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ABC will televise Panther football game

By Steve Riley '82

Middlebury College will be in the regional spotlight this Saturday afternoon, as ABC-TV has announced plans to telecast the Middlebury-Norwich college football game from Porter Field at 12:30 p.m. EST.

After a Monday afternoon network decision to televise the regional match-up as the first part of its weekly doubleheader, Middlebury Athletic Director Tom Lawson negotiated with ABC officials. This marks the first time a New England division III football game has ever been telecast.

ABC announced its decision during the Cleveland-Chicago "Monday Night Football" program, and the local media picked up the story in Tuesday morning editions. But according to Lawson the final acceptance by Middlebury did not occur until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday morning.

Lawson emphasized that "there was a lot of talk about the decision and after a careful weighing of the pros and cons we agreed that it would be an acceptable program."

He continued by stating, "We only agreed to the broadcast when ABC assured us that both academic and athletic integrity would be maintained." Both schools will have a one-minute segment featuring their campuses, and Middle College President Olin Robinson will give a short discussion on the air about the goals and purposes of the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC).

Middlebury Director of Sports

Information Max Petersen spent Tuesday afternoon preparing the footage which will appear. He and Lawson will confer with ABC producer Peter Englehart on other final arrangements.

Mickey Heineken, eighth-year head football coach at Middlebury, said, "It's just amazing. Everyone involved is ecstatic. It will probably never happen again and both players and coaches are excited."

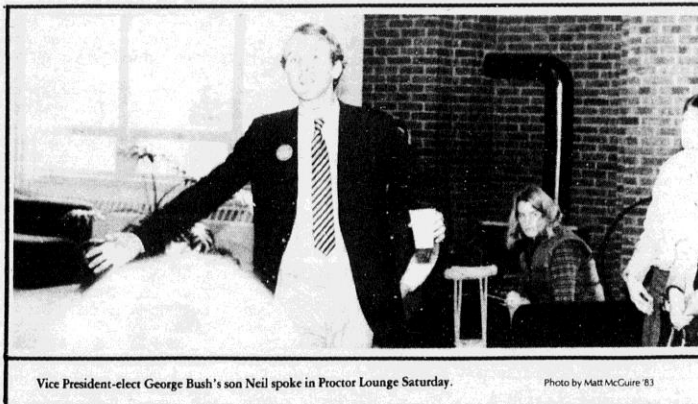
Petersen explained that the broadcast will involve an ABC mobile unit which will be flown in from Denver, Colorado. The signal will be transmitted through the network's Burlington affiliate WEZF and relayed to the rest of the region.

The announcers will be ex-Dodger Don Drysdale, and former Union and Army coach Tom Cahill. A staff of 35-40 will be flown in from all over the country.

Lawson added that "This will be a tremendous experience which will be good for the entire college community. I emphasize that we are portraying more than just athletics. A fine overall division III program will be put in proper perspective."

The game itself marks the 89th edition of New England's sixth-oldest college football rivalry. Lawson noted that three years ago ABC tried to televise the game from Norwich, but the proper signal could not be transmitted because of the mountains.

This season, Heineken's eleven enters the traditional season finale with a fine 5-1-1 record,



Vice President-elect George Bush's son Neil spoke in Proctor Lounge Saturday.

Photo by Matt McGuire '83

while Norwich comes in at 4-4. The game itself, as usual, is rated a toss-up.

Lawson concluded with these words, "You can't deny that Mid-

dlebury athletics will benefit from the broadcast, but the decision was not based on building up our athletic program. In addition financial considerations are not available

at the time of this interview. The decision has already promoted a lot of enthusiasm around campus, and will serve to promote the purposes of this institution."

Alternity efforts capture first

By Elizabeth Truckess '82

Displaying a tremendous community effort, the town of Middlebury took first place for "best overall program" of energy conservation in the Alternity Week competition held on Oct. 22-25. St. Stephens in Brunswick, Canada, earned the award for the greatest decrease in energy consumption with a 17 percent reduction, while Middlebury had a 14 percent reduction.

A committee, composed of one representative from each participating town in New England and Canada, rated the towns' conservation efforts in fourteen categories, including the degree of effectiveness with which business, industry and the private homeowner reduced energy consumption. The Middlebury Chamber of Commerce also submitted a scrap book and video presentation describing the details of the town's involvement in energy

conservation.

Middlebury Energy Council Chairman Colm O'Hara said that almost every sector of the Middlebury community exhibited an unparalleled enthusiasm and a serious long-range commitment to energy conservation which heralded their present triumph.

He explained that the contest not only directed Middlebury toward just a superficial burst of energy conservation but also fostered a deep-seated conservation awareness that extends from large industries to elementary school children.

Because the community is more concerned with the long-range implications of the competition, O'Hara said that Middlebury will struggle to maintain lower energy consumption levels.

Frank Kelly, Middlebury Union High School (MUHS) principal, emphasized that Middlebury College played a large part in stimulating energy conservation for the competition. Kelly spoke on behalf of the town residents, "who sometimes forget how great an impact the 2,000 students at the College account for in a project like this."

At the College, he cited the two consecutive candlelight dinners as a catalyst for student curiosity and participation.

Jim Ross, College business manager and the Middlebury ski team collaborated in one particular energy saving effort. As lights blazed and stereos blared, this small group braved biting cold nights and expended their own energy peddling a bicycle to generate enough electricity to operate a loudspeaker through which Ross encouraged

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Prexy Robison announces leave of absence

By Jennifer Gold '82

College President Olin Robison announced plans to take a leave of absence from February through April of 1981, and again for eight weeks during the summer.

He informed Student Forum representatives at their Nov. 2 meeting of an informal agreement he had made with the Middlebury College Board of Trustees, permitting him to take a vacation.

Robison revealed that he accepted the presidential post at Middlebury immediately after resigning as Bowdoin College's provost. He noted, however, that this move necessitated his forfeiture of a six-month leave that Bowdoin's board of trustees had granted him. As a result, he explained, he has had no time off for ten years. "I'm really looking forward to being off-duty," he confessed.

During the spring, Robison

mentioned his plans to catch up on recent developments in US/USSR relations. He said, "My hope is to try to get my reading up to date," and to meet with the Soviets in Moscow.

He also intends to visit Washington D.C., where he will continue his duties as a member of the United States Commission on Public Diplomacy. Regardless of a change in Presidential administrations, he will serve until April 6, 1982.

In addition, he indicated that he will journey to Nigeria and several Middle Eastern countries such as Israel, Egypt and Saudi Arabia, to discuss problems facing the international community.

Over the summer, he said he will attend seminars, lectures and dinners sponsored by the Royal Institute of International Affairs and the International Institute for Strategic Studies, both of which are based in London, England.

Nicholas Clifford, vice-president for academic affairs, will assume most of Robison's duties, such as conducting faculty and staff meetings and reviewing recommendations from various administrative, faculty and student committees, the president revealed.

Clifford said that he will handle fund raising when necessary, but the bulk of the effort to obtain funds will be continued by Walter Brooker, vice-president for development.

Robison noted that he will return to administer commencement in June, while Clifford will coordinate the summer language school graduation.



President Robison graphically displays how long his leave would be.

Photo by Erik Borg '82

Faculty vote approves Winter Term grades

By Jennifer Gold '82

The faculty ratified the Educational Council proposal at their meeting Monday, allowing professors to request that their Winter Term offerings be letter graded contingent on Curriculum Committee approval.

The proposal specifies that the Curriculum Committee will consider letter grading for courses that duplicate regular semester courses and that serve "as prerequisites for other courses." The Council suggested that those courses offering advanced, specialized or experimental material continue to be graded on an honors/pass/fail basis to encourage students to study disciplines outside their majors.

The revision amending the College Handbook rule that all Winter Term courses be graded on an honors/pass/fail basis, was supported by a large majority of those faculty present at the meeting. The change will be implemented by Winter Term, 1982.

Prior to the vote, Educational Council member and Dean of Sciences Russell Leng defended the proposal, saying that the revised policy would allow greater flexibility for faculty to determine the most appropriate manner in which to evaluate students.

Energy wins

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students to, "Turn off those lights! Come on people, tuition's going up!"

The College further conserved energy consumption through the temporary closing of the field house and paddle courts.

Brusslan stated that a blackout dance was only one of the EQ sponsored events to promote energy awareness. She reported that the group has offered trips to the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant, showed films on energy, invited speakers to the College and held an energy fair. Brusslan said that EQ will proceed to impress energy awareness on students long after the competition.

Other sectors of the community have begun to develop energy conservation methods of their own. O'Hara, also plant manager of Standard Register in Middlebury, said that the Alternity program prompted the plant to greatly reduce unnecessary lighting and to maintain the lower level of consumption.

He furthered that the change would improve morale among faculty, in addition to fostering "a better student attitude (about Winter Term) if students were evaluated more fully."

He noted that the Ed Council student representatives were supportive of the policy change.

The approved proposal read, "Students on the Educational Council argued that the presence of an A-F grading system in a variety of Winter Term courses would result in their peers considering the Winter Term as academically more serious."

Leng stressed the ease with which the change could be implemented, claiming that it would require no radical structural changes in the curriculum.

Several faculty voiced opposition to the change, including Chaplain Charles Scott, who challenged any grading policy changes. He queried, "Why do we have to have it at all?"

Rules change raised

By Maria Padian '83

A move to revise certain rules in the College Handbook, dealing with the Judicial Council process of administering punishment for student violations, was made at the Oct. 28 Community Council meeting.

Judicial Council Representative Douglas Currier '82 challenged the present procedure for handling driving violations. Currently if a student is caught driving on the lawn, his car is impounded and remains impounded while he awaits a hearing. Currier argued that the student is being punished before guilt is determined; the Council may take up to two weeks to convene.

Student Forum Chairman Caleb Rick '82 explained that "Unfortunately, it is a long process." He said many individuals must be notified of the offense before action can be taken. The violation report initiates in Campus Security and then is delivered to the Deans who notify the student. Finally, the Judicial Council reviews the case.

Currier also said that the Judicial Council felt certain penalties were too severe, and that infringement of some rules called for harsher punishment than members felt was deserved. Currier requested that the Judicial Council

David Reingold, assistant professor of chemistry, criticized the current honors/pass/fail system of grading. He asserted "There is no incentive or reward for working hard."

Associate Professor of Religion

Robison describes college future

By Kee Cox '84

"The state of the College is good," President Olin Robison announced at the annual Student Forum gathering of administrators, faculty and students held last Sunday.

Robison first sketched out major College renovation, fundraising and development plans.

He cited the following renovation projects in the next decade: Field house, Sunderland Hall and its cinema facilities, Wright Theater, several dormitories, and

be allowed to review the current rules, make revisions, and present the changes to the Community Council.

Dean of Students Erica Wonacott said she "would be in favor of re-writing to insure greater flexibility."

Prior to this discussion, the Community Council selected Assistant Professor of Sociology Kitty Calavita, Visiting Chemistry Instructor Maggie O'Brien, Jayne Benz '83 and Paul Brumbaum '82 to serve on the Judicial Review Board. The function of this board is to hear Judicial Council appeals.

Stephen Rockefeller cautioned that too many graded courses will prove detrimental to the Winter Term program. He forwarded, "Grades must be limited or else they will push the bulk of the students to pass/fail courses."

Chairman of the Educational

Council Roberto Veguez attempted to allay these fears, concluding that the Council "didn't envision a large number of graded courses." He said that the Curriculum Committee will effectively screen the requests so as to prevent a wholesale transition to conventional grading.

possibly the McCullough Gym. He explained that there is a large renewal list because 50-60 percent of the buildings were constructed during the last 25 years, and they "have come due for renovations."

Robison also discussed plans to "broaden the base from which students come," as a result of the declining demographic curve of 18 year olds in the coming years. The College has to look to other parts of the country for its applicants, explained the president, as well as increase student diversity. "We will be able to do very well with diversity if we can get financial aid givings up," he stated. The percentage rate of students on financial aid has increased from 18 percent to 25 percent since Robison took office. His goal is to make it possible to "admit people without paying any attention to their ability to pay."

Robison said "with regard to money we're doing pretty well." He stated that the size of the College endowment has doubled within the last five years. Last year, the College raised nearly \$4

million. Even with this tremendous endowment, he still noted that College employees were underpaid.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Nicholas Clifford then considered future academic life at Middlebury. "We will need all your help when you leave this place," he said, "have lots and lots of children yourselves, otherwise we will all be out of jobs."

The concept of developing a strong Middlebury College community was raised. Associate Professor of Religion and Chairman of the College-wide Work Program Committee Steven Rockefeller said he believed that a College work program would increase the sense of community as well as help the College financially.

President Robison finally commented on the College community, in which he perceived that "Size has something to do with the possibility of community." Since Middlebury is small, he claimed that it is easier to promote a sense of community providing "most people wanting it to be."

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News Analysis

Reagan, Republican impact analyzed

By Jane Jarcho '82

The election results are in, and now Reagan's sweeping victory, and its implications, are being analyzed. A strong, overwhelming conservative movement accompanied the next President's victory, changing considerably the political outlook for the next four years. Amidst this step towards conservatism, though, other principles of democracy were tested. Both the establishment of a serious third party candidacy and the newly arising pattern of citizens using their vote as a tool of controlling representatives accountability, should effect policies that Reagan and newly elected conservatives pursue in the following years.

The impact of the conservative sweep is especially seen in the Senate, where all but one incumbent liberal Senator running for re-election was defeated. Senate liberal powers such as Frank Church, Birch Bayh, Jacob Javits and George McGovern were all defeated. These men were targeted by conservative coalitions as important Senators to defeat in the 1980 election. Their loss marks the successful beginning of "lobbying" groups entering the campaigning stage of politics. As of press time, the final composition of the Senate was still unsure. The Republicans needed to win nine seats for a majority, and had gained seven with three still to be decided.

The House, however, will narrowly remain Democratic.

These victories in Congress, coupled with Reagan's Presidential victory, would seem to indicate that the country has given its new representatives a clear mandate to act unopposed, as they said they would.

Yet the real implication of this political turnabout is not a sudden change in the political outlook of the American people. Instead, they have used the 1980 election to force accountability by representatives to their constituents. The conservative sweep was not so much an overnight embracing by the voters of conservative beliefs, but rather a reflection of voter unhappiness with Carter, and on his coattails, the targeted liberal Senators. The unpredictability of the election right up until the first results started coming in, prove that voters did not enter the polling places with firm, long-standing conservative beliefs. Many last minute decisions were made, registering dissatisfaction with the incumbents, rather than approval for the victors.

Carter was defeated, in part, due to his ineffectiveness in the economic sphere. High rates of inflation and unemployment were noted by voters as the key issues upon which they cast their vote. Carter's last minute campaign pitch, to depict Reagan as a pro-war, anti-environment candidate was not enough to deter voters from supporting Reagan. Instead, voters expressed their concern for the economy and their desire for a "strong" president by electing Reagan. The final scramble to release the hostages in Iran, also, seemed to backfire on Carter. The American public was sick of being enticed with a false carrot. Ultimately, the publicity brought to the hostage issue only accentuated the people's belief that Carter was a weak president.

The other political phenomena that surfaced during this election was the emergence of Anderson's "successful" campaign. Anderson, as he said in his concession speech, never expected to win. But, he did present a third option which 6 percent of the voters decided to support. He brought alot of attention to the flaws in the two-party system, ranging from the unfair laws surrounding petitioning for a spot on the ballot to the partiality in funding of the two major candidates. His ability to undertake a serious, organized, nationwide campaign will force both parties to re-evaluate their stands and concern themselves with the real possibility that third-party candidates might emerge with more strength in the future.

What this all translates into for Reagan and the other newly elected representatives, is that the American people will be monitoring them during their term, and if unhappy will not feel compelled to again support them. Most likely, the most conservative of Reagan's stands will have to be tempered. Increased military spending, de-regulation of industry, and conservative stands on the "moral" issues (ERA and abortion) are expected. But if Reagan is to succeed in any of his goals, his policies must swing to the middle, closer to realistic legislation. For, if four years from today Reagan has not accomplished what he promised, especially in the economy, he will become the third incumbent president in a row to fall from office.

Correspondence

Save energy

TO THE EDITOR:

In the competition among towns in the six New England states and five Eastern Canadian Provinces, the Town of Middlebury last week won the prize for the best overall energy conservation program. I write to express my congratulations and thanks to all members of the College community who cooperated under the leadership of Jim Ross representing the Energy Council to assist the Town of Middlebury in this winning effort. It was abundantly evident during the competition that there were very few lights burning unnecessarily on the Campus. The entire effort was an excellent example of town-gown cooperation.

This effort is a continuing one. The Energy Council is constantly addressing new opportunities for significant savings on Campus. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Council for their imaginative work and, at the same time, encourage everyone in the College community to continue to make every effort to save energy.

Sincerely,

OLIN C. ROBISON
Middlebury College president

Congratulations

TO THE EDITOR:

Congratulations! Thanks to your understanding, your awareness, your cooperation and your enthusiasm, Middlebury, "The Alternity Town" has been named the winner of the Best Overall Conservation Days Com-

petition.

On behalf of the entire "Alternity Celebration Committee" we want you to know that you can all be very proud of a job well done. When you stop to realize that over 7,500 people worked together, completely unified toward a single objective, you have to be truly amazed!

You have demonstrated, not only to the people of Vermont, but also to all the people in New England and the Canadian provinces, that it can be done. Now, let us continue to lead the way in energy conservation. "Alternity" means Energy. Alternatives for Eternity. Let's now prove that our "Alternity Celebration" was not just a three day program, but rather was the beginning of a continuing program of energy conservation and awareness.

Again, congratulations to all of you.

COLM O'HARA
Chairman, Middlebury
"Alternity" Celebration

Recruit blacks

TO THE EDITOR:

For the past four years that I have been here at Middlebury, there have been relatively few letters to the *Campus* that have caused more of a stir than the CSU letter has. Dean Wonnacott called it "racism and bigotry" only matched by Dean Spencer's claim that the letter was unjustifiable and should never have been printed. Saxon, you have really done it this time. I am sure your practical joking days are over, but if that letter really expresses your true feelings then we

have a serious problem at hand.

This is a problem that Paul Perotta '82 pointed out, the problem of ignorance. The only way to destroy this disease is to give it the biggest dose of medicine we can find. As Socrates said: "Knowledge is the only cure for ignorance and the keeper of this knowledge are teachers." Therefore, I propose that the College make an extra effort to recruit and hire more blacks and minority professors to help cure the disease. And I am sure that the College will have less problems with race relations.

To my friend, Saxon, I hope that you come out of the darkness of racial hatreds into the light of racial understanding and brotherhood.

I rest my pen.
Sincerely yours,

ANTHONY EVANS '81

BSU approves

TO THE EDITOR:

We, the members of the BSU, endorse Anthony Evans' call for more minority faculty and students here at Middlebury. We feel that this is the origin of some of the problems related to race relations on this campus. And feel that increasing the number of black professors here at Middlebury would aid in erasing the problem of ignorance.

Sincerely yours,

LEROY NESBITT
President of BSU

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Peter Campbell The discussion

I'd always thought that a small school meant small student faculty ratios and small classes and small get-togethers at professors' houses replete with fine brandy and a roaring hearth. Imagine my surprise when I found myself writing home for opera glasses and an ear-horn for an introductory lecture course. I was angry, angry enough to consider firing off an angry letter to my guidance counselor. However, I cooled off considerably when I attended my first discussion section.

Ah yes, the discussion section, that highly effective means of keeping angry individuals from baying at the heels of the administration. Discussion sections are important in other respects as well. Professors can stress certain important points they may have slighted in the passion of a lecture. Students can raise points and questions which have been gnawing at them like an ulcer. Professors can make more personal grading decisions. Romances can be born and nurtured in discussion sections. There's an awful lot packed into these discussions.

The Prof: He's in command. He asserts dominance by striding briskly into room without acknowledging students' presence. He shuffles papers for a moment waiting for student conversation to dwindle. He concludes his introduction with the first of a series of unbearably incisive questions. He guides the discussion with a sure hand, sprinkling his remarks with esoteric jokes peculiar to his discipline; the resulting laughter is

the stuff of which "pets" are made. But the really fascinating facet of discussions is the cast of characters which invariably emerge. There is something in sitting around a large rectangular table with a teacher that results in the creation of the following stereotypes:

Taciturn Genius: A rare creature indeed. Will say nothing, unless prodded. When prodded, will stun class with lucidity and coherence. Often confused with quasi-genius who uses "shyness" as a cover-up for not knowing material.

Mr. Opinion: The breed doesn't merely read and regurgitate. Will read critically, comparing all works and comments to an inner set of beliefs. Will often comment with dazzling irreverence on the most sacred of works: "Yeah, well I think this dialogue of Plato's reeks of bat guano."

Check Mark Obsessed: A cold analytical realist of the grading system at Middlebury. Will milk the system as much as possible with as little effort as possible. Will make one remark per class, and only one, to get that check mark in the prof's book. Will verbally elbow his way into the foreground for the privilege of answering the easiest factual question.

Invisible Man: A very mysterious species. The teacher calls his name while taking attendance, and an eerie silence falls upon the room. Students look about nervously. The teacher's voice rings out

again, this time with a hint of desperation: "Does anyone know this person?" No one ever does.

Bored Cynic: Having said little early on in the course, this fellow has slipped into indifference — now favoring a cool facade to the material. Will roll eyes, snicker and make an incredible variety of faces expressing differing degrees of boredom and disapproval. His facial facility makes Marcel Marceau look like Mount Rushmore material.

Verborthera Sufferer: A sad case who, once he has started talking, inevitably finds his train of thought derailed. Will wander about in the wilds of verbal confusion as he tries to find that point which had seemed so clear cut a moment ago. The result is a mass of redundancy and inconsistency, which the desperate student sums up with a platitude designed to awe the listener with its overwhelming insight: "What the author is trying to say is that you can't have your cake and be healthy, wealthy and wise." The play is usually unsuccessful.

Harper: Having scored with a theme early in the year, this fellow will constantly refer back on this theme, harp on it regardless of its relevance: "It's like Man's fall from Innocence."

Next discussion, just for fun, chart the roles out on a chart and see just where everyone fits in. Afterwards, let the class know of your conclusions. Your popularity will skyrocket.