

## College Shorts

by Andrew Friendly

### Students Arrested For Running Betting Ring

Two undergraduate students and one graduate of the University of Texas at Austin have been charged with running a gambling operation that attracted \$100,000 per weekend in sports bets.

The students ran the operation from an off-campus apartment. The two current students are juniors majoring in business and economics and the other graduated last summer with a degree in finance. All three were released from jail after posting \$15,000 bail each.

### Human Powered Helicopter Flies

Students at the California Polytechnic State University made aviation history when their human powered helicopter lifted two inches off the ground in a two second flight.

The 100-pound helicopter was flown by Gregory MacNeil, an engineering student who races on the U.S. cycling team. The Da Vinci III, as the helicopter was named after Leonardo's similar design, was the first successful version of four models the students have built since 1981.

### MacMurray Protests Racist Mail

About 400 students at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois marched across campus to protest the more than forty anonymous letters containing racial slurs that had been sent to black students and faculty. The letters were sent through the campus mail system and included slurs directed at specific people.

The local police are investigating the letters but have no suspects.

### Harvard Sues Merrill Lynch

Harvard University has filed suit in Boston against Merrill Lynch for encouraging the school to invest \$45 million in a company that filed for bankruptcy in September.

Merrill Lynch had advised the organization that manages Harvard's investment portfolio to invest in the Dallas based Lomas Financial Corporation last spring.

Harvard charges the brokerage firm with misrepresentation and negligence and is seeking \$135 million in damages.

### Dartmouth Review Staff Loses Appeal

A US Court of Appeals judge in Boston denied an appeal by members of the Dartmouth Review, a conser-

vative student newspaper, against Dartmouth College.

The lawsuit concerned the suspension of three Review staff members after they had confronted a black music professor. The students claimed that the college had discriminated against them because they were white.

The students will not appeal the decision but will instead focus on a related lawsuit in state court that charges the college with breach of contract for not allowing the students to exercise their rights of expression. A temporary injunction reinstated the suspended students at Dartmouth until the outcome of the other case.

### U Mass Students Strike Over Budget Cuts

Students at the Amherst campus of the University of Massachusetts went on strike to protest cuts in the state's higher education budget. Students boycotted classes and picketed buildings, but they failed to shut down the university.

Although the school's administration opposed the strike, it did help arrange for buses to take protestors to Boston so they could talk to legislators. The university also set up toll-free phone banks for students to call the legislators.

### Lofts Banned After Dorm Fire

Bryant College in Rhode Island banned wooden lofts in students' rooms after a fire in a dormitory caused nearly \$300,000 in damage.

The fire is thought to have been caused by an overloaded electrical circuit that ignited a mattress, but a loft in the room helped to spread the flames. No one was injured in the fire, but almost one hundred students had to be relocated for a week while the dorm was repaired.

### Brawl Breaks Out After Football Game

The annual University of Washington and Washington State football game was once again followed by a violent clash with the police. The brawl occurred when about sixty police officers, some in full riot gear, and 200 ushers attempted to stop hundreds of students from tearing down a goal post. Two fans were arrested and dozens injured after the police used mace to stop the students. The police had been ordered not to use their nightsticks.

University and police officials blame an article in the University of Washington student newspaper that encouraged students to tear down the goal posts when the game ended.

# NEWS

## SGA assesses issues

### Encourages student participation

By Marika Holmgren

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.

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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 suggestion 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

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.

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## Series of thefts strips Château of artwork

By Brianna Becker

A number of articles, including a large tapestry, two pictures and a lamp, were stolen from the public areas of the Château shortly before Thanksgiving vacation.

The tapestry, which hung on a wall just inside the left entrance of the Château and was discovered missing on the morning of November 17, has been recovered. The other articles, taken from the Grand

Salon of the Château on November 11, have not been found.

"I think that the Château is particularly vulnerable to thefts," says Château House Director Kirsten Keppel '90. "There are people that use it for dinners downstairs, late-night study in the classrooms, or just to hang out in the Grand Salon."

Château residents have expressed both anger and concern about the thefts, especially when they consider

that the articles could be added to their bill for dorm damage.

One of the problems cited by Keppel is that of identifying people who do not belong to the college community. The common areas of the Château are often used by people from Barnes, Battell, Allen, the dorms in the immediate vicinity of the Château, not to mention anyone else on campus who might be visiting.

"To the people who take things, it

may seem just a harmless prank," Campus Security officer, Sergeant Terri Weedon said, "but to the owner it may seem personal."

"It's hard to know who takes things and why when people are up twenty-four hours a day," Keppel said.

Sergeant Weedon said, "Students should be more aware of when things are being stolen and not just laugh about it. A call to security could really make a difference."