse and out of their usual routines. We want this time, once the sap is running and the sugarwood is in and the evaporator is all fired up, to last forever. But no season does—even, or especially, when it’s one we’ve decided, after some reservations, to celebrate.

Sometimes a last run of sap will carry sugaring into late April. This is the sugarmaker’s fill the nights with their choruses. The burden of their refrain—maybe of most refrains—is “Love! Now! Quick!”

Such singing keeps the ebullience of the season well stoked. But once the peepers have tuned up, the old-timers say that there will be just one more week of good boiling in the sugarhouse. Such vernal music seems to coincide with a swelling of the maple buds, from which, in turn, the sap will take on a funky taste. The final week of a late sugaring season, when musical excitement fills the nights and there is still untainted sap to boil down, is thus referred to, in a phrase at once celebratory and elegiac, as “the frog run.”

That phrase captures for me the ludicrous urgency of the peepers’ moment—and the human moment, too. It expresses the fact that we must soon relinquish this harvest we have only recently learned to claim. Focusing all the more intensely on the process as it nears its end, we remember the softening snow that signaled its onset and anticipate the equivalent of spring skiing, compounding the pleasures of two seasons into one. But such fantasy moments are short-lived, as the peepers remind us. One effect of snow melt is the appearance of vernal pools in little swales amid the hills, or in low meadows along the highways where water may for a brief time stand several feet deep. Salamanders and frogs breed in these pools that contain no fish to devour their eggs. As the festival of generations commences, several species of small frogs suddenly appear, often in the air that announces the warm rains of April. The completion of our family’s first season of sugaring coincided with my conclusion of a 27th year teaching at Middlebury College. When we moved to Vermont right after graduate school, my wife, Rita, and I never anticipated that we would end up sinking our roots and raising our children so far from our parents and brothers in the San Francisco Bay Area. But as the years passed, we came to realize that here in the Green Mountains, we had found our true place on earth. We will never leave Vermont.

Staying put does not mean that the world slows down around us, though. If anything, being grounded lends vividness and velocity to the circling seasons and makes us more keenly aware of generational transitions in our family or village. As I move into my final chapter of teaching at Middlebury, and as the youngest of our three children starts college, I hear a singing in the air that announces the frog run. Sap’s flowing strongly, but we won’t keep boiling for too much longer this season. Open the louvers and fire up the evaporator. Sleeping can wait until next week.

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The Simple Present
SEARCHING FOR WHAT IS ALWAYS TRUE

BY JULIA RHODE ’90

As a teacher of English as a second language, I am keenly aware of the rules governing the usage of American English. The nuances of verbal inflections fascinate, delight, and exhaust me, particularly as I try to convey them to those students whose own languages sparsely express the notions of past, present, and future. What comes so naturally to us as native speakers—knowledge you most likely take entirely for granted—is a cryptic puzzle to many of my foreign students.

To talk about things that are always true, for example, we use the simple present: The death of a child is difficult for a parent to bear. The present progressive, on the other hand, is used to talk about actions that are in progress now and will probably continue: My heart is breaking into a thousand pieces. It emphasizes the continuous nature of an action started sometime in the past that will probably go on: My marriage is falling apart, and the best friend I have in my new town is snubbing me callously.

The present perfect links a completed action more tightly to the current moment. I’ve just returned from a walk. Today is my birthday—I am now 33 years old—and like this day a year ago, it is a jewel; the air is crisp yet warmed by bright sunshine, and the first crimson leaves stand in striking contrast to the cobalt blue sky. Unlike last year, I am not two months pregnant. My baby, Nina, came and went in four short days in early May. Fully developed, overdue in fact, her death was as unexpected as seeing a plane fly straight into a tower of the World Trade Center, twice, on a peaceful morning. She died in my arms at 3:35 p.m. on May 5, 2001, at the Albany Medical Center. (The preterit is used for actions completed in the past.) For events in progress, started before now, usually with a specified duration, we use the present perfect progressive: I’ve been sitting lost in thought a lot since my baby left me. Why, I’ve been asking myself, did her 10 tiny fingernails remind me of those hucksters on the hot Mexican sidewalks, trying to sell me my name engraved on a single grain of rice for 10 pesos? Or, more important, what am I going to put in this cavernous space in my life that had been reserved for her?

Will I ever know what caused my baby’s death with any certainty? Are my husband and I going to cooperate and communicate during our separation process any better than we did during our time as a couple? Predicting the future has become an obsession, leaving me overwrought and perhaps a little paranoid. I’m going to discuss my insomnia with a psychotherapist. (This is the construction used for prior plans, conceived before the moment of utterance.)

On my birthday walk, I think about the simple present, as my dog Zora stops to sniff mysteriously captivating tufts of grass and lumpy brown piles along the roadside. “Come!” I command, snapping her leash taut. (The imperative is used for orders.) The sky is blue. The geese honk noisily on the pond. I love Zora and her curious nose. This moment I am at peace. I am 33 years old today. I am a survivor. Although there is much I don’t understand, this is my simple present.

Julia Rhode ’90 is currently taking a few months off work to reflect and recuperate. She hopes to open the Jackson English School and Retreat this spring.
The Middlebury College Museum of Art will host a retrospective exhibition of the work of Sabra Field from May 16 to August 11. The prints appearing in the exhibition were selected from a complete set of Field's work acquired through the generosity of the artist, her family, and a number of her college friends. The exhibition coincides with Field's 45th Middlebury reunion. The public is invited to hear her discuss her work during Reunion Weekend, on Saturday, June 1, at 10 A.M. in the Center for the Arts Concert Hall.