Alaskan wilderness

By Rod Heyler '82

Wilderness. To some, it probably means having only three bears in town to hug to. To others, it connotes seeing huge lake systems of Alaskan land for future generation.

Wally Elton, former geography professor, spoke to a joint meeting of the Mountain Club and Environmental Quality (EQ) on Oct. 28, on the history of wilderness in this country and the proposed wilderness areas in Vermont.

"People's concern for wilderness wanted to build in this country 100 years ago with the conception of Yellowstone National Park," Elton said. He maintained that wilderness became a national priority after the Wilderness Act was passed in 1964.

"That legislation set up a policy supporting wilderness, attempted to define wilderness, and create guidelines for its use," Elton explained. "It also called for the RARE II study. This Rosedale Area Review and Evaluation (instrument) government agencies to catalog possible wilderness areas under their jurisdiction.

Elton stated that until the mid-70's, this increased attention was focused primarily on the spectacular western areas in the west, while wilderness areas in the east were nonexistent. The Eastern Wilderness Act of 1975 created a large system that includes two areas in Vermont.

The Naval Cliff area, according to Elton, is a 40,000-acre tract located 10 miles northwest of Middlebury, an east side ride from campus. The Leye Brook area consists of 12,000 acres in southern Vermont. "Though small," Elton said, "these areas are beautiful.

The Campus is very sorry to announce the untimely death of Middlebury College Freshman Hugh McGee. Hugh died in an automobile accident on Nov. 2. We express our profound condolences to his family and friends.

Midd student voters defined

By Bill Stackelski '84

The student Political Forum held a mock presidential election last week to determine which presidential candidate would be the strongest student following at Middlebury College.

Independent candidate John Anderson swept the election, taking 45 percent of the vote. Democratic incumbent Jimmy Carter barely edged our Republican Ronald Reagan with 24 and 22 percent respectively.

Other third party candidates such as Communist Gus Hall, Libertarian Ed Clark and Caiman Party candidate Barry Commer took seven percent of the vote.

Political Forum member Ali Fincher '82 commented, "I came out on the order I thought I would, but it surprised me that Reagan came out so close to Carter. I thought that Carter would beat him soundly. I didn't think that there was so much of a Reagan following here at Middlebury, but apparently there's a lot of Republicanism there.

The stronger Carter showed came from the senior class, 52 percent of whom voted for the President, as compared to 40 percent for Anderson. Reagan actually defeated Carter in all but the senior class, wherein Carter's strong support gave him the fine margin needed to defeat his Republican opponent overall at Middlebury.

Some 50 percent of the Blacks supported the President, while more voted for Reagan. Jews also slighled the Republican, but gave 55 percent of their support to Anderson.

Most of the national regions

When asked about the social life at Middlebury back in 1966, Fincher replied, "We didn't have a social life! I didn't know anyone who drank beer and very few of them smoked, either. It was easier to walk two blocks in the snow to go to school than to not.

He recalled, however, that "We did have three dances, a sophomore dance, an alumni dance, and a senior dance. But that was about it as far as social life was concerned.

One wonders if Joseph Bell's "luminous little hotel" fell into disrepair with Middlebury students. And whatever happened to the Galley (Galley)? Perhaps it lies today sunken somewhere on the bottom of Otter Creek.

Anyway, we've got the entire downstairs of Middlebury to console ourselves with nowadays.

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Vandalism and trashing

By Allison McGeeve ‘82

Thursday, November 10, 1983

The sight of broken beer bottles and trash strewn about the halls is a common one on Monday mornings at Middlebury. Although vandalism "cannot be tolerated" might be considered relatively minor problems in the small college of the 1800s as well. The culprits a century ago, however, faced different penalties for different methods of mischief. "The men of the college afforded the freshmen many opportunities to unders...",

The next morning, President Hamlin, "closed the door for the freshmen, because they would have the chance of ending up above the heroes of the champagne shower from the plume...". The men arrived at the scene, and had the men got to go as it swung back and ordered the men to get the champagne out. And it was just what the men wanted, and willingly "some eight or nine students found a place to dump it under their weight..."

President Hamlin said that "the men were...". The men likely used the champagne to clean the floor, and it was used to finish the champagne shower. The men were not punished for their actions.

Council requests discussion, PE credit

By Maria Padna ‘83

The Council decided that it could not proceed without Council members present. Dean of the College John Spry and Dean of Students Eric Won- nacott, both of whom were out of town. There were no Council members present at the Nov. 19 Council meeting.

The second issue discussed was the feasibility of granting physical education credit to members of the men's rugby club.

Kerrigan, current president of the club, pointed out, "Even though we are student-run and...". It was agreed that the council would consider granting credit for their activities.

The English department faculty voted against the closing of dorms as a violation of the College tradition and policies. The statement of savings after student transportation costs and electrical costs, they stated that the Energy Council went beyond their delegated powers by making the recommendations.

Kerrigan, speaking as a resident of Pasteur Hall, furthered, "No one is going to give me a dumping on my...". He felt that his sentiment is representative of the majority of students living in Starr and Pasteur.

The student aerospace debate started with the second motion which would deal directly with the issues of dorm closings and disapproval of the College Meeting Night in the fall. The...