

**The Middlebury Campus - November 3, 1989 - Opinions**  
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## Cease and Desist

### To the Editor:

As an alumnus and a former English major, I think it is time The Campus took its own advice regarding the retirement of Paul Cubeta and heeded the words of James Maddox. If The Campus needs its questions answered, why does it not take the route Mr. Maddox suggests, and make its inquiries in a private conversation instead of the public forum The Campus represents? This letter is not intended to condone or excuse the events that precipitated Mr. Cubeta's retirement, nor is it meant to exonerate the administration of any guilt from mishandling the story; it is, however, a call to The Campus to put to rest a painful chapter in the history of Middlebury and The Bread Loaf School of English.

It seems as though The Campus knows the answer to its questions, and only seeks to have the administration publicly acknowledge the

truth. The only party creating an atmosphere "conducive to rumor" is The Campus. If you know the facts, as it appears you do, publish them and take credit for the "scoop" we all know the story represents. I quote from The Campus's editorial of October 13 when I say "this issue is one that merits the utmost sensitivity and compassion, for all involved. Further, those parties should be protected from further harm." I recognize that there are many who may

still need their questions answered. Mr. Maddox was correct when he stated that some members of the community would find these questions “painful and intrusive.” Out of common courtesy for those involved in the incident, I would hope that these questions could be answered in a private forum with the Deans, not in the pages of The Campus.

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