Environmental Studies Program Flourishing

By Greg Pahul

Described as the fastest growing major at Middlebury College, environmental studies has expanded from fairly modest beginnings to become one of the prominent programs of its kind in the country. As a ten-year goal, President McCord would like to see it become the prominent program.

Hard Times for Environmental Groups

Annual membership

- Greenpeace (in millions)
- National Audubon Society (in thousands)
- Sierra Club (in thousands)

Note: 1994 figures for Sierra Club are not available. Based on 15 months, reflecting change in financial year.

Number of ES graduates

Number of Students

Year

Projected based on current numbers

Windfall

Eating an apple, I think of Emerson in another railroad berth traveling to another Chautauqua. This time, maybe it's summer, he's passing apple orchards in Ohio where he half dreams a bumblebee sipping nectar—in its belly, a mite glows with mite joy. In the mite's belly, other living things the size of atoms climb mountains, but he's tired of revelation. It's certain the cosmos is an orchard, or tree, or single bee bearing the whole apple future, & Boston, from one field to another, & bearing him. He'll lecture this audience to find & live the secret of any windfall, to try, for god's sake, to love that which is obvious, & themselves.

—William Heyen

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McCardell outlines ten-year vision of Middlebury

McCardell hopes to inspire the college with his speech.

Recruitment of minority students shows increase

Director of Admissions Cora K. Smith is pleased by the increase in interest and decisions of minority students to attend Middlebury. "In 1992-93, only 10% of students were minority. This year, we've had an increase to 15% with a sustained interest in diversity."