WHEELCHAIR UNBOUND

The ski accident that paralyzed, opened new doors for this Olympic athlete.
The Grille is teeming with tots. There must be 40 or more, and they are milling about the floor of the coffee bar; they are on the balconies; they have even fully occupied the pool tables—around one table, three youngsters, too short even to see over the sides of it, are sweeping the pool cues blindly over the green felt top, hoping just to find a ball.

These children have turned out in force to meet the women’s hockey team, which has just captured the national championship. After a celebratory ride through town on Middlebury Engine 1, a charming old relic from the fire department, the team is now back at the Grille to greet fans and sign autographs.

The children range from about three to thirteen, and though many are shy and starstruck, a number treat the players like big sisters.

“Peter, did you like the fire truck, buddy?” asks Number 25 as she picks a little boy up and carries him to the food table for a snack. Number 2 walks with six-year-old Katy attached to her waist. Number 21 has one little boy on her shoulders and is carrying another in her arms.

The shyer kids need encouragement from their parents. “Go say congratulations,” says a mom, urging her child forward gently. He hangs back, so Number 16 walks forward to meet him. “Gimme five,” she says, and he smiles and slaps her hand. “Congratulations,” he says softly.

Many of the adults present are parents of these autograph-seeking children, and many are fans themselves. One man says he is getting a team picture autographed for his 21-month-old baby daughter. She loves hockey, he explains to a player, though in his arms the child seems blissfully unaware of anything but the chocolate chip cookie disintegrating in her tight little fist. Matt Longman, dean of Wonnacott Commons, is getting a team picture autographed also. “For the office,” he explains. Sure.

Some adults, like local businessmen Kim Loewer ’76 and Jim LaBerge, are official team boosters. “This is the most incredible record in college sports, maybe in professional sports!” enthuses LaBerge.

It is incredible. The women’s hockey team has never lost an ECAC Division III game since the inception of the league five years ago. They won the championship all five years. They’ve outscored ECAC opponents 473-87 and have just captured their first national championship. Loewer gloats about the championship game against Augsburg University: “We smoked ‘em! We had 90 shots on goal; Augies had 23.”

The kids ignore this adult enthusiasm and instead concentrate on the task at hand—moving in like homing pigeons to gather autographs from their idols. Russ Reilly, athletic director, asks, “Who could say that athletes are not role models? Look at these kids.”

It is undeniable that what’s going on in this room is a wonderful thing for the children, for the players, and for women’s sports in general. Though the audiences for the women’s games have been modest compared to those at the men’s hockey games, they are growing, and captain Sarah Hall thanked the fans for their faithfulness.

“There are more people here in this room than there were at my first game at Middlebury,” she laughed. “We love you guys and hope you keep on coming out!” Six little boys with fully signed photographs in their laps beam at her and applauded.

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Where's the Color?
As the parent and sibling of Middlebury graduates, I am offended by your cover headline "Bringing a little color to Vermont." Do you not see the irony of the contrast between the cover and the "all white" wedding section—shame on you.

Susan Lindsey Cridge P'93
Fairbanks, AK

Winter Term Valuable
As a passionate Middlebury graduate, I was dismayed to see the January 19th article in the Boston Globe on college January terms. While it is disappointing to see Middlebury's winter term compared to Smith's noncredit, "risk-free" courses (clearly not an apples-to-apples comparison), it was most upsetting to read Ron Liebowitz's comments. The winter term courses that I took are undoubtedly some of the most valuable of my college career. Partially a function of subject matters, partially of depth of topic, these courses come to mind on a day-to-day basis much more often than the traditional academic courses. Every graduate that I have spoken to feels that several of his/her winter term courses are those that are recalled most often since graduation. It is disturbing that Ron Liebowitz feels that two additional weeks added to a science or literature course would contribute such value, while alums feel that the opportunity to take the January courses teaches lifelong lessons. Aside from the wonderful opportunity to take one course in depth, the overall social benefit of life on Middlebury's campus during January term cannot be undervalued. I would also like to question his assertion that 50 percent of Midd faculty feel that winter term "is a bad idea." The opportunity for faculty to teach an intense course to students who share their passion about that topic is what I believe to be one of the primary pieces of Middlebury's successful education.

Susie Patterson Nichols '78
Weston, MA

A Resort for Privileged Kids
Hooray for Erskine White '73 for expressing what I've been feeling for a long, long time. In recent years the PR emanating from the college on the hill has given me the impression that Midd is less and less an institution with which I can identify and increasingly a resort for privileged yuppie offspring. One "Midd life change" I do applaud, however, is the substantial increase in minority representation among the students. I remember walking into the dean of women's office c. 1955 and asking the dean why there were no black female students at Middlebury—her reply? "We had one once, but she wasn't very happy here."

Alice Foul Lawson '59
Chicago, IL

Prostate Cancer Warnings
I applaud Steve Crampton's '61 class note on increasing readers awareness of PSA screening for prostate cancer. However his information on the "double I's" is incorrect and could be misleading to one contemplating the various alternatives for treatment of prostate cancer. Today's surgical procedures have not "virtually wiped out incontinence as a concern." The most
recent issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (Volume 283, No. 3, Jan 19, 2000) contains an extensive review of urinary and sexual function after radical prostatectomy. The study revealed after 18 months, 8.4 percent reported incontinence. Forty percent reported occasional leaking at 24 months. The statement that “chances for no permanent impotence problem were over 80 percent” is also incorrect. The same article noted after nerve sparing surgery, 59.9 percent were impotent. Both urinary and sexual problems varied according to age with poor performance correlated with increasing age. Finally, the statement of “chances for a complete cure are over 70 percent” can be misleading. Cure rates in prostate cancer are dependent on the grade of the cancer and the spread both within and beyond the gland. Each individual case has its own prognosis. Some “cure rates” approach 90 percent; others, there is no cure.

John R. Iacocono ’63 M.D.
New York, NY

**Choi Inspires**

You have a severe problem. Namely, the Fall 1999 issue of *Middlebury Magazine* is so terrific you’ll never be able to match it again! Sunhee Choi is a tremendous inspiration—even for those of us who’ve never met her. [And in the winter issue] I can forgive Middlebury 100 mistakes as long as students like Kelvin Roldan ’01 can be enrolled. Wow!

Ted Peach ’43
Nevada City, CA

**Thank You, Sunhee Choi**

As a recent graduate of Middlebury College, a student of Professor Sunhee Choi’s, and a member of her research group, I am writing in response to Ms. Shelley Johnson Carter’s letter [Winter 2000]. Sunhee Choi is an outstanding professor; she instills in her students a desire to learn and the motivation to perform to their best ability. The majority of professors at Middlebury are of the highest quality, but Sunhee’s dedication to her students goes well beyond the classroom. In the article featuring Professor Choi, fellow chemistry majors and I mentioned help
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A Really Big Boom

I have just read Diane Rotberg Bray’s article “Ants In Your Pants and other Biohazards of Life Down Under,” and it reminded me of my childhood in Alaska and my first experiences at Midd. Like the kids of Australia, we grew up without many boundaries or limitations—physical or parental. I expect our parents were around somewhere, but my impression was that they were egging us...
on in our exploits rather than trying to ensure that we survived them without a poked out eye. Just as Ms. Bray describes, my own extended family’s summer fascinations were with fire and worms. We started all of our fires with leftover gasoline, and I even remember my cousins surreptitiously putting water in the boat gas one time to create an excuse for its use in creating a “really big boom.” Our pit fires generally raged from 6:00 A.M. to 1:00 A.M. every Friday to Sunday. And just like Ms. Bray’s son, one of the main exploits was to see just how well various items, such as aerosol cans, bacon grease, fish guts, potato peels, and really big logs, would burn.

One of our favorite things to burn was lake leaches. An Alaskan lake leach is about three to four inches long and the size of your index finger. In the fire they would sizzle for a minute or so and then explode with a pop like a firecracker. In order to feed our habit of blowing up small worms, we spent hours “fishing” for victims. Our typical bait was five to six salmon heads. We would tie them onto some fishing line, throw them off our dock, and wait. After about 10 minutes we would pull the heads and pick off the suckers, throwing them into an old coffee can. I think our weekend record was about 580. The other preferred method was to have one person dangle a foot in the lake while another waited nearby in hip waders to catch the prey with Mom’s kitchen strainer. Thus, in this and equally dangerous and environmentally incorrect ways, I spent my first 18 years of life. Then I went to college where I never joined the Outdoor Club (too wimpy and organized) and generally made a point of being “rough around the edges” (yeah, maybe obnoxious is a better description). But I loved Middlebury, particularly the town and the surrounding area. I also found friends who accepted my excesses, and perhaps even encouraged them. Now, 10 years after graduation, I am living in Japan with my wife and two-year-old son. Thus, I am constantly confronted with questions about how to give him the sense of independence, self-reliance, and deter-
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Honoring the Veterans

Looking at the picture and caption of V-12 students parading on campus [Winter issue, page 42] reminded me that there is a unique bond that many Middlebury people have had and an important contribution they have made by serving in the armed forces. Whether through V-12, ROTC, SATC, the draft, or voluntarily, Middlebury people have answered the call for service to their country for 200 years.

I was commissioned through Middlebury’s Army ROTC program in 1956, returned in 1963 for three years to teach ROTC, and prepared many second lieutenants to go off to war in Vietnam. One of these was Fred Stetson ’65, whose article in the spring 1992 Middlebury Magazine grippingly and tenderly captured the experiences of his classmates describing the horror, the irony, and the honor of their service. From these accounts and the contacts I had with others, I was inspired to propose that the College hold a one-time gathering of Middlebury veterans during the Bicentennial Celebration to honor their service to America.

With the help of Mona Wheatley ’56, Mike Heaney ’64, and others, the Veterans’ Reunion will take place concurrently with the class reunions this year. The centerpiece of the gathering will be the Dedication of the Veterans’ Memorial in Mead Chapel on June 3. Richard E. Powell ’56, Lt. Col., U.S. Army, Retired

Gainesville, VA
Mail a Bit of Middlebury

The U.S. Postal Service is commemorating Middlebury's Bicentennial with a stamped postcard depicting Old Stone Row. Consisting of Painter Hall, the oldest existing college building in Vermont (1812-1816), Old Chapel (1834-1836), and Starr Hall (1861, rebuilt 1865), Old Stone Row is a fine surviving example of the linear row of architecturally unified college buildings that originated at Yale in the 18th century. Four million cards will be available at post offices across the country on May 19, 2000, the first day of issue.

Master of 'Toons

When Carly Cais '00 was 12 years old, she spent her Saturday mornings like most kids her age: watching cartoons. But this New Jersey native was different. She had a dream that one day she would be an animator herself. At 21 years of age, her dream has become a reality. She has been accepted to Yoyogi Animation Institute in Tokyo, Japan—the first non-Japanese student to be admitted to this prestigious institution, and the youngest student there. Carly studied at Keio University in Tokyo during her junior year abroad and speaks Japanese fluently. While at Middlebury, this double major in Japanese and film/video completed a 12-minute film combining live action with animation for her senior thesis project. Carly will spend the next two years studying at the institute while working part time in the animation industry.

🎶 GRAMMY FOR ROE 🎶

NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO's senior producer Benjamin Roe '82 recently received NPR's first-ever Grammy award for producing the album "Benjamin Britten’s War Requiem." The CD, which won Best Choral Performance, was recorded live at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., as part of a concert commemorating the 50th anniversary of World War II.

VT'S NEW COMMISSIONER

With a vision to make Vermont's schools the best in the world, David Wolk '75 recently became Vermont's new commissioner of education. Wolk has been a dedicated educator for nearly 25 years, most recently as superintendent of the 3,000-student school district in Rutland, VT.

坯 BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTS CHAIR坯

Churchill C. Franklin '71 has been named the new chair of the Middlebury College Board of Trustees. Franklin is executive vice president and cofounder of Acadian Asset Management, a global investment management firm located in Boston. He was first elected as a trustee in 1989, and currently chairs the leadership gifts committee for the Bicentennial Campaign. He also served as founding president of the Boston Chapter of the Alumni Association. Franklin lives in Concord, Mass., with his wife, Janet, Class of 1972. Their son, Chip, is a member of Middlebury's Class of 2002.

DANCE

This past January, Alison Stoll '00 performed her new dance piece, "Ground Control," with a number of other Middlebury dance majors at the American College Dance Festival. The extremely challenging and athletic piece was selected from nearly 50 dances from 25 New England colleges.

FULBRIGHT TO ITALY

John Elder, Stewart Professor of English and Environmental Studies, has received a Fulbright Fellowship to support his 2000-2001 leave. This grant will help fund his research project in Italy, "The Italian Career of George Perkins Marsh." Marsh, a native of Vermont who was a central figure in the conservation movement in this country, was the first American minister to Italy and founded the first school of forestry in that country.
MULTIPLYING EXCELLENCE

Timothy T. Huang, professor of mathematics and computer science, has been named this year's recipient of the Perkins Award for Excellence in Teaching. Huang was also recently honored with the National Science Foundation Career Award in 1999.

WATSONS GO ABROAD

Another healthy crop of Watson Scholars from Middlebury will study abroad next year—each with a $22,000 stipend. Amelia Berry '00 will go to Trinidad, Tobago, Jamaica, and Barbados to study “The Steel Drum as Liberation.” Adina Racoviteanu '00 will travel to Nepal, Tanzania, Cameroon, Peru, and Bolivia to pursue the topic, “Exploring Sacred Mountains.” Jenna Sigman '00 will study “Penguins: Catalysts for Conservation Awareness” in South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and Argentina.

MOGUL QUEEN

Three-time Olympian and world champion mogul skier Ann Battelle '89 was at it again this past February at the Goodwill Games in Lake Placid, NY, where she came away with a silver medal in the women's free style skiing moguls competition, and a gold medal in the dual moguls. Battelle, a native Vermonter who didn’t even begin skiing competitively until after graduating from Middlebury, now lives and competes in Steamboat Springs, CO.

Lies are important to tell a larger truth.

Julia Alvarez ’71, writer in residence, on the role of fact in fiction at the Bicentennial Symposium, “Literary Fact and Historical Fiction.”

A Plug for the Environment

Heads turn as the cute little electric pickup truck toots along campus byways. Not a bad side benefit if you are the electric vehicle intern and girls are clamoring for a ride. Eric Skowsted ’02 admits that in this job most of those girls are in elementary school. He often visits schools and talks about renewable energy and alternative fuels and demonstrates this electric Chevy S-10 that the College has borrowed from EVermont.

According to Nan Jenks-Jay, director of environmental affairs and planning, “We want to see if there’s a practical use for alternative vehicles as fleet vehicles on college campuses in the Northeast.”

Fleet vehicles (those used for delivery, security, mail, and maintenance) are some of the greatest polluters because they start and stop so much and go in circles all day long. Which is why an electric vehicle is so potentially appropriate for this use. Electric cars don’t idle and only use electricity when the accelerator is pressed. They have no engine, no transmission, and no gears. They actually generate electricity when they coast down a hill.

This truck has been plugged into a 220-volt outlet outside of the Service Building when not in use. Its four batteries, when fully charged, can get the car to the Snow Bowl and back (making use of the energy generation coasting downhill).

The big question about this electric vehicle was how would it perform in cold weather? Heating and defrosting consume a lot of energy. Would there be enough left for the truck to be useful around campus? Norm Cushman, assistant director for maintenance and operations, says, “The jury’s still out.” He noted the truck was parked more than it was used this winter, but that the College is extending the lease through 2000 to continue to try new uses for it.
The Brief History of Marriage

In response to a Supreme Court ruling, Vermont has the difficult and controversial task of deciding whether to grant gay couples the same legal rights accorded to heterosexual couples, including the right to formalize their relationship through an official ceremony. Jack Hoffinan '69, chief of the Vermont Press Bureau, has attended the House Judiciary Hearings, and wrote recently for the Middlebury Herald that he has learned the institution of marriage doesn't have nearly the long and august history that most people believe it does.

"Defenders of so-called traditional marriage have made statements to the effect that marriage has been between one man and one woman since the beginning of time," he wrote. But in reality our conventional marriage has had a relatively short history.

According to Paul Monod, Middlebury professor of history, "What we think of as traditional marriage is a fairly recent development. The majority of our ancestors were not married in any formal or official sense."

In the Middle Ages couples simply made a promise to each other, sometimes, but not always, in front of some person with religious authority, or lived together for a long period of time and considered themselves married.

Cohabitation was often virtually equivalent to marriage. Monod explains that formal marriage in the Catholic and Protestant Churches became more common about 500 years ago, though primarily for the wealthy.

"From the third to sixth centuries, the church also sanctioned all kinds of personal relationships, including same-sex couples. It didn't actually marry them but gave them a ceremony of blessing," Monod says that scholars have argued about whether this represented official recognition of same-sex relationships, or whether it was a way of recognizing friendships and bonds between people who were leading a religious life.

The historical fact is that in most cultures, marriage had little to do with love.

"Relationships based on love were thought to be very unstable," says Monod. "From a legal and historical point of view, it's been about the legitimacy of children and the inheritance of property. Those have been the overriding issues in the history of marriage."
SCHOLARS/ATHLETES

Athletics and the liberal arts was the subject of a Bicentennial Symposium which honored five alumni—Irv Meeker '50, Dee Rowe '52, Paul Wittenman '65, Robin Harris '84, and Chris Waddell '91—during an on-ice ceremony in Kenyon Arena at the Middlebury v. Williams game.

FACT/FICTION

How much fact is in fiction and how much fiction is in a genre like biography? The discussion became heated at times during the Bicentennial Symposium, "Literary Fact and Historical Fiction," which featured a reading by Joyce Carol Oates; a panel with Middlebury writers Julia Alvarez '71, Jay Parmi, and David Stoll; and a lecture about the making of Ralph Ellison's "Invisible." 

ARABS/ISRAELIS

Israelis and Syrians came together to discuss peace in the Golan Heights in a roundtable discussion moderated by Tamar Mayer, professor of geography, in collaboration with the Geonomies Center for International Studies. Panelists included Raghida Dergham, senior diplomatic correspondent for the leading independent Arabic daily newspaper; Sadik Al-Azm, chairman of the department of philosophy and sociology at the University of Damascus in Syria; Izhak Levanon, consul general of Israel to New England; and Aaron T. Wolf, assistant professor of geography at Oregon State University.

Journeys in Art

"This painting was made from a suitcase that I pulled from a dumpster on 75th Street that was full of the contents of an apartment owned by an obviously deceased occupant," said Jim Butler, professor of art. "This suitcase had been slit open by someone to see if anything was inside. I take a lot of things on the train in New York, but I never got a more nervous reaction from other people than when I was carrying this suitcase."

The Museum of Art, in a show entitled "50 Years: Faculty Art at Middlebury," has recently exhibited works from studio art faculty Suzanne Bocanegra, David Bumbeck, Jim Butler, John Huddleston, and Eric Nelson, and former faculty Arthur Healy, Robert Reiff, Rosemarie Beck, Bruce Muirhead, Alex Markhoff, and Alex McFarlane.

Better Living through Chemistry

We like to think of Middlebury College as a peace-loving and environmentally friendly sort of place. A little known fact, however, is that pepper spray, or mace, was actually first created by Middlebury College chemistry professor Ben Corson. In 1928, Corson and his graduate student Roger Stoughton (Middlebury used to have a master's degree program in chemistry), synthesized the chemical substance 2-chlorobenzalmalononitrile, and, though they were not looking to make warfare agents, they apparently found out the hard way what they had created. In the Journal of the American Chemical Society (Vol 50, page 2825, 1928) they note:

"In sneezing caused by o-chlorobenzalmalononitrile, the face smarts, especially if damp. The smarting is intensified by washing. Most of the discomfort can be avoided if a gas mask is worn whenever the dry solid is to be handled."

The military recognized the possibilities for such a compound and developed it for use in crowd control and chemical warfare. The resulting substance is sold commercially in some of the self-defense preparations marketed as "pepper spray" and "mace," but it is known to the military and police forces as CS—the initials of its accidental discoverers, Corson and Stoughton.

—Jeff Byers, professor of chemistry
YOU CAN'T ACCUSE Clara Yu of ethnic insensitivity for talking about the way some Asians who speak English as a second language confuse their “l”s and “r”s. By pointing out mangled pronunciations like “flied lice” and “lain in Spain,” she isn’t poking fun; Yu, the Cornelius V. Starr Professor of Linguistics at Middlebury, is just making her case for the daring experiment she recently launched.

Based on recent research into brain development and language acquisition in the early stages of life, Yu believes people who are not exposed to a second language in infancy won’t form the new connections in their brains that allow them to become natural speakers of that language. Use it or lose it, in other words.

Since Asian languages don’t recognize the “l” and “r” sounds, it’s almost impossible for Asian students who study English to learn to pronounce the difference between the two letters. Native English speakers have similar difficulty with the two Spanish “b” sounds.

Yu suspects all students would be much more successful learning to speak a second language if they got to hear it as babies. So she designed a pilot program that will introduce American infants of English-speaking parents to the sounds of a second language while they are young enough to benefit from them.

Graduate students and staff members at Middlebury’s language school in Madrid, Spain,
and collaborators at Beijing Normal University are currently collecting recordings of Spanish and Chinese parents as they bathe, sing to, dress, feed, and play with their infants. The recordings will be made available on the Internet, where American parents participating in the project will download them to play to their infants. Yu hopes the children who participate in this experiment will have a much easier time learning to speak the second language when they’re older.

She hopes they won’t have to struggle, as she struggled, to learn to speak English, French, and German. “I am a failed language learner,” says Yu, 51, who was born in China and grew up in Taiwan. “I’m an expert learner in the sense that I always aced the course, but I’m a failed learner because it was always a struggle, and I could never speak another language as I speak my own.”

Since joining the faculty of Middlebury’s legendary language program in 1987, Yu has worked to improve methods of meaning in individual existence if you can’t contribute to the greater good,” Yu has worked to extend Middlebury’s reach beyond its Vermont campus.

As Middlebury’s vice president for languages from 1993 to 1996, she restructured the College’s eight language schools and five schools abroad in Florence, Madrid, Mainz, Moscow, and Paris. She also designed Middlebury’s three-year international major, a rigorous B.A. program that combines an international studies core curriculum, regional concentration, language competence, study abroad, and senior capstone experience. This innovative program served as a prototype of the four-year international studies major.

Since 1994, she has directed an expanding initiative, supported by the largest grant ever awarded to a liberal arts college by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation—a total of $7 million—to enhance the teaching of languages through the use of technology. The most recent phase of this initiative is Project 2001, which constitutes the core program for Middlebury’s newly founded Center for Educational Technology. Yu directs Project 2001, an initiative which links research universities, graduate programs, and 62 liberal arts colleges in an effort to create an unbroken chain between cutting edge research, graduate students, faculty, and technologists in the common mission of improving education and reducing costs.

These efforts are eminently worthwhile and extremely successful, given that most students haven’t been exposed early enough to the language they choose to study. “It doesn’t have to be so hard,” Yu says. “If you can get kids speaking and interacting in different cultures from an early age, second language acquisition comes naturally.”

Yu makes an analogy with research in vision to illustrate the importance of introducing a second language within the first year. Studies have shown that babies born with cataracts may go blind if they aren’t removed within weeks after birth—even if nothing is anatomically wrong. This is because there are nerves that exist in the baby’s brain that don’t form connections, or that connect incorrectly, if the eyes aren’t exposed to light shortly after birth. The acquisition of a few photons in early infancy is crucial to the baby’s development of vision.

It works the same way with language acquisition, Yu says. In simplistic terms, each of us is equipped at birth with the ability to distinguish between all the sounds that make up the world’s languages. But at a very early stage, we begin pruning away those neurons that govern the sounds we don’t hear, since they aren’t needed.

There is evidence to back up her theory. In The Scientist in the Crib: Minds, Brains and How Children Learn, researcher Patricia K. Kuhl finds that Japanese and American seven-month-olds discriminated “r” from “l” equally well. But just three months later, “the two groups were as different as night and day.” At 10 months, Japanese infants could no longer hear the change from “r” to “l” since there is no such

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Balancing Act

BY DAVID HEALY

EARLY LAST FALL Lara Rosenbaum had one of those experiences that could only happen at Middlebury. "I heard this guy the first week of school at the bookstore, and I couldn't help myself," she recalls smiling, "I kind of thought aloud, 'You know, you sound exactly like my friend Mo.' And he turned around and said, 'That's because he's my brother.'"

With the steady stream of siblings flowing through Middlebury, it might not be unheard of for a faculty or staff member to occasionally sense that they're hearing echoes from the past. But, with six years separating the brothers Renganathan (Mohan '96 and Vijay '02), it's almost surreal for a student to register the timbre of their voices. Then again, Rosenbaum's a bit of an extraordinary Middlebury student. For starters, she's a 26-year-old senior and, more to her credit, one of the finest freestyle skiers ever to pull on a U.S. Ski Team sweater.

A nine-year veteran of the national team, Rosenbaum is also a specialist in the slightly arcane sport of acro-skiing. acro, as it is now called after years under the misnomer of ballet-skiing, is an underexposed freestyle discipline combining figure skating, skiing, and gymnastics. A lifelong skier with a gift for acrobatic flips and twists, Rosenbaum has finished fifth in the past two World Championships and impertinently breached the Russo-Japanese juggernaut at World Cup events.

While the process of racked-up a sterling ski career has taken Rosenbaum all over the globe, it's also wreaked havoc with her experience here at Middlebury. She entered college as a first-year back in 1991, but team rules and the
demands of international competition have conspired to more than double her undergraduate sojourn. Far from being a Zonker Harris-styled slacker, Rosenbaum will nevertheless be eligible to join the Class of ’95 for her fifth reunion just a week after receiving a diploma.

"It's hard being on the 'A' team because you have a lot more to lose, and they [certain freestyler to U.S. Team star. "She's very artistic and self-expressive, both on the slopes and off," he asserts.

Flowing gracefully on skis to the soulful sounds of Patti Page or Etta James, Rosenbaum punctuates her downhill dance with patented one-armed pole flips and 720-degree twists that are as mind-boggling as they are entertaining. She's a crowd-pleaser, says Preston, suggesting that with the subjective elements of a sport like acro, "it's just a matter of time before the judges let her win."

For Rosenbaum, the competitive flame was kindled during childhood trips to New Hampshire from her home in Providence, Rhode Island.

"Skiing for us was a family thing," she recalls while sipping tea in the McCullough Student Center. The youngest of three children—brother Scott '90 also skied on the U.S. freestyle team in the early nineties—Rosenbaum took to the slopes at age two, graduating from ski school by the time she hit second grade.

"My parents were worried about me being this little helion on skis at Waterville, so they wanted to put me in something organized," Rosenbaum says of her introduction to competitive skiing. "I had a choice between racing and freestyle. I'd met the freestyle coach and I loved him—he was always picking me up and flipping me over my skis—so, of course, I chose freestyle," she remembers. It was a prescient decision by an eight-year-old. By age 13, Rosenbaum was junior national freestyle champion, a title she would capture for three consecutive years. "I went out to Telluride and I won every event," she says matter of factly, before stopping, slightly embarrassed. "So here I come home with four gold medals," she continues, choosing candor over guile. "My parents decided that since I was doing well in skiing, and since my grades had been suffering from missing so much school, that I should go to Waterville Valley Academy."

At Waterville, Rosenbaum spent mornings with a tutor and afternoons with her coach. Hardly standard college prep, but a well-placed gamble nonetheless. By 16, the spunky skier was a dominant force on the North American circuit—capturing gold at every competition she entered during the 1991 season, the same year she gained admission to Middlebury.

Despite a peripatetic academic career—this year will be the first time that she's been enrolled for two consecutive semesters since 1995—Rosenbaum's affection for Middlebury remains steadfast.

"Middlebury is the best. I love this place," she says. "I saw Ann Hanson in the gym one day and she's like, 'Oh!' and giving me a big hug. You know, it's cool when you can just hug the dean of students."

Quick to smile and, by her own admission, a little "goofy," a closer look into Rosenbaum's dark brown eyes makes it easy to trace—to paraphrase Smokey Robinson—the tracks of her tears. Just prior to the start of this World Cup season Rosenbaum announced her intention to retire from the U.S. Team at the end of the year.

"It's hard," she concedes, "it's been so much a part of who I am for so long."

A nationally ranked competitor for the better part of two decades, her departure from skiing is being hastened, in large part, because of the failure of her sport to be accepted into the Olympic family.
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David Healy is an outdoors writer and junior alpine race coach in Vermont.
distinction in their native language. American infants not only could do so, but had actually gotten much better at making this distinction.

“The evidence of neural pruning and critical periods of brain development suggests that preparing our children to learn languages by first grade, or kindergarten, or even preschool, is too late. Infants are born ready to learn, in peak form,” she says. “If we snooze, the child loses, for a long time, perhaps even forever, the ability to learn.”

Yu's experiment is designed to test the benefit of introducing a foreign language from day one. Here's the plan: two sets of recordings will be made with parents who are native speakers of Spanish and Chinese. The parents will tape interactions with their infant children as they feed, bathe, change, and play with them during their first year. “The Spanish moms and dads are really interested in this project,” says Kim Griffin, director of the Middlebury School in Spain. “American parents might be surprised to learn how similarly parents from all around the world talk to their babies.”

As the recordings are completed, the audio content will be collected into carefully sequenced sound files that expose English-speaking children to the kinds of "parentese" that Spanish or Chinese children of the same age would hear. The finished product may incorporate other elements, such as music, repetition, and natural sounds in ways that are calculated to maximize aural receptivity. For example, since research shows that the transfer of information from short-term memory to long-term memory requires the repetition of the same material within 90 minutes, the material will be assembled with that in mind. Initially, 20 volunteer American families expecting to have babies will be chosen for the program.

Yu is the first to admit that this "daring experiment" isn't all that scientific. "This is not meant to be a rigorous research project," she says. "I can poke so many holes in this project it looks like a sieve."

For one thing, there's no control group. Also, the experiment demands long-term monitoring and data gathering, if not continuous programming, for over a decade as the infants begin second language instruction during their preteen years. As yet, there's only enough funding, $25,000 from the Texaco Foundation, to follow the participants during the project's first year. Yu actually views the pilot project as more of a public awareness campaign.

"The value of this is to use it as an exaggerated case, or metaphor really, to make people sit up and listen," she says. "Our effort may eventually lead to widespread programs that enable Americans to grow up neurologically wired for multilingualism. The implications of this, both in terms of personal achievement and national interest, are only limited by imagination."

Interested in participating in the project? Send your inquiry to Infant Simultaneous Language Acquisition Project, Center for Educational Technology, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753.

Kim Ask is a writer living in Burlington, Vermont.
In 1974, Peter R. Decker '57 and his wife Deedee bought a run-down 600-acre ranch in Ridgway, Colorado, and moved West. Despite the distance, Decker kept his job as a professor at Duke University, while he learned the craft of ranching in the arid Colorado climate. By any standards, his spread in Ouray County, at the base of the glorious San Juan Mountains, was at the other end of the earth, populated primarily by cattle, wildlife, and a few scattered ranching families who had worked the land for generations. Five years later, after gaining experience and acceptance from locals, he began ranching full time and became an ardent spokesman for agriculture. He was appointed, several years later, Colorado commissioner of agriculture.

In his book Old Fences, New Neighbors (University of Arizona Press), Decker chronicles the evolution of this small ranching community as it moves into the new era. The book offers valuable insights into the town's past and future and the people who have been instrumental in both. A must-read for anyone interested in the debate about rural communities, social systems, and change.

Extreme Greene

Professor of English Cates Baldridge has recently offered a fresh interpretation of 20th-century British novelist Graham Greene in Graham Greene's Fictions, The Virtues of Extremity (University of Missouri Press, 2000, $34.95 cloth). The author delves deeply into previously unexplored aspects of Greene's uncompromising vision of life, challenging what he calls "a tendency to water down and domesticate Greene, to flatten out the peaks and valleys of his uncompromising vision of life, to overlook the extremity of his novels as if it were an embarrassment instead of a glory."

Baldridge feels that Greene's religious views, especially, have been mainstreamed, and states that "any attempt to paint Greene's religious views as conventionally Catholic, or even Christian, does a disservice to the uniqueness—nay, the sheer strangeness—of his religious imaginings." He also discusses the political philosophy of Greene's novels, and focuses specifically on five of Greene's books, including Brighton Rock, The Power and the Glory, The Heart of the Matter, The Comedians, and The Honorary Consul. Baldridge says that Greene was among those few first-tier writers who give us a "deliberate, contrarian, and ultimately convincing refutation of our familiar and comfortable moral compasses."

Writing with both scholars and the general audience in mind, Baldridge releases Greene from the restrictive category of "Catholic novelist" and reveals him as one of the greatest British authors of the century.

Power Plays

In Power Loss, The Origins of Deregulation and Restructuring in the American Electric Utility System (MIT
Balkans Brought to Life

TRAVELING, often on foot, through the Balkans provided poet and critic Christopher Merrill ’79 with plenty of intimate experiences to portray in his new book, Only the Nails Remain: Scenes From the Balkan Wars (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 1999). From 1992 through 1996, Merrill traveled through Ljubljana, Croatia, Serbia, Macedonia, Kosovo, and Sarajevo, and in this beautifully written book he introduces the reader to the people and places he met along the way. He describes a land and people torn apart by war and strife, yet a people whose culture is filled with an abundance of poetry, art, and humor.

Albee’s Singular Journey

MEL GUSOW ’55, respected critic and cultural writer for the New York Times, has taken 37 years of acquaintance with Edward Albee and presented to the public an intimate portrait of one of the century’s greatest playwrights in his biography, Edward Albee: A Singular Journey (Simon & Schuster, 1999). Gusow endeavors to make the connections between what Albee himself revealed in his plays and the actualities of his upbringing, his relationships with his adopted family, and how the dynamics of his early life resonate in the brilliance of his work. Hailed as a “modern Beckett” and an influence on the once up-and-coming (Tom Stoppard, David Mamet, and Sam Shepard), Albee is a formidable subject to take on; Gusow employs his personal knowledge of Albee with sensitive determination to illuminate the complex man behind his amazing art.

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A Hockey Dynasty

WOMEN SKATE AWAY WITH 5TH CHAMPIONSHIP, MEN SO CLOSE IT HURT

BY KELLY KERNER

It's hard to imagine a more dominant team. Since the inception of the ECAC women's hockey alliance, the women's hockey team at Middlebury has won all 92 games they have played in the alliance, won the alliance championship the five years of its existence, amassed a streak of 39 consecutive home wins, outscored ECAC opponents 473-87, and will graduate the most dominant Division III women's hockey player ever, Sylvia Ryan '00, who surpassed the 200 career-point mark in the ECAC finals.

In the recent ECAC final four, the women took on RPI in the semi-final matchup. In the previous meeting of these two teams, RPI, anchored by the stellar play of their goaltender, gave the Panthers their toughest Division III game in five years of competition. Middlebury won 1-0, but came away from the contest wary of RPI's defensive strength. This game, however, was different. With five different players scoring goals, the Panthers won 6-0 and moved into the finals to face Colgate, the league's second-ranked team.

Another rematch took place at the finals. Just two weeks earlier, Middlebury ambushed the second-ranked Red Raiders 9-0, sending a message that the Panthers were
clearly the team to beat. In the ECAC finals, Colgate came out well prepared and looking for the upset. At the 8:50 mark in the first period, lightning struck, and the Red Raiders found themselves with a 1-0 lead and venturing into uncharted territory. With 1:41 left in the first period, Sylvia Ryan put home a rebound to tie the game. Period two came and went with no scoring, but...
A championship saw a new Chip Kenyon arena record of nearly 3,000 fans.

From the playing of the national anthem, with practically the entire arena singing, to the final horn, the crowd was an indomitable force. When Williams grabbed some momentum, the crowd became louder. As in the regular season game against Williams, the contest was hard-fought and ended regulation in a 2-2 tie with shots on goal nearly equal; Middlebury 30, Williams 29. This time the teams played a 20-minute "sudden-victory" overtime period. It would be hard to find two more equally matched teams. In the end, it all came down to who wanted it more. Approximately five minutes into the overtime, Williams was hit with a penalty which put them down a man and helped the Panthers keep the puck in the Ephman zone. Thirty seconds into the power play, Ben Barnett '00 took a slap shot from the point. NESCAC player of the year Curt Goldman '00 redirected the puck past the NESCAC goalie of the year for the 3-2 Middlebury victory. When the red light went on, the crowd erupted and pandemonium ensued. The victory sent the Panthers to their sixth consecutive NCAA championship tournament.

In the NCAA quarterfinal round, Middlebury faced the second-ranked Plattsburgh State Cardinals at Plattsburgh. The format for the round is a two-game playoff. If the games are split then the victor is decided in a 15-minute mini-game. In a hotly contested first game, the Panthers skated to a 1-1 tie. This set up an emotional Saturday night face-off where we saw Plattsburgh jump out to a 2-1 lead in the first period. Middlebury came back and scored the next three goals for a 4-2 lead. Then Plattsburgh switched goalies and the tide turned. The Cardinals evened the score at 4-4 in the third period while their goaltender stopped every Panther shot for the rest of the night.

The second game ended in a 4-4 tie and sent the teams into the mini-game. At the end of regulation time, the scoreboard stood at 0-0. They went into the final tie-breaker—sudden death overtime. For the first 12 minutes neither team was able to score and then Plattsburgh snuck the puck past the Panther goalie and the game ended.

It was the longest night of hockey the Panthers played all season. It was a long night for the fans, too. An exhausted crowd of nearly 1,000 fans made the long drive home. Although they were sad to see the five-year winning streak come to an end, their faith was not lost. As the notorious leader of the student cheering section, Victor Shaio '01, said, "These guys really are champions because they have been able to raise the standard of Middlebury athletics to a new level; they have set the standard."

The Panthers finished the season 20-5-3. Seniors Ben Barnett, John Giannacopoulos, and Curt Goldman were named to the All-American teams.

Middlebury Grads, Come ski with one of your own, Ellen Guidotra, Class of 80, Portillo's Vice President and your host at Portillo!
Aerial Adventures

The 95th Aero Squadron was the first American pursuit squadron to fly over the front in March 1918, and 1st Lt. Waldo Heinrichs, who would later become professor of contemporary civilization at Middlebury, was one of its original members. The history of the squadron is told in First to the Front, The Aerial Adventures of 1st Lt. Waldo Heinrichs and the 95th Aero Squadron, 1917-1918, by Charles Wooley (Schiffer Publishing Ltd., 1999) through the words of those who served. Heinrichs' richly written diary forms the nucleus of the story and is supported by contemporary letters, anecdotes, and combat reports from many of the other flyers. Entries from the official squadron history, as contained in the History of the American Air Service A.E.F., round out the narrative.

The excerpts give a real feel for the life of the aviators. When Heinrichs was taken prisoner, he writes in his journal: "They took me first to a German hospital... Got me out and took me to the operating room directly where my wounds were very painfully redressed. A nun in white, later to be known as 'Sister Butcher' or 'The Fat Sister,' started a tirade on me when she heard I was an American. She said if the U.S. hadn't entered the war I wouldn't be there now."

Over 280 photos, most unpublished, from the personal albums of the participants, show planes, places, and personnel which surrounded this happy band of warriors. The author, Charles Wooley, is the son of one of the original 95th pilots.
Public Rituals, Private Rites

FOR AS LONG as human civilization has existed, societies have marked the progress of individual lives by means of ritual. The term, "rite of passage," is well known and understood. Ceremony and liturgy punctuate with formality and gravity moments of meaning in due succession, and not only in the form of religious ritual (though we may most immediately associate such rites with birth, baptism, the attainment of adulthood, marriage, death), but also in the civic sphere. For example, in Vermont, Town Meeting Day is an annual ritual in which fundamental political beliefs are reasserted, celebrated, and acted out.

These rituals are a part of society's glue, binding an increasingly diverse population at periodic intervals to higher principles, reminding us of those many things we have in common, insisting that at least for a moment we subordinate our own petty agendas to a reaffirmation of the values that shape our imperfect human communities. They permit everyone who joins in to belong wholly. In their noblest forms they combine majestic, even if simple, language with actual participation. Indeed, our most meaningful rituals are not entirely passive. They encourage, even require, some form of involvement by all present. They are inclusive.

Ritual can, however, also have a dark underside, which usually begins with secrecy. Covert rituals are, almost by definition, exclusive, not inclusive, and they assume that whatever may be taking place behind the closed doors is best kept hidden. This can be, of course, quite exciting, both to those shuttered in and those kept out. Most of us are intrigued by mystery, particularly by mystery that can never, ever, be solved.

Not surprisingly, because we are the mirror of the real world's possibilities, and also of its imperfections, academic institutions, over our long histories, have had experience with both kinds of rituals. Those of the public variety constitute some of our most cherished moments: convocation, commencement, reunion. Those of the private variety hold a less honorable place. Sometimes these private rituals, which usually commemorate initiation of membership in an organization, are harmless, though often juvenile. Of these there is little more to say, except to express the hope that they represent ultimately a putting away of childish things.

Other private rituals, however, and it must be said, go beyond juvenility, and the fact that every effort is made to keep them secret, and that when from time to time they are revealed they are deplored, tell us all we should need to know about the degree to which, in a civil community, they should be tolerated. The current term for this form of ritual is "hazing," and a recent national survey reminds us that hazing still occurs on college campuses.

Released by Alfred University last autumn, this survey involved over 325,000 student athletes at more than 1,000 NCAA schools. The findings include the following, taken verbatim from the report (the full report may be found at www.alfred.edu).

More than a quarter of a million students experienced some form of hazing to join a college athletic team. (One in five was subjected to unacceptable and potentially illegal hazing. They were kidnapped, beaten, or tied up and...
abandoned. They were also forced to commit crimes—destroying property, making prank phone calls, or harassing others.

Half were required to participate in drinking contests or alcohol-related hazing.

Two in five consumed alcohol on recruitment visits even before enrolling.

Two-thirds were subjected to humiliating hazing.

Only one in five participated exclusively in positive initiations, such as team trips or ropes courses.

We must take this evidence seriously, and we do. The report recommends three specific actions that institutions might take. Middlebury College has taken them all:

Send a clear anti-hazing message in policy, education, and enforcement.

Expect responsibility, integrity, and civility on the part of athletes, team captains, coaches, and administrators.

Offer team-building initiation rites facilitated by trained coaches or other adults.

The College has long had strict anti-hazing policies (Vermont is one of those states that has no anti-hazing law), and stern penalties for their violation. Our coaches and our student affairs administrators have made clear that these policies are serious, and, as a result, violations have been minor and quite infrequent. In athletics, coaches and captains create and sustain a team culture. We have been very fortunate that this leadership over the years has been so positive. (It may also explain why our athletes have had such competitive success year in and year out!)

Yet we know this problem will never fully go away. Thus, at this spring’s meeting of the New England Small College Athletic Conference, teams of presidents, athletic directors, student deans, and team captains will spend an afternoon discussing the Alfred report and developing a conference statement on hazing. Such a statement will give real substance to our stated opposition to hazing, and will establish NESCAC as a national leader in this, as in so many other areas of athletics. It will send a clear message to high schools about the expectations we hold for student athletes. Finally, it will remind us that those rites of passage that hold the greatest meaning, and the greatest educational benefits, are those that are positive, inclusive, and not veiled in secrecy.

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Campuses where hazing was most likely to occur were primarily in eastern or southern states with no anti-hazing laws. The campuses were rural, residential, and had Greek systems.

There is much more to this report, which must be read critically. By this I mean that it must neither be entirely denied nor assumed to be a specific reflection of practices on our own campus. Moreover, although the report focuses on athletics, the problem of hazing is by no means limited to that part of the institution.

HAZING POLICIES

The College prohibits hazing activities, whether by an individual or an organization. Conduct may be considered hazing if it:

- Endangers the mental health, physical well-being, or safety, or rights of any individual;
- Causes physical or emotional injury; or
- Leads to a violation of Vermont state law or Middlebury College policies.

Examples of prohibited individual/group activities include but are not limited to the following:

- Requiring participation in activities that by design do not allow adequate time for study;
- Requiring the use of alcohol in any process or activity;
- Requiring nudity at any time;
- Throwing substances or objects at individuals with intent to harm;
- Vandalizing, defacing, or stealing any property;
- Verbal abuse or threatening physical harm;
- Assigning unreasonable chores;
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AMY RANDALL '92 left the business suit for the most important interview of her life. Instead she met her prospective employer, John Hazel (one of Oregon’s finest fishing guides) at the boat launch on the Deschutes River in Oregon. As Hazel stepped into the passenger seat of her drift boat, he said, “All right, let’s see how you row this baby down the river.”

Randall began rowing down a river which, in February, was pretty “high and nasty,” and Hazel watched carefully as she dropped into the first set of rapids, then had her land the boat in some tricky spots.

“As we neared the take out,” says Randall, “I really wanted to do a little fishing, despite the murkiness of the river. So I rigged up and made my first cast.” As she felt something grab, she let out a whoop—she’d hooked an eight-pound steelhead.

John Hazel was impressed. “As she was fighting and landing this fish, I was thinking, ‘This woman skillfully maneuvers a boat, confidently handles the fish, and thoughtfully communicates her love for the river and all it encompasses. She may just have what it takes to be a guide.’”

John hired Amy at the take out, and today she is the only full-time female fly-fishing guide on central Oregon’s Deschutes River.

Though not born wielding a fly rod, Amy has always had a passion for fishing. “When I was little in Minnesota, my dad used to take my brothers on special father-son fishing trips to Canada. I remember standing in the driveway frustrated as hell as I watched all the fathers and sons pack their rods into the station wagons and drive away. Oh yeah, Dad was fair, and we did father-daughter camping and canoeing trips, but I longed to be a part of those wilderness fly-in adventures in Canada.”

While there were a few forays on Otter Creek, Amy’s real introduction to fly-fishing came while working on the HF Bar Dude Ranch in Wyoming. “There was an entomology professor who was a guest of the ranch. He schooled me on the basics. I learned enough to catch tons of small cutthroat trout in a creek on the property. I guess you could say I was hooked.”

Amy’s next move took her to Portland and an administrative job with Pacific Crest Outward Bound School, where she was...
Anglers come from around the globe seeking the Deschutes River’s native redside trout, a hearty species of rainbow.
introduced to the Deschutes River, a powerful tailwater that flows north from the central Cascade Mountains through high desert canyons to eventually join the Columbia River.

While making frequent escapes to the Deschutes over the next two years, Amy quietly planned and then executed a more exotic adventure—she traveled around the world solo on a fly-fishing expedition. In 15 months of traveling, from September 1997 to December 1998, she took fish on a fly in every continent she visited.

She stalked brown and rainbow trout in New Zealand. She waded dangerously close to crocodiles and hippos in Zimbabwe and Zambia where she caught the toothy, high-jumping tiger fish. While exploring a small river in the remote Sikkim region of India, Randall hooked whitefish before an audience.

"Thirty or forty villagers followed me as I worked my way along one river. I was way off the well-beaten backpacker’s path. I’m certain that these people had seen very few (if any) foreigners—and here was a light-skinned woman with blonde hair and green eyes waving a long thin stick over the river they use for drinking, bathing, washing clothes, irrigation, etc. In one part of India I came upon people dynamiting the river for fish. Sometimes, on a hard day of fishing in Oregon, we make jokes about dropping a few sticks of dynamite in the river. In India, it was no joke."

An especially satisfying fishing moment came in Ireland on the River Moy, a celebrated Atlantic salmon fishery. “I came up to the river with my fly rod, and there was a group of older British men there, bait-fishing. None of them had their baits in the river, though. They were resting, shooting the breeze. I asked if they would mind if I swung a fly through the run. They looked at each other and kind of smirked. Then one fellow said ‘You won’t be getting a fish today, lass.’ What he probably meant was, me being a woman and fishing with a fly rod, ‘you probably wouldn’t be getting a fish on any day.’”

On the second cast, Amy hooked a fish. “All of those fellows who were giving me a hard time were falling over themselves trying to give me advice—mostly bad—on landing the salmon. In spite of their help, I did land it.”

A small epiphany came while teaching her father to fly-fish while in Argentina on the Malleo River. “As I was coaching Dad—the old walleye fisherman—on drifting a nymph, I realized this was what I wanted to do. And that I could do it.”

Amy attended the Northwest Fly Fishing Exposition upon returning to Portland, and, after the floating interview with John Hazel, began a rigorous apprenticeship. For the rest of the winter and early spring, she was out on the Deschutes every day, studying the water, memorizing spots and names of places, noting good
A Deschutes steelhead is a torpedo of flesh and blood. The strike and flight of a steelhead on a fly rod is memorable as few other fishing experiences are.

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For the angler, the Deschutes is indeed a river worth learning. The lower 100 miles (below Pelton Dam) flow through high basalt canyons that shift from russet to red to umber as the sun rises and sets. Anglers come from around the globe seeking the river’s native redside trout, a hearty species of rainbow that responds appreciatively to flies mimicking the Deschutes’ prolific insect hatches. Come August, steelhead—a species of ocean-going rainbow trout—arrive in the Deschutes to spawn. Running from 5 to 15 pounds, a Deschutes steelhead is a torpedo of flesh and blood. The strike and flight of a steelhead on a fly rod is memorable, as few other fishing experiences are. Make that few other experiences. During the fall, steelhead are the focus for Deschutes anglers.

In late spring, Amy accompanied John and the other guides on the team on floats, carefully noting their technique. “Some of the best water is at spots I’d never thought of fishing,” Amy says. “It’s not always intuitive. John and the other guides would pepper me with questions—the questions they figured clients used to male guides would be inclined to ask. For my credibility—and the credibility of the company—it was important to have the right answers.”

Female fishing guides are uncommon, yet most male clients have responded exceedingly well to Amy’s river leadership. “A few guys seem to feel like they can’t relax around me. Like they’ve got to hike halfway up a canyon to relieve themselves. I almost want to say, ‘Guys, in India I saw a lot worse than some fellas peeing.’”

While Amy enjoys leading her charges to trout and steelhead, the fishing experiences are dramatically different. “Trout are easier to figure out. You present the right fly pattern to them in the right manner, they’re going to take it. They can’t help themselves. Steelhead are tricky. You can’t hook up with them at will. You might go days without a hookup. Then things change. There are certain kinds of water that you can anticipate finding the fish in, but in steelhead fishing there are no guarantees.

“At a certain point you’ve got to go with feeling. We may know 20 great holding spots on a stretch of river but we only have enough good daylight to stop and fish seven or eight of those runs. This is where you have to go with your gut instinct. I’ll be rowing down the river and suddenly get a chill down my spine as we approach a spot—when this happens I grab the oars and pull the boat over. It’s incredibly satisfying and magical for both me and my client when that gut feeling turns into a hookup.

“Steelhead are magical, beautiful fish. To be able to feel and hold, if only for a few seconds, a creature that’s gone from a small creek off the Deschutes out to the Columbia, out to the Pacific, maybe as far as Kamchatka, Russia, and then has swum all the way back to spawn and ensure that future generations will follow. It’s all part of another amazing day at the office for me.”

With her first season on the Deschutes behind her, Amy is taking a little time to relax. “Our high season is relatively short, late May to early November. But the days are long, usually 4:30 in the morning to 9 or 10 at night, by the time we’ve unloaded the boat and propped it for the next day. During steelhead season, I was out something like five weeks in a row, every day. There’s nothing I’d rather be doing. But it’s nice to have a break. I should be plenty rejuvenated by the beginning of the trout season.”

Have her travels helped prepare her for this vocation? You bet. “When I get someone from a different part of the world out here, the odds are pretty good that I’ve been to their home and have some understanding of that person’s culture. There’s a universality to the fishing experience. My travels have put me in touch with that universality.

“And hey, being an economics major at Midd has helped me relate to all those CEOs who sit in the front of my boat.”

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BY DOUG WILHELM

THE STORY OF HOW AN $8 MILLION GIFT came to the Middlebury Schools Abroad last year—the largest single gift or grant in the College's history—begins 80 years ago, far, far from Middlebury.

It begins in Shanghai, China, in 1918—a port city, which, in the aftermath of World War I, was a place where capitalist fortunes were made and the Chinese Communist Party was born. It was also an enclave for foreign investment, and among many others, it attracted a young American, Cornelius Vander Starr. Despite his patrician sounding name, Starr had grown up humbly: his father was a railroad engineer, his mother took in boarders, and by the time he shipped himself East, C.V. Starr had already started and sold an ice cream parlor, read for the bar, been a soldier, and built and sold an insurance brokerage in San Francisco.

In Shanghai, Starr began selling insurance to the Chinese people—a radical business act at the time. The established British firms were insuring, and employing, only Westerners in China. Starr not only sold policies to the Chinese, he hired them—not as traditional go-betweens but to help him run his growing business. By the late 1920s, Starr's Asia Life Insurance Company had offices across China and in Hong Kong, Indochina, Java, Malaysia, and the Philippines. Starr had created the prototype of the modern multinational corporation, along with what would become the largest insurance group in the world, now known as the American International Group, Inc., or AIG.

Among Starr's many Chinese friends and business associates was an influential banker named Singloah Hsu, who was killed in 1939 when his plane was shot down by the Japanese. Starr decided to send his friend's son to college in America; thus, T. C. Hsu attended Haverford College, courtesy of Starr. T.C. Hsu was the first of a number of Asian, European, and African young people whom Starr personally put through college—most often at Middlebury, Dartmouth, and Amherst.

Last summer, T. C. Hsu was on campus to receive an honorary degree at the commencement ceremonies of the Language Schools. When Starr died childless in 1968, virtually his entire estate passed to the Starr Foundation, the charitable adjunct to his global insurance operation. Upon his death, presidency of the Starr Foundation passed from Starr to T. C. Hsu.

During Hsu's presidency of the Starr Foundation, from 1969 until last spring, it has quietly supported higher education with a long list of gifts to scores of institutions. This year's $8 million gift

AQUIET MAN LEAVES
A LASTING LEGACY

A Firm
to Middlebury was the latest, and largest, fruit of a long relationship between Starr, his companies, his foundation, and the College.

"It's an extension of what we conceive as Mr. Starr's wishes," says T.C. Hsu, "to help education, and to help Middlebury. And the best of Middlebury, we always thought was language."

**A PASSION FOR ANONYMITY**

C.V. Starr was a powerful man—but reserved. He liked to do his good works quietly, and, even in his time, he was not widely known. According to Walter Brooker, a former New York advertising executive, who served as the College's first development director from 1956-1981, "During that 25 years, I think by far the most interesting and remarkable man I met was this C.V. Starr. Unlike other powerful men who had publicity people to make sure the world knew they were important, he had a publicity person to do the opposite: keep his name out of the newspapers."

Fred Neuberger, director of admissions from 1960-1991, concurs: "He had a Cadillac with big fins—but he had the fins cut off. He thought they looked too ostentatious."

"When I got to know him," Brooker continues, "he had a penthouse apartment in New York, an estate in upstate New York, a townhouse in Paris, and a place he called the Lookout in Hong Kong. It was up on the mountain, overlooking the bay."

"His hobby was sending kids to college," Brooker adds. When Starr met a young person whom he thought had potential and special qualities, he would often simply put that young man or woman through school. Among those that Starr personally sponsored at Middlebury were Guttorm Berge '53, Harry C. Hsiang '59, Daniel H. Ley '65, Roger A.W. Stephens '68, and Abdoul-Alim Issa '73.

Over the years, Starr would regularly visit his protégés at Middlebury. "He'd come over from Stowe and take them out to dinner—check up on them," says College President John M. McCardell, Jr.

Guttorm Berge, the first Starr scholar at Middlebury, remarks...
Starr liked to make money. One of his sayings was, "Well, you have to have worries, but you'd be better off having them in a Cadillac than in a rickshaw."

- John Ahlers, Starr's treasurer

THE TIES BETWEEN MIDDLEBURY AND STARR BECAME MORE NUMEROUS AND INTERLOCKED OVER THE YEARS.

that “Mr. Starr . . . advised us on our problems. He explained things in crystal-clear terms—often much better than our professors.” Another Starr scholar, Daniel Ley, says he valued “the personal advice” the most. Roger Stephens remembers that “I limped through first year and came within one point of failing. . . . I expected him to be pretty mad. How completely wrong I was. . . . He talked as one man to another of responsibilities and aims in life. One year later I . . . got my honors and Mr. Starr was present in person to witness the finale . . . .”

A group of Starr's protégés got together and sent him a silver tray as a gift on his 74th birthday. T. C. Hsu had it inscribed with a quote from Aristotle: “They who educate children well are more honored than they who produce them; for these only gave them life, those the art of living well.”

THE MIDDLEBURY – AIG CONNECTION

Starr himself had no degree. He left the University of California at Berkeley after a year in 1911, saying he had no time for college. In 1955 he accepted an honorary doctorate from Middlebury, both for his support of students and for his central role in creating the Vermont ski industry. (In 1950 he created the Mt. Mansfield Company, with control over all Stowe's land, lifts, ski schools, and hotels.)

It was the weekend during which he received Middlebury's honorary degree that, Walt Brooker recalls, ignited Starr's special affection for this college.

“Mr. Starr married late in life,” Brooker says, “and after they divorced he went into such a depression. We didn’t even know if he was going to show up to get his degree. But he did show up.” Also on hand for an honorary degree was Katharine Cornell, then a well-known American actress. Brooker recalls, “She kidded him, brought him out of his gloom. For that, Middlebury was always a special place for him.”

“It was not only his love of education and international studies, but Vermont,” says Florence Davis, the foundation’s current president. “He loved Vermont.”

The ties between Middlebury and Starr become more numerous and interlocked over the years as various AIG executives sent their sons and daughters to Middlebury. William S. Youngman (a former College trustee) sent his son Robert B. Youngman ’64 to Middlebury; Robert also worked at AIG and chaired the College’s Board of Trustees from 1993-1995. Clare Tweedy McMorris ’67 attended Middlebury—her father Gordon B. Tweedy was a member, with Mansfield Freeman and Bill Youngman, of the original AIG management team.

“Middlebury is kind of an extension, it’s part of the family,” says Gladys Thomas, a Starr Foundation vice president whose son Landon graduated from Middlebury in 1987.

So it must have felt something like a gift from an old friend, when John McCardell, in a Christmas eve phone call from Bob Youngman, learned that Middlebury had received the $8 million grant for the Schools Abroad.

“I can’t think of a better way to begin Christmas,” he says. “There has been no greater single sponsor of the international curriculum at Middlebury than the Starr Foundation.”
Starr never finished college—he left UC Berkeley after a year in 1911 saying he had no time for college. He received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Middlebury in 1955.

“It certainly made my day—and my year,” adds Youngman, who played a key role in securing the gift.

A SPRINGBOARD INTO CHINA

To be paid over five years, the Starr grant will enable Middlebury to expand its current European programs into smaller cities and provincial capitals, “where our students can be better integrated and assimilated into local life,” says Michael Katz, dean of languages and international studies.

“That’s initiative number one,” he says. “Initiative number two is altogether new areas. China and Latin America are the two we’re looking at most seriously.”

Several previous attempts to set up a Middlebury program in China, which would be the College’s first residential program in Asia, fell victim to politics, the Tiananmen Square massacre, and the Chinese government’s desire to control the operation.

“Out folks say the Chinese are much more open now to this kind of flexibility and to negotiating a mutually beneficial agreement,” says Katz, who in summer 1998 convened a “China summit” on campus to talk about the prospect with representatives of the Chinese department, the East Asian studies program, the Chinese summer school, and the environmental studies program.

“We reached the conclusion that the time is right, the need apparent, and Middlebury is the best institution to do this,” he says. “We want a first-rate language and culture program in the People’s Republic.” A consultant for the College spent this past summer researching locations in China, outside the capital city.

In Latin America, the Starr grant will enable Middlebury to explore prospects for greater cooperation with SUNY-Plattsburgh, which operates several programs that Middlebury students have attended with good results.

Overall, “there’s been a pent-up demand for some new initiatives,” Katz says, “and this gives us a chance both to enhance existing programs and to explore new options.”

There seems little question that Starr would be gratified by the gift and its intended impacts. He built his insurance businesses, first in China and then in Latin America; he was a lifelong lover of Asian culture and a promoter of international collaboration.

“I really think he would have been pleased with the Middlebury grant,” says T. C. Hsu. “I think he found that this was an ideal place for young people.”

Doug Wilhelm is a writer in Vermont.
S croll back to December 20, 1988, and you'd find Chris Waddell '91 lying flat in the intensive care unit of the Hartford hospital, a suction tube running down his nasal passage. Still in shock from a ski injury that would leave him paralyzed from the waist down, his body was unable even to process his saliva. Not fully conscious, Waddell began to pull the tube from his nose. When the medical team tried to intervene, the Middlebury freshman did a remarkable thing: He waved them off, saying, "No, I want to know what's going on with my body."

In that one gut-wrenching gesture, Waddell may well have taken his first step down the road to recovery by asserting that he remained the master of his own destiny. And in each courageous step that's followed, he's cut a path marked not only by determination and achievement, but—as if fed by the intensity of the experience—deep self-reflection and enormous personal growth.

Today, Waddell sits in a wheelchair, but on top of the world as an athlete and person. He’s the reigning World Champion in the 200-meter wheelchair track event and this past February added an overall monoski World Cup title to his growing list of athletic accomplishments. With the millennial Olympics scheduled for this summer in Sydney, and the Winter Games back on America’s home turf in Salt Lake City in 2002, Waddell seems poised to inspire a nation.

“He’s one of the most amazing and outstanding people I have ever met,” affirms Dean of Student Affairs Ann Hanson. “He is one of my heroes,” she adds without reserve.

A February freshman in 1988, Waddell had just returned home for December vacation after his second semester of college when he took to the slopes of Berkshire East, near his home in western Massachusetts. An expert skier and member of the Middlebury Ski Team, Waddell had a ski binding release prematurely causing a fall that sent him into the trees beside the slope. The impact crushed two vertebrae and severed his spinal cord. Two months later to the day, the personable skier returned to Middlebury.

“I left the hospital on Friday and returned to school on Sunday,” Waddell recalled recently from his home in Park City, Utah. “In two days’ time, they made a 200-year-old school accessible,” he says, characteristically underscoring the efforts of others, rather than his own determination to jump back into the mainstream at first chance.

“One of the intriguing things about Chris is there appears to have been so little of the anger and denial, what I call ‘that wallowing phase,’” observes Jennifer Zanka, a Waddell admirer who works with the U.S. Disabled Ski Team. Motivated and upbeat as always, Waddell instead viewed the physical challenges as an opportunity to grow and learn, say family and friends.

“We were all put at ease, because Chris was at ease with it,” recalls Matt Martin ’91, one of Waddell’s closest college friends. “It wasn’t like there was a pink elephant in the room we couldn’t talk about. He never lost his sense of humor. His expectations of himself were the same; his attitude was the same; he was sort of still attacking life.”

And if his attitude remained unchanged, so too was his desire to ski. With the help of Bart Bradford, then Middlebury’s head alpine ski coach, and Middlebury Friends of Skiing, Waddell found the means to return to the slopes. Riding a new monoski—essentially a $2,000 bucket seat with a shock absorber mounted on a ski—Waddell began a new run at his favorite sport. Just short of the first anniversary of his accident, he was back riding the lifts at the Snow Bowl.

“I went skiing at the Snow Bowl with Bart and Tom Buchanan, the assistant coach, when the monoski arrived,” Waddell recalls. “Bart asked me, ‘What do you want to do? I figured skiing is skiing, so I said, ‘Let’s go to the top.’ Well, skiing may be skiing, but I forgot that when you try to do something different, there is always a learning process. By the end of the day, I had made two consecutive direction changes, I don’t think you can call it linking turns. When we returned to school I called Jim Martinson, the
manufacturer of the monoski, and asked him point blank, ‘How do you make this thing turn?’ ”

But if good fortune comes to those who earn it, Waddell’s gritty determination would eventually pay in spades. Through the efforts of a family friend, Waddell was invited to visit the nation’s foremost adaptive ski program in Winter Park, Colorado. Capturing the eye of documentary filmmaker Deborah Robin, his experience became the dramatic centerpiece of her movie To Dream Again, a film that has played to overflow crowds here on campus. Back in his element, it was only a matter of time before Waddell mastered the monoski and discovered a vehicle to a new life in the limelight.

Since his graduation in 1992, Waddell has emerged as one of the world’s premier athletes of any kind and one of the most visible role models for people with disabilities. Not since swimmer Mark Spitz captured seven gold medals in Munich in 1972 has any one person so dominated an Olympic sport. After collecting two silver medals in Albertville, Waddell made an unprecedented sweep of four alpine skiing events in the 1994 Lillehammer Games, and then brought home two more silvers from Nagano.

And, as if the laurels for his athletic accomplishments weren’t enough, Waddell captured the broadcast attention of everyone from Tom Brokaw to Warren Miller. But the capper may have come this past spring when the handsome skier and part-time model joined the likes of Leonardo DiCaprio as one of People Magazine’s “50 Most Beautiful People” for 1999.

Frequently on the fly between athletic events, photo shoots, and a variety of motivational speaking engagements, Waddell’s life is full, if somewhat less glamorous than DiCaprio’s. “People are surprised when I say the quality of my life hasn’t really diminished,” he reports. “They’ll say, ‘But life’s changed, you can’t walk anymore.’ And I say, ‘Yeah well, I’ve also visited nearly every continent and had some incredible experiences.’ I mean, I’ve visited with the President a couple of times. I don’t think I’d have done that if I hadn’t had the injury.”

Philosophical about the drawbacks of being partially paralyzed, Waddell prefers to count his blessings, not the least of which are the opportunities the injury presented for personal growth. “At Shake-a-leg, (a secondary rehabilitation facility in Newport, Rhode Island), I was essentially learning to live my life fully in a wheelchair—true one of the greatest periods in my life, because I had the opportunity to learn something new every day, to go forward.” And go forward he did.

An asthmatic, who literally turned blue in the face running around the soccer fields of his youth, Waddell is currently preparing to compete in six track events—four individual and two team relays—in this summer’s Paralympics in Sydney, Australia. It will be his third consecutive Summer Games.

“I came back to athletics to realize my potential, I wanted to be the best in the world in something,” Waddell says in reference to his desire to excel in skiing. “To be a world-class athlete you need to train like a world-class athlete, so that’s really how I started with the wheelchair.”

Competitive by nature, Waddell bought his first racing chair as the likes of Leonardo DiCaprio and British Prime Minister Tony Blair as one of People Magazine’s 50 Most Beautiful People for 1999.

“Well, first of all, it’s a tremendous honor,” Waddell parries, when asked about his selection. “Actually,” he allows, “to be included is kind of cool and far reaching, as far as ‘the movement’ goes, if you will. I’m not there to fill a quota, it’s a big step.”

Inheriting the mantle of leadership from 1980s disabled superstar Diana Golden, Waddell seems intent on leaving a high-water mark in the sands of time. “I want to leave a legacy and I want to be part of history,” he declares. “My hope is that through sports, which is such a natural stage, able and disabled people alike will see me and take it as a measure of what we can do.”

Anyone who sees the 31-year-old Waddell ski, or even slip gracefully from his chair to his car, can’t help but consider that he’s an athlete first and a person with physical challenges second. As his friend, Lara Rosenbaum, puts it, “When you meet him, you don’t notice that he’s disabled—he transcends his disability.” Still, the irony of his career path isn’t lost on Waddell.

“My athletic career would have basically ended when I left Middlebury,” he responds unequivocally to the suggestion that without the accident he might be wearing a business suit, instead of ski pants and a parka. “You can say ‘may not’ [have had a career in skiing] but it’s pretty unlikely I would have,” he says good humoredly. “I’m living a child’s life, and the Peter Pan thing is good for me.”

Waddell has completed half a dozen marathons—including Boston with his father running by his side—but sprint events on the track are his forte.
On his monoski—essentially a bucket seat with a shock absorber mounted on a ski—Waddell has collected two silver medals in Albertville, swept four alpine skiing events in the 1994 Lillehammer Games, and brought home two more silvers from Nagano.

a Middlebury junior. Since then, he’s completed more than a half-dozen marathons—including Boston with his father running at his side—but sprint events on the track are his forte. In 1992, Waddell competed in his first U.S. Nationals, earning a trip to the Barcelona Games.

“It was cool to hang out and see the races,” Waddell recalls of his first trials, sounding a little like a NASCAR fan at Daytona. “They’re really tactical and fast. At that race the field went 3:17 to 3:21, or about 20 mph—18 or 19 into corners—you’re smelling burning rubber and stuff. It’s a cool sport in that sense, and I was drawn into it.”

For some people with disabilities, athletics provides an important way to come to terms with their situation, sports psychologists have suggested. But Waddell has always been obsessed by sports and, along with his brother Matt ’95, out testing himself in the physical environment. “He was always positive and goal seeking just for the fun of it,” says his mother, Nancy. “From a very young age, he’d say ‘I bet I can do that,’ and then he did.”

If anything, recovering from the injury only served to sharpen Waddell’s mental edge and goal-oriented outlook. “I do think that I became stronger mentally after the accident than I was before,” he says, noting that his ability to focus helped lead to a string of ski victories from ’93 to ’95. “The fact of the matter is that the mental aspect is what separates the best from the others, and it is also the single most important element taken from sports to life’s other pursuits. No matter what I do later in life, I’ll know that I have the ability to work hard and to perform when the time comes.”

What the future might hold for the former international politics and economics major isn’t immediately clear, beyond competing in the next two Paralympics. Television commentary or getting more serious about acting are just two possibilities Waddell has pondered, but he’s been around sports long enough to know that the clock ticks a little louder for athletes in their 30s.

“I want to be inspired to do something every day,” Waddell says expansively. Then, recalling his New England roots, he draws an analogy with Celtic legend Larry Bird. “Bird said something that I’ve always found interesting,” relates Waddell. “He said, ‘I’m the utility man, doing whatever needs to be done.’ Now here was the superstar saying his role was to fill the gaps to win. I’m kind of like that, I’d like to have a series of jobs—when I’m old enough to have a job—that will kind of be unified, doing what needs to get done.”

The son of a teacher and a social worker in a close-knit family, perhaps it’s not surprising that Waddell has a strong desire to contribute to the betterment of society. “He’s somebody who really wants to give back, to change the world. He’s a world changer,” says Rosenbaum, with admiration.

To a degree, Waddell has already made a start on that goal. In 1994, he founded The Perfect Turn Disabled Camps to help expand the horizons of children with disabilities by teaching them the joys of sliding on snow on skis. More recently, as a member of a select team of disabled athletes sponsored by The Hartford, Waddell has been visiting schools, talking to children about the abilities of and possibilities for people with physical challenges.

But for the time being, Waddell’s greatest value is probably that of a role model. With the Games in Salt Lake City in 2002, there’s the potential to have a huge impact on the U.S. audience. It’s a point not lost on Waddell. In October he moved to nearby Park City to focus on doing his part to capture the imagination of the American public.

If any one performance can do it, it will be Chris Waddell sitting on the podium.

David Healy is an outdoors writer and junior alpine race coach in Vermont.
Flower Hour

Students, like tulips, soak up the sun on the lawn in front of Old Chapel. Photograph by Bob Handelman.
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personalities tend to  
have a remote and  
inaccessible quality both on the  
screen and in person. However,  
a recent encounter with one  
particular news correspondent  
resembled a meeting with an  
old friend. In a sense, it was a  
gathering of old and new  
friends on March 2, 2000,  
when the San Francisco Bay  
Area Alumni Association hosted  
a lecture by Elizabeth Fink  
Farnsworth entitled “A Day in  
the Life of the *NewsHour*.”  
Farnsworth ’65, a senior corre- 
spondent on *The NewsHour*  
with Jim Lehrer and recipient of  
Middlebury’s Alumni  
Achievement Award in 1998,  
described how the news pro- 
gram gets put together each  
day. As it so happened, she had  
just come from broadcasting a  
highly controversial story about  
the return of General Augusto  
Pinochet to Chile after 17  
months of house arrest in  
England. Farnsworth, who has  
written extensively on Chile  
and lived there for five months,  
described her interview with  
the new president-elect of  

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Chile as well as victims of the General’s brutal dictatorship.

On a lighter note, Farnsworth talked about the nitty-gritty of her daily routine, including some embarrassing and funny moments on camera. She explained how a news correspondent has to expect the unexpected, since one often has little control over the outcome of an interview, especially when one’s chair happens to collapse. In such instances a sense of humor is required.

Farnsworth ended her talk by commenting on the valuable tools, such as language skills, that she cultivated during her time at Middlebury. She emphasized the bond that draws Middlebury alumni together, in particular, an appreciation of nature.

Until recently the NewsHour’s chief correspondent and Jim Lehrer’s principal substitute, Farnsworth now covers the arts and some foreign stories. An accomplished journalist, writer, and producer-director, Farnsworth joined the NewsHour as a contributing correspondent in 1984 and became chief correspondent and principle substitute anchor in 1995. She has covered international events on location in Haiti, Vietnam, Cambodia, Peru, Nicaragua, Korea, Japan, and the U.S., among other places. Farnsworth’s writings have appeared in Foreign Policy, World Policy Journal, The San Francisco Chronicle, and The Nation. She has also produced and directed several television documentaries for PBS, including “Thanh’s War,” “The Gospel,” and “Guatemala.”

—Ariane Faber Kolb ’88

BICENTENNIAL

Duke’s Life Lessons

WHEN I WAS ON CAMPUS for the alumni hockey game, I had the opportunity to tour the College with my son, and it took me right back to my days at Middlebury and some of the lessons Duke Nelson taught me.

Duke liked to talk a lot, and we used to joke about his “but see, but see” and other colorful turns of speech he was known for. But see, but see, the ability to keep talking when the chips are down often opens the doors to improvement and making the most of lessons learned. It is the trademark of most great coaches.

At our first varsity hockey practice during my sophomore year, Duke gathered us together on the ice and said: “Now that you made the varsity and you think that you are a good hockey player, I want you to know that winning does not take a lot of fancy moves. In order to win, we will focus on basics like hard work, two hands on your stick when you go into the corners, and no rink turns.”

Duke was right, and that lesson helps me in everything that I do. When life goes amiss, I put two hands on the stick and go back to basics to find the answers. —George Walker ’66

Alumni Artists Exhibit

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of work by Gayl Maxwell Braisted ’59, Marjory Cady ’38, Anne Cady ’73, Sabra Field ’57, Jake Geer ’68, Nancy Howe ’73, Woody Jackson ’70, Jill Madden ’87, and Cynthia Erb Price ’72 will be on view at the Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History from May 19 through July 29, 2000.

There will be a reception and gallery talk by the artists on Saturday, June 3, at 10:00 A.M. at the museum on Park Street in Middlebury.

Gift for Ski Patrol

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his fall the Middlebury College Snow Bowl ski patrol received an anonymous gift to be used specifically for a ropes course. On November 11, 1999, the ski patrol attended a daylong course. We want to thank the donor for this fantastic gift which the patrol felt was a valuable, fun experience.

—Steve Paquette, ski patrol director
CLASS NOTES

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REUNION 25 CLASS

Class Secretary: Dr. Ward Oliver, 35 North Grand St., Cobleskill, NY 12043.

Secretary Oliver reports: Virginia and I were very busy this holiday season, entertaining three very active grandchildren, two of whom are the young sons of Ward J. Oliver '77, who spent two years at Middlebury before transferring to Columbia in NYC.

Class Secretary: Mrs. J.D. Coombs (Mariam Sweet), 13 Highland St., Concord, MA 01742 (phone 978/369-5595).

Dear Friends: Many years ago, Charles O'Donnell wrote: "I have never been able to school my eyes/Against young April's blue surprise." Now, it's certainly amazing that we will be able to enjoy that blue surprise in April 2000. This year is bringing many surprises for us. When Helen Bailey moved to Claremont, NH, she didn't have an inkling that she would find herself in the midst of a New Hampshire Primary, surrounded by presidential candidates and journalists. As I write, she's coping, but not revealing any preference. As you may know, Helen Revere Hatch is going part way through the Panama Canal, very interested to see how it is being handled by the new management. Helen continues to be a busy volunteer. She passed along a question someone asked her: "How do you write 2000 in Roman numerals?" As you may know, Helen Revere Hatch is going part way through the Panama Canal, very interested to see how it is being handled by the new management. Helen continues to be a busy volunteer. She passed along a question someone asked her: "How do you write 2000 in Roman numerals?"

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We regret to report the death of Edward R. DeNoyon on October 24, of Rose Marchiano Serrani on November 7, and of Lester Stephens on December 31. We extend the condolences of the class to their families.

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exercise and play Scrabble regularly, getting out of doors when weather is good, enjoying letters and visits from our far-flung family." A memorial service will be held on July 2 at 2 p.m. in the Plymouth, VT, Church, for Marian Wilcox Patterson, who died on January 10. The service will be held at a local elementary school once a week. I write and take more pills, but I know that's probably normal for an 88-year-old. We are having an 'explosion' of new great-grands, so the family is growing. My son, Bob, a retired general from the 174th Air Guard, lives just 15 minutes away and takes wonderful care of me." Nancy Moores Polrack is doing well, but is "not that all happy without Stan." She writes: "I book my rugs and volunteer at a local elementary school once a week. I write for our monthly newsletter, so I keep busy, but I miss stimulating conversation and "fun" people."

Our thanks to Jennifer Culver for catching us up with her grandfather, Richard McDermott: "After all was said and done, and many prayers, Grandpa moved to Sterling House in July 1999. He really enjoys the surroundings and even has a few friends from church who live there, too. I have been writing to people who send Grandpa Christmas cards and other correspondence. I'm sure he would love to hear from you at 3 Clubhouse Dr., #11, Palm Coast, FL 32127 (904-447-6945). Last November, I took Grandpa to the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville for a full memory assessment. I am very pleased with the diagnosis that Grandpa is in very good health, but he does have some long-term effects from the stroke he had in November 1996. Overall, the doctors issued him a good bill of health." Nancy also to the family of Betty Brown Hearne, for writing us with the sad news of her death on October 11. "All her children and several grandchildren were with her, so she was surrounded with love. We had been together to celebrate the wedding of Judy's son Erik to Wanda Wiggins just two weeks before. Mother had a wonderful time with me to this day" And he has never stopped moving.

In 1997, at the age of 88, he spent two weeks in Indonesia, "climbing mountains and hiking deep into the jungle in search of orangutans," he explained. "Now famous book: The Evaluation Interview, considered by many to be the Bible of job interviewing. Fear, an expert in the art of evaluating people through interviews, helped the FBI during World War II to locate security risks and the Navy to find fighter director officers. He went on to teach this skill around the world. It all began in the late 1930s; Fear was right out of Middlebury College with a degree in economics, working with a group of boys at the Civilian Conservation Camp. He had to counsel them and, not feeling qualified, he enrolled in a master's program in psychology. At one point he interviewed 100 boys to learn why they dropped out of school. The study, also his master's thesis, was published by the New York Times and, as they say, the rest is history. He's been interviewing, and helping others learn how to, ever since.

Up until 1941, Fear was hoping to have a career in music. He spent every weekend in NYC performing and taking voice lessons. "If always hoped to be discovered but that never happened." Recognizing that his good voice wasn't extraordinary enough to land a big break, he went to work for Psychological Corporation, setting up selection programs in business and industry. When World War II broke out, he proposed the then radical idea that a top secret defense plant solve its problems finding qualified supervisors by filling the positions with what he termed "carefully selected women," and he helped the defense plant select them. "This group of supervisors proved so effective that the company extended the procedure to all the other plants," he explained. Subsequently, Fear helped the FBI identify security risks—at one point evaluating 8,500 people. He worked marathon interview sessions, running his staff of trained psychologists around the clock. "I joined the midnight to 8 A.M. shift, stayed up all day reading everyone's reports, went to bed at 6 PM, and got up at 11:30 PM to make the midnight shift." Fear continued throughout the war selecting people for crucial roles in the war effort.

After leaving Psychological Associates, where he was a vice president, he traveled extensively, consulting for private industry, and caring for his farm in New Jersey, working the land and raising championship Shetland ponies. In addition, The Blue Hill Troop, a Gilbert and Sullivan group, enjoyed Fear's tenor voice for many years.

How does someone do so much in one lifetime? Fear attributes his achievements partially to the fact that he grew up in a family without much money and he had to learn to work at an early age. "At the age of 14, I went to work in a foundry shop and established good habits of hard work—habits that have stayed with me to this day."

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Phil, had we been aware! • Our '33-RAH! card to Richard Roberts was returned, but fortunately it provided his new address: 3 O'Connor Dr., Belle Mead, NJ 08502-3109. (Dick, please call home!) • For the sixth time, Lyle Glazier attended the two-week British-Welsh Conference in 1999. Also at Bread Loaf, he attended the three-day 125th anniversary celebration of the birthday of Robert Frost. • We would like to hear from rest of you. Let us know what you were doing at the turn of the new millennium!

Class Secretaries: Mrs. Andrew W. Reid (Eleanor Ode), 25 Wallawwaun Way, Lebanon, NH 03766; and James A. Fechheimer, 26 Salem Way, Glen Head, NY 11545.

Class secretary Reid reports: First I would like to ask our classmates to send James Fechheimer or me any information about their interests or activities. You may think they are not interesting or important, but as our numbers grow fewer, we are all interested in what our classmates are doing.

In October, I enjoyed an exciting 17-day trip to China. I flew to Los Angeles to join the UCLA and Northwestern Alumni Associations for the 14-hour flight to Hong Kong, where we stopped briefly for refueling before continuing another 1,200-plus miles to Beijing. We spent three days in Beijing, where we stayed in the beautiful deluxe Hilton Hotel. We took excursions to Tiannamen Square, the Temple of Heaven, the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace, the Great Wall of China, and Ming Tombs, Xian, and more. We cruised on the Yangtze River for four days. There were the magnificent Three Gorges, with towering mountains and a passage ranked among the natural wonders of the world. After two nights in Shanghai, we continued to Hong Kong, where we spent two nights. Our flight from Hong Kong to L.A. was delayed, but eventually I arrived home in New Hampshire after a very interesting and exciting trip.

We regret to report the death of former class secretary Ruth Brown Ellis Crane on October 29. The condolences of the class go to her husband, Homer Crane, and daughters Dorothy Ellis Jurgenson ‘64 and Janis B. Ellis ’68. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

Class Secretaries: Mrs. Ann E. Fischer, Wood River Vlg., NJ 07422; Barbara G. Singer, 10217 Boulevard Blvd., Bensalem, PA 19020; and Alma Davis Stuble (Mrs. Robert), 1977 Milbrodo Rd., Newtown Square, PA 19043.

From Natalie Dunsmostor came a photograph of memorabilia of her youth that had been on display at the Mahtack Museum, along with her promise to be at the reunion. • Eric and Doris Anderson Carlson spent Thanksgiving with their son and his family, Christmas Eve with Doris’s sister. They were entertaining their son, Neil, and family Christmas Day. Oh, the joys of a big family! • Walter and Mildred Aubrey Monangan spent Christmas with a cousin in Calgary, Canada. They are looking forward to reunion. Milke also enclosed a clipping from the Burlington Free Press that reported on former senator Robert Stafford’s ongoing support of environmental protection.

• Remember, reunion is almost upon us! Make your plans to be in Middlebury for our one and only 65th, June 2-4.

Arch Tilford ’36 was photographed by Tom Montgomery ’74, while fishing the Middlebury River near Bread Loaf (see 1956 column).

Class Secretaries: Mrs. M.W. Herrington (Rit Hanson), P.O. Box 390, Sassaqua, Lake, NY 12983; and Dr. Angus M. Brooks, 8 Winter Meadows, Barn, VT 05641.

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Phil Tall, who is a retired professor at UCLA, sent news: “Moved into Edgehill. 122 Palmer Hill Rd” Stamford, CT 06902 (203-975-1051), a life care community run by Marriott. Great living. Love it!” • In a Christmas letter to Dick Chase, Gordon Hoyt spoke happily of his enjoyment of renewed health. The two share pleasant memories going back 67 years, when Dick and Gordon were roommates. Gordon’s Christmas card was an adaptation of greetings as though written to anyone whose birthday occurs in December. Putting perspective on the relationship between Christmas and Middlebury’s significant birthday, he wrote simply: “1800-2000.”


activities within their retirement complex—and he’s doing a great job as co-secretary! \* Charlotte Colburn Shea said it was a miracle she received the letter I addressed to her in her maiden name, since she has been Tudy Shea for 58 years. The Sheas have made their home in Sarasota, FL, for many years, but still spend summers in VT. \* We received a most informative letter from Judith Morse, the daughter of Bob and wife Barbara. Barbara and her husband have been living in Cary, NC, for the past 10 years, and their daughter Bonnie, in Kansas City, MO, has been accepted for early admission to Middlebury this fall. And granddaughter, in Kansas City, has been accepted in January 2000, a celebration of the smartest decision I ever made.” \* Harold Lewis and wife.

[Nonny Allen] Leslie, who were coming for a carriage drive to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary, Katharine had arranged for a special horse about 2 months earlier, and, although she was making significant progress, she was still confined to a wheelchair and required 24-hour-a-day nursing care. The Leslie clan arrived right on time, with many of the children and grandchildren present to celebrate the event. A special van lifted off at 10:00 and steered the car into the carriage. The high-tech wheelchair came apart so as to allow the seat back and head cradle to be strapped to the back of the seat in the carriage. Finally, Katharine was situated for the carriage ride. Sue sat to her right and gently held her hand. We started slowly in a circle in the grass in front of the barn. Katharine’s daughter Ann, asked her how she liked the ride. Ann translated that it was a little bumpy, so we moved onto the hard-packed dirt road, which was much smoother. John moved closer to Katharine and whispered what a wonderful 60 years it had been.” After an enjoyable drive, “the unloading went uneventfully. After the horses were put away, we had refreshments and a special anniversary cake in the carriage house. It was a wonderful morning with so many thoughts and emotions experienced by all of us. Katharine’s life-time of loyalty, love, and devotion was palpable. Katharine’s dignity, despite her severe infirmity, stood out in every corner of the carriage. We gathered around to show our love. John and Katharine Leslie are prime examples of the unselfish, giving individuals who have so actively supported the Green Mountain Horse Assoc. over the years. Congratulations, John and Katharine. Thank you so very much.” To which we can only add our own fond congratulations. I hope these messages will inspire other children and friends of our classmates to send news for those unable to communicate with us.

Class Secretaries: Ms. Jeanette Olsen Caudl (jogee@aol.com), PO Box 543, Quechee, VT 05059; and Mrs. Raymond J. Skinner (Ruth Coleman), Batiwn St., PO Box 52, Danville, VT 05828.

Frances Barrett Johnson recently visited us in New Hampshire. She was busily finishing his book, Nazi Terror—Geestapo Jews and Ordinary Germans, at the Institution for Advanced Study. Eric’s father, the late John C. Johnson ’41, was a World War II pilot and German war prisoner. Published in December 1999, Eric’s book received the Star Book Review in the January 3, 2000, issue of Publishers Weekly. * Mariaje and Roland “Bud” Wolcott continue to enjoy the captain’s full cape they restored after buying it from descendants of the original owner. Bud plays golf regularly at the Brewster Captain’s Golf Course. * Robert Lord writes that his family has located a family branch they had heard of for 80 years. All of us genealogists can understand how thrilled he was. Bob and wife Barbara will both be in Who’s Who in America 2000, and Barbara will also be in Who’s Who in American Law. Bob led the successful campaign to restore the General Philip H. Sheridan statue in Greenwich Village, where the work will start in 2000. The Love Association has been entitled “A 60th Wedding Anniversary,” we report excerpts of a story by Tim Butterield: “It was a beautiful September Sunday morning. The day was perfect, the weather was wonderful, and the horses were behaving well as we took them out for a slow warm-up drive prior to the arrival of the guests of honor. Our guests were John and Katharine.

Class Secretaries: Ms. Margaret Leslie, 510 Wnhc Robin Dr., Delmar, NY 12054.
children and grandchildren for the holidays. Their granddaughter, May, is the photo editor for Adventures, the new Disney magazine. We are sorry to report the death of Gerald Cole and extend our sympathy to his daughter, Wendy Cole ’69, and to all his family, many of whom had Middlebury connections. Grace and Duncan Rollason celebrated their 55th anniversary on June 3, 1999: They continue to enjoy life in Arlenham, MA, where they are active on the committee of the Learning in Retirement Seminars and coordinate the adult fellowship for the First Congregational Church. Young Duncan, who plays football and hockey, received a pass to the Killington Ski Area, awarded to honor-roll players. The Rollason’s current Christmas wish is that their children, who live on Lake Dunmore, their daughter, who lives in Burlington, also joined them. Jeanette Olson Gould attended many family milestones in 1999: granddaughter Kara Veley ’98 received her M.A. from Harvard, followed the next weekend by Kara’s sister Erika’s graduation from Acton-Boxborough (MA) High School (she’s now at Cornell); next was the 50th anniversary celebration of her brother and sister-in-law at the Lighthouse in West Dennis, MA; then came her 50th very gala birthday party in NJ. Betty Anne Dunning Jones and Marilyn Manning Fitzpatrick had a wonderful five-day visit at Marilyn’s home in Ohio. Elizabeth Letston is back on her feet and obeying doctor’s orders to “walk, walk, walk.” Norman and Irene Fernandez Anderson took two trips in 1999—one to our 60th that Irene describes as a “big love-in,” and one to CA for the awarding of doctorates in geology to son Kirk and his wife, Diana. Kirk and Diana are now assistant profs. at the Univ. of Northern AZ. Son Norm is expanding the reach of Consultants Group Latin America to include customers in Europe. Ruth Coleman Skinner had most of her family at home for Christmas. She found that the “greats” are hard on any conversation. There was enough snow that there was skiing on Burke Mountain. Arthur ’38 and Beverly Browning Gilbert spent the summer on Lake Champlain in Willboro, NY, and then returned to Wake Robin (Shelburne, VT) for the winter. Tom and Gertrude Bittle Murray have a new address: 812 Cornwall on Hudson, NY 12520. As of March, Thomas ’41 and Edith Egbert Bennett will be at 359 Savage Farm Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850.

Class Secretary: Marjorie Banlilt Striker, 211 Sandy Pond Rd., Lincoln, MA 01773.

Pickard. Good time had by all. Glenn Leggett would love to see you for reunions, but I hate to say that healthy enough to do it. Bob Anderson suggested that our class have a picnic together at reunion, a time together without other classes or events. Tell us your ideas. Verna George Bain and six classmates have kept a round robin going without interruption since 1940–41. Verna is still a board member and encourages all her friends to drop in at the club, with plans underway for a month-long walking trip in England and Scotland in September 2001. Ken ’39 and Dorie Kefler Kinsey have had many adventures, cruising on their sailboat from Maine to Mexico and South America. Now settled in their Oriental, NC, home, they have four children in Los Angeles, CO, Ithaca, and MA. They attended “Porky’s” 60th and had a wonderful time. Betsey White Douglas took a cross-country train trip a few years ago, with layovers in Glacier National Park, Portland, OR, and Salt Lake City. From college days, she recalls a geology trip with Bruno Schmidt to Bristol to visit a cave: “We had all crawled in, listening to the lecture and not knowing what Tiny Meyers was outside, still trying to crawl through. What if we had all been trapped in there?” Bobbie Peek Loftin relates an incident involving Miss Temple, house mother at Peabody’s: “A screened door in the back of the building led from the entrance area. When my date came for me, he ducked behind the screen to speak to one of the girls. Just then he saw Miss Temple approaching. When she spotted him, there was murder in her eye. He smiled, looked her up and down, and gave her a wolf whistle. She smiled back coyly, and he gallantly pushed the screen aside for her escape.” Sometimes following their marriage, Loring Pratt and his wife went to Middlebury and attended a few classes: “After leaving Heinrich’s lecture,” Loring says, “I saw Benny Wissler coming toward us. I softly told Jennie that he would not remember me. As we passed him, Benny raised his hand and said ‘Mornin’, Pratt.’ This was 1945—seven years since I had had a class with him. I’ve always thought that showed remarkable recall.” Martha Taylor Elliott expresses the woes of one who has recently moved into a new house: “No matter whether I can’t find the box I know I packed something in, whether I don’t remember if I put things in the box, whether I know I already unpacked it and used it, I still can’t find it. There are still unaccountable cartons to unpack.” Betty Cook Hedrick sends college memories of “Bob Rowe’s ‘38 playing ‘Star Dust’ from the music building, ‘College on the Hill’ for the ‘class’ gallery at the Hamilton–Wake Robin, and especially for Page Grosenbaugh, the jugs of apple cider we hardened until bubbly on the fire escape of Forest; the midnight snacks we relished from Kay Brokaw and Mary Donati’s supply; the sogan-offing parties the Mountain Club had on a spring Sunday; the pre-breakfast tennis matches on the first spring day; those pesky mosquitoes.” Betty Cook Hedrick also recalls improving wors for “Not Hiding Place Down There” and, later, in the Marine Corps, there was another version dedicated to General MacArthur. Peg Heald Lawton got to talking Middlebury with Alice Atwood Spaulding at the beauty parlor. We were recalling Alice’s waiting table at Bart Cot freshman year. I can still see her balance-
excellent teacher, a wonderful person, and a true gentleman. Professor Knight's fundamental contributions to condensed matter physics are well known, in particular in the areas of nuclear magnetic resonance, small metal particles, and clusters. Many of the papers that follow reflect his influence on various fields of physics. We all join together in sending our best wishes to Walter, his wife Sara, and their family. We take this opportunity to add the best wishes of the Class of 1941. Congratulations and happy birthday, Walt!

To quote Pat Kane MacFadden, "All's well here, busy, healthy (more or less), happy (mostly), and coping with the mad whirl of cocktail parties, rites, and the usual round of midnight flirtations." Don't say wish! Nina Camuti Danielson has a major problem. She can't decide whether to take a trip or have knee surgery. She needs to plan both around the April arrival of grandchild #16. Take the trip—but stick to countries that have orthopedic surgeons. Phil and Betty Blanchard Robinson sold a house and are moving to a new retirement community in Andover, MA. Dixie Davis and her wife sold the motor home they used extensively, but they still hit all the jazz festivals in Orlando, New Orleans, and Lake of the Ozarks, and took a Recent side trip to Branson. They also journeyed to Cape Cod for a family reunion and a Hollywood-style wedding. His report on golf is very impressive; he won the county seniors and a bunch of scrambles. Nice to know someone our age with a handicap of 8! We (Nancy and Jack) had an extraordinary Thanksgiving week with our clan of children and grandchildren—24 in all—at a beautiful state park resort in SC on Lake Thurmond, north of Augusta. With six cottages and a few motor homes, we enjoyed dinners in a private dining room at the lodge, tennis, fishing, volleyball, and 12 starting times daily on their beautiful golf course. We had tournaments and prizes, and each family hosted a cocktail hour. It was fun to get the cousins together, all went well, and none of the boys fought! We're heading south in January, but will be back in time to write the next installment, unless we don't hear from you. Then you won't hear from us. Best of 2000 to you!

Lew Haines has appreciated hearing from many friends since news of his illness was made known. He continues to do well and is now planning to climb Mt. Washington on his 80th birthday in Southwick Ct., #202, Cheshire, CT 06410, which is an easier hike. No more traveling for Martha Godard Dean, due to her husband's health, but she loves to hear of the adventures of others. She's a computer person and she's active in a philanthropic organization getting education grants for women. You deserve a star in your crown! T. Holmes "Bud" Moore recently retired as president of the New Hampshire Music Festival in which he was active for 30 years, serving as president for 12 years.

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Jack Lundergan’s wife, Ann, who writes that his speech has improved and they’re pleased with the results of his therapy. They were expecting to spend Christmas ‘99 with their children in Chicago. * Dick Morehouse writes “Daughter Janieen’s (73) long fight with cancer ended quietly last May. Summertime on Vinalhaven Island in Maine was a welcome healing device with Janieen’s twin boys living with us—and wonderfut full-of other sub-teenagers who filled the house each day. They made an epic video, ‘The Secret of Page 13,’ somewhat weak on plot but full of intrigue and the sinking of an ocean liner. To be continued this summer. Janieen’s energies as teacher, artist, columnist, and fund-raiser are to be recognized in 2000 at the Farnsworth Museum in Rockland, ME, as it adds a wing to be called the Janieen Morehouse Gallery. I still practice architecture on small projects. Lee [Van Leuven ‘45] sings in her church choir and follows yellow lab Jaron through the Concord woods daily.” * Our thanks to Bob Byington, who has agreed to become one of the 1943 class agents and who may contact many of you regarding the annual giving program. Bob sent news of the Charlotte (VT) Park and Wildlife Refuge and dairy farm, recently donated by Steven Rockefeller, retired prof of religion at Middlebury, and dedicated ed July 1999. Bing’s father moved to NYC and located on Long Island, but Bing spent many summers on the farm, doing chores and especially helping during haying season. With his height he should have been able to pitch hay up on the wagons with no difficulty! * Finally, a reminder from Kay Sempapos Silliman that our 57 1/2 reunion is scheduled for September 15-17, 2000. Mark your engagement calendars now! We have always referred to these interim get-togethers as “mini-reunions,” but let’s do away with the “mini” and make it a REUNION! 44 Class Secretaries: Dr. and Mrs. Neil Atkins (Maryla Graham), 12 Carter Rd., New London, NH 03257.

Unhappily we must begin with the loss of three classmates. We regret to report the death of David Stagg on October 10. The condolences of the class go to his wife, Evelyn Wheeler Stagg ’39, and all the family. A memorial appeared in the winter issue. * On October 14, W. Thomas Rooney died in his home town of Newport, VT, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Tom was a letterman in three sports while at Middlebury. We send our sympathy to his wife, Yvette, and the family. * Janet Phleg Eleven Heinreichs was my professor at Middlebury in 1941! Both men said, “You’re kidding!” I said, “I’m not!” They asked me to describe the course and I told them about our freshman survey course in contemporary civilization. I said we had to read Time magazine and Prof Heinrichs knew all the guys on the covers personally. They asked me to describe him and that was easy: the terribly scraggly face, talking out of one side of his mouth, a sort of barked, and the shattered arm which he had to shift with the other (like my dad did). Then I mentioned that Pearl Harbor was three months later and I did—...
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the book. Heinrichs got out his old World War I
chimed in that he knew what had happened: it's in
problems are still unsettled, so that his condition is
reviews from aviation magazines." * Ann
the book costs $50, but it has already gotten great
Wildo, Jr., at church in California. Unfortunately,
days.) I also told how Collins had bumped into
attended for the past 20 years.
Higgins Wolfley celebrated their 55th wedding
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Marilyn Arey (Breezie) McGeethan's fall trip through the Panama Canal was "super-fab." It was a "big band cruise" with music from Jimmy Dorsey, Glenn Miller, etc., played with great musicians. "The best was Ray
Anthony in person, with his son on bass. He is 77, but as good as ever. I was up at 5:30 to see our
arrival at the canal, the river pilot getting on board
to take the ship through, 18 inches on each side,
since engines on land to keep the ship straight—
the sheer beauty of it all. We anchored in the lake
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gasping! Heading hastily down hill, they found the
environment of Las Vegas much more
relaxing. Their plans include Munich,
Czechoslovakia, Cape Cod, and Skytop (PA)—not
mention winter months in Naples, FL. * A
good conversation with Margaret (Peg) Booker
revealed that she still enjoys weekly volunteer
work in the Manhasset, Long Island, office of
Friends of Hospice. Her other activities include
going to movies, having meals with friends, and
attending AAUW study groups. • Evelyn (Evie)
Barre Carter continues to lead a busy life. Now
she's working with the Defender General's office
on a joint venture with the Disabilities Law
Project to recruit and train people with a
background in communications to be cognitive facilita­
tors. These facilitators in turn would work with
people with mental retardation, assisting them in
understanding issues of wrongdoing and subse­
quent changes. Evie and colleagues would like this
to be part of the system and—sitting here,
twiddling my thumbs in retirement, all I can say is, "Go
for it, Evie!" • Roy and Fran Tenney Coombs
have been walking on air since the arrival of their
second granddaughter, Rebecca Anne. She was born
to their daughter, Cindy, and Tom Harber in
October 1999, joining big sister Megan. • We
very sorry to learn of the December 1999
death of Victor Ales, husband of Marian Fisher
Ales, after a long and difficult time with
Parkinson's disease. The class sends Marian our sin­
cere sympathy. • We also regret to report the
death of Patricia Beach Kortlandt on October
and send the condolences of the class to her
husband, Nicolai A. Kortlandt. • Ed Andrews,
who many will remember from V-12 days at
Midd, is now the grandfather of Li and the great­
grandfather of a three-year-old. Ed has travelled to
Labrador, New Brunswick, and even Russia for the
sport of fishing. In September, he found great
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and Bob M. Goe, Jr., 60 Kennan Dr.,
Peterborough, NH 03458.

Secretary Pat Allen Guthrie reports: Dave and I cel­e­brated our 50th wedding anniversary early with a
fabulous five-day cruise out of California with our
entire family. It took place over Christmas and there
were 24 of us in total—children, spouses, and
grandchildren. We returned to Vero Beach in
January. # The recipients of our Class of 1949
Scholarship for this year is a psychology major, who
hopes to teach in an elementary school or pursue a
career in coaching at a prep school or college. #
Jean Caldwell Ferrell, who says she had a
great time at reunion, is in training for a climb of Mt.
Lassen this July with her family—a 2,000-foot
climb in 2 1/2 miles, from a starting altitude of
8,450 feet. Wow! # Dunc and Connie Kelly
Law were glad to see Connie’s roommate Mickey
Clarke Sharp, who was back for the first time
since graduation. Connie and Dunc’s camera
jammed after taking two pictures at reunion, so
they will be eternally grateful for any photos taken
by other people. # George and Laura “Willie”
Williams Wood thought reunion was great. She
says they’re enjoying a seven-month-old Sheltie
pup that is supposed to be keeping them young! #
Pat Thwaites Garcia reports that husband Max
had a triple by-pass in early May, which explains why
he wasn’t there! # A post-reunion note from
Jane Livsey Flory informs us that a lung
problem necessitates using a machine for 20–25
minutes every four hours, a situation that is not
conducive for travel. Jane hasn’t lost her sense
of humor and still does stand-up comedy. We could
have used her at our banquet! # After reunion,
John and Dot Morse Cooper flew to England for
a three-week stay in Cornwall, London, and the
Scilly Islands. This was Dot’s first trip abroad since
1952, when she sailed on a Holland-America ship
with Barbie Earling Lindeberg. # Marilyn
Crawford Stoke missed the 50th, because she was
in Ireland on the day that it was planned a year ago. #
A note from Bunny Bean Wilkins inquires about
Janet Smith. Anyone knowing anything
about Janet, please let Bunny or me (Pat) now. #
After reunion, Jane Alice Miller
Brouwers had a large family celebration of her
husband Bill’s 80th birthday in Orlando, with 22
family members in attendance. # Although Phil
Deane and wife Lola live on Shaw Island in
Washington, they managed to have a family
reunion last July in Colorado. # I’m sure Rachel
Styker Smith’s French major came in handy
when she took the Midd eight-day football trip to
France last fall. Bard Lindemann ’50 and wife Jan
flew up from Georgia to join the group. After a bus
tour of Paris, the group flew to Nice for a tour to
Cannes and St. Tropez. The highlight of the trip, of
course, was Middlebury’s victory in the football
game. # Charles James was a panelist during the
Middlebury Bicentennial Symposium on
International Affairs last November. Since his retire­
ment from the Department of State in 1979, he
has continued his active interest in international affairs. #
Gideon LaCroix and wife Jean moved to
Massachusetts last fall because they were away on a long-standing
commitment. He spends most of his winter days
skiing on Stratton Mountain. # Spencer Wright
writes: “Great 50th last May. Makes one feel younger, seeing all those familiar faces.”

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A happy move in 1991 for Bill and Eleanor Stutz
Kirlin to Brevard, NC, just off the Blue Ridge
Highway, at an altitude of 3,300 feet. Surrounded
by four lakes and a golf course, they quickly settled
in and are enjoying the community, the church
chord and hand bells, bocce ball, and the summer
programs at Brevard College’s Music Center. Added
bonus: six granddaughters are within easy visiting
range. # An enthusiastic letter from Don Axinn
described his stint last spring as Executive-in-
Residence at Middlebury, where he was asked to
give classes, seminars, and a public lecture on the
creative process. Working with several sections on
ecomics, as well as on poetry and creative writ­
ing, he found the students “very impressive, both
for their high levels of intelligence and curiosity.
...The time on campus was exhausting, but exha­
rating, and I count it as very special. As a footnote,
and I mean this seriously, I do not believe that I
would be accepted to Middlebury today. Many
young men and women students are at the very
top of their generation.” And in another facet of
Don’s life, he has acquired a 1932 WACO UBA
two-tone green biplane with silver wings. And it
recently took two prizes in air shows. # Speaking
of the campus, Betty Gale Woods reports: “This
fall I have seen both the new hockey rink and the

impressive Bicentennial building. I find it hard to believe it is the same college I attended.

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Class Secretaries: Carol Whitham Brewer, Pond Rd., PO Box 296, Manchester, ME 04351; and Charles A. Ratté, PO Box 3446, Oak Bluffs, MA 02557.

Class Secretary Ratti reports: A recent article in the Boston Globe about the “Great Wild Turkey Nuisance” on Martha’s Vineyard brought a phone call from Doug Webb to see if the wild turkeys had gotten out of control. We’re in a pretty heavily populated part of town and I guess the turkeys haven’t been forced to seek out the bird feeding stations of us city folk. The turkey article also prompted a funny note from Sally Baldwin Utiger, who had recently returned from Naples, FL, after competing in the National Senior Women’s Tennis Intersections. The New England team placed 6th out of 14 USTA sections represented. Sally informs us that she survived a frightening earthquake—5.8 on the Richter scale—in Alaska, while visiting her daughter in Haines. (Haines is not far from Judy Ratti’s hometown of Hoonah.) Somehow my life as a geologist has spared me from experiencing anything of that magnitude, even though I have lived in and visited many earthquake-prone areas. Sally sent news of Carol Holmes Phillips, who is recovering nicely from a knee replacement operation and already talking about getting back on her bicycle, and of Jean Vaughan Varney, who recently placed 1st in her age group in the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics three-mile walk competition (see photo with bronze medal). Charles Harris wrote a nice note, claiming his hometown baseball team has been impressive! Had a really nice visit with Prof. D.K. Hartz (jnhartz@mindspring.com), 111 E. Second St., New York, NY 10009 (212/982-7932); and Prank E. Punderson, Jr. (fpunderson@aol.com), 1209 Cedar Mill Rd., Middlebury, VT 05753.

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have received a thoughtful thank-you note from the recipient of our Class of 1956 Scholarship. Now in his second year, he is a psychology major who has spent an internship working with autistic and developmentally challenged children. He writes glowingly of his experiences and course work and says that “Middlebury has been an unbelievable learning and growing experience. It has helped me become aware of what I should search for... [and] it has made me realize what I value and that I should follow my beliefs.” One of the highlights of the year for the Houghtons was a trip to the Galapagos Islands on a small boat carrying only 12 passengers, including Jock and Jean Hosford Bovington ’52. “We saw how life was before man showed up, as well as some quite astonishing bird and plant life. A National Geographic photographer accompanied us, so we got some good tips on how to capture the unique scenery. We highly recommend the trip, if you have some naturalist leanings.”

John Chase and wife Barbara report another trip to Africa. By now it seems they have covered most of the continent and have loved every bit of it. In March they were off for three weeks in Morocco and Tunisia, to see Fez, Rabat, and Casablanca, and to camp out in the desert with the Berbers. “Write! we want to know about you! Just one more year until the 58th! Dick Powell writes that he is organizing a one-time veterans reunion at Middlebury in conjunction with the bicentennial, to be held on the week of June 2-4, 2000. Alums who served in the armed forces are all invited to attend. Dick says “The gathering will enable veterans from all classes to connect with others of like experience and to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice.”

Ron Lawson will preside at the dedication of a Veterans Memorial in Mead Chapel on June 3. Those with questions should contact Dick at 703-743-5713 or e-mail at repowell@erol.com.

Jack McDermott (jmcdermo@lincoln.edu) notes that few classmates have signed up on the on-line directory, as described on page 44 of the winter issue, and he encourages everyone to take advantage of this convenient means of staying in touch. The alumni directory is located at www.digitalfrontier.com/midd alumni/index.html.

In our last column we covered the teaching adventures of Klaus and Carol Curtiss Klein Schmidt, who recently did a volunteer stint in China. Now another globe-trotting classmate reports in from the field: Kathleen Platt Potter, of Lancaster, PA, too. In addition to her teaching, Kathleen is a three-year service program in Uttar Pradesh province of northern India, about 200 miles east of Delhi. Kathleen taught conversational English in a secondary school (see photo), where “the students were overwhelming in their warmth and affection. I was speechless the first time I was swarmed by children wanting my autograph. I will never read an article or see a film about India with the same eyes.”

In September Pete (phowell527@al.com) and Lee Johnson Howell moved into their new home on the Cape. It is only minutes to the sea or the fresh-water pond in the backyard, at 22 Towshee Ln., S. Orleans, MA 02652 (PO Box 1066). “The new house bug also bit Pete and Sue Lewis ’58 Read, who have a home under construction in Peterborough, NH, with mountain views galore. Frankie Hall plans to retire this April and move from Washington, DC, to Williamsburg, VA. RAH, RAH! Send your electronic addresses on-line and put it into the Middlebury Web site.

Scott Greer writes: “Four years ago, I was waiting for two daughters to make me a grandfather. Now thanks to two sets of twins (my side of the family) and two single births, I have six grandchildren!”

Department of New Beginnings: Deborah West Zipf writes that she is living with her partner, Dr. Zelle Andrews, in White Plains, NY. “From Janet Miller McKee: “Our son, Andrew, was married in September in Trinity Chapel, here in Dublin, to Amanda Murphy. Relatives came from near and far, including my mother from Maui, Hawaii, and my cousin Kitty Oppenheim Ray ’63 from San Francisco. Andrew is working near Boston, so I hope to get to the States more often.”

Janet was moved to comment on the paucity of contributions to our ’58 column, which we have often noted. So unless it has become time to write some stories that few care about, let’s hear about your mid-lives. No fewer than three literate class secretaries are poised to convey your pearls to the world. And you know that classes from ’55 through ’61, who shared Middle-life with us, are wondering how we’re doing. Don’t be shy.”

Kathleen Platt Potter ’57 volunteers at a school in northern India (see 1957 column)
“The Three Bears?”) writes that she’s “not [doing] much music these days, other than listening—but what memories!” A botanical illustrator, Anne also teaches at an arboretum and environmental organization. She has been studying Spanish in preparation for travels in Paraguay, Chile, Peru, and Mexico. She recently spent eight weeks in Mexico (Queretaro) studying Spanish, while husband Heinz did some consulting for a manufacturer. They anticipate “with pleasure” returning to Mexico several times in the next year. * Ann Biggar Prewitt was preparing to mount a major educational exhibit at the American Museum of Natural History in NYC. She continues to lead museum tours of Kenya and Tanzania. * Ann Turene Barclay reports that “work, travel, and family are the main parts of my life.” Her Christmas letter is a collage of pictures taken during a month-long pleasure/business trip to Rome and Tuscany last summer. Ann and husband Jim rented a small villa and were joined by daughter Katrine, son Eric Wason ’91, and Eric’s fiancée, Ann, who has her own licensed counseling agency, gave a seminar on “Treating Affected Others” at the University of Macerata. * Pam Payne Lewis made a presentation to a major corporation on behalf of the Pittsburgh Bach Choir last September—and on the same day that she entertained 12 relatives and friends of Nancy McKnight Smith. Greater love hath no roommate—or roommate’s husband! * Gretchen Jordan Heebner writes that “good health and good friends become increasingly meaningful.” She and husband Jeff are celebrating 40 years of marriage. They are very proud of their children, a doctor and an artist. Gretchen has been working with a noted antique dealership in her free time and recently began taking horticulture classes. * On a sad note, we regret to report the death of Cynthia Crehore DeWyk on November 20, and send our condolences to her family. * John Halpin has been elected to the board at Lighthouse International, a worldwide resource on vision impairment and vision rehabilitation. Founded in 1905 and headquartered in NYC, Lighthouse (www.lighthouse.org) enables people who are blind or partially sighted to lead independent lives. John’s parents, both of whom were blind, met at the Lighthouse, and his mother was a member of the Lighthouse Music School’s teaching staff for more than 30 years. * Our 40th Reunion was also the occasion for celebrating a new book, *Middlebury Women 1959: A Celebration*, compiled and edited by Millicent Fairhurst. The book grew out of conversations at our 35th Reunion, which prompted Millicent to write all the women of our class and find out what they had been doing since 1959. Sixty-six women shared their stories and a second edition of the book has subsequently been published, with additional stories from Carolyn “Tanny” Kuebler Hodges, Sue Work Knirsch, Nancy Stewart Ramsdell, and Rebecca Link Rooney. Beginning at Middlebury before the Women’s Movement, the women of 1959 speak openly about how their lives have been lived out in the midst of growing opportunities and challenges for women in our society. Some have lived according to the “old ways,” some the “new ways,” and most of us, degrees in between. Taken separately, or as a whole, the compilation makes for inspiring reading and the possibility of renewed friendships. We are grateful to the women’s studies department for their support in advising and launching the book.
bilitation program. She and her husband bought a little hilly homestead near NewFool and finished Part 1 of a big Scientology course. Sometimes in 2000, Jody Fawcett Beach's husband, Bill, will retire for the fourth (and she hopes the final) time and they will finally get to live in their new home in AZ. She looks forward to setting down, after three years in rental apartments with other furniture. When I (Boz) compiled this column in early January, Jackie Ross had been suffering from terminal abdominal cancer since July. She was in good spirits: "There is deep comfort in the thought and memories of experiences I have shared with you (all). Those times are in the history of being. If anyone brings smiles to my heart, I continue on a sacred journey toward a path beyond this world. Being Grandma to Tanya (3) here at home offers the special blessing only a little one can present. My son, Ross, has spent a great deal of time with us and has found his own personal richness in marrying Lisa in October. On December 3, my daughter Gayle married Philip Vecere, a union that brings us all much happiness. There is real peace for me in knowing that my children have found loving relationships and their own support. After winning the Ralph Nadig Hill Jr. literary contest with her poem "Acknowledgement," McKinley Harris bought a Mad River canoe and gear with the prize money. She and Everett have done some canoeing and have enjoyed seeing VT from a different perspective. They vacationed again on Campbello Island, a remote place with seals, whales, and birds. Kathy also received a grant for historical research and placed third with a poem in the Cornish Review contest. She continues to meet with two writing groups, one for poetry and one for children's literature. Brian and Alice Cooperus Gross visited China in October and says it was fabulous—just like the National Geographic in person. Jan Tinmons Abbott was there in July with a Kent State Univ. tour. She still teaches ESL full time in the Essex Junction schools, mostly to Bosnians. What these Bosnians and her two Kosovars have been through makes her extremely grateful for everything we have. Jan's daughter is a stockbroker with a Turkish firm in Istanbul, another daughter lives in Gelsen, Switzerland, and her son is a UVM student. In February '99, Mattie Logan Bicknell came out of retirement and started working 20 hours a week for an investment firm: "It is just enough and allows me time to play, do consulting work, travel, and learn." Then in the fall she made the difficult decision to let go of the cottage she had enjoyed since childhood. "It was too much for me to handle, so I put it up for sale. Moving to a home at Bristol Harbour Village, a small resort community on Canandaigua Lake, she will have room for the family to visit and lots of activities, including tennis and golf. (New address: 4 Spyglass Hill Road, NY 14424.) She still enjoys being a Midd admirers admissions representative, serves on her village board, and is president of the Ontario County Youth Bureau Board.

David Schwartz writes: "Dorothy and I have been living in Israel for the last 3 1/2 years, joined by our younger daughter who married an Israeli. Retirement planning has permitted me to do all the activities time constraints prevented in the past, such as university study (Bible in Hebrew) and music (viola—two orchestras and chamber music)."

On March 7, Michael Kulick married Dr. Alexandra Flowers, a neuro-otologist at Hartford Hospital. In August they purchased a house in West Hartford, where they are now comfortably settled. On November 30, Michael's son, David, and his wife, Kellie, presented him with his first grandson, Emily Claire. On January 10, Tanya, a community outreach worker for the MA Health Partnership, Michael continues the practice of law in a two-man partnership, August and Kulick, in Aven, CT. "I have been concentrating in the areas of estate planning and probate, with a subspecialty of elder law at our clientele levels. I see Jacki Howard Scheinblum from time to time. His wife, Judy, passed away in June. He continues to live in the condo complex from which I moved. I also see Bill French '61, who practices law in this area." The Kulicks plan to visit Middlebury in fall 2000: "Alexandra is looking forward to seeing the beautiful college that I attended, and I see Judy."

Bonnie Boyd Russ was surprised to learn from a Christmas card that Phil '60 and Eileen Glasse Lateville were in Paris and Beaune, France, last fall. Bonnie and Sherri '60 were also there and wish they had run into each other. The Latevilles have two granddaughters (son Stephen) and a new grandson (son Philip). Son Doug and his wife have been in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on business for two years, but they were "home for the holidays." Eileen and Phil divide their time between Menasha, WI, and Harbour Ridge in FL. "Looking for a lifestyle change, Al '60 and Jean Yeomans Lamson are excited about plans to relocate from VA to the Portland, ME, area this year. All direct marketing consulting practice can easily make the move; Jean may transfer with United Airlines to Portland—or find something different to do. Daughter Kate was married last May and lives in FL; son Jim works for the government and lives in VA. * Gerry Stoner reports: "I had always wanted to live and work in Vermont, but now we have the next best thing—my wife and I own a small typesetting company in rural upstate New York (northwestern Catskills). There is local skiing and a set of snowboards on the wall, but this is our busy time so we can't get out as much as we want. Luckily, the snow is holding off until more a relaxed time. Summers are slower for the business so we have been building lean-to's for the necessities (tractor, mowers, and snow blower); a covered bridge to get across the creek (the shortest, single-span covered bridge in the world); and next year we will set up a small camp. There is a rural railroad station suitable for camping out by kids, grandkids, and those allergic to animals!"

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Bill (Tunes) Temple (News@BillT@aol.com) was busy planning a mini-reunion for the weekend of March 4. Convening near Charleston, SC, the class of '61 was to be represented at last report. Bill's description sounded very inviting: "We live in a resort 10 miles outside of Charleston called Wild Dunes on the Isle of Palms, where Rick Apfel introduced us to a few years back. He has a condo here on the beach. Our house is on the Intracoastal side of the island, where we keep our children and grandchildren. We have, of course, a couple of restaurants, and 16 tennis courts, some lighted. And then there's Charleston, with a mess of great restaurants and quaint scenery, and guides to tell you about the "war of northern aggression." We arrived his report. Congratulations and best wishes are in order for Bennett Evans Greene and Colleen J. Barker, who were married on December 29, in Essex, VT. Bennett (brier@surfglobal.net) reports: "The wedding was performed by my law partner and former teacher, Jesse C. Brown, as Acting Judge. My wife received her bachelor's in psychology from Trinity College ofVT in Burlington, VT, and her master's in psychology and counseling from Leslie College in Cambridge, MA. Now employed by Franklin West Supervisory Union as a Substance Abuse Professional and Counselor, she is enrolled in the Post-Baccalaureate in Psychology at the University of Vermont. We are continuing to live in Essex, VT." * We regret to report some sad news.

Paul Fava died tragically on November 10, 1999. A memorial service was held on December 27 and Craig Stewart attended as a friend and classmate. Paul is survived by his wife, Lisa (Skipper), and Kelsey (19). They can be reached at 22525 S.E. 4th Place, Issaquah, WA 98029.

Ron Reese's magnus opus University Physics is being published this spring by Brooks/Cole. A "full-color, calculus-based, introductory physics textbook," Ron (reser@whu.edu) says it has "kept me off the slopes and rivers (and away from reunions) for 10 years. With its unforgettable Cheshire-cat-like grin, Ben Wissler's spirit may be smilling at the book, since the endeavor tries to follow his legendary path of rigor, clarity, and precision of expression—all with good humor. No calls from the networks (yet) about the book appearances (ha?), but it is on amazon.com. If any of my fellow physics majors care to sample it, I would welcome their feedback." * Eliot Levinson (eliot@blegroup.com) is the new CEO of an Internet start-up called Learnicity.com (www.learnicity.com), providing instructional materials and professional development linked to accountability for the education space. He also still runs the education technology consulting firm, BLE group (www.blegroup.com), that he started a few years ago. For the millennium, he and wife Bryna planned to be in Panama for the turnover of the Panama Canal. "We had cruised in Panama, and we think that the changeover will be fun as well as significant." * Lila Bresler (dark­ wing.toregon.edu) will get her Master's of Architecture degree from the Univ. of OR in June. "This is something I wanted to do when I was at Middlebury, but haven't managed to do until now. I am having the time of my life. I'm at the head of my class, so you can teach an old dog new tricks! I am going through the same agony of senior year as an undergrad of deciding where to go when I graduate." Since 1992, Jean Waller Brune (brune@rpcv.pvt.k12.md.us) has been serving as head of school at Rolanl Park Country School, an all-girls K-12 college preparatory school in Baltimore, MD. "Happily some of our students are currently attending Middlebury. Michelle Powell '96, a recent graduate of both Roland Park Country School and Middlebury, is teaching math and language arts in our lower school. It has been a great pleasure for us to have President McCardell speak on two different occasions to our U.S. history students, and we look forward to having him back another time. My daughter, Marion Brune Paterson '88, and her husband, Guy, live in Sambury, CT. They have a 15-month-old daughter, so I am enjoying being a grandmother! I try to get up to visit them frequently, and I also get to Vermont (Newport on Lake
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MIDDLEBURY * Anne Knowlton Farrell (afarrellp@juno.com) says she “changed jobs to slow up a bit. Haven’t happened yet, but hope is there still! John and I spend a lot of miles traveling to Denver, where Marie and Jeb are married and working. Hope job eases so Reunion 2000 is a possibility!”

* It was good to hear from Susan Pilchik Rosenbaum (jmalloy@artswire.org), who was with us until 1963, when she transferred to the Univ. of PA. Susan is an editor for the East Hampton Star in East Hampton, NY. We regret to report the death of Jeffrey Alderman on November 15, and send the condolences of the class to his family.

Carolyn Sharp Hamilton writes that she is now retired and into the “next phase of life in Punta Gorda, FL. (499 Sorrento Crt.), midway between Sarasota and Fort Myers.” We regret to report the January 28 death of R. James Falconer, Jr., and send the condolences of the class to his family. James served in the first group of Peace Corps volunteers sent to Guyana in 1965 and served for the past 10 years as an administrative officer with the Agency for International Development. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

Prof. John Elder (English and environmental studies) delivered the Dana S. Brigham Memorial Lecture on January 21 at the Concord Museum. Dana died from cancer on October 8, 1998. John Elder appeared as part of the annual lecture series entitled “Cultivating Self/Cultivating Nature—Emerson, Thoreau, and the Challenge of Today.” Dana was very much in the “line” of Thoreau, both by being a Boston Brahmin himself and certainly a philosophical follower, so it was very appropriate that John Elder spoke about how authors like Thoreau and Frost have contributed to environmental vision and action.

* Dort Cameron is a member of the president’s advisory council of the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester, NY.

* Donald Ellisman president of his sports operations, including the Denver Nuggets, Colorado Avalanche, and Pepsi Center arena.

* Andy Avery is playing what he calls “Timeless Music” (from ‘60s and ‘70s folk and pop to ‘40s and ‘50s standards) with a group called Normandy at the Equinox in Manchester, VT. His the lead singer and plays acoustic guitar.

The recipient of our Class of ’67 scholarship spent last year in England and plans to continue with graduate school in psychology after graduating from Middlebury.

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Conrad Ambrette reports that son Brian is now a sophmore at Middlebury, and that his younger son, Eric, was accepted early decision, in December 1999, for the fall of 2000. Sam Levin reports that all is going well with his home appliance, heating, and air conditioning supply business, Blodgett Supply. The firm recently acquired another firm with offices over in upstate New York.

North Shetter reports that his dental practice is thriving there in Menominee, MI, at the upper end of Green Bay on the Upper Peninsula. He flies over the area frequently in his private plane, a Cessna 310. North and wife Jan again spent their annual work week in Jamaica, with other dentists, attending to the dental care of Caribbean islanders. They also traveled to South Africa for the wedding of a former exchange student, a young woman who attended our 15th Midd Reunion locally with them, back in 1983. Frank Adshead also has a thriving dental practice. He is in Falmouth, ME, a “suburb” of Portland. Frank and wife Gal are having a new sailboat built, a Saga 43. They plan to use it to participate again this year, as in the last few years, in multi-week cruises from the Bahamas to the Carolinas to Maine.

Joseph Wood is the interim vice provost at George Mason Univ., where he is also a faculty member in the geography department. In December, he was a candidate for VP and provost of the Univ. of Maine.

Nancy Brooks Richardson is participating again this year as an alumni interviewer of local high schools. This year’s activity has been applied to Midd. She recommends this as a great way to contribute to the admissions process. But best of all, meeting some very interesting, accomplished, motivated teenagers is exciting and reassuring. In an era when we hear all too much bad press about the failure of public education, it is good to meet these students. She can’t help being impressed by each and every student she interviews.

If these are the young people to whom we are entrusting our future, we are in good hands, much better hands than the media would have us believe. Interviewing prospective students is a good way to keep in touch with your local schools, as well as the College. Contact your local alumni group if you would like to help out as an interviewer.

We regret to report the death of Karen Niewonger Weiss ’69 on November 19, and extend the condolences of the class to her husband, Eric Weiss.

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 Were you at our 30th Reunion in 1992? All who attended had millions of friends they had not seen for years. All enjoyed a nostalgic reunion to the campus where we spent so many enjoyable and enriching days. Bruce Gunther, Class of ’65 reunion social chair, hopes that you will set aside time in your busy life to join your classmates on June 2-4 for the 35th Reunion at
Peter Reitma has been working on an Italian textbook series for American high school students.

* Ethel Emerson and business partner Manfred Jachmich have three very successful restaurants winning awards in Houston, TX. Her busy schedule includes time for family, fly-fishing, roller-blading, and serving on the boards of numerous organizations. She was recently nominated for the Chief Humanitarian Award for outstanding community service. * Congratulations to our own Mary MacArthur Wendell for attaining a seat on the Middlebury Board of Trustees! Daughter Eleanor is a member of the Class of 2002. * We regret to report the death of James R. Esmond on November 10 and of Karen Niecowenger Weiss on November 19. Our sympathy is extended to their families. Memorials appear elsewhere in this issue. * Dan and Elinor Livingston Redmon are off on new ventures. Elinor (redmon@maine.rr.com) is teaching yoga for a second year. She and their church associate minister recently gave a course about increasing spirituality in daily life. Having retired early from one job, Dan immediately turned around to work at R.M. Davis, managing investments and "having a wonderful time learning new skills and applying his years of investment knowledge in a different way." * Congratulations and best wishes to Betsy Taylor and Lindsay Freee, who were married on October 9. She writes: "Lindsay and I have bought a delightful little house on Highland Lake, Stoddard, NH. I am teaching in the applied psychology dept. at Antioch New England Graduate School, working as a senior staff therapist at Monadnock Area Psychotherapy and Spirituality Services, teaching Mindfulness Meditation Based Stress Reduction classes in Keene and Portsmouth, NH, and spending as much time out-of-doors as possible." * Now that Y2K fears are behind us, please do send us your news! If you use our e-mail addresses, please indicate Middlebury class news (or something akin to that) in the subject line so that we don't automatically delete potentially viral messages from an unknown sender. Thank you.

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If you haven't already done so, mark your calendars—our 30th Reunion is June 2-4. We will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be together to celebrate Middlebury's Bicentennial, cheering our College on into third century. Registration materials arrive in April. Please plan to be back at Midd for what promises to be an extraordinary experience.

Churchill Franklin was elected chair of the Middlebury College board of trustees, effective January 1. A tireless supporter of Middlebury, Churchill has been active as an admissions volunteer, class agent, and alumni career adviser. He organized the first off-campus phonathon fund-raiser for the College and was the founding president of the Boston MCAA. He also chairs the leadership gifts committee for the College's Bicentennial Campaign. Churchill and wife Janet (Halstead) '72 have three children: Lindsey (14), Katie (17), and Chip (19), who is a member of the Middlebury Class of 2002. When Chip was involved in a skiing accident this winter and you will find more about that in the 1972 column.

Mary Rita Candon Manley received a 1999 Outstanding Teacher Recognition Award from UVM in October. A middle school math teacher at the Deerfield (VT) School, she has been involved in the State: Mathematics Partnership program and serves as the middle level math-benchmark network leader in the Manchester area.

* Anne Kavic has a new address in Switzerland: Hofwiesstr. 14, CH-5422, Oberehrendingen.
* Bill Heinrichs (whinrichs@juno.com) sent warm greetings to all, along with a brief 29-year update: "My wife, Shirley, and I live in Cheshire, CT. Son Jay and daughter Katie are grown. Kate's married, and I have a grandson. Following a year of working in special education and three years selling real estate, I went to UConn Law School and then practiced for 10 years before becoming director of planning for New Haven's antipoverty agency, Community Action. Along the way, I became president of the New Haven Scholarship Fund, started a citywide track and field youth program, and served as academic coordinator for the Southern CT State Univ. women's varsity track and field team. In 1996, a proposal I wrote won $50,000 for Higher Education was funded; with others, I developed a college awareness and preparation program for students at James Hillhouse High School in New Haven. Last August I was appointed executive director of Children's Educational Opportunity Foundation of CT, a statewide organization whose mission is to expand opportunities for children of low income families to attend private and parochial schools. Today, there are 600 children receiving CEO scholarships and our plans are to raise the funds to reach another 1,200 in the next two years. Our offices are at Trinity College in Hartford, where I've moved into Nancy Horton '70, working in the Trinity Internship Program office! * From Culver City, CA, Jonathan (Jay) Glassman writes that he had a blast learning many new skills in information technology (computers), budget and finance, and strategic planning for his department at L.A. Company. He also joined the Arbitration Panel with the CT Bar Assn, and received excellent ratings from lawyers in cases where he served as arbitrator. He also took on a more significant "Mr. Mom" role while wife Laili visited her father in Indonesia. Third-grade son Jake '89 enjoys soccer, swimming, basketball, roller-blading, and ice-skating. Preschool son Evan '03 is trying on soccer and swimming. Laili, who works for an information technology consulting firm, is involved with some Windows 2000 projects for Microsoft. * At Lehig University, Art King has been appointed an associate dean for academic affairs of the College of Business and Economics. Art is a prof. of economics and also directs the annual Lehig in Prague Summer Program, which he established in 1995.

Susan Fritsch Faber (goknickc@gwcot.com) is adapting to the role of single parent of a very active (and athletic) daughter (13). "I recently left the world of weekly newspapers, which I enjoyed for nine years, and have entered the world of corporate America. I am media relations team leader at Northeast Utilities in Berlin, CT, and join the army of cars and large trucks which commute on I-84 twice a day. I bought a condo in Southbury this past year and still enjoy this part of CT. I'm still in touch with Cyndy Bronson Altman, Anne Lahey Klein, Diana Egbergs Fanning, and Helen Masson (by mail)." * Earlier this year, Martha J. Goode writes from Santa Monica, "I had a fairly hilarie reunion luncheon at Paramount with Dan Curry '68 and Farida Fosuti '69. We reminisced about Farida's multimedia performance of King Lear at Middlebury in the 1960s, with Dan as Lear and me in a wheelchair, as Cordelia, I think. In February I flew up to Seattle to see Mike Welebit and Sandy Farrier. Spent a glorious day skiing with them on Crystal Mountain with intermittent (due to clouds) view of Mt. Rainier. Fabulous! I see Bernie Wesson '72 here in Santa Monica fairly often. I celebrated an unhinkingly large-numbered birthday in New York in December, at a dinner prepared by none other than James Young '70 and Jamie Bowman '70. All in all, it's a Middlebury kind of year!"

Chip Franklin '02, son of Churchill '71 and Janet Halstead Franklin, suffered a head injury and a broken shoulder in a skiing accident at Sugarbush in January. He was taken by ambulance to Fletcher Allen Medical Center in Burlington and later transferred to Spaulding Hospital in Boston. His long term prognosis is excellent, and he was able to enroll in one course at Midd this semester, while continuing to make a terrific recovery. Janet was staying with him in February at Earthworm Manor, where they have often stayed, up at Bread Loaf. The Franklins are very appreciative of all the care and love and support they have received during this frightening episode. * Mele Kalikimaka from Acton, MA! was Judy McCormack's 1999 Christmas greeting, having made the big move from Hawaii last August. She now lives in a two-bedroom apartment in Atlanta, GA. Judy, her husband, and daughter Megan (5-feet, 5.5-inches) are now living in 5.5-inches) and daughter Megan (5-feet, 5.5-inch) es. After visiting family and friends from CA to NY, they arrived in New England with 10 days to find a place to live before the kids started school. Now successfully settled in a townhouse ("so much roomier than apartments in Hawaii—there's even a basement!"), she has transformed it into a bedroom for me, the first I've had in seven years,"). Judy is savoring being able to jump in the car and drive to New York, Maine,Vermont, wherever! "Another unexpected pleasure was to be able to drive to Haverhill, MA, to hear the piano concert of Diana Egbergs Fanning '71 and see Emory. I'm not sure I
realized what we were missing being stuck on an island in the middle of the Pacific! By Christmas, the kids were looking forward to their first experience of snow again. E-mail her at judymachon@aol.com. • Kathleen Page Willis writes: "Daughter Brooke is a junior at Vanderbilt Univ., studying vocal performance. Daughter Sara is a freshman at Gettysburg. With 18 years of experience in private practice, handling probate and real estate law, Jim campaigned on the need for full-time hours and Y2K compatible computers in the court. Son James runs his own landscape business and daughter Amy graduated from high school in 2000. Jim and wife Cheryl have become legal guardians for Patrick, who also graduates this spring. Jim continues "playing the organ as a substitute at area churches, bell ringing, and singing, as well as being a Scoutmaster. We also try to spend time at our home in Gramville, VT, especially when there is skiing at Sugarbush or we need a break from the rest of the world." • Good news from Dyane Summ Waldron; eldest daughter Kimberly has been accepted to the Middlebury class of 2004! It's hard to believe that she has passed our course once a day on campus that our sons and daughters are now of college age! The Waldrons recently survived the building of an addition to their home in Rye, NY. Now working in human resources for Sunwood Hotels, Greg is happy not to have the commute into the city anymore! The Sunwood office is located in White Plains, an easy 10-minute drive from home. • Leaving the New York rat race behind, Debby Soule McIlveen and family have moved from NJ to Madison, CT, where they are wintering their summer house. "It was definitely a lifestyle move for us. Hugh is still with Paine Weber, but in nearby New Haven. The short commute and more reasonable hours have improved our family life and his tennis game immeasurably! We all love living only a short block from Long Island Sound." Debby is enjoying part-time proofreading/editing, while helping a friend with a small business. Daughter Lindsey has been accepted to Westminster School in Simsbury. • In this year of landmark birthdays, Gavin Cullen thinks he may have "the dubious distinction" of being the first of our class to turn 50 in 2000. (January 2 was the big day.) From Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX, he reports: "I received a telephone call from the Society of Those Over 50 and the message was 'Happy Birthday! you'll never have fun again for the rest of your life. I don't believe that!' As proof, he was planning his next great adventure: attending a song writers' workshop, where the students work with Jimmy Messina for six days, then perform their compositions with him live on stage. (You'll be having fun for some time to come, Gavin!) He gave high marks to Frank and Kate Winkler's Alumni College fall class, The Origins of the Universe and the Development of Intelligent Life, where Gavin and Dave Turner were among the youngest alumni participants. "Great course," Gavin reports. "I spent six hours a day, and it was relaxing and thinking as I wandered around Bread Loaf." He saw "a new man" upon his return to work as general manager at TexCorr; He and Kate have two kids: Matt (2) and Emily (9), who is in her fifth season as a point guard. • Numerical milestones were a theme in lots of holiday letters this year. Betsy Coquillard White and Dan celebrated their 25th anniversary "having too much fun" in New Orleans; "after living in politically correct California, it was refreshing to let the good times roll." • Mark and Sally Davidson Foster plan to celebrate their half-centennials with a week in Tuscany, Italy, next fall. They can expect to find fabulous food in the Tuscan hill towns, according to Denise Degutis Jernigan, who also enjoyed the museums and churches of Venice and Florence on her own Italian journey last spring. • I, your correspondent Jennifer Hamlin Church, will celebrate my 50th in considerably more mundane surroundings in southeast Michigan; but the occasion will be no less memorable as Tracy and I toast the marriage of our middle daughter (my stepdaughter). It's interesting being "co-mother of the bride"—but I'm sure I'm not the first to experience the "blended family" wedding-planning challenge! • Kathleen Page.
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which passed within 200 miles of our island;
scuba diving, windsurfing, kayak surfing, and river
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offshore. (Check it out at www.slickrock.com.)
Web page (www.gulbangi.home.sprynet.com),
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dow, a bit of the Pacific from the living room." *
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"Stepping out of our thatched hut, we see stars
glittering brightly in the dark sky: Throbbing, hyp­
notic drumming fills the air, and swirling dancers
out for a few days around Christmas.) * During our reunion last
May, Geoff Smith (grsmith@ggnu.edu) and
Crystal Dornhoefer Groner (cgroner@fast­
point.com) were talking about making a big
change in their lives, and they actually did it! In
October, they moved to San Francisco. Although
they do miss VT (where Crystal still owns a house
and horse), they have fallen in love with San
Francisco, a city which is "exciting and lively and
fan—also beautiful, and certainly ecletic." Geoff is the
VP for enrollment services at Golden Gate Univ.,
while Crystal is "a full-time writer—or I will
be once the various electricians, plumbers, carp­
ters, and floor finishers working on our house are
done with hammering, drilling, sanding. We bought
a 1907 arts-and-crafts style house in a great neigh­
borough; we're half a block from Buena Vista Park,
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Charlotte Caldwell, Greg Dennis, and Ross
Eisenbrey (who flew out from DC with daughter
Zoe). The Headlands Institute is part of
Yosemite National Institute, of which Dan is chief
operating officer. * Stephanie Palmer (nyemis­somoc@mindspring.com) writes: "I am sorry I was
unable to attend our 25th reunion. I applaud
the organizers and want them to know that I
enjoyed reading about the lives of friends from so
long ago. Has it really been 25 years? I have been
living in Manhattan and Harlem for 22 years. I'm
the executive director for New York City Mission
Society (105 E. 22nd St., 10010), the oldest social
service organization in NYC. This certainly appeals
to my love of history, a love born and nurtured at
Middlebury. Over the past few years it has divided
my time between advancing the mission of this
special organization, which is 'to increase the self-
sufficiency of children and families challenged by
poverty,' and raising my son, Matthew Palmer
Bowman, who began his college career last fall.
Please send along a special hello and thank you to
Mildred Reese McNeill! * Philip Verre, direc­
tor of the Hudson River Museum (Yonkers, NY),
recently lectured on the restoration of the
Glenview Mansion, built in 1876 for Wall Street
financier John Bond Trevor. It featured an exhibi­
tion on the Hudson River School of landscape
painting. * Christine Frisoli has designed a new
long-term installation at Middlebury's Henry
Sheldon Museum of Vermont History. The exhibit
was developed to introduce visitors to major chaps­
ters and themes in Addison County history. * The
Class of 1974 was well represented on campus in
January when the College launched a new explo­
ation on the Millennium Eve in Muzarabani,
"Stepping out of our thatched hut, we see stars
in the southern hemisphere sky, and we're
surrounded by the equator, it turns out) various parts of southeastern
American and South American species.
Sue followed an interest in birds, leading her to
a deep involvement with birding. This culminated
in a 25th reunion trip to the festival in Argentina in
1999, where she was able to see a variety of
species she hadn't seen before. * Although she
had to pass up the opportunity to travel to
Argentina, she was able to attend the reunion in
Middlebury in December 2004. She reported
that the weather was mild and the scenery was
beautiful, and that she had a great time with her
friends and classmates. * She was able to attend
the Alumni Awards Banquet at the reunion,
where she was presented with the "Alumni
Achievement Award" for her contributions to
Middlebury and her work in birding. * She
continued to be active in birding after the
reunion, and has donated time and resources to
the Headlands Institute, where she works as a
volunteer and helps to organize various events.
* She has remained in contact with her classmates
and has attended other events and gatherings in
Middlebury over the years.
The new Commissioner of Education for the State of Vermont is David Wolk. So many people wanted to attend his swearing-in that the ceremony was moved from the House of Representatives to the House of Representatives. A crowd of 300 gave him a standing ovation after his speech. David served as policy chief for Gov. Howard Dean in 1992, but resigned to become the principal of Rutland High School and director of the Snelling Technical Center in 1993, then was named superintendent of the Rutland City School System in 1995. The commissioner’s position was filled in the late ’80s and early ’90s by Richard Mills ’66. *  
* Lisa Phillips is the new director of the New Museum of Contemporary Art in NYC. In her 23-year tenure at the Whitney Museum of American Art, Lisa worked on many exciting exhibitions, including six of the museum’s celebrated biennials. The year of research she did for Part II of “The American Century: Art & Culture 1900-2000” was one of her most memorable years. “I got to redo things. I’d read an art history student at Middlebury College. And what exciting of all, I was dealing with a half-century that I’ve lived through.” The exhibition closed on February 13. * The September 26 New York Times informs us that Eve Ensler’s “career is on a roll, with one play recently staged, three other works being produced in the next six months, a new book, and a budding professional relationship with Hillary Rodham Clinton.” Eve, whose early career was covered in the spring 1997 issue of Middlebury Magazine, brought her Vagina Monologues to the campus again in February. * Kevin Donahue is co-owner of Quabaug, a MA firm which manufactures and distributes Vibram shoe and boot soles. He’s also board chair of NEOS, a Vibram performance over shoes, the high-tech galoshes company that was purchased by Quabaug last summer. * Deborah Thomas is the new assistant to the president and associate secretary of the university at Yale. She’s assisting in the planning of events and programs for Yale’s centennial celebration and working on special projects, while continuing as a lecturer in American studies. She was formerly associate dean for the graduate school and as she was a member of the Yale Corporation Fact-Finding Team to South Africa. * David Perlman is making plans to attend the 25th. He has three children, Sophia (9 1/2) and twin boys, Nathan and Jonathan (3 this February). Wife Rachel is a bond broker, so they have more than a full schedule. Dave recently joined Bochot & Lenz in Philadelphia as a commercial litigator. He pursues his interest in writing by publishing occasional articles on law-related subjects. He continues to vacation in VT and goes hiking, canoeing, and telemark skiing when he can. He’s bringing Middlebury to Philadelphia by sponsoring a sophomore as a January intern at his law firm. *  
* Tom Ernst is about to finish a book, to be published by Cambridge University Press, on the theory of the syntax of adverbials in human languages. “In principle,” he reports, “the theory is applicable to all languages of the world.” * As for the rest of you, send us a few of your theories!
Tammy Young '90 and Marc Cote were married on August 14 in Marlborough, MA. Midd friends celebrating with them included Doug '89 and Annette Madden Kline '90, Jen Kelley '90, Paul '90 and Amy Carmola Haut '90, Jen Heck '90, Dave and Lisa Bozarth Thomas '90, and Lora and Ben Monachino '90. The newlyweds live in Lexington, and Tammy is a project manager at Basis Technology in Cambridge.

In Hope Valley, CA, the Class of 1982 was well represented at the wedding celebration of Susan Carroll and John "RF" Hake '82. With them on August 21 were (front) Steve Burton, Keith McCurdy, John Vergara, (back), Caleb Rick, Greg Murphy, Peter Campbell, Kris Hanson, Lisa Kissinger Kaplan, the newlyweds, Alison McGhee, Stu Richards, Dave Richardson, John "Doc" Lafferty, and Paul Brumbaum.

The marriage of Millie Dayton '95 and Eric Levine '95 was cause for celebration at the Wang Center in Boston on August 14. Midd friends included (seated) Clay Blanchard '95, Phelps Morris '95, Nicole Greco '95, Dave Nalchajian '95, Loralie Rackleff '95, Lesley Tucker '95, Jessica Angel '96, (standing) Thomas Zwick '95, Tim Campion '95, Lynn Webster Nalchajian '64, Caroline Fennissy '95, Taylor Kirkpatrick '95, Diana Gregory '95, the newlyweds, Carrie Foster '95, Will Nalchajian '65, Meredith Frinsko '95, and Charlotte Forbes '95.

The August 1 marriage of Jen Kuli ’96 and Mark Feldman ’94 took place in Castine, ME, where they celebrated with (back) Sarah Chick Kuli ’92, Geoff Kuli ’93, D.D. Taylor-Garcia ’98, (front) Josh Kucker ’94, the newlyweds, Carlos Brown ’96, and Terri Elofson ’96. Jen is teaching middle school writing and theatre at Carolina Friends School in Durham, NC.


Gathering in Vail for the September 5 marriage of Heather Dorf ’94 and Michael Rawlings were Kate Bricoe ’94, Mary Robertson ’94, Ted Leach ’92, Erik Dorf ’92, Bob Dorf ’65, David Jensen ’65, the newlyweds, Chuck Gately ’62, Carol Anderson Matthews ’68, Matt Matthews ’66, Kristi Matthews ’94, Melissa McClure ’94, Jen Crow ’94, and Gabe Dee ’94.
Middlebury friends gathered on May 29 for the marriage of Andrea Zlotucha '95 and Christopher Kozub: (seated) Gini Baker '95, Yoko Nakao '95, Allison Wong '95, (standing) Lindsey S. Holmes Solorzano '95, Cynthia Bass '95, Nicole Misarti '95, the newlyweds, Greg Friberg '95, Alex Richman '95, and the bride's mother, Diane Alberts (M.A. English '97).

Gathering at St. Clement's Castle in Portland, CT, to celebrate the May 22 marriage of Laura Gworek '86 and John King were (all '86 except where indicated) Bill Leeson, Heather Karlson '87, Cathy Perillo Huggins, Elizabeth Thompson Serlemitos, Lisa Eddy Donnelly, Debbie Vease Lund, the newlyweds, Christine Langlois Herrick, Jenni Lawrence Horan, Melissa Marquardt, Kristin Roberts Asbury, Mary Sue Holland-Dehn, Karen Belinski '87. Also toasting the couple, but not pictured: the groom's brother, Mackenzie King '89, and Lewis '62 and Judith Cooper Parker '64. Now living near Sacramento, CA, Laura is a speech language pathologist, and John is a sales manager for Honeywell.

When Suzan Parker '90 and Tim Twombly exchanged vows on October 18, 1998, in Marblehead, MA, they celebrated with Class of '90 friends (front) Mimi Gottesfeld, Val Van Vleck, (standing) Audrey Pritchard, Leanne Potvin Fesenmeyer, the newlyweds, and Jessika Nugent Welch. Annie Janeway-Allare missed the photo. Suzan (stwombly@previsionmarketing.com) is a senior account manager at Prevision Marketing.

Chris Brestle '99 and Bronwyn Wenger '99 were married in Oregon on July 31, when they celebrated with Brian Harrison '99, Amari Parker '00, (the newlyweds), and Jared Bartok '99. Now living in Redondo Beach, CA, Bronwyn teaches fourth grade, and Chris works in business planning for the Disneyland Resort.
Nancy Caulfield '88 and Paul Bottino '87 were married on September 11. Celebrating with them at the Inn at South Newfane in southern VT were (front) Chris Hopkins '87, Brian Smith '87, Suze Reider '87, the newlyweds, John DeVine '87, Margie McDonald Devine '88, Ellen Sheffield '87, John Castle '87, Joe Ganley '87 (second row) Scott Langemer '87, Darren Hamilton '87, Cici Mulder '87 (third row) Sean Dunphy '87, Chris Casey '87, Dominic Napolitano '87, Julie Chaplin Bossi '88, John Bossi '88, Alan Smiley '87, (fourth row) Cam McClean '87, Tom Cangiano '87, Paul Davis '87, Scott Meredith '87, Heather Nelson Kent '88, Beth Conaway Mulhern '88, Jill Horwitz '88, Dana Cronin '91, Janelle Moburg Leonard '89, Karin von Estorff Sullivan '89, Lowrey Sullivan '90, (fifth row) Liam Patterson '87, Richard Toran '87, Mark Schille '87, Jay Leonardi '90, Todd Himstead '88, Erik Nilsson '88, Ingrid McKenzie Nilsson '90, Marlie Cunningham Terhune '88, Kerry Yeager Stevens '88, Steve Paterniti '87, and Anne Marie Dowd '82. Pam Frederick '88 missed the photo. The newlyweds live in Boston.

The Middlebury crowd celebrating the June 28, 1998, marriage of Lyn Lipscomb '95 and Michael Berkley '95 included (front) Dan Haley '95, Tim Rummel '95, Jeff Albertson '95, Jason Hann-Deschaine '95, Doug Rogers '95, Chris Whiteley '95, (standing) Jen Hann-Deschaine '95, April Paris Joseph '94, Anthony Joseph '94, Jen Hazen '95, Ann Rowe Hill (M.A. French '66) standing behind the newlyweds, Ellen Lindquist '93, Sean Kerwin '95, Meredith Hinkley '95, Christine Jacobs '97, and Allison Wong '95.

The May 30, 1999, marriage of Janet Phelps '92 and John Heywood '92, took place at the Arts Club of Washington in DC, where they celebrated with (front) Ana Suarez '92, Malia Richmond Hirschmann '94, (standing) Sheila Kane '92, Peter Hirschmann '92, Joel Abramson '92, the newlyweds, Rachel Cononi '92, Frank Tracy '58, and Todd Richman '92. While living in DC, John is a consultant with Kaiser Associates in Vienna, VA, and Janet is an analyst at the Pentagon.

Celebrating the September 5 marriage of Aerie Treska '95 (M.A. English '99) and Chris Pierce in Lake Placid, NY, were (front row) Sarah Maroun '95, Claire Calvin '95, Sara Whalen Shifrin (M.A. English '99) the newlyweds, Shannon McCready (M.A. English '99), Allison Cohen '95, Michael Treska '68, (back row) Hugh Coyle '83 (School of English '91-'92), Todd Sunner (M.A. English '97), Edward Brown '83, Andy Gardner '95, Jon Herman '95, and Peter Treska '66.
At 11,000 feet in the Rockies: Casey and Tina McMenemy Sheahan '82, with Carol Porter Donahue '76 and Kevin Donahue '75.

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Congratulations to Heather Lank Fortier in Ottawa, where she was recently promoted to the position of State Court Clerk. She volunteers for the Committee and Private Legislation Directorate, for the Canadian Senate. This is a senior-management level job and Heather reports directly to the Clerk of the Senate. Heather's husband, Peter, is president of the Manotick Curling Club. They have two daughters, Teresa (7) and Eva (6). Olympic and America's Cup sailor Kevin Mahaney was recently inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame. A three-time North American and Canadian champion, Kevin was U.S. Yachtsman of the Year in 1992, when he won the Olympic silver medal in the soling class.

Jim Robinson (principal, Independent Research Associates, Inc.) and Lisa Giuffra Díaz (VP, International Equities, Goldman Sachs & Co.) were recently on campus to participate in panel discussions for the Bicentennial Symposium on International Affairs. The discussion was moderated by Olin Robinson. Lisa did graduate work at the Institut d'études Politiques de Paris, and worked in investment and marketing in East and Southeast Asia, Latin America, and Western Europe. Now she's VP for Latin American equity sales at Goldman Sachs in NYC.

Matt Ellett (father-in-law) and wife Martha Outlaw are thoroughly enjoying life in Seattle with their beautiful daughter, Isabelle, who was born in June '99. Rich Woodward (rwoodward@atamu.edu) is still teaching at Texas A & M. His wife, Rosie, runs Costa Rican Specialties, a company that can plan your trip to Costa Rica, anytime! Children Sophia (3) and Christopher (6) are into school and soccer, respectively.

Dana Morosini-Ramirez writes: "I have written a book entitled Case Portfolio: Letters to Christopher Renee From Strangers and Other Friends. It is published by Random House and can be purchased at most bookstores and on-line at amazon.com and bn.com. Christopher, as you may or may not know, is my husband of eight years. I continue with my acting career, having appeared on Broadway last year for approximately a minute and a half in an all-circenised but fun comedy, and I can be seen on the stages of the Williamsburg Theatre Festival and the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival in the summers. Now I must put my hockey-playing seven-year-old to bed. Bye!"

Cindy Morris (cindybo@alfa.telenordia.se) still continues to astonish us mortals with her action-packed life in Sweden with husband Bosse and sons Kristofer (9) and Freddy (11). Cindy teaches Montessori and took several classes last year, as well as doing some extensive traveling. Her delightful letters tell of her cousin in the Swedish countryside. Steve and Jill Goodman Segal have moved into a new home (760 Gaylord St., Denver, CO 80206), which Jill has renovated in the Swedish countryside. Jill is on the staff of the Seattle Performing Arts in New Milford, and the Sherman Playhouse (where she recently played Oberon in Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream). Best wishes and congratulations to Sarah Dunlap King and Wells Sampson, who were married on July 10. Now living in Carlsbad, CA, Sarah is on the staff of the Longyear Museum in Chestnut Hill and Wells is VP for sales and marketing at American Alarm and Communications in Arlington. Dave Revelle (dave@revelle.com) checked in to let us know that he has recently moved to San Francisco to join a Web start-up called marketerderby.com.

Andy and Kim Davis (Nicke) continue to enjoy their busy lives with children Samantha and Joshua. Kim manages SSGA's Socially Responsible Equity Strategy, while Andy renews his stay-at-home dad role.

Bill and Sarah Clark '87 Baskin and their two boys recently moved into new digs in Glastonbury, CT. Now that their boys are older, they get out in the ‘burbs a little more often. Bill's oldest son, Buck (5), added this bit of wisdom for us to consider: "When people die, they come back as statues." When people die, they come back as statues."

Caitly Hall continues to be busy in the Southwest, where she applies her medical training as a pediatrician on the Navajo Reservation in Shiprock, NM. Still skiing and hiking, Caitly has added kayaking and rock climbing to her repertoire.

Martin Wenthe, a graduate of University LaSalle Escuela
Mexicana de Medicina, has joined the three-year residency program at Saint Francis Hospital, Kingston, NY. * Kristin Anderson and William May were married recently in Osterville, MA. Living in Boston, Kristin works at Sun Life of Canada, U.S., while her husband is employed by Bell Atlantic. * Maryellen and Jim LaFronz are pleased to report the birth of son James on September 22, joining ‘his adoring, and adorable, sisters Hannah (5) and Kelly (3/2).’ Jim is still working at the Bayersche Landesbank derivatives desk. Maryellen is doing everything else that makes a family function, and functional, Jim writes: “Hope to see you again in Canada.” * Finally, many of you received an e-mail from a new way for the Class of ‘95 to stay in touch through egroups.com. I have established a private group on the site called midd85@alum for our collective use. If you are interested in joining the group, simply e-mail me at the above address. See you at reunion!

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Nicole Rivet (nrivet@defenders.org), who recently moved to northern VA, is doing fund-raising for a conservation organization in DC. “I’m slowly getting in touch with former classmates and would love to hear from friends in the DC metro area.” Virginia Gates writes from Anchorage that she hasn’t been eaten by a polar bear yet! * Ann McCollum (abmc64@aol.com) is in training for her first marathon, the Mayor’s Midnight Sun Marathon in Anchorage, AK, on June 17. As part of the Leukemia Society’s Team in Training, she’s running in honor of her friend, Shavna Presley (21), who underwent treatment for Hodgkin’s Lymphoma, stage IVB, in fall 1998 and spring 1999. Ann and Shavna became friends at the Children’s Oncology Camp Foundation’s Young Adult Conference at Camp Make-A-Dream in January 1999. * Barry and Lisa Hillner Stafford spent four weeks in South Africa, camping and kayaking in British Columbia after their July 1998 wedding. Lisa reports that she has used her Spanish major in every job she has had since graduation: “Señor Vélez would be proud!” * Lt Commander Wynn Briggs, US. Coast Guard, is chief of port operations in Boston. Wynn was the speaker of the day at Veterans Day ceremonies in North Reading, MA, last November. * Bessie Cromwell Speers recently became the director of middle school placement at Calvert School in Baltimore. * On May 1, 1999, Anne Link and Robert Lehmann were married in Boston, where both have worked for investments, Anne as a director in the corporate office and Bob as a manager of financial analysts. They live on Beacon Hill. * The marriage of Melissa Miller and David Potter took place on November 13 in Bellevue, FL. With his MBA from the Univ. of FL, Gainesville, David is a commercial loan asset manager for Owven Financial Corp. in West Palm Beach. The newlyweds live in Jupiter, FL. * Denny and Wendy Clarke Lewis are the proud parents of daughter Alexandra, born February 16, 1999. In Beverly, MA, Carolyn Paczkowski and Ken Grant welcomed son Caleb Benjamin Grant on February 23. Carolyn (cpaczkowski@concentric.net) is chair of the history dept. at Pingree School, while Kenny is an economic consultant in Cambridge.

Kathy and Rob Masinter expanded their family to five with the birth of twins Sarah and Eric in May. Daughter Jessica is 2 1/2. The Masinters were moving in early 2000 to London, where Rob has taken a job in BP-Amoco’s corporate planning group. * Jonathan and Debbie Hendrickson Sexton joyfully welcomed son Alexander Hager Sexton on October 1 in Park City, UT. After a maternity leave, reports from Envisys, Inc., an embedded software company in Salt Lake City, where she is the director of corporate communications, “It was a happy Halloween for Andy Zehner ’84 and Sue Whitty, with the arrival of son Harry. He joins big sisters Emma and Nell. * Margaret Aron, arrived in August for the delight of parents Paul ’84 and Kate Wallace Perrotta and twin sisters Liz and Lucy (2 1/2).

After several years of working for others, Nicolas Boillot (nicolas@hartboillot.com) has cofounded a marketing/agency, Hart-Boillot, in the Boston area. Hart-Boillot works with a number of partner companies, including Chris Macek’s new company, Prospero Communications, specializing in Web site, database, and interactive design. Chris can be contacted at prospero@medialane.net. * Jacques Heim’s choreography at the Sixth International Dance Competition in Japan in 1991 brought him the Special Prize of the Jury. His many awards in this country include the American Dance Festival’s prestigious 1992 Martha Hill Choreography Award and three Lester Horton Awards from L.A.’s Dance Resource Center. He founded Diavolo Dance Theater in L.A. in 1992, after receiving his MFA from CA Institute of the Arts. In 1995, Diavolo’s performances at the Edinburgh Festival won accolades in the London press (“Best of the Fest,” “Critic’s Choice”). Last fall, Jacques was named one of eight California Artists of the Year, and will most likely move to Boulder, CO. ♦ Andrew ’89 and Sara Van Genderson Cornish were blessed with the birth of first dayton Andrew Cornish IV on September 29 in Jackknife. The new Marie Millin is now manager and supervisor of a major international group for Grey Advertising. She travels the globe doing public relations, direct trade, and integrated marketing and communications. * After eight years of PR and fund-raising in higher education, Beth Zagby joined Cunningham Communication’s Cambridge office as a senior associate on high tech accounts. * At the Lawrenceville School, Anya Puri is still helping nervous students and their families navigate the confusing and ever more competitive world of college admissions. * Two classmates were on campus in January for a new annual roundtable series, Bridges to the Emerging Digital Society. Jed Smith, founder of drugstore.com, and George Lee, VP and head of Internet Investment Banking, joined in discussions concerning the implications of the technological revolution. This was one component of a major new College initiative to explore, define and implement a new liberal arts paradigm for a digital society. * When the fall 1999 magazine issue reached Paolo Bonetti (pbonetti@aol.com) in Kathmandu, Nepal, he was inspired to send some good news: “On March 27, 1999, I got married to a good friend of 12 years, Tiphane Talbot Ravenel (smith ’93), in Charleston, SC. Mild folks attending the wedding ceremony were Billy McCullough ’89, who was our tile-cake chef, and a groom Ted Steers ’91, Shawn ’88 and Chris Meredith Miele ’90, Debra Ladner ’93, an usher Claryn Barnard ’91, and Jack Handy ’91. My wife and I have been living in Kathmandu since September. She is fulfilling her residency for a Nursing Doctorate degree from the Univ. of CO Health Sciences Center, and I am employed by Sanday Kentro Associates, a local architecture firm, as a consultant in structure and design in the remodeling of the British Embassy. We are returning to the States only for the Christmas season. The year and will most likely move to Boulder, CO.

Denver Edwards is working for the SEC; his wife, Penelope, is also a lawyer. They actually eloped to Brazil! How wonderfully romantic! * Speaking of romance, Desiree Tucker and Sean German were married in Coronado, CA, on July 3. Desiree is a tax consultant with PriceWaterhouseCoopers.
Congratulations to Ann Battelle, who picked up a gold and a silver at the Winter 2000 Goodwill Games at Lake Placid in February. Heidi Locke Simon (simo@dip.net) writes: "I was disappointed to miss my reunion this year—but for good reason. My husband Greg and I welcomed baby Macquarie Amiai Simon into the world on Sunday, May 16. She happily sports Midd garb, which attracts a lot of attention in California." * Jonathan and Suzanne Black Beck (jbzusi@earthlink.net) were proud to welcome first child Spencer Everett on August 6. Suzanne writes, "Would love to hear from all those of us who used to be devoted to the movie, Staying Home." * More good news from Tim and Kathleen Murphy '89 O'Shea, who welcomed daughter "Maisie" (Marian Murphy O'Shea) on November 29, 1999.

We wish you a happy 2000, in this our first column written in the new millennium. What a marker for our 10th Reunion! If you haven't sent in news, please do—we all want to be up-to-date for our gathering June 2-4. * Elizabeth Toder rang in the New Year in Brazil, where she's completing a semester for her MBA. Although she promises to be back for reunion, she plans to return to the corporate services at Cushman & Wakefield in San Francisco. * Twins Herbstler Bujold (jcbjol@dellnet.com) and husband Marc '91 expanded their family with the arrival of twin daughters Helen Olivia and Sophie Elizabeth on August 10. Leaving her job as senior information technology consultant to analyze at Ben & Jerry's Homemade in November, Jill loves her new position as full-time mom. Marc continues as snowboard division manager at Rossignol. * Twins have also arrived at the home of Kimberle and Jonathan Wettergreen (jkcgreen@aoi.com), who recently moved to East Greenwich, NY. Sarah Grace Wettergreen and Brendan Gerald Conrad Wettergreen were born on September 26. * Daughter "Maisie" (Marian Murphy O'Shea) arrived on November 29. Her parents are Tim '89 and Kathleen Murphy O'Shea. * Kevin Kahn (kkahin@jordanunion.com) plans to make it to our 10th Reunion. With his MBA from the USC Marshall School of Business (May 1999), Kevin is the Asia/Pacific manager for Richards Industries in Sydney, Australia. He was also recently named to the board of Trelor Group Ltd., a metals and manufacturing concern listed on the Australian Stock Exchange. He wishes his wife, Kimberle, well during her extended trip through Sydney. He has a place overlooking the ocean, perfect for sleeping bags for anyone planning to visit during the coming Olympics. * Donna More Volpitta (dvolpitta@hotmail.com) is teaching students with learning disabilities, while working on her doctoral degree at Teachers College, Columbia U. She is also looking forward to the reunion, as we know you all are. See you June 2-4!}

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Class Secretaries: Richard Wettergreen, (jkwgreen@aol.com), who recently finished her residency in ophthalmology in NYC and started private practice on Long Island. "Celebrated the birth of second child Jillian Paige on October 18, 1999. Daughter Alexa Breo was born on February 20, 1997. Building a new house also, to add to the excitement." *

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Heather Van Epps is almost done with her Ph.D. in immunology. * After five years in Chicago, Carolyn Eppes is "leaving to pursue adventures in San Francisco!" * Piper Lounsbury (jasper-west@yahoo.com) is still in Beijing, where she's working for United Technologies Corporation. She and Jim Stover '90, who is also in China working for the consulting firm Environmental Resources Management, will be glad to leave the Beijing summer for Cazenovia, NY. * Wendy Morse presented a lecture on Regulation of Axon Guidance by Src-Family Kinases during the 11th annual Alumni of Color Weekend at Middlebury in January. Wendy is a postdoctoral fellow in biochemistry at the Univ. of NC at Chapel Hill. A record 100 alumni returned for the Jan. 14-17 weekend events. * Keith Wilson (kkwilson@minn.com) is living in Denver with wife Kristin and son Harry (2). * Dana Tiedemann and Andres Hulslander were married on August 28 in Newfoundland, NH. They live in NYC and Dana attends the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn. * The September 18 marriage of Robin Foster and David Cole took place aboard the Adirondack Ferry on Lake Champlain. The reception was also held afloat, while the guests enjoyed a sunset cruise of the lake. A costume maker for the San Francisco Opera, Robin wore a hand-painted silk gown that she designed and created. David is an engineer in the U.S. Naval Academy in Monterey as a Crypto-Tech. I would like to know if there are any '93 or '94 Midd alums in the Monterey area, the SF Bay area, or anywhere near the West Coast!" # In December.

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Gottardi, Lisa Polizzi, Alyson Piskorowski, Owens '96, and Kristin Arens '98 moved for the Middlebury Alumni Assoc, and Charles in October. Diane Needham (dneedham@gilganchin.com) is a graphic designer for an architecture firm in Boston. Mark Schade recently completed his first year as a physical therapist for National Rehabilitation Hospital in DC. Julia Moriarty (jpmoriarty@williams.edu) entered grad school at Northwestern University in September. "I'm the Integrated Marketing Communications program at the Medill School of Journalism. I'm still living in downtown Chicago, which I love. It was certainly a huge adjustment to go back to school, but I survived the first quarter, so I think that's a good sign! I've had the chance to see lots of other old grads at recent weddings, which has been great!" Brian and Kirsten Bremer Bell (kirstenbell@yahoo.com) are directors of the Philadelphia House, a ministry to international students in the Philly area. Joseph and Rachel Fernandes Gitzer live in South Windsor, CT. Rachel has her master's in microbiology and is working on her Ph.D. at UC-Berkeley. Jenny Ernold (jernold@uzi.uvm.edu) writes: "I am enjoying my first year in UVM's doctoral program in clinical psychology. I recently moved to a house up on Snake Mountain and love being in Middlebury. I visited in January with John Boris, who came up to try snowboarding for the first time, and I look forward to skiing in February with Erica Templeton, who is at BC Law School."

In Oaxaca, Mexico, Noel Chilton and Saul Castro were married on New Year's Eve 1997. Brian Miller, and Andrew Reiner '97 were there to attend the wedding and watch the new millennium roll into the streets of Oaxaca, with fireworks and confetti-filled eggs. Noel loves working in Prague, where he hosted a bilingual art school in Oaxaca. No longer at the Brooklyn Museum of Art, Briana is unfortunately missing the "Sensation" hoopla entirely. She's now bilingual art school in Oaxaca. No longer at the Brooklyn Museum of Art, Briana is unfortunately missing the "Sensation" hoopla entirely. She's now bilingual art school in Oaxaca. No longer at the Brooklyn Museum of Art, Briana is unfortunately missing the "Sensation" hoopla entirely. She's now bilingual art school in Oaxaca. No longer at the Brooklyn Museum of Art, Briana is unfortunately missing the "Sensation" hoopla entirely. She's now bilingual art school in Oaxaca. No longer at the Brooklyn Museum of Art, Briana is unfortunately missing the "Sensation" hoopla entirely.
animal science and public policy, she's heading to law school to focus on international environmental law. She's loving her time in Moscow where she studied and danced the tango. Sergio Tjong-Ayong received his M.A. in international economics, China studies, and Latin American studies in 1998 from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. Now working as a telecommunications specialist in DC, he also does some community work through a Jewish social justice group. Also in DC, Tracy Varghese is working towards both a law degree and an international affairs degree. Terri Elston has begun graduate school in psychology in Minneapolis. Alli Hartz and Elizabeth Seeley are living in Chicago now. Alli is working at a social work agency in Chicago before heading to the Univ. of MI for a master's degree next fall. Elizabeth is working on a Ph.D. in social psychology at Northwestern Univ. Peter Schernerhorn (pschermer@emailink.net) is staying at Duke Univ., another year to earn a clinical doctorate in physical therapy. He's on clinical affiliations in CO and NM this spring. Aaron and Stephanie King Lemke recently moved to Baltimore. Still working for First Union, she's now an OTC Trader. Meg Hart is doing well in her first year of law school in Seattle. Katie Chatfield has three years toward her M.D./Ph.D. at Dartmouth. She's been "living in beautiful Humboldt County, CA (where the redwoods meet the Pacific), for the past year and a half. I make my mail-in (jessica.weinstock@razorfish.com) has moved back from RazoRfish, a Web design/brand strategy company. "In DC, Eric Lowe, Don Devendorf, and Peter Dougherty, Amanda Dickson, and Heather Mulkerns. Brad's band, Dispatch (formerly One fell swoop), has won a fourth album. After a planned April release, they're going on tour to promote it. (Tour dates can be found at www.cafedispatch.com.) Pete is studying architecture at Harvard. Amanda is studying architecture at MIT, and Heather is getting her master's in social work through Smith College. After a year of clinical research with HIV positive heroin addicts and prison inmates, Beth LaRussa is a first year at Harvard Medical School (elizabeth_larusso@smithcol.edu). She sees Heather Mulkerns and Eliza Burke frequently. In Manhattan, both Anne Bruce and Andrea Lally are in Columbia Univ.'s MBA program. Mo Renganathan is continuing to hold down the fort on the Upper East Side, while commuting to CT for his Internet marketing job. He often sees Robynne Maii, who is pursuing a degree in food studies from NYU. Elisa Allison works in admissions/advertising for Hyatt Hotels in Denver. "I'm working in Denver, where they're living. Kate Bishop in policing. These programs take me frequently to Burlington. Kate is getting her masters in teaching Russia, Ukraine, and different areas of the U.S."

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Pippenger settled into graduate school at Michigan State Unv., where he received his Ph.D. in 1998. Christine Jacobs works for the United Way in East Lansing, MI. Olivia Anne Hooper (hooper@bc.edu) is working on her master's in educational administration at BC. "I will finish up in June and plan to move back home to New York. I hope to be teaching full time starting in September 2000." Katie Mulkerns (krozin@alum.mit.edu) has moved from RazoRfish, a Web design/brand strategy company. "In DC, Eric Lowe, Don Devendorf, and Peter Dougherty, Amanda Dickson, and Heather Mulkerns. Brad's band, Dispatch (formerly One fell swoop), has won a fourth album. After a planned April release, they're going on tour to promote it. (Tour dates can be found at www.cafedispatch.com.) Pete is studying architecture at Harvard. Amanda is studying architecture at MIT, and Heather is getting her master's in social work through Smith College. After a year of clinical research with HIV positive heroin addicts and prison inmates, Beth LaRussa is a first year at Harvard Medical School (elizabeth_larusso@smithcol.edu). She sees Heather Mulkerns and Eliza Burke frequently. In Manhattan, both Anne Bruce and Andrea Lally are in Columbia Univ.'s MBA program. Mo Renganathan is continuing to hold down the fort on the Upper East Side, while commuting to CT for his Internet marketing job. He often sees Robynne Maii, who is pursuing a degree in food studies from NYU. Elisa Allison works in admissions/advertising for Hyatt Hotels in Denver. "I'm working in Denver, where they're living. Kate Bishop in policing. These programs take me frequently to Burlington. Kate is getting her masters in teaching Russia, Ukraine, and different areas of the U.S."

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Sarah Waybright (waybright@hotmail.com) is working in the PR dept. for SUN Group of Companies in Moscow, Russia. In Madrid, Colin Canham is attending Madr-Spain in pursuit of a master's degree. JP Gowdy is training in Canada for international swimming competition. Peter Westra recently returned from a one-month mission for Deutsche Bank in London, where he managed to keep his fantasy basketball team afloat. Forrest Westin decided to leave Deutsche Bank's New York desk and travel to CA where he's living the good life and working on a start-up Internet health care company. After graduation, James Farrell, Brian Coates, Jeff Sengle, and Nick Temple spent over a month driving cross-country. They stopped in Sun Valley, ID, to visit Rick Derr '97 and Tim Cron '97 for a week. Dave Lane works at a surf shop in Eugene, OR. Frank Wildermann (frankw1@gmail.com) worked as assistant to director David Lee (creator of NBC's Frasier series) during a production at the Pasadena Playhouse. Laurie Manus is enjoying her studies at UCLA Law School. Ross Seafon showed up for the Macon Whoopee training camp last fall in Macon, GA. Matt Bak is already taking care of patients at the Univ. of Rochester School of Medicine. Eric Meissner is keeping up with his lab work as a MD/Ph.D. student at the Univ. of NC School of Medicine. Karen Moore is a junior at the Duke Univ. School of Medicine. Sloveney occasionally emerges from her lab at Johns Hopkins, where she's getting a Ph.D. in biochemistry. Studying for the LSAT in Lawerenceville, NJ, Mike Hackett is saying he's spending more time in the library than he ever did in college. Teaching at a prep school in Williamstown, MA, Deana Becker is performing in a tap dance group in her spare time. Joanna Wolowski is assistant coaching the basketball team at Wellesley College. While ostensibly working in the insurance industry in Boston, Geoff Silvius spends most of his time managing the basketball team on Yahoo. Jeff Trail is back in Boston, working for Fidelity and trying to keep the company afloat. Kristen Vogel, Nikke Eyrich, and Karen Herbert are living in Cambridge, MA. Now a legal assistant with Needham & Warren in Boston, Kristen is "surprised daily by the number of middleclass residents that live in the Washington, DC area and work in the Peace Corps." She's also scuba diving and taking advantage of the ocean and mountains.

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Kristine Krauss is attending on environmental lingual office with the U.S. Department of Justice in DC. Sandra Caron (sandra.caron@mail.house.gov) was recently promoted to the position of legale assistant in the DC office of VTI's only congressman, Independent Rep. Bernie Sanders. Sandra is handling foreign affairs and women's issues. She reports that Jason Price is enjoying the Peace Corps experience in Southeastern Africa. Write him at Chikangwa CDSS, PO Box 9, Chikangwa, Mzuzu, Malawi. Matt Saxton is working on youth programs for the Peace Corps in the Philippines. He's also scuba diving and taking advantage of the ocean and mountains. Matt Saxton is working on youth programs for the Peace Corps in the Philippines. He's also scuba diving and taking advantage of the ocean and mountains.
From 1955 to 1983, O.A. Lopes (M.A. '51) taught English at Longmeadow (MA) High School. In retirement, he began writing poetry ("When you teach, you don't have time for yourself") and Green Branch Press recently published *The Collected Poems of O.A. Lopes.* He and wife Lois traveled to England last May to launch his book with a reading near the place where Robert Frost first found fame.

Bob Reddinger (M.A. '71) was one of five honored as distinguished teachers by Rochester Institute of Technology for 1999. John Fennell (M.A. '74) writes and directs student plays, using the arts to enhance and enrich education. John is now the fine arts coordinator and drama teacher at Cape Fear Academy in NC.

David Thaden (M.A. '84), principal of East Chap Hill (NC) High School, recently received the Jack McCall Award at the Principals' Executive Program at the Univ. of NC at Chapel Hill.

In Livingston, NJ, Von Rollenhagen (M.A. '63) was recently honored for completing his 15th year of teaching at Newark Academy, where he has chaired the English dept. since 1994. Donna Niday (M.A. '90), an assistant prof. of English at Iona State Univ., instructs in methods of teaching. She draws on her growing collection of Cinderella stories from around the world in a presentation entitled "Multicultural Children's Literature: Cinderella Around the World." Grant Healey (93) has moved from Montana to teach language arts in the Dorset (VT) Middle School.

Rick Commons (M.A. '94) has been appointed assistant headmaster at McDonogh School in Owings Mills, MD. Formerly McDonogh's dean of students, Rick continues as director of the school's five-day boarding program. Before arriving at McDonogh in 1997, he served as a college counselor, teacher, and coach at the Harvard-Westlake School in North Hollywood, CA.

Stephanie Ruenzel (M.A. '94) and Randy Wright were married on September 4 in East Lyme, CT. After honeymooning in Manchester, VT, they returned to Hawaii, where Stephanie is the intelligence officer for a Navy P-3 squadron.

Melissa Ostrom (96-99) teaches English at the Kendall, NY, Junior-Senior High School. The Univ. of Rochester recently gave her an award for excellence in teaching.

Sheila Spear Keeny (M.A. '50) is member of the direction of the Association «National Capital Areas» of the Nations Unies. Autrefois présidente de la DC League of Women Voters, Sheila a également travaillé pour l'Institut Urban de Madeira School et pour la CIA.

Helen M. Cummings (M.A. '66) has recently received the decoration of Commandeur in l'Ordre des Palmes académiques, which has been awarded by M. Stéphane Chmielewski, consul général à Boston. Aujourd'hui à la retraite, Helen était coordinatrice supérieure du programme de langues étrangères à Boston Public Schools.

Deanna Mueller-Crispin (M.A. '66) explains that she took her return to school as an opportunity to participate in the government of the State of Oregon—dernièrement en tant qu’analyste politique supérieure, et géance des déchets solides (recycling). Deanna a enseigné le français pendant deux ans à UVM après Midi, et assiste toujours au cirque francé à Portland, OR.

Christine Oliph-Paban (M.A. '69) and Jeanne Buhlmann (M.A. '69) ont passé le mois de juin 1999 dans un appartement parisien, et ont assisté à deux conférences, quatre opéras, des films, des récital, et un ballet. Christine fait toujours des recherches pour son projet de traduction. Son mari, Tom Paban (M.A. espagnol '65), se rend en Espagne au printemps 2000 pour y travailler (Faculty Development Leave). Christine va être récompensée par Washington College après trois ans de service.

Juan Sires (maestria en el '84) es el alcalde de la ciudad de Patagonia, Argentina. Orlirio Fuentes (maestra en el '70) está jubilada y actualmente está escribiendo un libro sobre Hispanoamérica para el uso de los estudiantes de las escuelas secundarias y los del primer año de la universidad. Leasa Lutes (m. en el '79, alemán, '81, '82) es presidenta del departamento de las lenguas extranjeras y lingüística de Gordon College, en Wenham, MA. Legalmente ciega por 32 años, una cirugía consiguientemente aumentó su visión a 20-60 en 1989.

Albio Siros (maestra en el '84) es el alcalde de la ciudad de West New York, NJ. Barbara Ann Lewis (maestra en el '88) ha enseñado español en la Universidad de Bob Jones en Greenville, SC. Ella ha enseñado inglés en la China durante varios veranos y lleva a grupos universitarios a diferentes países latinoamericanos durante la Navidad para participar en cantatas y clase para niños. Barbara es la autora de un manual de solfeo en inglés y español.

Greg Newberry (maestra en el '89) es el nuevo director ejecutivo de DuPage Center for Independent Living en Glen Ellyn, IL. El centro defiende el derecho de gente minusválida de controlar su vida y participar en todo aspecto de la vida y el trabajo. Nacida con parálisis cerebral, Greg informa que "aquellos que son minusválidos pueden ayudar a los demás, porque tienen conocimiento íntimo de cómo es vivir con una minusvalía." Susan Kenney Naughton (maestra en el '90) enseña español en la Dana Hall School en Wellesley, MA. Antes de eso, ella era conferenciable en lenguas y literatura españolas en Queensborough Community College, Bayside, NY.

Alessandra Gleason Domina (M.A. '72) has comeicado a lavorare con Tate & Foss Realtors a Rye, NY, dove precedentemente ha lavorato con Mark, Nixon & Co. Peter Aller (M.A. '81), di Lincoln, RI, è direttore del programma Semestre all'Estero-Studi in Italia all'universit? Roger Williams. È stato professore di spagnolo e italiano e direttore del programma estivo a Roma dell’universit? Sisal Regina. È stato anche traduttore per la città di Newport. L'estate scorso, Allison Balas (M.A. '97), insegnante di italiano al liceo di Los Gatos, CA, ha trascorso quattro settimane di studio a Perugia. Il viaggio è stato un premio dell'Istituto Culturale e Federazion dell'ambasciata italiana e dell'associazione californiana degli Insegnanti di Lingua Straniera. Il programma di italiano del liceo di Los Gatos è il più recente del suo genere in America. L'anno scorso nel programma vi erano 30 studenti di primo anno.


22 Arny E. Goodell, of Barre, VT, on November 17, 1999, four days before her 99th birthday. In 1923, she joined the staff of Spaulding High School in Barre, where she coached many winning girls’ basketball teams and taught American history. She ended her 43-year career at Spaulding in 1966. She played golf, was a skillful equestrian, and ran the Barre Tourist Information Booth for 20 summers. She was predeceased by four brothers.

23 Esther M. Langwill, 99, of Glastonbury, CT, on December 30, 1999. With a mastery in French from Middlebury (1928), she continued her studies in Paris, Montreal, and the Univ of CT. In Hartford, she taught French at Bulkeley High School for more than 30 years and Spanish at Weaver High School. In Glastonbury, she was a member of the Historical Society and the First Church of Christ. Predeceased by sister Katheryn E. Langwill, she was survived by a brother and sister-in-law, and by her dear friend, Virginia A. Knox ’30.

26 Dorothy Simonds Palmer, 96, of Montpelier, VT, on October 15, 1999. A history teacher in the Montpelier schools in 1927-28, she taught in the Atleeboro (MA) High School until her retirement in 1959. She was active in AAUW, was a Red Cross staff aid for 18 years, was a member of the Appalachian Mountain Club, and enjoyed history and foreign affairs. Predeceased by husband Eber H. Palmer in 1984, she is survived by a niece and a nephew.

27 Ramona Brown Fleming, 93, of Williamstown, MA, on November 25, 1999. She taught high school Latin and French at Indian Lake, NY, and at Old Forge, NY, retiring from Williamstown High School in 1957. Predeceased by husband Michael J. Fleming in 1976, she is survived by a nephew and a niece.

29 Ada V. Felch, 92, of Black Mountain, NC, on January 31, 2000. With an M.S. degree from Teachers College of Columbia Univ., she was a diettian at several colleges in MA and TX. She served as chair of the home economics div. at SUNY, Cobleskill, retiring in 1974. Survivors include a brother, two nephews, and two nieces.

33 Fenwick N. Buffum, 89, of Maurertown, VA, on January 23, 2000, of respiratory failure. He farmed in Shushan, NH, during the Depression, then worked for the Federal Writer’s Project in Washington, DC. He earned the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in the Army during World War II, and served in the Army Reserve, rising to the rank of Major. He lived in Arlington, VA, while working as a volunteer in the Department of Defense. The girls’ softball team he coached in Arlington won the country championship in 1960. Retiring in 1970, he moved to Maurertown, VA, where he raised thoroughbred horses. Predeceased by wife Mildred (Streeter), he is survived by daughters Molly B. Birtish ’64 and Barbara B. Neu, a sister, and four grandchildren.

39 Barbara Butterfield Noyes, 86, of Rutland, ME, on January 16, 2000. With an MSW from Columbia Univ., she was a medical social worker at Grasslands Hospital in Valhalla, NY, (1937 to 1941). An active volunteer in the Shattuck Hospital Auxiliary for 45 years, she was a charter member of the Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church and active in Meals on Wheels. Predeceased by husband Edward M. Noyes in 1934. she lived for 13 years in Castro Valley, CA and served as president of the AAUW chapter in Hayward. Following her husband’s death.

390 Laurence L. Haskins, 90, of Boxborough, MA, on November 16, 1999. From the late ’30s until his retirement, he was a buyer and supervisor at Sprague Electric, General Electric, and Hamilton Standard, retiring from DSO Inc., near New Britain, CT. He was interested in genealogy, languages, opera, history, birdwatching, and gardening; he was a pilot in the ’40s and ’50s. The Boxborough Historical Society honored him as the oldest president of the town on September 12. Survivors include a brother and a sister.

31 Walton T. Crocker, 90, of Falmouth, ME, on November 29, 1999. Mr. Crocker was an industrial engineer and photographer at GTE/Sylvania. Retiring to Brestivich, MA, he continued to play in a hockey league in Hyannis until the age of 79. As a student at Middlebury, he captained the baseball and hockey teams. He spent his last seven years in Falmouth. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Eliza (Kugler), daughters Carole Levesque and Eloise Crocker, and three grandchildren.

32 Marian Wilcox Patterson, 89, of Middlebury, VT, on January 2, 2000. A graduate of Columbia Presbyterian College of Nursing, she was a nurse at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital until her marriage to judge Egbert Rosecrans in 1941. Following his death in 1948, she enrolled at Columbia Univ and received a degree in economics (1952). With second husband Albert T. Patterson, she operated an accounting firm in Rutland, VT, for many years. Predeceased by Albert Patterson, she is survived by daughter Lesley Rosecrans Smith, stepdaughter Rhonda Kerr, a sister, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
in 1964, she returned to Rutland and taught French at Otter Valley Union High School, retiring in 1979. She leaves son Paul E. Noyes, daughter Mary Jane Sagi, a brother, a sister, six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth Brown Hoffmann, 88, of Rochester, NY, on January 7, 2000. With an M.A. from Middlebury (1935), she taught high school English, Spanish, and Latin in VT and NY. She was the director of guidance at Milton (VT) Central School from 1970 until 1975. A published poet, her watercolors and sculpture were chosen for inclusion in the NYWA Service traveling exhibit throughout New York State in 1999. The late Arthur M. Brown, athletic director at the College for many years, was her father. Predeceased by daughter Janet Hoffmann Chickos, she is survived by daughter Martha Hoffmann Rucker, six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and a brother, John H. Brown ’43.

Arnold R. LaForce, 86, of Basking Ridge, NJ, on December 13, 1999. The recipient of the Alumni Award for Meritorious Service from Middlebury in 1966, Mr. LaForce served as chair of the Middlebury College Board of Trustees from 1975 to 1980, and was honored as a trustee emeritus in 1981. A financial adviser at Brady Securities of Gladstone and Dillon Reed of New York, he also served as director of several companies, including Mack Truck of Allentown, PA; American South Africa, A.S.A., Ltd.; Guardian Life of New York; and Paraliner of Piscataway, where he served more than 20 years. Until January 1999 he continued to serve as director emeritus at Guardian Life Insurance. Earlier in his career, from 1938 to 1942, Mr. LaForce taught business and finance at New York University. He was also vice president of investments at Metropolitan Life Insurance Company from 1941 to 1957, executive vice president and director at El Paso Natural Gas from 1957 to 1962, and president at Central Securities from 1962 to 1972. He was a member of Brookside Community Church, Balsam Club in Springfield, Vineyards and Moorings Club in Naples (FL), the University Club of New York, and a 1960 charter member of the Menemsha Golf and Tennis Club. He contributed to two books, Financial Handbook and Investment of Life Insurance. Survivors include his wife, Isobel (Drummond), daughter Susanne LaForce Thompson ’65, a sister, and two granddaughters.


Hazel Schmidt Davis, 84, of Willow Street, PA, on September 21, 1999. She attended the 1936 Olympic Games in Germany, studied fashion design in Paris, was a seamstress, and worked in publishing in NYC. Later she designed gardens, was an accomplished pianist, and traveled extensively. In Hooksett, she helped found and manage the gift shop at Cokesbury Village, a retirement community. Her first husband, John H. Haught, died in 1971. Her second husband, John E. Davis, died in July 1999. Surviving sisters are Jan Parkinson and Deborah Holmes, a grandson, and a brother.

John E. Lonergan, of Sarasota, FL, on January 10, 2000. He served as a staff sergeant in the Army Air Force during World War II and married Virginia Conroy in 1948. She died in 1991. He later married Louise Cahill in Sarasota. He was a teacher for the Bennington, VT, school system and a founding member of Lonergan and Thomas Insurance Co of Bennington. Survivors include wife Louise, son Bruce P. Lonergan, stepdaughter JoAnn Cahill, stepson Gerald M. Schlenker, and three grandchildren.

Bruce M. Brown, 82, of Hamilton, NY, on December 4, 1999. With an M.A. from NYU and a library degree from Columbia, he served 38 years at Colgate Univ. as director of libraries, special collections and rare book librarian, and university archivist, retiring in 1985. He assumed leadership positions in the Hamilton Club, the Chenango Bird Club, the NY State Library Assoc., and the Mid-York Library Assoc. Survivors include wife Helen (Brown), daughters Laura Brown and Deborah Moon, son Duncan, a brother, and four grandchildren.

Albert J. Riccio, 86, of Wilmington, NY, on January 16, 2000. He served in the Army during World War II and worked for the DuPont Company in Edgemoor for 34 years, retiring in 1975. An ardent supporter of Middlebury, he never forgot the generosity of President Moody, who took money from "the president’s purse" to assist him with tuition during those Great Depression years. He was also an active community volunteer, helping to establish a senior center and tutoring adults and children in English, reading, and writing.

Gerald A. Cole, 81, of Chandler, AZ, on June 22, 1999, from complications following a stroke. He received a master’s from St. Lawrence Univ. (1941), served in the Army during World War II, and received his doctorate in zoology from the Univ. of MN (1949). He taught biology at the Univ. of Louisville (KY), then at AZ State Univ. from 1958 until his retirement as emeritus professor in 1979. He received numerous honors for scientific research and authored the standard college text, Textbook of
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Linnology (Waveland Press), now in its fourth edition. Predeceased by wife Jean (Hascall), he leaves daughters Wendy '69 and Sally; sons Tom, Steve, and Jeff; five grandchildren; sister Phyllis Cole Deming '51 and her husband, William '51. Mr. Cole was predeceased by several Middlebury relatives: mother Ida Ainsworth Cole '15, father John Cole, two brothers, and three nieces.

40 Olive Jenne Dobleaday, 80, of Newport, VT, on November 11, 1999, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. A resident of Newport since 1946, she is survived by her husband of 57 years, Edward Dobleaday, as well as daughters Gal Aimes and Joan Kelly; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Active in the family maple syrup business, Mrs. Dobleaday taught high school English for 18 years and was a tour guide for the Old Stone House Museum in Brownington, VT.

IN MEMORIAM

JEFF ALDERMAN '65

November 29, 1942 - November 15, 1999

"Tuffy" Alderman died November 15, 1999. He was laconic and irreverent until the end; his doctors and colleagues have not stopped laughing about his antics. They played Brubeck at his funeral. I wish I had been there; many of us do. We kept in touch intermittently over the years, checking in and out with his extraordinary career with the Associated Press and ABC News. It is fitting that this is being written today, "Super Tuesday"—his day. In the spring of 1999, after struggling with cancer and several surgeries over the last 13 years, he retired to a small publishing company for eight years, prior to going home for lunch. "Today would have been an easy day for him.

For those of us whose short-term memory is still intact, we remember Count Dracula, the consummate class 'ugly man,' the scion of Atwater House, jazz aficionado, drummer, composer, writer, the Friday night Gene Shepard of WRMC, and one of the brightest, most creative, and laugh-out-loud funny men on the planet. He leaves his wife, Joanne; daughters Liz (a studio artist in New York); and Merry, a student at Wesleyan. Tuffy's mother says donations should go to the Williston Northampton School drama department in Easthampton, Massachusetts. And, at the unofficial 35th reunion, where those of us who remain will gather, we will honor him with a posthumous POY.

—Jim Munkach '65

(Co-host with Tuffy on "Undertow," a very late Friday evening radio program)

Louise Gove Hawkins, 80, of Walpole, MA, on December 19, 1999, following a stroke. In 1942, she married Edward J. Hawkins, who had four sons, and they added a daughter and son. With a degree from Bridgewater State, she was children's librarian at the Walpole Public Library. She was active with the Cancer Society, the Council on Aging, her Episcopal Church, Red Cross Motor Corps, garden club, and historical society. Predeceased by her husband in 1975, she leaves daughter Mary Hawkins Sachs '65; sons James, John, Richard, Sherman, and Edward; two brothers; 14 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Robert L. Zurbach, 82, of Pasadena, CA, on January 9, 2000, after a long battle with Alzheimer's. He received an M.A. in political science (Univ. of WA) '42 and served in the Army during World War II. In 1946, he started a steel company in Los Angeles and retired in 1982. He served on the board of directors for the Pasadena Symphony Assoc., the Caltech Associates, and the United Nations Assoc.

Predeceased by wife Bernice (Dietz), he leaves daughter Christine Waer, son Randall Zurbach, and four grandchildren, including Michael Waer '00.

42 Hugh D. Onion, 79, of Rutland, VT, on January 6, 2000. An Army veteran of World War II, he spent his career in his family's coal and oil business, retiring in 1992 as president and CEO. Survivors include his wife, Mary (Kent); daughter, Holley Moran; two sisters, and two grandsons.

Alice Taylor Thorncroft, 79, of St. Joseph, MI, in May 1999. In Chicago, she was an editor for a small publishing company for eight years, prior to her marriage in 1980. She later became the children's librarian in her local library for 24 years, retiring in 1990. Divorced in 1985, she was the mother of three daughters and two sons, and she had five grandchildren. A sister, Norma Taylor Clark; '46, survives her.

Mary A. Tudbury, 79, of Falmouth, MA, on February 20, 1999. With a master's in psychiatric nursing, she was a nursing instructor at Lakeville Hospital, Newton-Wellesley Hospital, and other nursing schools in MA and OH, retiring after a 40-year career. She was the author of The Psychiatric Nurse in the General Hospital and several nursing articles. In retirement, she volunteered for many years in Hospice programs in MA and RI. She leaves a brother and three nieces.

43 Marian Young Ives, 77, of West Tisbury, MA, on January 31, 2000, of complications of Alzheimer's disease. For several years, she worked in the offices of Edgartown Marine. Active in the First Congregational Church of West Tisbury, she was a member of the Up-Island Council on Aging. Predeceased by husband Frederick D. Ives, she is survived by son Donald Ives and a grandson.

44 Janet Plugf Kleven, 77, of Chester, CT, on December 6, 1999. Mrs. Kleven was a realtor for many years with Pequot Properties of Old Saybrook and New London, CT. She was predeceased by her first husband, Allan Robertson '45, in 1979, and by a son, Allan E. Robertson, Jr. She is survived by her husband of 18 years, Willis Kleven, as well as son Christopher Robertson, daughters Linda Robertson Warga and Leslie Robertson Bridge, a sister, and seven grandchildren.

W. Thomas Roomey, 78, of Newport, VT, on October 14, 1999, of cancer. He was awarded a Purple Heart and the Silver Star for his Army service during World War II. After working for the U.S. Customs Service from 1950 until 1977, he served as a judge for the Orleans County Superior Court. He served on the board of directors of the North Country Hospital and the North Country Union High School. Survivors include wife Yvette (Poulet), daughter Catherine, sons Thomas and Douglas, two brothers, and four grandchildren.

46 Patricia Beach Kortland, 74, of Reckortown, VA, on October 11, 1999. In addition to her work with the Faquier Livestock Exchange, she served as secretary of the Piedmont Valley Rutierian Horse show for 20 years; held offices in local, county, and state homemakers associations; served as a judge at the Faquier County Fair; and volunteered with Friends of the Faquier Library, the Farm Bureau, and the local and state soil and water conservation districts. She is survived by husband Nicholas A. Kortlandt, and a sister.
Margaret Curtis Burckes, 72, of Calais, VT, on September 27, 1999. As a ski instructor, she carried badge 17 on the National Ski Patrol. She was an English teacher, and she was a case worker at Washington County Mental Health in Montpelier for almost 20 years. Survivors include daughters Maddie Burckes-Miller and Laurie Dunlap, a brother, and a grandson.

Frances Farwell O’Mara, 73, of Canton, MA, on December 27, 1999, due to complications from a fall. Fluent in Spanish, French, and German, she was the former head of the Spanish department at Cushing Academy in Ashburnham, MA. She lived in Europe, Montana, and Australia, before returning to Massachusetts to become a self-employed investment consultant. She retired to Canton in 1983. Survivors include sons Duncan F O’Mara and J. Hugh O’Mara, Jr.

William H. Crawford, 72, of Pleasantville, NY, on November 19, 1999. He served in the army during World War II and taught social studies at Ossining High School for 35 years. He was very active in the tennis clubs of Westchester County, Mount Pleasant, and Armonk. He leaves wife Edith (Zimmermann), son William Jr., daughter Mary Adams, and four grandchildren.

William H. Barber, 69, of Montgomery Village, MD, on January 25, 2000. His long and distinguished career (1954 to 1984) with the U.S. Naval Security Group Command took him to the far corners of the globe. During his assignment to Scotland (1963-65), he met and married his wife of 35 years, Kathleen (Walker) Barber. After his 1984 retirement from the Navy, he was employed as senior systems analyst by Betac International of VA until 1992. He held an M.A. in history from Boston Univ. (1953). A high school football player, he later played ice hockey for a local team and enjoyed golf. In addition to his wife, he leaves daughter Lisa Barber, two sisters, and nieces and nephews.

Louis M. Bronzi, 67, of Glastonbury, CT, on January 8, 2000. A veteran of the Korean Conflict, he purchased the Deertree Farm in 1965 and worked to farm until his death. He was an avid collector of Portland glass. He leaves sons Hutchinson, Jonathan, and Daniel Bronzi; daughter Sarah Melzen; and a sister.

William Senior Knapton Currie, 65, of Lakewood, NY, on September 20, 1999. For the past 20 years, she was associate dean of William Smith College. She held earlier positions at the Columbia School in Rochester and Family Counseling Services of the Finger Lakes. She was also active in Geneva’s League of Women Voters. Predeceased by husband Blair in 1996, she is survived by daughter Elizabeth, son David, and six grandchildren.

Cynthia Crehore DeWyk, 61, of Lakewood, CO, on November 20, 1999. She was a psychiatric social worker at CT Valley Hospital and the Wacon County Welfare Dept. in Renovo, NV. In Lakewood, she was an active volunteer for senior citizens. She leaves husband Bruce H. DeWyk, daughters Amy DeWyk and Elizabeth Ried, and a brother.

Charles E. Harvey, 62, of Hingham, MA, on November 6, 1999. He was a partner at E.H. Harvey & Associates and the Sterling Company of New England. An avid sportsman, he was active in the Norfolk Trout Club and the Royal Hunt Club. He is survived by wife Virginia (Crossen), son James D. Harvey, daughter Elizabeth Harvey, a brother, and two granddaughters.

Jeffrey D. Alderman, 56, of Islesboro, ME (formerly of City Island, NY) on November 15, 1999. He earned an M.S. from Columbia Univ. School of Journalism and served two years in the army before joining the Associated Press in New York. During his 10 years as an editor and writer with the AP, he covered in 1992 “those hectic Watertown-Vietnam-Energy Crisis-Heart-drugs-counter cultures-inflationary-Nixon-Carter years.” From 1977 until last June, he served as director of polling for the news division at ABC News, where he developed pols that measured both political races and social trends. He created the first ABC News exit poll in 1980 and developed “tracking polls” to anticipate the outcome in the electoral college. He also pioneered overnight polls to get quick public reaction to major news. First used to measure views on the verdict in the John Hinckley trial in 1982, the overnight poll has become a staple of news polling. He is survived by wife Joanne (Childs), daughters Elizabeth and Meredith, his mother, and a sister.

R. James Falconer, Jr., 55, of Arlington, VA, on January 28, 2000, from an abdominal hemorrhage caused by ulcers. Mr. Falconer was an administrative officer with the Agency for International Development for the last 10 years. He served in the first group of Peace Corps volunteers sent to Guyana in 1965, then was a special assistant to the Peace Corps director and other officials until the late 1970s. He was a staff member of the Interstate Commerce Commission and an analyst with the Administrative Conference of the U.S. federal court system until joining AID. He also ran a part-time catering business in the 1980s. Survivors include his stepmother, Peg Falconer, and a brother.

Jane E. Silvia, 55, of Springfield, MA, on January 28, 2000. She received her J.D. degree in 1972 from Western New England College School of Law and was an attorney in the Springfield area for many years. She leaves daughter Kendra Page and a granddaughter.

James E. Gilmmond, 56, of Worcester, MA, on November 21, 1999, from injuries sustained in a fire at his home. With a master’s in education from Assumption College, he was a teacher of law and government studies for 10 years at the Worcester school system’s Accelerated Learning Laboratory. A mentor to many students, he was a trainer for the “We the People” program and worked with students to make connections between the law and everyday life. He leaves his parents, Harry and Barbara Robinson Gilmmond, two brothers, and a nephew.

Karen Deininger, 48, of Newfane, VT, on November 27, 1999, of ovarian cancer. She was an office manager for several small companies in southern Vermont, and until recently did accounting work for the Grace Cottage Foundation. Founder of a nursery school, she handpainted designs and created the catalog for Cat Tales Clothing for children. Diagnosed with breast cancer in 1986 and ovarian cancer in 1995, she found her true voice as a cancer patient advocate, especially in issues concerning compassionate use of drug release, expanded patient access to clinical trials, and state legislation to establish a medical review panel to resolve medical disputes between patients and their insurers. A cofounder of the first breast cancer support group in Windham County, she underwent continual cancer treatment since 1995. In 1997, after a battle with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont, she was granted coverage to receive a stem cell transplant. Her marriage to David Parker 1974 ended in divorce. In 1999, she married James Florschutz, who survives her. She also leaves daughter Erika Parker, step-daughter Caitlin Florschutz, and two brothers.

Louise Gurren, M.A. Spanish, of Vineyard Haven, MA, on January 6, 2000.

Lorene Billman Wabeke, M.A. English, of Aurora, MO, on November 6, 1999.

James J. Karambelas, Russian School ’66-’70, Spanish School ’95-’97, of Fairfield, IA, on December 26, 1999. He taught at the Pingry School (Elizabeth, NJ) and served as a simultaneous interpreter in French and Russian at The UN in NYC.

Aldona Zajankauskas Venclauskaitis, 85, M.A. German, of Worcester, MA, on December 27, 1999. She taught French, German, and Russian at Anna Maria College in Paxton, MA.

Ann C. McDermott, 48, M.A. French, of Mashpee, MA, on January 6, 2000. She was an administrative assistant for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration until multiple sclerosis forced her to retire.

Jean Munson Blodgett, 51, of Chatham, MA, on February 21, 2000, after a long battle with ovarian cancer. At Middlebury, she served as secretary of the faculty from 1977 to 1988, and she was a senior program officer for the Saltzburg Seminar from 1992 to 1997. She is survived by husband S. Whitney Blodgett, her step-children, her parents, a sister, and a brother.
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I DREAM OF HIM from time to time, but will never again as often as I did during that first spring after he died. For several months, I could fall asleep nearly certain that I would bump into Colin somewhere in the night, as if he had gotten tangled in my dreams on his way from one life to the next. I began to look forward to my dreams, because only there could my mind’s eye offer a clear image of Colin’s face. And upon waking, his presence still palpable for the length of a sleepy breath, I could pretend that I would see him again upon returning to Middlebury.

Colin died while dancing with the elements—surfing Costa Rica’s wild ocean. That was February of 1996, when both Colin and I left Middlebury to study abroad. He went to South America; I traveled to Ghana, West Africa. Although I wasn’t homesick exactly, I was feeling acutely far from the familiar; and when the news traveled to me over thousands of miles of phone line—the words so tiny, so illusory when they reached me—it was impossible to process: Colin has drowned.

As these words swept me even further from the familiar,
they also lifted me away from Ghana. I felt displaced from the very country I had traveled so far to study, from the very place I was standing, indeed, from my own body; Dislocation born of disbelief. Colin would never come home.

Several days later, my Nigerian teacher made one effort to comfort me. He approached me where I sat alone and awkwardly put his hand on my shoulder. He told me that, in his culture, the ultimate event of a person's life is his death. The funeral is an event to honor the footprints a person has left and celebrate his passing into a next life, presumably a better one. I considered this a cultural rift, thanked him, and walked away so that I wouldn't begin to cry.

The truth was that my understanding of Colin's death had not come close to accounting for where he had gone. I knew only that Colin had lost this world, that he had been prematurely robbed of the joys he had known here. And I couldn't find my way past what Colin's face used to do when he laughed, the particular rhythm of his steps as he walked across campus in an autumn dusk, or the color of his eyes on a cold Vermont day. I wasn't ready to let Colin exist as we didn't share a language, the women would gesture to me, inquiring where I was going. I never had an answer, and I didn't think they'd understand that I had no real destination, so I'd smile and point up the road. I just needed to move—the strides made sense, and for a little while I felt like I was going somewhere, shaking loose a sensation of heaviness. But eventually I'd have to turn around and retrace my steps.

One morning, I woke an hour or so before sunrise, to a strange mingling of noise, light, and motion filtering through my thin curtains. Right outside my compound the entire village's mothers and grandmothers and aunts and sisters were moaning and sobbing, but they were also singing. The vocal sounds of pain were confused with those moving off to begin their day's work, still singing. And I looked again for sleep, where I might find Colin.

It was over a year after Colin's death that I finally dreamed of him in a setting other than Middlebury. I had returned from Africa, and after a busy year of writing a thesis and looking for a job, I graduated and left Vermont. I was distracted by what the future would bring, and hadn't thought—or dreamed—about Colin much during this year.

In this singular dream, I found him sitting at the end of a long dock that reached out over a quiet lake. Narrow white trees shot up around the water's edge and spread their reflections across its green surface like a warm hand. Sitting beside him uneasily, I attempted to explain to Colin that I was sorry he had been taken away, and that I wanted him to return with me to Vermont, to his friends and family. But the words leaving my lips floated away without making a sound, as if my voice wasn't an accepted currency in this place. Colin communicated that he was at peace here, and he would not ever be returning to the place I called home.

Then he touched my arm—and I startled awake. Colin's energy, and a sense that he was trying to comfort me, was present. I began to cry, my body shaking as though releasing some energy held inside for a very long time. But I believe that I was also smiling, because it felt like a miracle, letting go, lifting off.

I realized then that the sensation of grief was finally leaving my body—perhaps had entirely left. Over the past year, without knowing this, I had slowly come to locate Colin in his new home: the natural world. Colin now inhabited a thousand beautiful places that I could visit, places not unlike Middlebury itself. And today I can sense him in every bit of what it is about this world that takes my breath away.

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I finally close my eyes to listen, and I hear his life affirming itself in the early summer; in the cicadas celebrating in branches, in the barometer measuring the heft of chance, in the human desire to dance with the elements, and in the ever-present music of the earth's exhale.

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BY MARK PATINKIN ’74

Twen ty-five years later, I still remember checking my mailbox five times daily although there was just one delivery. I remember avoiding Prof. Dry’s gaze so he wouldn’t ask me to define Plato’s polis, only to learn he looked for those who weren’t looking back.

I remember playing academic roulette in Prof. Jacobs’ post-World War II course, wagering the exam essay would be the Cold War, and studying that alone the night before. By the time I opened the blue-book in the hemicycle, I had the Cold War mastered. “Write an essay on the Dewey-Truman election,” it instructed. I did not know Dewey’s first name.

I remember the rat-list. It was posted on a dorm corridor by women unhappy with the behavior of their boyfriends. Those deemed the biggest rats topped that week’s list. The goal was to correct the men’s behavior through public humiliation. It backfired. The boyfriends saw it as an honor and began competing for first in the standings, prompting the women to take it down.

Mostly, I remember being a young, loud imbecile. My wife helped rid me of some of that, but in recent years another female in my life has done an even better job.

“Don’t be such a dork, Dad,” my 11-year-old daughter will say, and she is usually right. The other day, on the way to the video store, she told me that if we saw any of her friends, I was to pretend I did not know her. I did as I was instructed. It’s a father’s job.

I suppose that’s what I return as at this 25th reunion, a father. At the others, I was more caught up in my work and studying that alone the night before. By the time I opened the blue-book in the hemicycle, I had the Cold War mastered. “Write an essay on the Dewey–Truman election,” it instructed. I did not know Dewey’s first name.

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As I reflect back on what I learned at Middlebury, besides Dewey’s first name being Thomas, the most important might be that my closest friendships, even after 25 years, were forged in places like Stewart, Hadley, and Voter. Despite separation, they’ve lasted. I’ve never been the kind of person to reach out when down, but over the years, during bad times, among those I would call were friends from Middlebury.

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I’ve learned you can go places with college friends you go with few others, places you don’t mention in class notes, even though they mark deeper milestones. Like not giving up on a marriage when it’s hard. Or if you must, finding your footing after divorce. Like making peace with your parents, and peace with losing them. Like doing what’s right by your children, not what’s easy.

More than what we’ve attained in work or money, I’ll bet achievements like those are what we’re often proudest of.

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In October, art majors and members of the museum assistants program were invited to participate in the selection of contemporary works of photography for the permanent collection. They listened to presentations about photographers, specific works available, and their cost and then selected seven works. The first to go on view is Dawoud Bey’s *Toussaint and Terrell*.
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