Budget for the Program in Environmental Studies

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Summarizing the budget history of the Program is difficult because the Program has never had its own budget and money to support the activities of ES faculty and students has come from several different sources.

**1965-1986:** Funds to run the Program came from three general sources. First, funds to administer the Program as a whole were borne by the Department of Biology because the Director of the Program, Dr. Howard E. Woodin, was a member of that department. These costs included a minimal amount of phone use, mailing, copying, stationary, and secretarial support. Also, a small number of environmentlly-oriented journals were, for administrative purposes, included under the holdings of the Department of Biology.

Second, funds to support the individual tracks (Ecology, Geology, Chemistry, Human Ecology, Economics, and Physics) came from the related departments as part of their support of the activities of their faculty and students. Visiting seminar speakers were presumably also supported by the related departments.

Third, major equipment and research supplies came from the Vermont Wild Lands Foundation (1966-1983) or the College's Vermont Wild Lands Foundation budget (1983-1986). This was because the majority of the field activity associated with the Program was in the area of field ecology and was taking place at the High Pond Nature Reserve (see the enclosed History of The High Pond Nature Reserve for a more complete explanation).

**1986-present:** Budget administration of the Program has been removed from the Department of Biology and placed directly in the Vermont Wild Land Foundation budget. However, of the $9,300 in the 1987-88 budget, 96% went directly toward maintenance of the High Pond Field Station. Only $325 for College Travel went towards the Program. The approved budget for 1988-89 is similar (15% going directly to the Program as College Travel and Professional Services). Currently, the budget is administered by Stephen Trombululak, the Program Director, because he is also a frequent user of the High Pond Nature Reserve as part of his position in Biology. However, it is the opinion of many faculty associated with the Program that the coupling of these two areas is not a
good long-term solution; such an arrangement is inappropriate if the Program Director is someone who is not associated with the Nature Reserve.

In the past two years, the Program has also been given $500.00/year for visiting seminar speakers (see Attachment 1) and $200.00/year for discretionary spending. The discretionary money has been used in the past to support student/faculty social events to build Program identity and communication. Some journals in the area of Environmental Studies are, for administrative purposes, identified specifically with the Program (see Attachment 2 for a current list of journal holdings). However, many technical journals with environmental applications are identified with specific departments (e.g., Journal of Applied Ecology with Biology, Human Ecology with Sociology/Anthropology) and general interest magazines (e.g., Sierra, Audubon) are attached to the College's general fund.

Funds to support the Program-related activities of faculty and students come from the faculty's home departments. This includes support of teaching resources for the course ES 401. In this first year of its offering, it is being supported by the Biology Department because the instructor, Steve Trombulak, is a member of that department.