High Pond in peril

By Marv McGuire

For the past 12 years, an impor- tant portion of the environ- mental studies program at the College has centered around the study of High Pond, a 2100 acre wetlands located in the mountains of the West Branch.

However, Middlebury students may lose the use of the High Pond area because of a recent Vermont Supreme Court decision which determined that the Vermont Wild Land Foundation, the owners of High Pond, owe the town of Pittsford, VT. $6,000 in back taxes.

Biologist Professor Howard E. Woodin, coordinator of the environmental studies program, currently is researching a way to allow his students continued use of the unpatroled wetlands.

The High Pond property is situated in the towns of Brandon, Huntington, and Pittsford. Pittsford, VT. Earlier this year, the town of Pittsford sued the Vermont Wild Land Foundation in Rutland Superior Court, claiming that the Foundation had not paid its taxes since 1975.

The Rutland court determined that the High Pond area should be exempted from taxation because the property is used for educational purposes. However, the town of Pittsford appealed the case to the Vermont Supreme Court, which ruled that the taxes must be paid.

The Vermont Wild Land Foundation was chartered on Dec. 27, 1965, when W. Douglas Burden donated the area known as the High Pond Wasteland to be used as a nature reserve. From 1965 until his death in 1978, Burden was the principal financial supporter of the Foundation.

Upon the cessation of Burden’s donations, the Foundation has been unable to pay taxes on the Parsons Pond wetlands, thus losing the area confiscated.

Building for doctors planned

By Amy Colson

Plans are underway for the construction of physicians’ offices in conjunction with Porter Hospital. The building will be located adjacent to the hospital and could possibly house a pharmacy as well. However, there is much more than simple expansion involved here.

Dificulties with the project arose because there were so many considerations involved. Although the College, Porter Hospital, and the physicians were all in favor of the idea, there was some question as to who would actually own the building. "For tax depreciation reasons, the physicians wished to own their own building," said Walter Birt, Vice-President for Development at the College.

The hospital was concerned lest the doctors set up a centralized area elsewhere. If this were to happen, the college would not only lose the value of having the doctors close by, but also the advantage of a guaranteed revenue. After some negotiations last spring it was finally agreed that the Medical Center would own the building.

There is another major stumbling block still remaining. The town merchants are upset at the prospect of a pharmacy that could detract from their business. This pharmacy, which is not a certainty at this point, is "desirable," according to the chamber of commerce, because it is "a new industry and camp that, however, for the Chaunce has been serving All-Bran to its diners all along.

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Dietician asserts Proctor food value

By Henriette Lazareid

Although most students on the meal plan would be able to point out several deficiencies in the culinary worth of Proctor and SDU food, they are not aware of its nutritional value. According to College Dietitian Lois Thorpe, it is essential for even of their eggs, milk, and vegetables, and whole grains will be fulfilled.

Thorpe said that the food service provides the students with a "fully-balanced, nutritional meal." Students, whom Thorpe now finds "so much more nutritionally aware," have complained, however, that vegetables cannot be eaten at all. Middlesexers protest the high frequency of red meat dishes. Thorpe referred these

News Roundup

Senator Edward Kennedy all but guaranteed his candidacy in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination on Oct. 28 before 800 labor union members. Though he did not attack the administration’s specific measures in opposition to President Jimmy Carter, Kennedy used his rhetoric to speak out against the U.S., economy, and the administration, responsible for it. At this point in the pre-convention race, Ken- nedy has publicized himself so much that if he does not run, he will lose most of his support.

Former President Gerald Ford has caused some confusion in the Republican party after seemingly to announce that he will run for Republican nomination. At present, Ford leads Carter in a Gallup poll 51 to 42 percent, and is more popular than Reagan as well. If Ford were to run, he would most likely hurt the chances of Senators Howard Baker and Bob Dole, George Bush, and of Ronald Reagan.

The Panama Canal Zone became part of Panama proper on Dec. 31, 1999. Sparks of symbolic resistance flared up as the time of the ceremonies approached, yet the Panamanian National Guard tightened its control on the opposition they have subdued for 30 years.

A rash of cross-burnings and firebombings have arisen in Básas, and Queeze, N.Y. and in suburban areas of Long Island. The incidents seem to be an outburst of people’s frustration in the city with "bad times," said one spokesman for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin met with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance this week in a follow-up to the latter’s talks with Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. The Soviet Union and the United States are still in opposition over the issue of the two to three thousand Soviet troops stationed in Cuba. President Jimmy Carter has been advised not to allow any military brawls in Cuba. But if the Soviets neither withdraw nor change the nature of the troops, Carter may increase U.S. naval strength in the Caribbean or at Cuba’s Guantanamo Bay.

The Chinese government seems to have strayed from the cult of personality of its late Chairman Mao, as it celebrates the 87th anniversary of its Cultural Revolution. In fact, the chairman of the Chinese parliament, Ye Jianying, was arrested by the party’s Central Committee, mostly blamed Mao for the Cultural Revolution and was called a political maverick. Peking’s most radical magazine, Exploration, claims that Chinese youth is quickly losing faith in Communism.

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Murray Dry, associate professor of political science, is determined not to let one get by during the Missel Cup Game Sept. 27. The biannual political science event has resulted in locally triumph over the students for the last three games. Photo by Tahlia Noir.

For instance, this fall the school took advantage of the large amounts of corn.

Sometimes, however, the school and its eating students suffer when the larger suppliers in Burlington, Boston and Albany don’t even bother to let us know when they have run out. When that happens, the school must wait longer for an order while its supply eventually runs out.

An example of this lack of communication can be found in the "All-Bran" situation. For perhaps three weeks now, Proctor and the SDUs have not had this one favorite cereal of many students. The Libby-Straus mill is closed for a "preventive maintenance campout," however, for the Chauncy has been serving All-Bran to its diners all along.

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Ad defies Honor Code
TO THE EDITOR: After seeing the ad for "Research Papers,"1 I was heartened to read the "Academic Honor Pledge" in Los Angeles in the past three issues of the Campus. I have begun to wonder if you find this debatable a little too much. The idea seems almost as intriguing as it is humiliating. I can't imagine that you pay so much that you lose sight of your paper's integrity. The ad is, after all, rather small. I need not think that your real motive is to present an image of "how we are, aren't we cool and clever beyond compare?" The "Academic Honor Pledge" is not the place to do so. You'll have a bit more success with chivalric and artistic topics. Whatever your goals are—and they seem somewhat confused in the "Research Papers"—one would hope that a concern for overall quality in your work would sway you from undermining your efforts with something so pointless as an ad that destroys the purpose of the "Academic Honor Code." If you really do not believe in the "Academic Honor Code," why don't you just come out and say so. That would certainly add real controversy.

KENNETH A. HAM '82
Research Paper plagiarism?
TO THE EDITOR: I was concerned about the ad of "Academic Research."—it looks like an open invitation for plagiarism to me. The Handbook quotes quite clearly that "In written work plagiarism is defined as pass- ing off another's work as one's own." (p. 44) Is the Campus so hard pressed for advertising revenues to accept ads from operations such as these? Won't we lose our ads one?

THOMAS HUBER
German Department

Dean appeals apology
TO THE EDITOR: Today I received a letter from the lady whose lawn ornaments had been taken. The students responsible for the incident have come to make amends and asked to see me. They did not have the courage to come to me directly. I feel very strongly that good relations between campus and town are a valuable resource to be nurtured. The students involved in this incident have an opportunity in the College for the Thanks. Very much.

ERICA W. CONNOD
Dean of Students

Support for Proctor strike
TO THE EDITOR: I was very interested to learn in last week's Campus of the dismissal of Mr. J. P. G. E. on Proctor at Wellesley. Mr. J. P. G. E. is a person of great integrity who has been a positive influence in the Wellesley environment. Unfortunately, he has been dismissed due to a conflict of interest between the college and his previous employer, Proctor. This action is unwarranted and unwise.

The Campus welcomes letters to the editor and will try to print as many as possible in each issue. We cannot publish, however, letters containing personal attacks or profane language. We reserve the right to edit letters, and they may be addressed, although names will be withheld upon request. We cannot print correspondence addressed to another party. Send letters to Box 2159, The Campus Office, Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass. 02181, or fax them to (781) 237-5089. Letters must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on the day of publication.
Middlebury calorie count accurate?

TO THE EDITOR:

I haven’t noticed any signs of debility in our students of their spartan 1,800 Calories (spelled with a ‘l’). Our students are in fact very healthy. A recent study by the National Law School in Cambridge, England, showed that students who eat less than 1,800 Calories a day are less likely to gain weight. A survey of our students showed that they eat an average of 2,500 Calories a day, which is within the recommended range. The study also found that students who eat less than 1,800 Calories a day are more likely to develop chronic diseases such as diabetes and heart disease. Therefore, I believe that the Middlebury calorie count is accurate and that our students are eating a healthy and balanced diet.

Russ Christensen, '58
Banger, Maine

College working on High Pond

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are told that the very effort to keep the land in state hands makes it liable to taxation.

In any case, the Court’s decision has made the agreement of December 1978 invalid. Unfortun-
ately, it is too simple to say that a payment of $10,000 in taxes would continue to provide Middlebury the use of the land. Eight thousand dollars is just a fraction of the total cost of maintaining and improving the land. The payments made to Middlebury in the past have covered all expenses, including insurance, taxes, and maintenance. The payments are a crucial part of the agreement and are essential to the continued use of the land.

DUNCAN MCDONALD
Biochemistry Department

There are so many nice places... Think of Hawaii. Think of Florida, of southern California. Then settle on Rhode Island or New Jersey. Liberal arts graduates don’t get jobs anywhere else.

How do I meet people?

I met some great folks in the unemployment line. Real people. Soon or late you’ll find yourself at a party in New York or Boston with a dozen or so people, anybody be it all from Middlebury. How do I choose an apartment?

Look for the ones with the smallest rats.

How do I spend my free time?

Fishing, mostly. When I get really bored, I go to the library.

Is the working life for me?

There is a way to beat the working-week blues. Hide at your job. Bleed into the scenery, avoid your bosses and explore the vast possibilities for creative laziness. By being lazy you avoid that overworked feeling and your life takes on the aura of an endless vacation. College is great preparation for that.

Should I get a pet?

No, the cockroaches are plenty good company.

Do I look for myself?

One thing I’ve learned to appreciate out here is the remarkable contributions made by people like Sara Lee and Kay Knox. It’s easy to scoff at them while you’re wearing those SOU goodies, but when you get there, you realize that Sara Lee is one of the finest citizens in our country’s history.

On the whole, life is better on the outside. You can’t expect to be happy here and take your place for a couple of weeks and leave me your 1D and the key to your room. If you’re happy, we’ll make it a permanent thing.

1. DOUGLAS MEREDITH

Gays express anger in D.C.

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assumptions on Oct. 13 in order to discuss the demands of the march. Meanwhile, the march is planned for on Capitol Hill. Indeed, the march was a success. Washington has seen us, heard us, and will recognize us.

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