

# SGA assesses issues

*Encourages student participation*

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On December 3 the Student Government Association will conclude its fall semester and will not meet again until winter term. Among the issues that have been addressed by the SGA and its committees are CIA recruitment, sexual harassment and lighting on campus.

The SGA has again found CIA recruitment a priority issue. Middlebury's current policy requires any organization recruiting on campus to sign a statement outlining the college's anti-discrimination policy, in addition to signing the federal statement. The SGA has recently recommended that an addition to the Middlebury's statement be made stating that the organization does not employ or encourage the use of violence as a means of policy or practice. The recommendation has been forwarded to the President's office.

"Our proposal is to add that statement to the second policy (Middlebury's) they have to sign. If they don't sign that, they will have to hold an open discussion, but they can still recruit on campus. That's obviously directed right at the CIA, but it will also affect any armed forces that come on campus," said Louise Totten '91, Vice President of SGA.

Totten noted that the SGA has voted to form a sub-committee which

will plan an all-college forum to discuss the CIA's appropriateness on campus.

The fraternity issue and the Report of the Task Force on Student Social Life will be high on next semester's agenda, according to Jon Lenicheck '90, President of SGA. The SGA will be voting on this report and will forward the results to the trustees.

While the SGA can only make recommendations, and cannot make policy changes, Lenicheck hopes to receive more substantial input from the student body regarding this particular issue. He encourages students to respond to the trustees with their opinions, and hopes to see more students attending the weekly SGA meetings. Lenicheck stresses that the SGA represents the undergraduate voice, and is there to provide a forum in which students can express themselves.

Community Council has been addressing the issue of sexual harassment.

“(We’ve) decided to send a letter to President Robison that says we think the sexual harassment policy should be discussed. President Robison has gone to Faculty Council, Staff Council, Community Council and SGA and said that the way to deal with the Paul Cubeta situation is not to back track but to move forward,” said Totten, the co-chair of the Community Council.

Totten stated that President Robison feels that Middlebury has abided by its sexual harassment policy, and is now willing to discuss a policy change.

“The Community Council sug-

gestion is that President Robison either appoint a special committee made up of the various constituents to talk about the policy to see if they can revise it or to take advantage of the fact that the Community Council is made up of staff, administration, faculty students—the broadest spectrum you can get—and let us make a recommendation,” Totten said.

Totten added that the Community Council has suggested that such staff as Yonna McShane, Assistant Director Health Educator Counseling and Human Relations Center, be included in the discussion.

The Community Council also meets annually with the fraternities to review their statements of purpose and program. The meetings took place this week. Future plans for the group include a discussion of the winter term rebate for students who take part in off-campus programs.

The issue of lighting on campus has long been an item on the SGA agenda and recently has been addressed by the planned implementation of a three-phase plan. Peter Chenevert, Director of Campus Security, will begin the process by replacing the current lightbulbs with ones of higher wattage, and if necessary, adding to the current lighting

and finally by assessing the first two phases of the plan and making any additional changes that might be necessary.

Next week the SGA will begin a discussion of additional lighting with the presentation by the lighting and

security committee formed earlier in the semester. "The plan is to implement a 'corridor' system by which you can go from one building on campus to any other building on campus along a well-lighted route, though not necessarily the most direct route," said Lenicheck.

Another topic covered by the SGA is that of the SCAM booklet, which will soon go on-line on the library's computer system, rather than being mailed to students. The SGA forwarded a recommendation to the Faculty Council that a small amount of class time during the last week of classes be taken to complete the SCAM questionnaires in order to improve the response rate. The recommendation was rejected by the Faculty Council.

The committee on the Student Social Responsibility-Code has been in existence since 1986, but has recently become more active, hoping to complete its work by the end of the year. The committee is currently proposing a written code regarding social responsibility to be signed by students.

The Educational Council has reviewed a proposal by the physical education department to implement a new set of requirements. The Council voted to adopt the proposal and present it to the faculty. Since it is a change in degree requirement, it must be voted on by the faculty.

The new requirements would involve two PE credits rather than three, however varsity sports would no longer be counted as credits.

The Council also reviewed a proposal by Ted Perry, Professor of Theater and Art, to create a new program called "Media Studies." This proposal was rejected.

"In both instances, and in all cases, what we're looking for are proposals that will have a positive contribution to the quality of education at Middlebury," said Dan O'Neil, member of the Educational Council.

According to Lenicheck, other SGA agenda items that may be addressed next semester include student parking, dorm renovations and relations with the town.