

## a natural state

## **Artist: Herb Parker**

Video: Touch the Earth, Video D., Process: Planting

[David Bradshaw, professor of horticulture, guides students through process of planting]

[David Bradshaw] Just fit them right into the cracks, just push them in so that they are firmly anchored. That's what we left those little niches in the rock for...

[...Soft music over shots of students planting ferns and mosses on the stone surface of Crucible's dome...]

[Herb Parker] We used quite an amount of mosses, of ebony spleenwort. I think there are five hundred ebony spleenworts on the external rock and thirteen bags of sheet moss covering the surface. All of this will help blend it into the landscape...but that [material] *is* the landscape. As the piece ages, I would like for it to blend in even more than it does now to the environment.