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From the Head of School



A Mission Built on Mentors

As we think about the life of the modern boarding school, particularly our own, we think about the critical role that relationships play in teaching and learning. Learning is an emotional and psychological process, as well as the cognitive, intellectual work that we more commonly refer to as “the work of the School,” and at Middlesex, we have embraced both aspects through our “find the promise” mission ever since Mr. Winsor first articulated it at the dedication of Bryant-Paine House.

However, Mr. Winsor could not have envisioned that within the lifetime of our stately old oaks, life around the Circle would compete with life on screens for the attention and energy of our students. If anything is clear, as we approach the end of our second decade of 21st century life, it is that online life is here to stay and that our students, going forward, need to develop a whole new set of emotional and psychological skills, as well as academic and intellectual skills, as they approach their adulthood in this brave new world of intense global competition and limitless online engagement, bounded only by the parameters imposed by the 24-hour day.

Thankfully, relationships continue to play a critical role in teaching and learning, and teachers, coaches, advisors, and mentors have never been more important for young people

as they take on the added challenges of developing the integrity of a personal identity independent of “friends” and “likes.” In our quest to make real life more compelling than screen life for our students, those relationships still form the heart of our School.

This edition of the *Bulletin* celebrates Ned Herter '73, who retired last June after a career of building the kind of healthy, positive relationships with young people that, indeed, change young lives for the better. One of Ned's less celebrated traits is the way he handled the responsibility that comes with being that teacher/coach/advisor/mentor to whom not only students but also colleagues looked for advice, counsel, comfort, and motivation. His grace, his humility, his caring, and his empathy all backed up Ned's connections with people of all ages in all aspects of school life. They are authentic and real in the best sense, infinitely more satisfying than YouTube and NetFlix and “friends.”

Making the relationships in our community healthy and compelling is a top priority, as we seek to help our students grow into a balanced, hopeful understanding of themselves in the complex world in which we live today.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen C. Giles". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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Middlesex School is an independent, non-denominational, residential, college-preparatory school that, for over 100 years, has been committed to excellence in the intellectual, ethical, creative, and physical development of young people. We honor the ideal, articulated by our founding Head Master, of “finding the promise” in every student, and we work together in an atmosphere of mutual trust and shared responsibility to help students bring their talents to fruition as knowledgeable, capable, responsible, and moral citizens of the world. As a community, we respect the individual interests, strengths, and needs of each student. We also value the rich diversity of belief and experience each of us brings to the School.

We expect that each student will bring his or her best efforts to the shared endeavor of learning and that the School, through its faculty, will engage and encourage each student’s growth, happiness, and well-being. We aspire for all Middlesex students to develop personal integrity, intellectual vitality and discipline, and respect for themselves and for others. We expect each student to engage energetically and cooperatively in the life of the School, and we seek to inspire in all students the desire to seek understanding of themselves and the larger world, both now and in their futures.

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The Rachel Carson Music and Campus Center.
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Now a 2018 Nieman Fellow at Harvard, Lauren Williams '04 has focused on helping those who are not represented and telling the stories of those do not have a voice.

Democracy and a Free, Fair Press

The history and reputation of “the media” took center stage in Middlesex’s All-School Read assignment this year with the selection of a unique, nonfiction graphic novel: *The Influencing Machine*. With text by journalist Brooke Gladstone and illustrations by cartoonist Josh Neufeld, the work details not only longstanding challenges in journalism, such as bias and objectivity, but also newer complications of the digital age, in which a deluge of information can be instantly disseminated. In the effort to analyze and discuss the book’s conclusions, the community was fortunate to hear from two articulate speakers: journalist Charles Sennott and editor Lauren Williams '04.

Opening the conversation on the evening of September 22, Mr. Sennott spoke about what he is doing in “the battle to save the soul of journalism.” An award-winning foreign correspondent, author, editor, and entrepreneur—as well as a Middlesex parent—Mr. Sennott has parlayed his experience into founding

a nonprofit media organization, The GroundTruth Project, which is dedicated to training the next generation of international journalists for the digital age, teaching everything from active listening to safety skills.

In his own career, Mr. Sennott has often been reminded that the seemingly local event he was covering, such as the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center, was actually an international story, prompting him to assert, “Local news is where it’s at, and there’s not enough of it.” The GroundTruth aims to address this through one of its ventures, “Crossing the Divide,” in which a team of journalists is reporting stories during a trip across America. “I think one failure of journalism is not listening to the middle of the country,” he observed, suggesting that this likely has contributed to today’s sense of political division.

Mr. Sennott covered a range of topics in answering students’ questions, from how the Internet has forced journalism to change its delivery and financial models to the political polarization of some media outlets to the varying influence of social media. Asked what vision keeps him working in journalism, he replied, “I really believe in truth that we can come to through pursuing facts. Those truths are the heart of what we call a free press, and a free press is the cornerstone of democracy.”

The next morning, the School welcomed back Lauren Williams '04, an award-winning features editor of *Essence* magazine—and a 2018 Fellow at the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard University. Awarded annually to 24 American and international journalists, this yearlong fellowship will allow Lauren to study historic contributions of Black women to American society, with a focus on how they have shaped culture and trends.

“In media,” Lauren began, “a common thread for me is the importance of representation. The stories I seek to tell are about people who have no voice, to help people

represent themselves accurately and wholly.”

Recounting her own journey from the Prep 9 Program in Brooklyn, New York, to Middlesex and then to Georgetown University, Lauren described herself as a “magazine fiend” who aspired to become an editor-in-chief. After an internship at *Good Housekeeping* and jobs with *Harper’s Bazaar* and *Redbook*, she became an assistant editor at *Marie Claire*, where she honed her storytelling skills. Moving on to *More* magazine, Lauren left there on realizing that her ideas and concerns were not being represented.

Happily, she landed at *Essence*, the only national magazine for Black women in America.

“It changed my life to see people who looked like me who are serious about their work,” she said. Whether assigning and editing in-depth features concerning politics, public health, or social justice, working on the annual *Essence* Festival, or being interviewed on CNN, Lauren has appreciated the mentorship of her editor and the opportunities that have affirmed her choice of career. “Journalism is the conscience of a society,” she stated. “We hold people accountable and should be steadfast to the truth.” **M**

Harrison Appointed to Littlejohn Chair

Teacher, coach, advisor, administrator—and the parent of two School presidents, Sam ’06 and Nina ’12—Paul Harrison certainly knows Middlesex well from his many different roles over the years. With the retirement of his longtime colleague Ned Herter ’73, Paul recently and deservedly inherited two additional titles: Senior Master (as the current, longest serving faculty member) and holder of the Littlejohn Chair.

Established in 1999 by distribution of principal from Angus C. Littlejohn, Jr. ’69, who served two terms on the Middlesex Board (1989–1998; 1999–2006), the Littlejohn Chair provides for the salary of a senior member of the faculty. Paul joined the Middlesex faculty in 1977 as a graduate of Moorestown Friends School and the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned a B.A. in history and an M.S. in comprehensive social studies.

While teaching history and coaching varsity soccer—both boys’ and girls’ teams—dominated much of Paul’s tenure, he also managed many other responsibilities. At times over the years, he coached basketball, baseball, tennis, and lacrosse; organized the weekly Chapel Program; headed the boys’ day student house; served as the dean of student discipline; chaired the Social Sciences Division; and led trips for Middlesex students to the Soviet Union, China, Germany, Norway, Bulgaria, Canada, and Ireland. Paul held the Senator Joseph S. Clark ’19 Chair in History until 2012, when he joined the Alumni and Development Office as a major gifts officer, a role that has allowed him to reconnect with many former students and Middlesex families.



Major Gifts Officer Paul Harrison began his 41st year on the Middlesex faculty with the title of Senior Master and the honor of the Littlejohn Chair.

“Throughout his career,” reflects Head of School Kathy Giles, “Paul has inspired students and colleagues with his passion for history, ideas, and learning. He is an intellectual adventurer of the best quality, never afraid to question, challenge, or debate, and he gives the rest of us the courage to do so, as well. His commitment to Middlesex has strengthened the School immeasurably.” **M**



Middlesex travelers took a short break after filling these vegetable beds with soil—one of several service projects they completed while in Costa Rica.

Life Among Los Ticos

Having finished their final exams exactly one week earlier, 12 Middlesex students set off on June 9, 2017, for a two-week adventure in Costa Rica that fully immersed them in a Spanish-speaking culture and an entirely different tropical environment. Accompanied by Spanish teacher Carolina Aldana and a guide from Global Works, the educational travel company that arranged the itinerary, the students explored the country and its varied landscapes, lived with host families, and gave back to the local communities by completing several service projects.

First Steps

The travelers started their journey on a recreational note with a white water rafting excursion. “Costa Rica is beautiful, but the river was gorgeous,” remembers Emma Murphy ’19. “It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience,” Micheal Acevedo ’18 adds. “I loved the thrill. And if the water was calm in a spot, you could jump out of the raft and swim.” Heading to La Tigra afterwards, they enjoyed a Latin dance class with a professional

instructor who taught them the Costa Rican salsa, the bachata, and the merengue.

The next two days were spent in the Poco Sol Cloudforest, where the group hiked through the rainforest and learned about Costa Rica’s impressive role in promoting conservation, preserving biodiversity, and stimulating ecotourism and sustainable development. In the pouring rain, they worked on their first environmental service projects, clearing trails and moving piles of dirt to create a garden.

La Pura Vida

Moving on to La Lucha, pairs of Middlesex students settled in with a host family for five days—a highlight of the trip for many. Because Micheal’s family did not speak English, he had to depend on all his Spanish skills. “The conversation was faster,” he observes, “but they don’t care as much about the grammar. It was a great time; I still talk with the younger brothers using What’s App.”

Micheal was especially impressed with his hosts’ self-sustaining way of life. “They don’t need a supermarket,” he said. “They had chickens and grew sugar cane in their backyard. I milked a goat. They are living a very pure life.”

While in La Lucha, Middlesex students again volunteered their efforts at a local school, where they tackled repainting jobs and built two greenhouses for the children to learn about agriculture. “The kids were so smart and excited to learn about us,” Emma recalls. “Seeing their faces after we built the greenhouses was priceless.”

Fluency and Fellowship

After a farewell dinner with their families, the group traveled to Playa Grande for two days of reflection, relaxation, and surfing lessons before returning to the U.S. Whether the participants will best remember Costa Rica’s diverse terrain, conservation practices, or welcoming people, they all came away with new friendships, improved Spanish, and deeper understanding of a unique country. **M**

Into the Woods

April 28–29, 2017

Music & Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim
Written by James Lapine
Directed by Tom Kane
Musical Direction by Pierson Wetzel
Technical Design & Direction by Ryan DuBray
Choreography by Barb Cadell
Costume Design by Kim Brown
Photography by Robert D. Perachio

In an appropriately ironic twist, Middlesex performers came out of the Wood Theatre with a memorable production of *Into the Woods*, just before major renovations began in June. The way was clear, and the light was good, but like Sondheim's devilish lyrics, wishes and curses and maidens and princes were all jumbled together—with nary a happily ever after. An imaginative set depicting giant fairytale books, an array of fabulous costumes, and a skillful 11-piece orchestra were the perfect accompaniment to the evening's enchantment. **M**



Community Service Day

September 25, 2017

Middlesex's annual Community Service Day gave students and faculty the time and opportunity to lend their support to the surrounding community. While sophomores bonded on their class retreat and seniors worked on college applications, the rest of the School volunteered at more than a dozen locations throughout the greater Boston area. Several groups planted, weeded, or harvested on the land of local farms and parks; others assisted at a women's homeless shelter, Habitat for Humanity projects, a meal center, and a retirement home. Closer to Eliot Hall, a few labored in the Middlesex Garden, and a crew headed to The Children's Meetinghouse to help the nearby preschool with outdoor and indoor cleanup.

Thanks to the masterful organization of Pascale Musto and Paul Torres, who lead the Community Service Program, a total of 259 students and faculty provided 700 hours of volunteer work in one day—a great start to another year of service. **M**



Among the locations where students and faculty volunteered were the Franklin Street Park Project (at right), Mill City Grows (below), and Drumlin Farm.



Astronomically Amazing

The Great American Solar Eclipse

Where were you on August 21, 2017?

While most corners of the Middlesex campus were relatively quiet that day—except for the theatre and visual arts construction zone—the Circle became a point of activity and interest as staff and faculty families congregated to see the solar eclipse. Sharing a Sun-spotter® Solar Telescope, cardboard eclipse-viewing glasses, and special filters retrieved from the School’s observatory by Science Department Head Kerry Magee, a few dozen members of the community watched together as the moon gradually covered much of the sun, leaving a small crescent visible at its peak in the partially clouded sky.

In the Path of Totality

Meanwhile, across the country in Willamette, Oregon, physics and astronomy teacher Sara Kate May was well-positioned to see the total solar eclipse, the second of her lifetime. Back in 1999, before her senior year at Williams College, Sara Kate had traveled to Romania to collect data for her thesis during the total eclipse; like most astronomers, she hoped that she might witness this remarkable sight again. She started planning for the 2017 event—the first total solar eclipse in the United States in 38 years—about five years ago, when her Williams mentor, Professor Jay Pasachoff, contacted his former students in order to arrange a group trip.

Based on historical weather data, Sara Kate says, “The best forecasts for clear skies were in Idaho and Oregon.” With a 68-percent chance of clear skies, Willamette eventually became the destination for the Williams party, which now included Sara Kate, her husband, and her young daughter.

In excellent morning conditions on August 21, Sara Kate and her family were treated to nearly two minutes of totality, during which they could observe the solar



corona, the atmosphere of the sun that is invisible against the backdrop of the bright blue sky most of the time. “If you’ve seen a partial eclipse, you haven’t seen a total eclipse,” Sara Kate emphasizes. “You see what happens when the moon completely covers the sun; the stars come out, and the temperature drops.” Even the most disinterested viewer will find the experience extraordinary, she attests. “Totality is amazing and transformative. It feels different. It makes you wonder what people thought long ago when this happened. “The sun is gone. It will come back . . . but what if it doesn’t?”

Plan Ahead

For those who missed the event this year, do not despair. Another total solar eclipse will pass through northern New England on April 8, 2024. The skies are historically cloudier on that early spring date, but perhaps the Middlesex community might be in luck seven years from now. **M**

Typically tranquil and deserted in August, the Circle became the gathering spot for a few dozen Middlesex staff members and faculty families who wanted to watch the eclipse.



On a blustery September Sunday, several new faculty members gathered at the Chapel for a photo while orientation for new students got underway. From left to right are Courtney Fein, Eileen Berkery Tortora '96, Laura Stirk, Steve Mylon, Madeline DuCharme, and Dan Holbrook.

New—and Familiar—Faces on Campus

Bringing fresh perspectives, ideas, and experiences to classrooms and offices across campus, 11 new faculty and staff members were officially welcomed to the community in September.

A graduate of the University of Virginia with a double major in government and economics, **Madeline DuCharme** brings a passion for politics and teaching to the Middlesex History Department. Before working for Local Politechs Strategies for the past two years and volunteering as an English mentor for middle school students, she tutored economics students at UVA, served as a Senate intern, and helped provide resources and lesson plans to civics teachers while interning at UVA's Center for Politics. Madeline is assisting with coaching field hockey and lacrosse this year.

Joining both the Humanities and STEM Divisions this year is **Dan Holbrook**, who teaches economics and math. Dan graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, where he earned a B.S. in operations management while garnering All-American honors on the basketball court. Subsequently

working in the financial services industry, Dan obtained a dual-M.B.A. degree from Bentley University, majoring in finance and in economics and financial markets. He then taught finance and economics for more than five years at the college level and coached in collegiate and high school basketball programs. Dan will assist with coaching boys' varsity basketball and thirds soccer at Middlesex.

Physics teacher **Steve Mylon** returns to the familiar realm of independent boarding schools after a dozen years at Lafayette College, where he was an associate professor in the department of chemistry and biochemistry. Steve began his teaching career at Phillips Academy and later taught at the Lawrenceville School and Phillips Exeter Academy before accepting a postdoctoral fellowship at Yale. A graduate of Tufts University with a B.A. in Soviet Eastern European studies and a B.S. in engineering, he earned his Ph.D. in physical chemistry at Dartmouth College. Steve will help coach soccer and crew.

Assisting Middlesex students and faculty in the daily enterprise of learning is Academic Support Coordinator **Molly Gerrity**. In her 14 years as an educator, Molly has worked with students in independent, charter, and public schools. She is well-versed in teaching organization and study skills and in collaborating on planning accommodations for specific student needs. Molly earned a B.A. in English at Williams College, an M.S. in elementary education at Mercy College, and is a certified reading specialist.

Director of Counseling **Laura Stirk** also lends her wisdom and support to adolescents and adults alike at Middlesex. Laura is a licensed independent clinical social worker with 17 years of counseling experience in independent boarding schools, public schools, and residential treatment programs. Most recently, she served as the director of counseling at Cushing Academy. Laura earned a B.A. in psychology at Wellesley College and an M.S.W. in interpersonal practice at the University of Michigan.

In the Middlesex Alumni Office's new quarters on the lower level of the Warburg Library, **Courtney Fein** serves as the associate director of development for annual giving. Previously the acting director of the annual fund at Lafayette College, Courtney enjoys being part of a residential community and building relationships with students, parents, and alumni. She is ably assisted by **Prudence Schmidt Glover '81**, who brings strong administrative skills—and great personal experience with Middlesex—to her role. Also returning to her alma mater is Major Gifts Officer **Eileen Berkery Tortora '96**, whose 16-year career in the financial services industry will undoubtedly prove helpful in advising the Middlesex Finance Club.

Lending an administrative hand during the busy application season are Data Assistant **Carolyn Daly** and Admissions Assistant **Elizabeth Baratta**. And in the Middlesex Business Office, the accounting expertise of Controller **Richard Lescarbeau** is keeping financial details in good order. With these capable, new colleagues in place—and the beautifully finished Rachel Carson Music and Campus Center in use—the year is off to a promising start. **M**

New Trustees

Two Current Parents Join Middlesex Board



Rodney E. Clark

As vice president of the worldwide Internet of Things (IoT) device experience sales and HoloLens Global sales team at Microsoft, Rodney is responsible for building intelligent systems capability and driving sales and go-to-market execution with the more than 9,000 Microsoft partners in the device ecosystem. During his 19-year career at Microsoft, he has held several executive positions within the company, from general manager of world small and medium business to general manager of worldwide public sector to general manager of Microsoft Across America, a technical sales and marketing organization.

A graduate of California State University, Rodney is an ardent community advocate, giving back to local nonprofits, such as the Children's Museum Seattle, and to various youth initiatives focused on early childhood development and advancement. He and his wife Trinese are the parents of Harrison '18 and Olivia '21.



Andrew D. Ory

Andy joins the School's Board in a pro tem capacity as the president of the Middlesex Parents' Committee. One of the co-founders of 128 Technology, he has served as CEO and as a board member since its inception. Prior to 128 Technology, Andy co-founded Acme Packet and served as CEO and president until its acquisition in 2013 by Oracle Corporation; he also founded Priority Call Management and served as its CEO and chairman until its sale to LHS Group in 1999.

Andy is involved in several educational and philanthropic organizations, serving as a trustee of the Fenn School in Concord and the American Repertory Theatre at Harvard University; he also is a board member of Lincoln's Historic District Commission and its Historical Commission. A graduate of Harvard University, Andy and his wife Linda have three children, including Audrey '19. **M**

High Honors for Herter '73



Four generations of the Herter family were represented at graduation last May when Senior Master Ned Herter '73 delivered a memorable commencement address about gratitude and kindness.

If beloved faculty member Ned Herter '73 thought that he could quietly retire after 38 years of teaching, coaching, and advising at Middlesex, he was greatly mistaken.

First, at the end of his last varsity lacrosse home game—a gratifying 13-5 win against Governor's Academy on May 24—Ned learned that his coaching legacy will be commemorated every spring with the awarding of the newly created Herter-Bidstrup Cup. Named for both Ned and Peter Bidstrup, Governor's legendary coach who retired last year, the trophy will be given annually to the winner of the Middlesex vs. Governor's game.

Finding himself “kind of speechless, actually,” Ned was clearly surprised and touched. And with his usual modesty, he quickly redirected credit by thanking his Bowdoin lacrosse coach, who gave him his first stick; the players of that day's game; and his assistant coaches (formerly his players),

Doug Worthen '96 and Geoff Cohane '96, who are poised to lead the program.

Senior Advice

Just five days later, Ned stood before the commencement crowd on May 29 as the invited guest speaker for the class of 2017. After wryly thanking the seniors “in particular, for making my last six weeks full of sleepless nights and occasional bouts of nausea as I considered what I should say to you today,” Ned proceeded to offer his take “on kindness and people and failure.” Emphasizing the importance of gratitude and the effect of even the smallest acts of kindness, he combined this theme with the academic discipline he has taught to Middlesex students for nearly four decades.

“Let's take a moment to do a little math,” Ned grinned. “I'm going to call this new postulate the Exponential Transitive Property of Kindness. If you are kind to a person on any given day, and then you and this person each show an act of kindness to one other the next day, and then the four of you reach out to one other person the next day.... It will take only 32.8 days to infuse the world's population of 7.5 billion people with love and kindness. I say we try it!”

The seniors' future successes, Ned stressed, will not ultimately be measured by their chosen college, job title, or paycheck; instead, they will be measured by the number of people they have touched with kindness. “Your only failure will be if you stop trying to help others,” he said. Paraphrasing a Chinese proverb, Ned added, “If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap; if you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody.”

An Outstanding Alumnus

On June 10, during the events that celebrated both the successful conclusion of the *Mx2*:

The Campaign for Middlesex and Alumni Weekend, Ned was honored yet again, this time as the 2017 recipient of the Henry Cabot Lodge '20 Distinguished Alumni Award. Designated by the Middlesex Alumni Association (MxAA), the award is presented annually to a graduate whose life and career have made significant, lasting contributions to society and brought great credit to the School.

Speaking as the MxAA president, Rob Trumbull '00 reviewed Ned's stellar career as a Middlesex student and athlete, a Bowdoin scholar and lacrosse standout, and —after 38 years of teaching math and coaching football and lacrosse—“an unrivaled mentor and friend to hundreds, if not thousands, of Middlesex students.” Reading a fitting description of Ned written by a former student, Rob stated, “Humble, effusively positive in good times and bad, and empathetic to all he encountered, he set a tone of how to treat others, never wavered from it, and didn't accepted anything less from the kids he taught and coached.”

After his long tenure as a patient educator, winning coach, and exemplary role model, it was entirely appropriate that Ned's Middlesex career should be capped with the School's Distinguished Alumni Award. **M**

New Trustees Alumni Assume New Roles



Patricia A. Melton '77

Patricia is the president of New Haven Promise, a place-based scholarship program for local students created by The City of New Haven, Yale University, and The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven. Highly regarded for her reform work in communities from Seattle to Boston, Patricia led several small school design teams that created Early College High Schools throughout Ohio and Indiana, and she served as the chief academic officer for Indiana's third-largest district.

One of the first girls to attend Middlesex, Patricia continued to excel athletically at Yale University, where she earned her undergraduate degree. She holds an M.Ed. from Arizona State University and is working toward her Ph.D. in education through the University of Pennsylvania. A 2003 inductee to Middlesex's Athletic Hall of Fame, Patricia has previously served two terms on the Board, from 1988–91 and 1992–2002.



J. Benjamin Nye '83

A managing director at Bain Capital Ventures, Ben has been a leader in the enterprise software space for more than 20 years and is also CEO of Turbonomic, a hybrid cloud management company. Previously, he was senior vice president at VERITAS Software following its acquisition of Precise Software, where he had served as COO and CFO and helped take the company public. Ben serves on the boards of several companies, including Turbonomic, Rapid7, SevOne, Observe IT, Cloudistics, Zero Turnaround, and AppNeta.

Ben graduated with honors from Harvard, where he earned the academic distinction of Harvard Scholar, was elected a class marshal, and captained the men's varsity lacrosse team. He earned an M.B.A. with honors from Harvard Business School. Ben and his wife, Jennifer Pyle, have four children, including Sage '17 and Cole '20. **M**

In the Service of Justice

Bigelow Lecturer Marshall Miller '89



As part of his Middlesex visit, Bigelow Lecturer Marshall Miller '89 also joined a couple of history class discussions to further explain his work with the Department of Justice.

Each year, Middlesex honors the life and aspirations of Roger Clayland Bigelow '44, who was killed in the battle of Iwo Jima in March of 1945. Because Roger had hoped to follow family tradition and pursue a career in the foreign service, his parents established a memorial lecture to encourage future Middlesex students to consider careers in public service.

As this year's Bigelow Lecturer, Attorney Marshall Miller '89 shared his impressive experience in his presentation, "Public Service, Public Safety, and Criminal Justice." For prior to joining the litigation department at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz in 2016, Marshall served as the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General and Chief of Staff of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice (DOJ), where he supervised more than 600 federal prosecutors, oversaw the DOJ's highest profile criminal prosecutions, helped determine and implement DOJ priorities and policies, testified on Capitol Hill, and

advised executive branch officials. And prior to that significant position, he worked as an Assistant U.S. Attorney with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York (EDNY) for 12 years.

"This is not an easy time to engage in public service," Marshall acknowledged, noting that political partisanship in the government seems to mirror a similarly divided nation. While some may consider public service outdated or futile, he contended, "It is critical to reject that view, for public service is most important in challenging times."

During the last two decades, Marshall has felt fortunate to be able to make contributions toward fighting violent crime, preventing terrorism, curbing human trafficking, and combating cybercrime. Though exhausting, he ultimately found the work to be "exciting, important, and incredibly gratifying."

Recalling that he had no idea what career he might pursue when he was a Middlesex student, Marshall explained that the murder of a close friend during college left him with "a gnawing feeling that I should be doing something about it, about violence and justice." Later, while at Yale Law School, a summer job at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Brooklyn turned out to be "the public service opportunity I had been casting about for," a potential vocation that would serve his community and honor the memory of his friend.

Marshall eventually joined the DOJ as an assistant district attorney and found the work to be "daunting but exhilarating." Much of a prosecutor's time, he explained, is spent on investigative matters—interviewing witnesses, obtaining search warrants and wire taps, and poring over documents—all in the interest of building a strong case. In return, a drop in a neighborhood's violent crime rate after the prosecution of an entire criminal gang provided clear proof of progress.

Following 9/11, Marshall's focus shifted to cases involving terrorism and national security, and he found it both deeply meaningful and cathartic to be able to help his city and country in the aftermath of the attacks. Although some thought federal court was not the right place for such prosecutions—suggesting a special court or military tribunal would be more appropriate or effective—Marshall affirmed, “I was proud to be part of a DOJ national security team that won case after case, convicting terrorists within our nation’s criminal justice system.” The gravity of his work was evident from several cases he described, each of which concerned a thwarted, deadly terror plot.

In his last few years with the DOJ, Marshall's focus changed again to new challenges: white-collar crime, cybercrime, and the FIFA corruption investigation. Looking back, he reflected, “I feel extremely lucky to be given these opportunities to address that gnawing feeling I had after the tragic death of my friend and to honor the sacrifices of people like Roger Bigelow and so many others. From personal experience, I can tell you that a life in public service is a very rewarding one.” **M**

A Safeguard of the Republic

Early in his legal career, Cass Sunstein '72 was fortunate to spend his clerkship with legendary Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, who once recounted an exchange he had with Prince Philip back when Justice Marshall was a civil rights lawyer. “Would you like to know what I think of lawyers?” Prince Philip queried, to which Marshall replied, “Would you like to know what I think of princes?”

That single anecdote, Cass said, not only encapsulates the relationship between England and the United States but also indicates the reason why the founding fathers established the process of impeachment when creating the structure of their new Republic.

Speaking to U.S. History students and other interested community members on the evening of November 2, 2017, Cass discussed the subject of his latest book, *Impeachment: A Citizen's Guide*. A prolific writer, accomplished legal scholar, and engaging speaker, Cass is currently the Robert Walmsley University Professor at Harvard. Having served as Administrator of the White House Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs from 2009 to 2012, he knows Washington politics well and has found that many people misunderstand the intended purpose of impeachment and what actions would justify its implementation.

Describing the Declaration of Independence as “our articles of impeachment”—for the colonists were impeaching the King—Cass said it was considered imperative at the Constitutional Convention that the right of impeachment be preserved to keep the executive power from being “above the law.” The key question was: On what grounds could impeachment occur? Ultimately, the phrase “treason, bribery, and other high crimes and misdemeanors” was written into the Constitution, as this could encompass a range of egregious offenses, including gross neglect

of duty, interfering with civil liberties, or making war.

“If we are going to keep our Republic,” Cass concluded, “we need to know about it. Impeachment is our ultimate weapon of self-defense. It’s a reminder that we are citizens, not subjects. Whenever Americans strike a blow against some form of tyranny, large or small, we are honoring our nation’s highest ideals and those who were willing to live and die for them.” **M**



“Presidents are aware of the possibility of impeachment,” Cass Sunstein '72 affirmed, “and it imposes a healthy discipline on what they choose to do.”

Team Highlights

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<http://athletics.mxschool.edu>



Girls' Lacrosse

A US Lacrosse All-Academic and ISL All-League player, Sophie MacKeigan '18 played one-on-one defense against Deerfield while defensive anchors and Co-captains Katharine French '17 (on left) and Shannon Wing '17 prepared for a double team.



Boys' Lacrosse

After stealing the ball, All-League Co-captain James Sanderson '17 cleared it up the field on the way to a 9-1 win against St. Paul's.



Boys' Tennis

Co-captain Jamie Clay '17 teamed up with 2018 Captain-elect Justin Krayner '18 to win a doubles match against Rivers in April. With great leadership from Jamie and Co-captain Alex Muresianu '17, Middlesex improved its record and aims to continue that momentum with the majority of the roster returning next spring.



Baseball

Co-Captain Will Thrun posted a 4-2 record and a minuscule 1.02 ERA on the mound, meriting All-League status at the end of Middlesex's best baseball season since 2009.

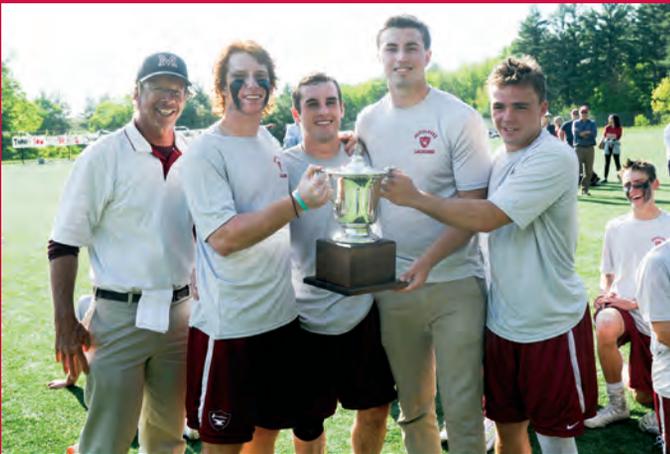


Girls' Tennis

Leading her cohesive, hardworking team to a winning season, Captain Carolyn Reynolds '17 was recognized with an All-League Honorable Mention last spring.

League Leaders

The spring season was marked by outstanding individual and team achievements, including an ISL Championship and an All-American for girls' lacrosse, top honors for influential figures in boys' lacrosse, and a fantastic finish for girls' track.



After winning the last home game for their retiring Coach Ned Herter '73 on May 24, the 2017 Varsity Lacrosse Captains—Sam Dwinell '17, Gavin Garrity-Rokous '17, Mike Immerman '17, and James Sanderson '17—claimed the first Herter-Bidstrup Cup, named for Ned and retired Governor's Coach Peter Bidstrup. The trophy will be awarded annually to the winner of the Middlesex vs. Governor's matchup.

ISL Champions

The girls' varsity lacrosse team clinched the ISL title with a decisive 18-9 victory over rival St. George's. Down 0-4 at the 21:34 mark, Middlesex took a timeout to regroup and in the next four minutes of play, tallied four matching goals to even the score. Closing out the half with an impressive 11-6 lead, Middlesex dominated in the second half, playing together as a unit in denying the opponents' offensive runs and scoring terrific goals. Along with claiming the ISL title with this final win of the season, the team had several athletes earn national recognition. While Caroline Hughes '18 and Sophie MacKeigan '18 were both named to the US Lacrosse All-Academic Team, Lucie Gildehaus '18 was once again named an All-American. All three teammates, along with Maddie MacMaster '18, were also named All-League.

Accolades for Boys' Lacrosse

Head Coach Ned Herter '73 closed out 38 years of leading the boys' varsity lacrosse team with a series of Middlesex honors (see page 10). Still another award recognized Ned's leadership in the sport he has enjoyed teaching to hundreds of players over the years. For at the end of the season, US Lacrosse named Ned the ISL Coach of the Year, capping off a remarkable and memorable career. More important to Ned, however, would likely be the fact that one co-captain, Gavin Garrity-Rokous '17, was chosen as the ISL recipient



Led by Co-captains Katharine French '17 and Shannon Wing '17, the exultant girls' varsity lacrosse team celebrated after clinching the ISL title with an 18-9 victory over St. George's.



In the season-opening 4x100-meter relays, 2018 Co-captains Halina Tittmann '18 (in front) and Nina Thomas '18 prepare for the baton handoff. By the season's end, the Middlesex girls' team had again claimed second place at the NEPSTA Division III Championships and finished third in the ISL.

of US Lacrosse's Bob Scott Award, given to a player who goes above and beyond in service to his team, school, and community by exemplifying the fundamentals of lacrosse, working hard to improve his game, and leading both on and off the field. Gavin is now on the roster at Georgetown University.

Girls' Track Repeats Success

For the second consecutive year, girls' track and field placed second among 24 teams at the NEPSTA Division III Championships. Once again, the achievement was a true team effort, with Middlesex athletes earning scoring places in the sprints, hurdles, mid-distance races, jumps, and throws. Of particular note, the 4x400-meter relay team not only took second place but also set a new school record. Co-captains Ari Odom '17 and Eliza Jevon '17 were proud to hoist the second-place plaque at the awards ceremony. M

Fond Farewells

The School celebrated the careers of two caring, highly involved members of the faculty this past spring. Dedicated to supporting the development of adolescents at Middlesex for 38 and 20 years respectively, Senior Master Ned Herter '73 and Director of Counseling Dan Hertzell made a difference in the lives of countless students with their empathy, encouragement, and example.

Ned Herter '73

Even as a young applicant to Middlesex School back in 1968, Ned Herter '73 was exceptional. "It would be very difficult to say as many kind things about Ned Herter as I should because he is such a fine boy," wrote one advocate, who noted that in addition to his "very pleasant, easygoing way with everyone" and his "delightful sense of humor," Ned also "commands respect from children and adults."

Ned earned similar praise as a Middlesex student. "He is admired for the results he gets and for not blowing his horn about them," one faculty member wrote. "Ned is a delightful blend of talents," related another. "He can be conscientious and yet relaxed, demanding and still enjoy himself, easy-going and still work hard."

Anyone who knows Ned today will recognize these qualities; apparently, he's been like this all his life.

A top student in his Middlesex class, Ned went on to Bowdoin, where he played football and lacrosse (a new sport for him), excelled in his dual majors of math and classics, and earned recognition as a James Bowdoin Scholar. On graduating, he began his teaching career at Westminster School and returned to Middlesex to join the faculty in 1979. Luckily for the School, he brought with him his wife Nancy, whom he had met during his student days, when she attended Concord-Carlisle High School. Before retiring in 2014, Nancy taught art at Middlesex for 35 years and juggled numerous other roles during that time, including serving as director of student activities for 23 years.

"I still remember meeting them," recalls Major Gifts Officer Paul Harrison. "The Herters were so generous with their time and apartment, always welcoming you to hang out." As their Hallowell House neighbor for five years, Math Depart-

ment Head Kelly Marchand can attest, "Ned was always the guy who, if you needed *anything*, he would do it. He had three little kids (Emily '97, Ben '99, and Aaron '02) when we had none, but he always had time to do whatever you needed."

Early on, Ned occasionally exercised his classics' skills by covering a Latin or Greek course for a colleague. Throughout his entire tenure, however, he taught math—"with unbridled enthusiasm," as Paul emphasizes. "Ned taught everything we had in the curriculum," Kelly confirms, "and he often worked with kids who didn't see themselves as being good at math because he is so patient. He knows a *lot* of math—he's a very smart guy who won the Math Prize here—and he could present any math in a way that kids could understand it."

"Ned was just willing to work through a problem forever and ever," Paul stresses. "He was the KING of extra help."

But then, wasn't he always giving help in one way or another? "Neddy is the guy who takes pleasure in mopping the floor after an event is over," Paul adds. "Those things are pleasures in Ned's world. He used to go around campus shoveling snow. And look at football: Who has the pack on his belt to fix the helmet chinstraps? He's doing all that work behind the scenes. It's what he does."

That willingness to do whatever is needed may be what led to his serving in the dean of students' office from 1985 to 1992, sharing the responsibilities with other colleagues. "Kelly was there for three years and Paul for five," remembers Ned, who was joined by Nancy for three years, too. Around that same period, when the School needed a head football coach, Ned stepped up from the JV to fill that role for three years—a time he has been known to joke was "a low moment in Middlesex football." More comfortable with the JV, or as a varsity assistant, he worked with the football program for



all 38 years and also assisted Brian Davis with varsity basketball for a few years. “I was a tenth man,” Ned contends. “I did not know basketball.”

When it came to lacrosse, however, Ned surely knew what he was doing. A varsity assistant for eight years, he became head coach in 1988 and compiled a 30-year record of 346-76, with a total of 12 championships (one in the Colonial Division and 11 in the ISL). Ned is quick to point out that eight of those championships were shared with at least one other school; nonetheless, with statistics like that, he certainly merited induction into the New England Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 2004, followed by the Eastern Massachusetts Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 2015.

The honors have just kept coming in 2017, as Ned was named US Lacrosse’s Coach of the Year for the New England Independent School League—and he was invited to be Middlesex’s graduation speaker, and he received the Distinguished Alumni Award (see page 10). Just before all that, after his last home game on Herter Field (dedicated in his honor in 2008), a new trophy was introduced that has been named for both Ned and retired Governor’s Academy Coach Peter Bidstrup. The gleaming

cup—won first by Middlesex—will be awarded to the winner of the annual game between these two rival programs.

If you ask Ned about all those victories or the number of collegiate players and All-Americans he has coached, he will not have those facts at his fingertips. “It’s not about the stats,” he says. “I talk with the kids about how success is how much fun you’re having—and are you learning the game and winning games playing as a team. I tell them to make a set of goals, and their goal is always winning a title. I don’t get in the way of that!” he grins.

Inspired by his example, many of Ned’s former players have returned to serve as his assistant coaches. Most stayed for one to three years, though Nick Kondon ’80 was a mainstay for 18 seasons. Appropriately, Ned has handed the program to two of his former co-captains, Doug Worthen ’96 and Geoff Cohane ’96, who have coached with him for nine and seven years, respectively. “I know that they understand the things that I think are important, which have less to do with the win column,” Ned reflects. “But they also know that I hate to lose, and I know they do, too.”

Along with the importance of fundamental stick skills, Ned has stressed

the value of mutual trust and respect. “The way he coaches, his teams play with a lot of joy and fun,” Doug observes. “Players are not wrapped up in worries—like, ‘Is this coach going to pull me out if I mess up, or will he not like me?’ With Ned, there is unconditional love. That’s the essence of his coaching. He’s a great mentor and role model for how to be a leader in a compassionate way.”

Ultimately, this may be Ned’s Middlesex legacy. As his advisee George Wright ’17 wisely phrased it in his farewell chapel tribute, “Although his stats are impressive, Mr. Herter’s finest qualities cannot be measured. It is impossible to achieve what he has, both on the field and in the classroom, without a pure love for what he does.”

Heading into retirement, Ned predicted that he would miss the people at Middlesex, but added, “I’m hoping to keep in touch by being just down the road.” With a 300-year-old house to maintain and seven grandchildren to enjoy, he was “not worried about filling the time.”

Filling his shoes at Middlesex, on the other hand, will be quite a challenge. **M**

Dan Hertzell

When he joined the Middlesex faculty on a part-time basis in 1996, Dan Hertzell was already busy running his own private practice and editing *The Divorce Dispatch*, a national newsletter for children. Spending 10 hours a week as part of a small school's counseling department probably seemed like a reasonable addition to his schedule—and an appealing way to draw upon his professional background and skills.

"It really was a perfect fit for me," relates Dan, who had started out as a special education teacher at several Boston high schools before realizing that he was most interested in the therapeutic aspect of helping students. On completing his M.S.W. at Smith's School for Social Work, he was subsequently on staff at two hospitals, where he worked with adolescents and their families. The chance to return to an academic setting to work with students, parents, and educators was an ideal opportunity.

After just a year of part-time involvement at Middlesex, however, the director of counseling position became available, and Dan was asked to step in until someone who wanted a full-time commitment could be found. He obliged—and then became that permanent director the following year, having embraced and readily fit into the school community.

"Kids loved to go to Dan's office," recalls Carmen Beaton, retired dean of students. "He really encouraged kids to come by, whether they needed counseling or not."

Cruz Health Center Director Meg McLaughlin agrees. "Dan is just someone who makes people feel very comfortable around him," she explains. "With his warm personality, sense of humor, and interest in lots of things—sports, travel, art—he can always find something in common with people."

His easygoing manner certainly facilitated helping students with everything from homesickness and roommate problems to difficulties with a class or sport to issues of perfectionism. "He is just a good guy," reflects former Peer Support Officer Marcus Coward '17. "I really could call him a friend. His way of talking with and understanding teenagers was unlike anyone I've known. He dealt with any number of things that no one ever knew about—which made everyone feel better." Students knew that Dan could be trusted, Marcus affirms.

Middlesex parents also found a friend in Dan, who—as the father of a son and a daughter—understood well the challenges of raising children. "He has worked with so many families in his career," Meg notes, "that he has this way of providing expertise and reassurance: 'I've seen this before, and this is how we handle it.' He provided a lot of wisdom for parents."

"I do like working with parents," Dan confirms, "and I've always felt that parents have been appreciative of having an ally here—someone to brainstorm with: 'Let's see if we can come up with way to support your child.' It's always a partnership."

Dan cultivated similar partnerships with Middlesex faculty members, too. "It wasn't that an advisee was in crisis," he clarifies. Rather, a colleague would come to him and say, "This is what's going on with my advisee. Can you help me with this?" Middlesex advisors, he found, were always interested in working together to figure out how to support a student.

In addition to these one-to-one consultations, Dan met weekly with faculty on several different committees devoted to students' well-being. The tenor of dormitory life was the focus of the Heads of Houses meetings, while more specific concerns about students were discussed within the Health Committee, the Radar Committee, and the Intervention Team. As might be guessed from this list of his commitments, Dan was interested in the Middlesex community as a whole and not just one subset or concern of the School.

With this broader perspective, he channeled his enthusiasm and creativity into today's flourishing Community Life Program. Working closely with Carmen, Dan helped develop many of the program's elements, from planning the Orientation process for new students and shaping the Senior Leadership Program to refining the Choices course for freshmen and designing the content for periodic, school-wide Community Life meetings. "He was a great collaborator," Carmen says, "and I think he really helped bring the Community Life Program forward through our years together."

Supervising the Peer Support Officers logically fell to Dan, who enjoyed giving these senior leaders "some insights into helping kids and knowing when they needed to ask for help." The program became a more proactive one under Dan's guidance, as he assigned each Peer Supporter a group of new

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students to monitor throughout the year. Summer Aslam '17 clearly remembers her Peer Supporter, Irene Demoulas '14. Coming from a much smaller school, Summer found the adjustment to Middlesex difficult initially, yet, "Irene was always there, always smiling and so involved," Summer says. "She was just so lovely all the time."

Having benefited from Irene's positive presence, Summer was pleased to serve in the same role last year, leading Orientation games on the Circle; teaming with a faculty member to lead Choices meetings, where issues concerning relationships and peer pressure were discussed with freshmen; and managing all the details of the popular Random Dance. "It was a lot of work," Summer allows, "but the best kind of work. It really helped me to learn the skill of leading a group, and it was such a rewarding experience seeing the freshmen get adjusted to Middlesex."

The aforementioned "Random Dance," run by Peer Support, was one of Dan's early inspirations—his idea for a fun way to connect everyone in the School. Students are arbitrarily assigned a "Random Friend" whom they get to know during an evening of activities, games, and dancing. Although students initially told Dan that "no one will do that," the 18th Random Dance was another success this fall.

Some of Dan's less random ideas centered on fostering discussions about specific issues. Skits performed during an Assembly addressed the topic of bullying and bystanders, for example. As part of the Mindfulness Program, Dan and Meg have performed a comedic skit to get freshmen to talk about the nuances of communication in relationships. Recently trying a different approach with older students, Dan and Meg answered questions about intimacy that were anonymously submitted during optional gatherings last spring.



Dan was involved with the community in more casual roles as well, serving as the faculty advisor for a variety of student-inspired groups, from the Fishing Club to the Grateful Dead Club to the Just for Laughs Club. He supervised the Asian Society for his entire tenure and especially enjoyed annually hosting a dumpling night at his home—with 27 students attending the last one.

Transitions are something that Dan knows a lot about, having aided new students adapting to Middlesex and guided seniors heading toward graduation and life beyond the School's gates.

During his own transition to retirement, Dan plans to maintain a connection to Middlesex through his wife, Jennifer Garshman, a doctor of adolescent medicine who continues to consult as the School's physician. Writing a children's book about divorce, tending his gardens, and playing music are also on his personal agenda. "I've been telling people that I haven't had uncertainty or the unknown in my life for a long time," Dan says, philosophically. "I have a little of that right now, and I'm kind of ready to embrace that." **M**

Graduation 2017



Sage Nye '17 (on left) and Brenna Chitkara '17, followed by Ari Odom '17 and Hyun Choi '17, headed to the senior benches in front of Eliot Hall as the ceremony got underway.



French Department Head Chantal Jordan congratulated Sananda Chintamani '17.



Jack Symonds '17, Colin Bailey '17, Shershah Khan '17, and Harper Robins '17 were ready after getting their boutonnieres in the Terry Room.



A veteran lead performer on Middlesex's stage, Valedictorian Chad Arle '17 talked about the unexpected "plot twists" in life that are often-times "the very building blocks used for discovery, growth, and creation." In closing, he added, "I hope we get plenty of plot twists because I know that this class can turn them into something phenomenal."



The Thrun family gained another Middlesex graduate; flanked by his father Dave and his mother, Deb Tilton Thrun '86, Will Thrun '17 is a third-generation legacy, as Deb's father is Sumner Tilton '56.



Kelly Finke '17, Kamryn Morris '17, and Adam Assarian '17.



Pictured here with her parents, Renee Li '17 received her diploma with highest credit and merited the Class I Award for Academic Achievement.



Leading their class across the Circle were Senior Class President Eliza Jevon '17 (on left) and the School's Co-presidents, Jake Goorno '17 and Grace Crozier '17.

Graduation 2017



(From the left)
Addy Seeman '17,
Kiara Wahnschafft '17,
Lucy Reece '17, and
Isobel Shaffer '17
each selected a
rose to carry for
the procession.



Rachel and Bob Kramer
with their three alumni
children: Daniel '17,
Sasha '12, and Talya '14.



Head of School Kathy Giles, Senior Master—and this year's guest speaker—Ned Herter '73, and Board President Stephen Lari '90.

Officially Alumni:
Alex Muresianu '17,
Max Corkran '17,
and Janak Shah '17
were among the
99 new graduates
waiting in line to
greet and thank
their teachers.



A Sonorous Spring

Opening the Rachel Carson Music and Campus Center

Alongside other campus-wide sustainability efforts, Middlesex's central steam plant has been transformed from an inefficient, oil-burning, industrial building into a bright, modern facility that houses language classrooms and the first real home for the music department. On June 10, 2017, as part of celebrating Alumni Weekend and the many achievements of Mx2: The Campaign for Middlesex, the newly completed Rachel Carson Music and Campus Center was officially dedicated and appropriately opened with an uplifting, inaugural concert featuring the talents of alumni vocalists and musicians.

“Standing where we are five years ago,” Head of School Kathy Giles observed in her opening remarks, “one needed an extraordinary imagination to envision what this project could be and become.”

As she went on to explain, Middlesex's concerted efforts since 2012 to reduce the School's carbon footprint—chiefly by dispensing with No. 6 fuel oil and upgrading to more efficient heating systems—surprisingly dovetailed with another longtime goal: to provide the burgeoning music program with practice and performing facilities specifically designed for that purpose. “Music has flourished in nooks, crannies, and the most unlikely of places—including, most recently, the basement of the Warburg Library,” Kathy noted.

Faculty member Marcus Rabb conducts the Middlesex Jazz Ensemble in the Connor Family Rehearsal Room.



In the lovely, light-filled Albarran Piano Studio, Leah Smith '20 plays a new Steinway for her teacher, Leslie Hitelman.



Instructor Mark Fairweather accompanies Sam Winchester '20 in the Percussion Studio, one of six practice rooms on the ground floor.

By the spring of 2015, the School had transitioned to heating its buildings with individual, high-efficiency, natural gas-fired boilers, and the Paine Barn across Lowell Road had been repurposed as a new home for the Facilities and Operations Department. The old central steam plan was obsolete—with an empty boiler room that was remarkably similar in construction to that of a bona fide concert hall. As Kathy detailed, the ideas of “transformation, environmental stewardship, music—and making the experience part of as many of our students’ day-to-day lives as possible” all converged

and resulted in a beautifully modern vision for a century-old structure: the Rachel Carson Music and Campus Center.

Constructed around the plant’s signature smokestack—a reminder of its original use—the finished Center includes offices and classrooms for the teaching of Spanish and music, as well as individual music practice studios and a 150-seat concert hall (putting that old boiler room to good use). Additional, communal gathering spaces include an interior seating area dubbed the “winter garden” and an exterior patio lined with benches. A geothermal heating and cooling system has

With both music and language classrooms in the building, the facility has become an integral part of the flow of academic life. Here, Carolina Aldana teaches a foundation course in Spanish in the Coash Family Classroom.

As part of the June 10th dedication ceremony, former Trustee Lise Strickler '78 detailed the myriad contributions of scientist, writer, and environmentalist Rachel Carson, for whom the center is appropriately named.





Curving around the original smokestack, the “winter garden” is a bright, open area with plenty of space to study, read, or relax.



Prior to the inaugural concerts on June 10, Music Department Head Pierson Wetzel gathered his chorus of alumni and student vocalists in the beautiful Danoff Recital Hall for a quick rehearsal.

been installed for climate control, which is made even more efficient thanks to the western façade’s View Dynamic Glass™ windows that automatically adjust in tint as the seasons’ light and warmth change. And over the Jazz Ensemble’s rehearsal room, a green roof helps to reduce water runoff and provide natural insulation.

Honoring a Pioneer

An early proponent of pursuing sustainability measures at Middlesex, former Trustee Lise Strickler ’78 spoke about

One significant gift from current parents Ami and Will Danoff was directed toward converting the steam plant’s old boiler room into a fantastic recital hall. (photo by Heather Parker)

the life and work of Rachel Carson and how her legacy connects with the repurposed building now named for her. “Rachel was an extraordinary woman: a scientist, a gifted writer, and an advocate,” Lise stated. “She was a keen observer of the natural world, and in the 1940s, started to sound the alarm that the pesticide DDT was killing more than mosquitoes. Her revolutionary book, *Silent Spring*, published in 1962, is credited with opening the public’s eyes to the environmental threats of the chemical industry.”

Thus, the environmental movement was born, Lise

Now a professional performer, operatic soprano Sarah Cooper ’09 was among the gifted alumni featured in the opening concerts on June 10.





The central stairway exemplifies the building's open, airy, modern design

said, and *Silent Spring* became a catalyst for the Federal Government to take action against air and water pollution. In 1970, eight years after the book's publication, President Nixon formed the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Clean Air Act was passed into law.

In terms of Rachel Carson's association with music, Lise pointed out, "The very title of *Silent Spring* refers to a world without the assurance of birdsong in springtime. Rachel feared that in the threats they posed to wildlife, chemical pollutants like DDT stood to forever silence the melodies of nature." In Rachel's own words—which appear throughout the facility that bears her name: "There is something infinitely

healing in the repeated refrains of nature—the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after winter."

With its windows framing the woods and greenery of the surrounding landscape, the Rachel Carson Music and Campus Center will resonate with the sounds of language classes and musical performances. "This building has been designed to capture nature's refrains, as well as the refrains from all different voices and instruments," Kathy affirmed, "and to inspire us to understand the life of the mind, the life of the community, and our lives in nature as interconnected, integrated, and inseparable." ❧

Lining the wall outside the Spanish classrooms are seniors' plaques—another connection to the School's other academic facilities.



A Capital Celebration



The School's annual Alumni Weekend and the successful conclusion of *Mx2: The Campaign for Middlesex* were celebrated together in style on June 9 and 10, drawing more than 500 alumni, current and past parents, faculty, staff, and friends to campus for a combination of traditional and novel events.

Reunion Rites

Friday night's New England clambake, provided by Woodman's of Essex and Island Creek Oysters, was a spectacular kickoff for the weekend. Festooned with twinkling lights and colorful lanterns, the luminous reunion tent provided plenty of room for friends to reconnect and dance to live music. The evening was gorgeous, with clear, bright skies and a beautiful full moon over Eliot Hall.

Saturday morning started with a 50th reunion breakfast for members of the class of 1967, who then joined other fellow alumni at a poignant memorial service presided over by the Reverend Joe Watkins '71. Later, on the steps of Eliot Hall, the ranks of the Athletic Hall of Fame expanded to include four new inductees, and the Henry Cabot



Lodge '20 Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Senior Master Ned Herter '73 for his 38 years of service (see page 10).

Ned Herter '73 got a big hug from his former advisee, Julian Bah '97.

Mission Accomplished

Board President Stephen Lari '90 and Head of School Kathy Giles subsequently reflected on the state of modern Middlesex and the significant impact of *Mx2*, from newly endowed faculty chairs and student scholarship funds to a host of campus improvements. The thoughtful generosity of alumni, parents, and friends completed the renovation of three dormitories— LeBaron Briggs, Robert Winsor, and Clay—and funded the construction of a new one: Landry House. Three additional faculty apartments were thereby created—along with five new homes in the Mary Mae Village across Lowell Road. The Locke Boathouse on Bateman's Pond was refurbished for novice rowers, while the Paumgarten Boathouse was constructed for veteran rowers just a 15-minute drive from campus.



Alumni Weekend & Mx2

Facilities and Operations found a new home in the renovated Paine Barn, allowing the department's prior location to be converted to a much-needed home for music. On schedule for completion in a year's time is the renovation of the theatre building and new facilities for the visual arts and Mindfulness Program. Over a longer period of time, Middlesex will continue to carry out a comprehensive plan for pruning and planting, maintaining the graceful beauty of the Olmsted Brothers' landscape design for the campus. These and other projects were made possible under the visionary leadership of the campaign's honorary co-chairs—Trustees Bob and Anne Bass, parents of Chris '93, and Victoria and Victor Atkins '63—and with the support of many others who believe in the mission and future of Middlesex School.

From Industrial to Inspirational

A special highlight of Saturday afternoon was the opening of the gleaming Rachel Carson Music and Campus Center, created by transforming the defunct central steam plant into a state-of-the-art teaching and performing facility. As an early advocate of sustainability efforts at Middlesex, Lise Strickler '78 spoke about Rachel Carson and her legacy of environmental activism. A joyful, inaugural concert in the building's new recital hall showcased the talents of more than 30 alumni vocalists and instrumentalists and revealed the space's amazing resonance.

Lawn games, live music, and desserts brought everyone back to the Circle, where the community honored two retiring faculty members, Ned Herter '73 and Dan Hertz (see page 16), and inducted them into the Middlesex Alumni Association as honorary members of the class of 2017. The festive weekend came to a close as reunion classes headed out to individual, off-campus receptions to make the most of another evening with longtime friends. M

On the eve of his retirement after 38 years of teaching math and coaching football and lacrosse at Middlesex, Senior Master Ned Herter '73 was handed the Henry Cabot Lodge '20 Distinguished Alumni Award by Trustee Rob Trumbull '00, who serves as the Middlesex Alumni Association President.



Head of School Kathy Giles joined 50th reunion celebrants at their Ware Hall breakfast on Saturday morning.



A cohort from the late-1970s assembled for a photo at the clambake. From left to right are: Alicia Rand Moller '77, Monty Bancroft '77, Vicky West '77, Suki Hertz '77, Sis Clarke '77, Nina Righter '77, Melinda Russell Leyden '77, and Maria Brisbane '79.



The Reverend Joe Watkins '71 (on right) conducted this year's memorial service on Saturday morning; joining Joe to remember friends who have passed away were his fellow former Trustee Archie Gwathmey '70 and current Trustee Rob Lawrence '76.



Classmates from 1987 caught up with each other at the clambake and on the Circle. In front are Kevina Beall and Marcia Kebbon, with Abby Marr Doft, Bill Driscoll, and Bill Meyer behind them.



Jeffrey Mara '12, Alex Fuchs '12, Jack Pellegrini '12, and Ryan Owusu '12 came back for their first official reunion, just five years after graduation.

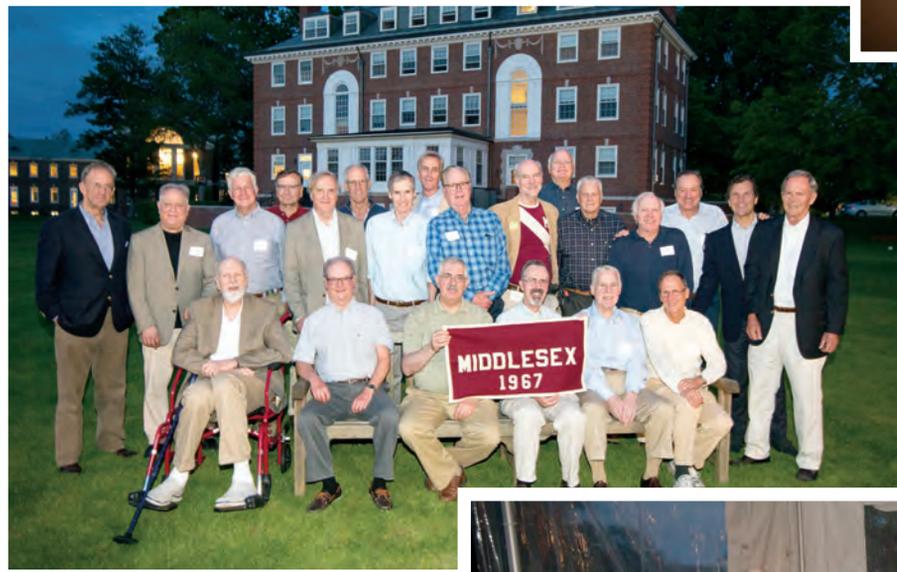


Alumnae from 2012 stayed for live music on the Circle on Saturday afternoon. From left to right are: Hadley Brooke, Lydia Barit, Emily Berntsen, Lindsey Kelt, and Meghan McNamara.

A CAPITAL CELEBRATION

Alumni Weekend & Mx2

Now the practice space for Middlesex's Jazz Ensemble, the Connor Family Rehearsal Room (in the newly completed Rachel Carson Music and Campus Center) provided a light-filled area for the Alumni Art Exhibit. This year's show featured the sculpture of Whitmore Boogaerts '83 and a selection of paintings by Peter Stone '74, David Brewster '79, Sam Vokey '81, and Emily Buchanan '85.



The class of 1967 made a strong showing for its 50th reunion events. Present for the clambake were (seated, left to right): John Baldwin, David Bartlett, Charlie Gilbert, Chris Curry, Chris Poth, and David Peabody. Standing behind them are: Bill McCue, Thurmond Smithgall, Hayward Draper, Mark Horton, Gordon Walmsley, Alec Knowles, Henry Kettell, Rick Zamore, Bill Lindsley, Christopher Childs, Bill Sweney, Phil Trumbull, George Gugelmann, David Harman, John Perkins, and Bob Rooth.

Those who had already celebrated a 50th reunion at Middlesex graciously gathered for an "Old Guard" picture. Seated in front are Lina Fox, Renny Little '51, Elisabeth Bacon, and Charlie Alexander '53. Standing in back, from left to right, are: John Morley '50, Phil Ness '54 and his wife Susan, Dick Fox '54, George Lewis '50, Joanne Salisbury, Marshall Field '59, John Bacon '45, Jim Bacon '48, Margaret and George Dangerfield '55, Ted Hollander '53, and Ann Alexander.



Marking its 25th reunion, the class of 1992 enjoyed a good turnout at the Friday clambake. Seated, from left to right, are: Ursie Ayres Ostrom, Tom Carroll, Steve Rodenhiser, Joanna Fulman Bandte, Anna Culp, Alexandra Larson Ruhmann, Courtney Stone Adams, and Ali Poett Sullivan. Standing in back are: Dan Grace, Caroline Berman Unger, James Burnes, Thalia Brine Charles, Justin Milgrim, Kendall Brook, Jason Ryan, Matt Marolda, Rob Kosicki, Colin Martin, Craig Garcia, Will Willis, Ben Fortmiller, John Mendelson, Matt Blute, and James Cohane.

Athletic Hall of Fame

2017 Inductees

Hall of Famer Curt Curtis '62, who chairs the nominating committee, welcomed four new members to Middlesex's Athletic Hall of Fame. Standing next to Curt (from left to right) are: Paul Erhard '80 (who accepted the honor on behalf of his late father, Coach Henry "Mike" Erhard), Kristen Engster Callahan '97, Dan Hughes '02, and Tom Lang '06

The Middlesex Athletic Hall of Fame Nominating Committee welcomes your nominations of classmates, teammates, and coaches. If you have someone you'd like to see considered for induction, please contact Director of Alumni Relations John Morrissey at jmorrissey@mxschool.edu.



Henry E. Erhard

For three decades during his tenure on the Middlesex faculty (1950–1987), Henry "Mike" Erhard coached rowing and directed the crew program. He led the varsity boats for 14 of those years and coached several oarsmen who went on to collegiate and international success. Each year, the legacy of Mike and his wife (also a Middlesex rowing coach) is commemorated with the Henry and Sallie Erhard Crew Bowl, given to the member of the girls' crew program "who, in the opinion of her teammates and coaches, has displayed the greatest spirit and dedication."



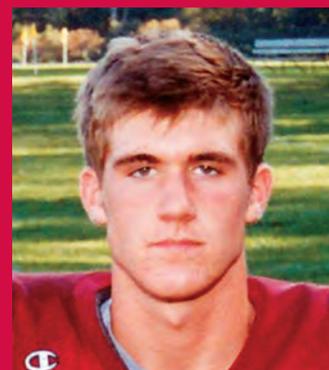
Kristen Engster Callahan '97

Arriving as a new junior at Middlesex, Kristen won six letters during her career, earning two apiece in soccer, ice hockey, and lacrosse. A captain in soccer and ice hockey as a senior, she was named All-League in hockey and an AISGA All-Star in lacrosse that year. Clearly an exceptional athlete, Kristen won the Class II Alumni Prize and the Outstanding Senior Girl Athletic Award. At Hamilton College, she played one year of soccer and four years of ice hockey and lacrosse, earning All-League recognition twice in lacrosse and captaining ice hockey as a senior. She received the Hamilton Scholar-Athlete Award in 2001.



Daniel W. Hughes '02

Danny won six letters during his Middlesex career after arriving as a new junior. With two letters each in football, basketball, and baseball, he served as captain of basketball and baseball as a senior and was named All-League and All-New England in football after his team won the 2001 New England Championship. Named All-League in baseball twice, Danny was the two-time recipient of the W.P. Raymond Baseball Bowl and earned the Class II Alumni Prize and the Ty Prince '63 Memorial Bowl as a top male athlete in his class. He played four years of baseball at Brown and captained the team as a senior.



Thomas C. Lang '06

Winning nine letters at Middlesex, Tom collected four each in football and basketball and one in tennis. As a senior, he was named All-League, All-State, and All-New England in football, led his team to a New England Championship, and played in the Shriner's All-Star Game. Passing for over 2,500 yards and 31 touchdowns at Middlesex, Tom won the Childs Backfield Bowl as a junior and senior. Twice earning All-League recognition and the Huckins Basketball Bowl, he is one of only five players in Middlesex history to score over 1,000 points. Tom also earned the Kelton Bowl and the Ty Prince '63 Memorial Bowl as a top male athlete in his class. He subsequently played football for Rutgers and URI.

In Memoriam

Peter Blanc '30

The School recently learned that William Peters Blanc passed away at the age of 103.

The son of Edward H. and Martha Elliott King Blanc, Peter was born on June 29, 1912, in New York City. After attending Middlesex, Peter went on to earn his A.B. in Romance languages at Harvard in 1934. He subsequently completed a bachelor of laws at St. John's University in 1938 and was admitted to the New York Bar that year.

Peter started out as an associate with Pennie, Davis, Marvin & Edmonds in New York City from 1935-1944. With his first wife, Patricia Davis, he had a son, Michael Peters, in 1938 and a daughter, Catherine, in 1939; the marriage ended in divorce. Peter served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army from 1944-1946. Transitioning in 1948 to a career as an artist, he studied first at the Corcoran School of Art. In 1951, he married his second wife, Joan Roger, and their son Roger Augustine was born in 1956. From 1950-1953, Peter was an instructor at American University, where he earned his master's degree in art in 1953. A painter early on, he became best known as a sculptor whose work was exhibited in numerous galleries, museums, and colleges over the course of five decades.

Complete family information was not known at the time of publication, but it is known that Peter was predeceased by his wife Joan in 1993 and is survived by their son Roger.

Henry S. Thompson, Jr. '35

Henry Smith Thompson died on September 5, 2017, at his home in Concord, MA. He was 100 years old.

Born on July 27, 1917, Henry was a lifelong resident of Concord and attended local schools before

graduating from Middlesex. With degrees from Harvard College and Harvard Business School, he also received a diploma from the Rutgers Graduate School of Banking. Henry was drafted in 1941 and served with the Army Quartermasters for nearly five years, including 30 months overseas in Africa as a company commander. Discharged in 1946 as a first lieutenant, he went to work for Chance Vought Aircraft in Connecticut as a job analyst; here Henry met Irene Bagdon, and they were married in November. In 1948, he was hired by a Massachusetts company, and the Thompsons moved to Concord.

Henry began his banking career in 1951 at the Middlesex County National Bank in Everett, MA. He transferred to Maynard in 1959 and was promoted to branch manager and assistant vice president, resigning 11 years later to become treasurer of the Concord Cooperative Bank. In 1972, Henry was elected president, and, in 1979, became chairman of the board and CEO. Always focused on community banking, he helped many to start businesses or to buy their first homes.

Retiring in 1982 after a successful career, Henry remained active in many local community and civic organizations. He was also a director of the Cooperative Central Bank and Walden Financial Corporation. A member of the New England Seniors Golf Association and the Hickory Shafts, he entered many state and local golf tournaments. Henry lived most of his life on Fairhaven Hill, where he spent many hours working on his property and enjoying the peaceful woods and wonderful vistas.

Henry was predeceased by his wife Irene and daughter Molly. He is survived by three sons, Paul, John, and Robert; a daughter, Dorothy Griffin; and five grandchildren.

Landon T. Clay '44



Longtime Middlesex benefactor and former Trustee Landon Thomas Clay died peacefully at home in Peterborough, NH, on July 29, 2017.

The son of Cassius Marcellus and Emily Thomas Clay, Landon was born in New York City on March 12, 1926. Raised in Augusta, GA, he entered

the fifth class at Middlesex in 1939; after serving as senior class president, he was elected valedictorian and received his diploma with highest credit. Landon served in the U.S. Army Air Force from 1944 to 1946 before earning his A.B. in English at Harvard. He spent his investment career at the Bank of New York, Massachusetts Investors Trust, and Eaton Vance Corporation, where he served as chairman and CEO. On retiring in 1996, he founded East Hill Management, a private investment company focused on early stage companies started by top scientists in the life sciences.

Landon's dedication and generosity to Middlesex have been extraordinary, beginning with his creation of the Emily T. Clay National Scholarship. His efforts as a trustee (1967-1977) led to the building of Clay House and the School's first Science Center. A decade later, Landon and his wife Lavinia (a trustee from 1998-2009) funded a brand new math and science facility, the Clay Centennial Center.

Landon lent his time and philanthropic support to numerous other institutions. With Lavinia, he founded the Clay Mathematics Institute in 1998 and created the Millenium Prizes and Clay Research Fellowships to inspire and support today's brightest mathematicians.

His family's Middlesex legacy is extensive, originating with his late uncle, **Landon Thomas (1905)**. Predeceased by his brothers, **Cassius M. Clay '42** and **Harris Clay '45**, Landon is survived by his wife Lavinia; their four sons, **Thomas '03**, **Richard '05**, **Landon '07**, and Cassius; one grandson; one nephew; two grandnephews, including **James C. Clay '17**; and many alumni cousins.

In Memoriam

Robert Whitney, Jr. '40

Robert Whitney, Jr. died in Englewood, FL, on May 5, 2017.

Born to Ramona and Robert Whitney in Lexington, MA, on November 10, 1920, Bob graduated from Middlesex and attended Williams College until his education was interrupted by World War II. Enlisting in the U.S. Marines in 1942, he advanced to drill instructor at Paris Island before pursuing his desire to be a pilot. During his on-ground training, he met his wife and the mother of his children, Mary Evelyn Roach.

Fond of the White Mountains region, Bob moved his family to Franconia, NH, where he went to work at Ski Hearth Farm, eventually buying the adjacent Indian Brook Ski Lodge. He also began developing his salesmanship skills at Arrowsmith Insulation and purchased that company, discontinuing his ski lodge business. Gradually adding roofing, siding, and remodeling services, Bob renamed the firm Whitney Weatherproofing Company (later shortened to Whitney's Inc.). His business interests expanded in the late '50s in partnership with his longtime friend, Charles Weston. Whitney-Weston Corporation provided affordable new home ownership to many area families as a franchise of National Homes. Bob also built the Willows Convalescent Center, which remains an important part of the Franconia community under a different ownership and name. He was extensively involved in community affairs and causes, including fundraising for Franconia College and the Littleton Rotary Club, and serving on the Boards of Indian Head Bank North and Littleton Regional Hospital.

Bob is survived by his second wife Star and her daughter; six children, including **Timothy W. Whitney '71** and **James A. Whitney '82**; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Theodore B. Hogg Jr. '41

Theodore Bosler Hogg, Jr. passed away on March 25, 2017, at the Pleasant View Health Center in Ottawa, IL.

Ted was born on April 20, 1924, to Theodore B. and Mildred Brown Hogg. He came to Middlesex in 1935 as a recipient of one of the School's first Prize Scholarships and, on graduating, proceeded to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Drafted during that time, Ted served his country proudly with the United States Army in the 542nd Parachute Infantry. Returning to MIT after his discharge, he earned his B.S. in mechanical engineering. Ted started his career at Bucyrus-Eire in South Milwaukee, WI, where he met Mary Tamuzian. They married on January 8, 1949, and spent 47 years together until her passing. During their marriage, Ted and Mary moved to Aurora, IL, where he worked at Caterpillar Inc. until his retirement in 1985.

A longtime member of St. David's Episcopal Church, Ted loved the outdoors and took great pleasure in visiting his hometown of Chatham, MA, and walking on the beaches there. He also enjoyed hiking, canoeing, gardening, and spending time with his family.

Preceded in death by his wife Mary, his parents, and his sister, Catherine Hogg Ligenza, Ted is survived by his children, James W. Hogg and Janet Paku; four grandchildren; his sister, Caroline Davidson; and several nieces and a nephew.

Romeyn Taylor '44

Romeyn Taylor died of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis at his home in Minneapolis, MN, on June 4, 2017.

Born in Philadelphia, PA, on January 9, 1926, Romeyn grew up on the Middlesex campus as the third child of W. J. Romeyn Taylor, a Middlesex faculty member from 1937 to 1956. During WWII, he volunteered in the American Field Service as an ambulance driver with the British 8th Army in Italy and India. Romeyn then earned an A.B. at Harvard and an M.A. and Ph.D. at the University of Chicago. From 1960 to 1994, he was a professor of Chinese history at the University of Minnesota. Romeyn devoted many volunteer hours to political activism and to assisting local homeless families. Married in 1955, he and his wife Irene raised five children and enjoyed traveling extensively. Romeyn will be remembered as a loving family man with a wonderful sense of humor and a gift for storytelling.

Preceded in death by his wife, Irene Downing Taylor, and his sister Anne, Romeyn is survived by three daughters, Sally Lieberman, Judith Taylor, and Amy Taylor-Henry; two sons, James and Daniel; eight grandchildren; and his sister, Isabella Groblewski.

Harold W. Thorne, Jr. '44

Harold Wooster Thorne, Jr. died at home on November 25, 2016.

Born in Pasadena, CA, on February 2, 1927, Harry was the son of Harold Wooster and Margaret Comstock Thorne. His family moved to New Canaan, CT, where Harry attended New Canaan Country School before joining the third class at Middlesex in 1941. After graduation, he

served in the Army until the end of WWII and then graduated from Yale with an A.B. in economics.

In 1950, Harry drove from New Hampshire to San Francisco and began working for the Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company, leaving three years later to begin his career as an insurance broker with Johnson and Higgins. He was head of their international department when he retired in 1988. Harry married Evelyn "Muffy" McKinstry in 1952, and they lived in Oakland, where their three children were born and raised. After their house was destroyed in the 1991 Oakland fire, they rebuilt on the same property and lived there until 2014, when they moved to an apartment on Lake Merritt.

Harry enjoyed all aspects of the great outdoors, especially fishing, backpacking, and whitewater canoeing. He loved sports and was able to play tennis until he was 88. Harry and Muffy spent parts of 18 summer vacations bicycling in Europe and the last 30 summers in South Conway, NH. Devoted to environmental causes, Harry will be remembered for his huge, genuine smile, his respect for all people and his planet, and his absolute devotion to his family, his friends—and the loons on Conway Lake. He set an extraordinary example of humility, generosity, and civility.

Predeceased by his brother Thaddeus, Harry is survived by his wife Muffy; his sons, Charles and **Nathan C. Thorne '72**; his daughter, Ann Whalen; six grandchildren; and two sisters, Mary Gould and Lydia Lucy. His great-nephew, **Thaddeus K. Pryor '13**, is also a Middlesex graduate.

Dr. Charles L. Ward, Jr. '45

Dr. Charles Lakeman Ward, Jr. died on July 22, 2017, at The Birches assisted living facility in Concord, NH.

Joe was born in Boston on March 17, 1927. He grew up in Concord, MA, where his father was on the Middlesex faculty from 1920-1929 before becoming a teacher at the newly founded Fenn School. Following his graduation from Fenn and Middlesex, Joe served in the U.S. Navy and then went to Harvard University, earning his A.B. in 1950. He obtained an M.D. from Boston University School of Medicine in 1954 and interned at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, NY; his residency training was done at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, MA, with a specialization in internal medicine and gastroenterology at the Lahey Clinic from 1957-1960.

While in New York, Joe met Harriet Love McIntyre. They married in 1958 and lived in Brookline, MA, for two years before moving to Concord, NH, in 1960, when Joe joined the Concord Clinic. He practiced internal medicine with the Concord Clinic until 1989 and subsequently was a physician at the New Hampshire State Prison and the Hillsborough County Jail until he officially retired in 2010.

Joe was a devoted father and husband who lived a life dedicated to helping others, serving as president of the Concord Clinic from 1973-1975, and president of the Concord Hospital Medical Staff from 1981-1982. He was the general campaign chairman of the United Way in 1974 and served on the original board of the nonprofit Red River Theater in Concord. During his career, he became interested in addiction and was a strong supporter of Alcoholics

Anonymous. Joe will be remembered for his dry sense of humor and his passion for travel, tennis, and bird-watching. He is sadly missed by his family and friends.

Predeceased by his brother Thomas and his wife Harriet, Joe is survived by three children, Dana Ward, Suzanne Novacek, and Rosemary Poling; two grandchildren; and four nieces and nephews. His uncle, **William P. Dillingham (1907)** was also a Middlesex graduate.

Anthony Q. Devereux '47

Anthony Quentin Devereux died on June 16, 2017, at his residence in Pawleys Island, SC.

The son of the late Nicholas Edward and Anne Madeline Quinlan Devereux, Tony was born in Utica, NY, on June 19, 1929. He joined the fourth class at Middlesex in 1943 and, after graduation, earned an A.B. in history at Princeton University and a J.D. at Harvard Law School. For many years, Tony worked in the management of his family's textile business, Oneita Knitting Mills, before moving to South Carolina and establishing his own law practice there.

Tony was also a noted historian and published author whose books include *The Rice Princes* and *The Life and Times of Robert F. W. Allston*. He was an avid bridge player and enjoyed spending time with his family.

In addition to his parents, Tony was predeceased by his brothers, **Nicholas E. Devereux '38** and Robert D. Devereux; his sister, Margaret D. Halberstadt; and his nephew, Peter D. Halberstadt. He is survived by eight nieces and nephews. His uncles, **F. Ramsay Devereux (1912)** and **Leslie W. Devereux (1912)**, were also Middlesex alumni.

Henry W. Grady '49

Henry Woodfin Grady died on February 1, 2017, surrounded by his family.

Henry was born on December 20, 1930, in Atlanta, GA, and was known by his family for his kind heart, quick laugh, and playful spirit. He attended E. Rivers Elementary School and North Fulton High School before coming to Middlesex in 1946. On graduating, he earned a degree in French at Washington & Lee University and then served in the Navy, achieving the rank of lieutenant during his tour of duty on the *USS Missouri* in the Korean War. Henry subsequently began his career at the Fulton National Bank (Bank South/NationsBank/Bank of America) in Atlanta as a trust officer. He studied at the Woodrow Wilson School of Law, graduated with an LL.B., and was admitted to the Georgia Bar. After a dedicated, 45-year career with one employer, Henry retired from Bank of America in 1995 as its senior trust officer in Atlanta.

While honored to serve his country, Henry's greatest pride was his family. He married Matilde "Tila" Farrell in 1961, and they were the proud parents of Henry W. Grady III. Tila passed away in 1973; eight years later, he married Carol Chambers, and they enjoyed their grandchildren and traveling the world together. Henry was a longtime, active member of First Presbyterian Church and cherished contributing to several community organizations in his beloved Atlanta. Henry was a loving husband, father, and grandfather—the true head of a caring household.

Henry was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Harriett Shedden Grady, his brother, Robert, and his first wife Tila. He is survived by his wife Carol; son Henry; stepchildren Holt Sanders, David Sanders, and Julianne Schaaf; and eight grandchildren.

C. Lloyd Thomas '51

Charles Lloyd Thomas died of heart failure at the Arthur Rank Hospice in Cambridge, England, on September 1, 2017.

Tommy was born on August 10, 1934, and came to Middlesex in 1947 from the Fenn School. On graduating with highest credit, Tommy attended Princeton, until a health problem necessitated transferring to Yale, where he completed his B.A. as a Winthrop Scholar. He received his B.S. from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology.

A civil engineer, Tommy specialized in calculating the structural needs of dams and bridges in earthquake zones in Europe, Middle Eastern countries, and Iceland. Also an accomplished musician, he regularly played violin or viola in small chamber ensembles, often as first violin. He was proficient in nine languages, including Icelandic, and led courses in mathematics, the Icelandic sagas, and modern Greek at the University of the Third Age in Cambridge.

Tommy is survived by his wife, Marina Warner, and four children by his prior marriage to Ursula Emma Escher: Andrea, Daniel, Monica, and Barbara; two granddaughters; two grandsons; his sister, Jocelyn Thomas Shaw; and several nieces and nephews.

David A. Lang

As the *Bulletin* was going to press, the School learned of the death of David A. Lang, who led the Middlesex Art Department from 1972-2002. A more complete notice about his life and legacy will appear in the next issue.

In Memoriam

Albert B. Wells II '52

Albert Bacheller Wells II died in March 2017.

Born in Boston on August 9, 1934, Albert was the son of Ruth Adams Dyer and George Burnham Wells. "Albie," as he was then known, earned his Middlesex diploma and went on to Harvard, where he majored in political science. He married Susan Matheny in 1956, and their family grew to include two daughters, Melissa and Kristen, and a son, George. Albie was deeply proud of being a present father and husband. After spending four years in the Air Force in Anchorage, AK, fulfilling his ROTC commitment, the Wells family moved to California, where Albie, his brother-in-law, and his partner built Kingsley, Schreck, Wells and Co., a San Francisco commercial real estate business.

In the mid-1960s, Susan and Albie together discovered a passion for social activism. After the death of his father, Albie took over as executive director of the Wells family's small foundation. Over the next 40 years, Albie refocused Abelard Foundation on providing seed grants for grassroots social change. He used Abelard's reputation to create Common Counsel Foundation, a collaborative, strategic grant-making organization. Finally, Albie recognized his earned status as an elder and gave his time to younger generations of activists, reclaiming Albert as his name. Susan took the lead in their last creation together—the Windcall Institute—which was developed to provide respite and revisioning to leaders in the nonprofit community in the wide open spaces of southwest Montana.

Albert's family will remember him leading them down powder-filled chutes with more power and grace than any skier before or since. And they'll remember that living an early life scripted by others changed him into the man

who stood as an example to his children to always be true to their own nature.

Clayton B. Freeman '54

Clayton Brownell Freeman passed away peacefully on August 16, 2017, after a brave, three-year battle with pulmonary fibrosis.

Transferring to Middlesex from Belmont Hill School, Clay joined the fourth class in 1950. On graduating, he earned a B.A. in English at Dartmouth and then went directly to Naval Officer Candidate School. Clay completed the Navy's Underwater Demolition Training and spent six years with UDT on the West Coast. After leaving the Navy, he worked for the Head Ski Company as a sales representative in the Rocky Mountains. Over the next 40 years, Clay remained in the outdoor sports industry in one capacity or another, enjoying his work as well as his family.

Clay is survived by four sons, Michael, C. Stefan, Chad, and Chase; a stepson, Andrew; four grandchildren; his sister, Ducky Freeman; and his brothers, **Peter G. Freeman '57** and **David C. Freeman '62**.

William J. Clark '62

William James Clark died on May 25, 2017.

The son of the Reverend William H. Clark and classicist Rosemary Lehman Clark, Bill was born on May 23, 1945, in Boston. He grew up in Massachusetts, but also spent portions of his childhood in England and Switzerland. Bill joined Middlesex's sixth class in 1956 and, after graduation, earned an A.B. in English at Harvard and an M.Phil. in comparative literature at Yale. Bill moved to Greenwich in 1982 and found what would become his enduring home. He combined his love of philately with his love of writing to produce the definitive

catalogue of Bermuda first day covers in the late 1980s. He later embraced an informal role as town historian, writing a history of Greenwich, serving on the Representative Town Meeting, and producing a popular series of calendars featuring historical postcards of the town.

Bill is survived by his son Will, his sister Mary, and his brother David.

John W. Wilder '62

John Wells "Mike" Wilder died on September 19, 2017.

Born on February 17, 1944, Mike attended Charles River, Dexter, and Middlesex, graduating from Columbia University in 1968. He served as a lieutenant in the Navy and Naval Reserves from 1968 to 1974. Mike then had a long career in advertising. He was a senior vice president at Humphrey, Browning, MacDougall; Hill, Holliday, Connors and Cosmopolis; and Arnold Worldwide. He spent most of 1988 working on the Dukakis presidential campaign. After retiring from advertising, he co-founded Hayden-Wilder, a career counseling firm for recent college graduates. During this time, he co-authored *From B.A. To Payday: Launching Your Career After College*.

Although he questioned what kind of club would have him as a member, he had belonged to the Rats, Somerset Club, The Country Club, the New Bedford Yacht Club, and The Brook. He enjoyed motorcycles, bird hunting, fly-fishing, and sailing. Mike faced a number of health issues over the course of his life and met each challenge with an indomitable spirit and his characteristic wit. His timing was impeccable; his regrets were few. What brought Mike the most happiness was his daughter, Isabel Stewart Wilder, who shares his irreverent sense

of humor and took loving care of Mike in his last few years.

In addition to his daughter, Mike is survived by his younger sister, Alison Wilder Conrad; his niece, Sarah Smythe; and his nephew, William Conrad.

Christopher A. Poth '67

Christopher Anthony Poth passed away at Stamford Hospital on July 12, 2017, with his family by his side.

Born on April 27, 1948, to Eleanor Haggerty and Harry A. Poth, Chris came to Middlesex from the Brunswick School in the fall of 1962. On graduating, he earned a B.A. in European history at Rollins College. Chris spent many years working in real estate and insurance and was involved in many nonprofit endeavors. A student of the world, he loved learning and sought it out wherever he could. Chris was a member of the World Affairs Forum, The Ambassador's Round Table, the Asia Society, the China Institute, and the Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs. He would regale his colleagues and friends with his incredible knowledge of history, different cultures, foreign affairs, and current events. He also had a great love of the theatre and could often be found singing to his family or acting out scenes from his favorite movies and plays.

Chris lived his life with politeness, civility, kindness, and respect as his moral code. Always ready to lend a helping hand, he went out of his way to help others in what he called "the brotherhood of man."

He is survived by his wife Charity; his children, Charlotte and Henry; a grandson; and his brothers, Jeremy Poth and Stephen Sheils.

John B. Lobkowicz '75

John Brooks Lobkowicz died peacefully after many years of health challenges at his home in Prague, Czech Republic, in July 2017.

John was born on December 31, 1956, to Martin and Brooks Lobkowicz, and he attended Milton Academy before graduating from Middlesex and Wesleyan University. He began his career in advertising in New York City. In the mid-1990s, he moved to Prague, working in advertising and branding. He later founded a magazine featuring politics, health, travel, and the arts in the Czech Republic and Europe. He is remembered for his sharp intellect, marketing and writing abilities, sense of humor, and especially his love of poetry and literature.

Predeceased by his father, John leaves his wife Irena and stepdaughter Dominika; his mother; his brothers, Martin and William; his sister Margaret; and five nieces and nephews.

Brett D. Hellerman '77

Brett David Hellerman passed away peacefully at home on June 25, 2017, surrounded by family, friends, and his beloved dog Scout.

Born on June 20, 1960, in New York City to Monica Carmona Mermelstein Hellerman and Don Vincent Hellerman, Brett attended Dwight School and St. Hilda's and St. Hugh's School before continuing on to Middlesex. After graduating, he earned a B.A. with honors in diplomatic history at the University of Pennsylvania. Brett began his career as a legislative assistant in the U.S. Senate, developing economic and infrastructure policy alongside Senator Charles H. Percy of Illinois. When Percy retired from the Senate, Brett became a fixed income

professional at CSFB and Morgan Stanley, later moving on to Greenwich Capital Markets (now RBS). In 1991, he co-founded the Clinton Group, Inc., one of the first, and most successful, hedge fund management firms. In 1997, Brett founded the Norfolk Management Group (NMG), an investment bank and asset management firm focused on alternative investments. During his time with NMG, he and Jonathan Rotolo created Wood Creek Capital Management, an asset management company based in New Haven, CT.

Brett was a member of Congregation Mishkan Israel in Hamden, CT, and served on the boards of the Jane Coffin Childs Fund, Validus Pharmaceuticals, Edenbridge Pharmaceuticals, and Concord Bicycle Music. Known for his love of animals, sharp intellect, and creativity, he also took great delight in his friends and family, and will be remembered for his incredible generosity. Brett's larger-than-life personality and infectious, distinctive laugh will be greatly missed.

Preceded in death by his father, Brett is survived by his wife Coleen and twin daughters, Klee and Julianna; his mother and his stepfather, Milan Potmesil; his stepmother, Susan Hellerman; his brother John; his aunt, Elizabeth Morgan; three cousins; and several nieces and nephews.

Robert P. Patterson III '77

The School recently learned of the death of Robert P. Patterson III, who passed away after suffering a cardiac arrest on January 12, 2012.

Bob was born on April 3, 1958, to Judge Robert P. Patterson, Jr. and the late Bevin D. Patterson. He attended St. David's School and Millbrook School before transferring to and graduating from Middlesex. Bob subsequently received a B.A. from Hartwick College and a C.S.W.

from NYU's School of Social Research; he also studied for a postgraduate degree in gestalt psychotherapy. He was a social worker in Manhattan, where he had a clinical psychotherapy practice, until he was forced to stop as a result of a neurological illness, which he faced with much dignity.

Predeceased by his mother, Bob is survived by his loving wife Cristina; his father; and four siblings, Anne P. Finn, Margaret, Paul, and Katherine.

W. Davis Taylor II '78

William Davis Taylor II died on April 27, 2017, after a brief illness.

Born in Boston and raised in Medfield, MA, Davis was the son of Sally Coxe Taylor and the late William O. Taylor. He graduated from Charles River School and Middlesex, and then earned a B.A. in classics at Colby College. Davis began his post-college career at the *Boston Globe*, where his father was the fourth generation of the family to serve as chairman and publisher. From there, Davis realized an increasing affinity for the outdoors, particularly tree preservation. He left the *Globe* to learn arborist skills at a local landscaping concern before setting up Hound Dog Tree in 1989, where he continued to work with clients to the present.

Davis' affinity for the outdoors was also reflected in his great love of the seashore. He enjoyed visiting at his family's home in Padaram, and the annual vacation to Provincetown was a high point of each year. He also loved the northern woods, with a special affection for the ski slopes of the Mount Washington Valley. With a talent for music and an undying love for Chicago-style blues, Davis was an exceptional blues harmonica player who often sat in on open mike nights and performed with area bands. He is also remembered for his sharp wit and ability to create sayings that

turned into beloved catchphrases amongst his friends and family. An avid reader, Davis always maintained a tottering stack of books on his bedside table, most often histories.

In addition to Dawn, his wife of 27 years, Davis is survived by their daughter, Piper Anna Taylor; his mother; two brothers, Ned and Gus; and several nieces and nephews.

Bruce P. McHale

A retired Middlesex staff member, Bruce Patrick McHale passed away surrounded by family and friends at the Tidewell Hospice House in Port Charlotte, FL, on April 20, 2017.

Bruce was born on January 13, 1941, to Joseph and Lillian McHale. After graduating from the Missouri Military Academy in Mexico, MO, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, serving for four years. He later graduated with a degree in organizational behavior from Lesley University. The majority of Bruce's career was spent in the computer industry as a software engineer. On retiring from IBM, he joined his wife Margie, former assistant to the head of school, in working for Middlesex; for five years, he helped provide technical support at the School.

On Margie's retirement from Middlesex in 2012, the McHales relocated to Punta Gorda, FL. Bruce and Margie loved to travel and visited over 35 countries. Their last trip was to Italy in September 2016. In retirement, his passion was reading; he loved history and military books and was an authority on World Wars. Bruce will be remembered for his infectious smile, gentle manner, and his never-ending supply of jokes.

He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Margie, and by his extended family in Kansas City, MO.

Back Story: Act III



Middlesex gained its first bona fide stage in 1911, when the newly constructed Eliot Hall featured a modest one in its expansive, central space now called the Terry Room. Here, within rather narrow confines, ambitious plays and complex Gilbert and Sullivan operettas were memorably executed, along with traditions like the talent show/auction known as Hook Night.

Just in time for the first Middlesex girls to arrive in 1974, the School's theatre and visual arts programs moved into much-needed, grander facilities with the opening of the Cornelius Ayer Wood '13 Theatre & Arts Center. For over 40 years, the TAC supported the gradual growth of the arts curriculum and served as the location for assemblies and guest speakers, as it was the only place where the entire community could (almost) fit. In recent years, it had become apparent that the tired TAC was in need of updating and renovating.

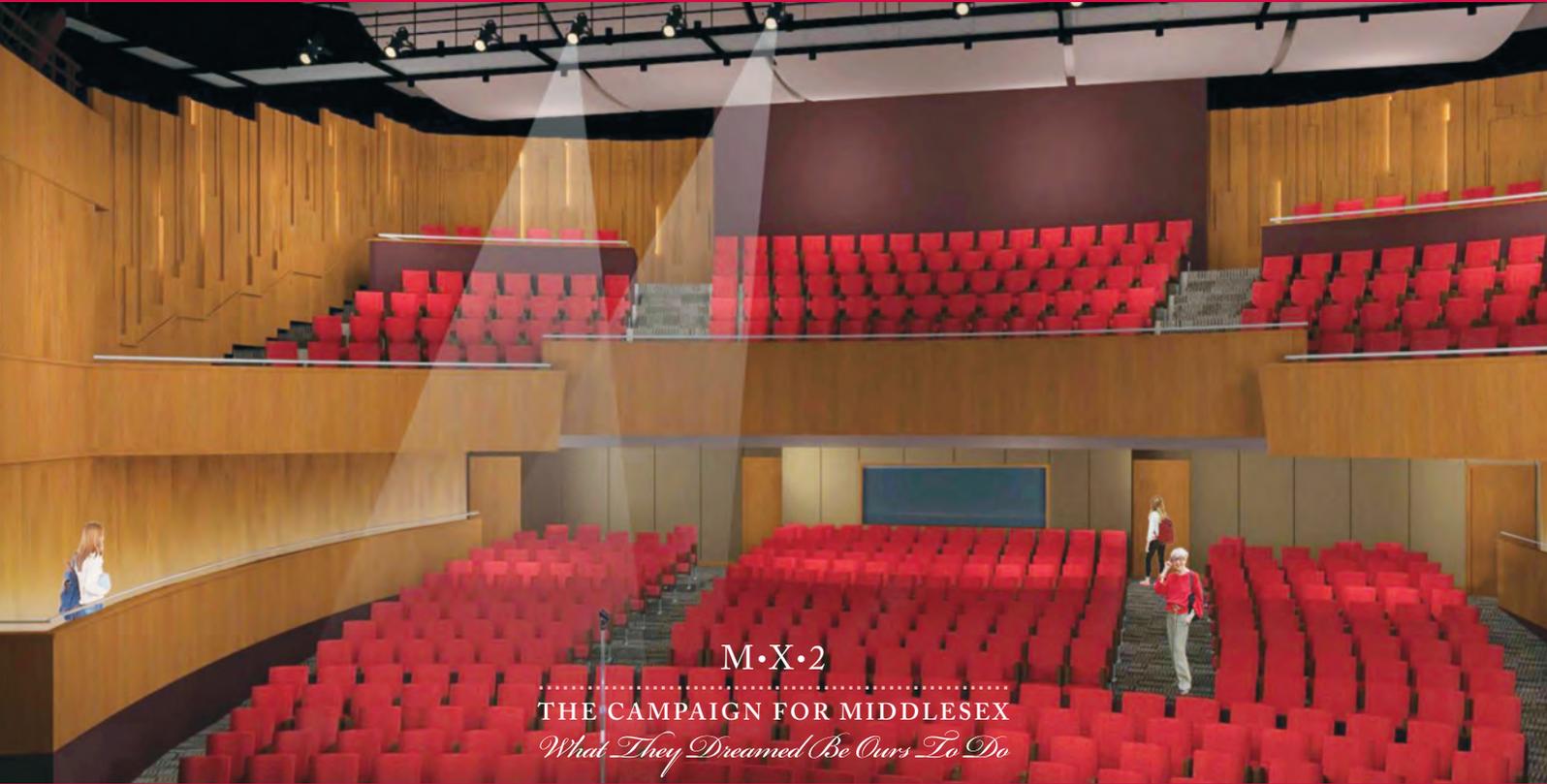
Thanks to *Mx2: The Campaign for Middlesex*—and, particularly, the Bass Family Challenge to Benefit the Arts—the third

significant transformation of the School's stage and studios is underway. On July 1, the process of dismantling began, emptying the TAC and taking down the old science wing at the back of Eliot Hall to replace it with the new Danoff Center for the Visual Arts. At the beginning of October, the construction phase could begin with footings and foundations for the Danoff Center and certain sections of the renovated theatre, such as the new Ishibashi Gallery on the lower level.

With the delivery of steel beams in late November, the revised forms of both buildings will take shape, and they should be weather-tight sometime in April. Meanwhile, the Pratt Rink was converted into a temporary theatre until the hockey season, when all-school gatherings shifted to the Chapel or dining hall; the Cage may host the spring musical, and mobile trailers house visual art studios. Such transitions can be trying, but one look at Landry House or the Rachel Carson Music and Campus Center instantly makes it clear: the finished projects will be worth the wait. **M**

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As a Middlesex sophomore in October 2015, Katie Lee '18 brought her violin to the central steam plant's old boiler room, which had been vacant since the School's 2013 conversion to heating campus buildings with individual, natural gas-fired boilers. Plans for repurposing the steam plant were already underway, and Katie stood on the spot where a stage would eventually be. In her senior year, she returned nearly two years later to the exact same spot, now transformed into the lovely Danoff Recital Hall in the Rachel Carson Music and Campus Center. (For more on the story of this remarkable renovation, see page 23.)