

Middlebury

Midd Skier Injured

“HER SPUNK AND SMILE ARE REASSURING.”

These words, from those who have visited Kelly Brush '08, the Middlebury alpine skier who suffered severe spinal cord injuries during an event at the Williams Carnival in February, speak volumes about both her determined personality and her recent trauma.

Brush was competing in the women's giant slalom, when she missed a gate and slid off course, careening 100 yards before striking a chair lift tower. Her back bore the brunt of the impact.

After undergoing ten hours of surgery to realign her spinal column—the spinal cord was not severed—Brush regained use of her arms and reported feeling in her upper torso. This spring, Brush will be moving to Craig Hospital in Englewood, Colorado, where she will undergo further rehabilitation.

Kelly Brush's sister, Lindsay '07, is also a member of the Middlebury ski team, and her father, Charlie '69, both skied and coached at the College.