**Students lobby for SIU funds**

Nearly 100 students head to Washington for Lobby Day

Jane Huh
Daily Egyptian

Joe Lundy is walking down when it comes to helping politicians. Last week, he traveled up to Washington, D.C., to protest the war on terrorism.

Now, Lundy, a junior in economics and political science, will leave Carbondale again Wednesday with nearly 100 other SIUC students and travel to the state capital to lobby the Illinois Senate General Assembly for more funds.

"We've been working on this mission increase, and if we want progressive change then we have to come together to combine political dimensions at every level. Students should not be responsible for the fiscal irresponsibility of the state government," Lundy said.

In its second year, Lobby Day is an opportunity for students to put pressure on legislators who make higher education funding appropriation decisions that affect students' budgets.

"Last year we decided to make an effort to take students to help make a case for budget allocations," said Scott Kaiser, assistant to SIU President James Walker, who will attend the event.

Kaiser said the students will be lobbying the legislature for Gov. George Ryan's proposed $234 million in increased funding for SIU. Despite Ryan's proposal, the General Assembly may have to vote for a decreased figure because of the state's $2.1 billion shortfall.

"We have been successful in that we showed legislators we have excellent and bright students at SIU. Those students conveyed why it's important that SIU receive strong funding," Kaiser said.

"The current economy is weak, and we feel lobbying and being strawed is fact. We have to do so on what we have.

Students will meet with their hometown legislators. The students making the three-hour trip to Springfield will learn, however, that means legislators who are less familiar with the SIU campus community will be lobbied, according to "Kaiser."

"It's important for (the legislators) to see firsthand how those on campus so we can make connections with as many legislators as we can," Kaiser said.

Barb Brown, an SIU political science lecturer, teaches a University Honors course on political participation and will make the trip to Springfield with the students. She said someone drives the point home better than when students are lobbying for education issues is an issue.

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Prior appointments between students and legislators have already been made. In addition, students will hand out informational packets about SIU to the politicians.

Erik Wiant, a senior in political science from Birmingham, said SIU as a public institution is not done enough to bring in more state revenue. Wiant, a USC veteran and student participant, will make a compelling impression on the legislators.

"I just feel it's part of my responsibility as an elected student leader to go there and address student concerns in Springfield," he said. "I'd like to get more public funding down to SIUC. We're just going to make a compelling impression on them."

Cecilia Rodriguez contributed to this story.

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**Tomato ravages countrysidc**

Rural communities attempt to recover from devastating storm

Molly Parker
Daily Egyptian

Witnesses say it took less than two minutes for a tornado to partially flatten the town of Sims and leave everything along Broadway Street in Fairfield Sunday afternoon.

Leslie Trinkle stands in, what just Sunday, was her living room. Trinkle's painting from 1958 remains on the wall behind him, but the ceiling and outer walls have been ripped away completely.

"He turned into the driveway and said it's gone — it's all gone."

Gary Robinson
Sims, Illinois

The white picket fence community, which earlier that day went to church to the farm and work, was left with each scattered across the ground, pink insulation stuck to the trees, and the smell of burning debris — yesterday's houses, barns, little shape and Sims' single bar — lying above like a smoking cloud.

Less than 24 hours after the tornado touches down, taking one life along the way, the mayor will stand among the rubble and say "It was God looking out for us."

Debra Robinson, who has lived in her modest rural home for 38 years, will rummage through its remains to find an old family photograph — a picture of happiness amid the shear devastation.

"See God is going to fly in around noon and amid the sounds of chainsaws and the vox, the tornado claimed 41 people and took the life of Michael Watkinson, 47, of Wayne City, who died of injuries he sustained in the mobile home.

On Monday, the rest of the town will learn what it means to survive.

Leslie Trinkle will find a picture he painted and framed in 1958 still hanging above his basement couch. Families will sit in their front yards, helping the church will still hang and hangovers at the end of the damaged block in Fairfield.

There will be no time for tears — that will come later when the first uncles in adors and the volumes have all jackd up. That is when there will be time for story to set in.

Monday, this town of less than 500 nearly flattened by a gust of wind, will pick through what's left of their quiet community and then begin to build from the ground up.

"We have to build back up. We'll build back up," Sims Mayor Howie Caldwell said Monday. "We're just thankful for the act.

The entire front side of the house where Billy and Debra Robinson have lived for 38 years was lying on the ground like a piece of paper in the flood waters. A pile of mattresses was stacked the passage when Debra's bedroom stood.

The tornado claimed most of the house. "My cabinets are still in good shape," she says standing in the kitchen. Her grandchildren is lined with the pieces of a puzzle her grandfather had put together only days before.

The Robinsons went to their farm 5 miles south when the tornado hit. They are all safe.

"Her grandson was the first to see the house. He turned into the driveway and said it's gone — it's all gone."

But Debra would like note that the most important things are still here.

"Homes are replaceable. God was with us, you know."

Child traffic deaths at an all-time low
WASHINGTON - Child traffic deaths from auto crashes dropped to 2,658 last year, a record low since the government began keeping records of such deaths 36 years ago. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that the number of children under 16 who died in 2001 was down 5.4 percent to another child safety belt state law and new educational programs by auto makers may be attributes.

The overall number of traffic fatalities also fell by about 40 percent to 39,790 in 2001. But alcohol-related deaths remained unchanged at 40 percent of all traffic deaths, a number that ties for the fourth consecutive year, to 3,063, the highest number in 11 years.

Supreme Court to review abortion harassment case
WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court today said it will review the law regulating violence and harassment outside abortion clinics, by Ireland protesters. Physicians may now go to court to seek restraining orders to protect abortion providers. The high court and lower courts have been split on whether to stifle free speech or violate a woman's right to choose.

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Refugees' return creates Hope
POLO-GHAR, Afghanistan - A flood of Afghan refugees from Pakistan is overwhelming this nation's capital, challenging its new government and quickly draining international aid money. Though the wave of people is not being halted as a symbol of Afghanistan's stability.

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Former Sotheby's chairman Taubman sentenced
NEW YORK - A former chairman of Sotheby's, Taubman's, was sentenced Monday to a year in prison and fined $12 million for his part in a price-fixing scheme. Taubman, 78, was convicted of violating anti-trust laws and concabel $43.5 million during a period of six years. Although prosecutor were asking that Taubman be sentenced to three years in prison, the judge had sought a more lenient sentence. Taubman was convicted Dec. 5 of conspiracy to violate anti-trust laws in the scheme that prosecutors and involved the Justice Department, which the Justice Department confirmed Thursday that it would not appeal the amount of time Taubman was sentenced to serve.

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Ingrid Smith, a junior in psychology, created a workshop called "Our Issues, My Body" after her best friend died because of complications with diabetes last year. The workshop, targeting undergraduates and minority health problems, will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Student Center Video Lounge on Wednesday.

Our Issues, My Body

Workshop addresses minority health issues
Samantha Edmondson
Daily Egyptian

Ingrid Smith’s photo album between her and her friends, family and loved ones, is a picture special bound with bold flowers. The young woman smiles brightly; her name, Tiffany Mark Lott, is printed on a blue program. The black lettering spells out her birthday, Aug. 9, 1983, and the day she died, Feb. 14, 2001.

The 20-year-old woman was Smith’s best friend who died from diabetes after several of her major organs shut down.

The tragic event shook Smith, a junior in psychology from St. Louis, to the core. But her anguish has inspired her to create a workshop centered on the theme of women and minority health issues called “Our Issues, My Body” from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Student Center Video Lounge.

Her friend from the start
Smith would always see her friend’s family smiling back at her from the frame in her room or at the front of the class when she was in St. Louis. Spending the young age of 20, Smith saw the same bubbling new friend when she can, "she said. "People need to know about this because they are preventable.”

Smith decided to speak a handful of the statistics collected as well as her struggles with her death. “She tried to make her friend better,” Smith said. "It was a very important and research front of her class.

Smith said at first, she prepared her presentation after she was teaching the class about this information, but soon found out they lost interest. “I said, OK, let’s call straight up right away,” she said, “They became more interested and involved in my lecture.”

This response led Smith to prepare a more detailed outline and present her plan to several other Student Development department, including Women’s Services, Wellness Center, WEED and Student Development.

The workshop is scheduled for 7 to 9 p.m. in the Student Center Video Lounge on Wednesday with a break at 8 p.m. for a lunch break. SIU President James Walker said, "Kanter said the event is intended for all to keep in touch with their legacies.’’

The General Assembly will vote on a bill to recommend SIU to St. Louis by May 17. The bill recommends that the president should be a resident of St. Louis with an additional $150 million for capital projects. List of projects show the state in a $2 billion increase.

Carbondale

Non-fiction author Patricia Hampel to read at Carbondale Public Library
Patricia Hampel, a professor at the University of Minnesota, will read from her book at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Carbondale Public Library. Hampel is the author of numerous books of poetry and novels. Her memoir, “A Romantic Education” is about her 13-year American experience teaching English to students in China. She will read from the book and discuss her work after the reading.

More than 100 books will be available for purchase or reading and can be signed by the author. The reading is sponsored by the Illinois State Library and is free to the public.

Melange to host award-winning film and poetry show for free
Melange Coffee House, 607 S. Illinois Ave., will host two events from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. April 28. The first is an award-winning documentary film "Kush: Up Against Something" by Iranian writer/filmmaker Khosrow Shahhidi, and the second is a reading of works by David Men’s poetic poem "The Marfa" from his new book named "The Marfa Experience." For more information, call Melange at 545-9616.
Faculty calls prospective students to help recruitment

Ginny Skalski Daily Egyptian

More than 170 faculty members are chipping in to help the University recruit admitted students by calling them and sharing information about their departments.

The Admissions Office has expanded faculty members with at least five names of students who have indicated they are interested in a particular department. Since March, participants have been calling students at their leisure to introduce themselves and inform students about their departments.

The new program is one of the University's latest efforts to boost enrollment after it dropped by 954 students in the fall and 612 students in the spring.

"It's really a yield strategy which is trying to get students from an admitted stage to the depositing and enrolling," said Larry Ditta, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. "The faculty are critical players in a student's decision to enroll in a particular department or in the University for that matter.

Ditta said the faculty participants are trained to greet the student, introduce themselves and tell about their departments and also to answer any questions they can. Participants also try to gauge how interested the student is in SIU and ask if the students need any more information.

The student's information is then referred to the Counseling Center so they can be contacted again and sent the pertinent information.

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In short, the Texas Christian University senior is amenable to almost any job that comes with a paycheck and the opportunity for a career in engineering.

Yet, with graduation just weeks away, he is still dressing up and hunting for a job.

"I was out recruiting for a home improvement company. I was talking to a group of students and got a job offer from them on the spot," said Stovall, a chemistry major.

"They pay us very well," said Stovall. "I applied at the University of Illinois. They gave me a job offer on the spot.

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City fire station under renovation

Fire Station No. 1 on 600 E. College St. is currently being renovated. The construction is scheduled to be done this July and will make the station the primary location.

The project, expected to be completed by July, will also add two fire truck bays to the two existing bays, Doherty said.

The building will expand from about 5,500 square feet to about 6,000 feet after the project is completed. Where the renovation is finished, Firestation No. 1 will become the primary station, Doherty said.

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Afghan leaders: Border mistake allowed al-Qaida members to flee

U.S. led forces fail to block escape routes to Pakistan

Michael Zielienzign

AGAINZ, Afghanistan—U.S.-led coalition forces made a critical strategic error by failing to block the escape routes into Pakistan before justifying their entry into Afghanistan against Taliban and al-Qaida-held areas in Afghanistan, two Afghan commanders said Monday.

"We made a fundamental mistake. We didn't block the border," said Commander Ofan Rassoul Schali, who said he led about 600 Afghan troops in a 17-day offensive, Operation Anaconda, which ended March.

"We wanted to capture all the al-Qaida, but we couldn't stop them from flying across the border," Rassoul added. "Maybe it was fate.

The operation was aimed at eradicating an estimated 2,000 al-Qaida and Taliban fighters dug into caves, bunkers and villages in the Spinavak valley in eastern Paktia Province, a mountainous region adjoining a remote tribal area of Pakistan's Northwest Frontier Province.

More than 2,000 U.S., Canadian, Afghan and other troops took part in the operation that saw U.S. aircraft drop in excess of 3,450 bombs. Eight Americans and three Afghans died in the fighting.

U.S. commanders conceded that hundreds of al-Qaida and Taliban fighters were killed, even though few bodies were recovered. They concede that some enemy may have slipped into Pakistan, but insist that many were buried in collapsed caves or deliberately by bombs.

U.S.-led coalition forces have continued to sweep Shah-Kot and other parts of Paktia or al-Qaida and Taliban remnants.

Taliban and al-Qaida forces won't be wiped out, said Rassoul and Yunus, who are the other Afghan commander - until coalition forces cross the border to sweep the Northwest Frontier Province for remaining pockets, something the Pakistani government refuses to permit. Largely self-taught and regulated by traditional tribal codes, the region is difficult for Pakistan to govern.

"All the bad guys got away," said Yunus, who led a contingent of 450 men into battle and like many other Afghan commanders, is gone.

"They are very good fighters, very skilled," Rassoul said of his Amazighis.

"It's just a tragedy that we couldn't secure a great victory."

Yunus and Rassoul reported with U.S. special forces wearing heavy armament, bulletproof vests and dark sunglasses to hide their faces.

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Rassoul adds: "We made a fundamental mistake by failing to describe the Taliban bases and fortifications he said his men helped destroy during Operation Anaconda."

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Our Word
Take a hard look at the death penalty

Gov. George Ryan may see leave office with the best reputation. The license-for-bribes scandal and the unpopular budget cuts that will further exacerbate Southern Illinois' economy do not make for a popular governor.

One thing we can admire him for, however, is the moratorium he placed on the death penalty in Illinois. The system used to administer this gravest of punishments was a fragile web, possibly dripping with the blood of the innocent. The state had wrongfully convicted and then freed 13 death row inmates and executed 12 since the death penalty was reinstated in 1977.

Ryan formed a commission, including Paul Simon, director of the Public Policy Institute and former U.S. senator, that spent the last two years researching Illinois' death penalty. More than 300 death penalty cases were reviewed, including testimony from both the families of murder victims and freed death row prisoners. The panel also looked at how demographics affect the likelihood of a death sentence.

The group's discovery included that convictions in rural areas are more likely to result in a death sentence than in urban areas. No statistical evidence has supported the claim that race plays a role in the probability of execution, but Simon suspects this is the case. Evidence does suggest that socio-economics has a hand in whether a convict's right to life is denied.

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The commission came out with 35 proposals to eliminate flaws in the system. Many of the suggestions were plain commonsense, such as banning the death sentence for those convicted by a single eyewitness, a prison informant or an accomplice whose testimony is not buttressed with other evidence.

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Sue Sis, Kirk Dillard, R-Elmhurst, suddenly announced as vice chairman of the Judiciary Committee that many of the commission's proposals may be "headed straight for the trash bin." Dillard's outspoken opposition for two years of research designed only to ensure that innocent people do not die is frightening. We encourage the Illinois legislature to earnestly consider all propositions and codify those deemed necessary.

In January, a new governor will hold the power of life and death over 3,061 convicted. When and if the moratorium is lifted, we encourage our new head of state to embrace these recommendations.

If the government serves as a henchman, it had better take every precaution necessary to ensure that the right neck is on the line.
Bad Business

When SIU loses one of its largest selling points, the bearcat, what's going to happen?

Our thanks for a good election

Dear Editor:

As a graduate student Government-electee and student Trustee election commissioner, I would like to take this moment after this election to thank everyone who voted for me. First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone who was an SIUEGel student. This was my first time as a student Trustee, and I was cleared up to vote. I would also like to thank everyone who was an SIUEGel student and who voted for me. I am very excited to be a part of the student government.

Matt Schilling

SIU campus as tattered as its image

Dear Editor:

After voting, my major area, SIUC, this past weekend, and logging on to have my say, I see I'm not for sure to have noticed the rundown, dusty appearance of this campus. I have to say, I am most "% and ready to quit the defense, the "beautiful campus" of the one who reminded me for attending the "party here! That's been the case for me. We've had been trying for three years now, and I'm still getting by. For ten years, I've been saying to you, "no," but there are those who "No," we can't say that. I'm going to say that this campus is a mess.

George Carlin would roll over in his grave if he knew how many times changed on his classic routine, "Seven Dirty Words You Can’t Say on Television..." We don’t need to change it, but the university has definitely changed. Carlin's 1973 routine was groundbreaking, poignant, thought-provoking and well, dirty. You’ll have to find Carlin's 1973 album "Class Clown" to hear the whole bit so we can discuss the Internet and how we can deal with the students. It was so dirty that it was played on the air by New York City's Pacifica radio station, WRNR, in October 1973, the Federal Communications Commission sent an order down forbidding the broadcasting of such language. The station appealed the order to the District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals and won a reversal. The FCC then appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, where the original order was reinstated. So just what are those seven dirty words, and what can they say to us?

Well, let's put it this way. One hallway with the sticker "new stickers with theme," the third hallway with the theme "era of the four" and that's about it. That's what those seven words are on the books. The whole theme through the years made me not one on television and not worth. No spectacular word that didn't work, "OK, spit! Did you hear that? The four-letter word... that's about it. That's what those seven words are on the books. The whole theme through the years made me not one on television and not worth. No spectacular word that didn't work, "OK, spit! Did you hear that? The four-letter word... that's about it. That's what those seven words are on the books. The whole theme through the years made me not one on television and not worth. No spectacular word that didn’t work, "OK, spit! Did you hear that? The four-letter word... that's about it. That's what those seven words are on the books. The whole theme through the years made me not one on television and not worth. 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This overturned trailer is a common scene in both Fairfield and Sims where homes and livelihoods were torn to bits in a two minute storm.

The trailer spigots and the cooler are all that are left of Lonzo's Place, owned by Lonnie and Danita Wiggins. Lonzo's Place was the only bar in Wayne County.

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She turns over with her feet an empty can of Miller Lite. "I didn't come from the trailer about two houses down." It was the only tavern in the county. "It's the local watering hole," says Fly Hickox, a regular, as she heists a single banjo left from the wreckage into a nearby trailer.

The cooler at Lonzo's Place was left untouched as was the sign attached serving as a beach at top. Banjos were turned on their side and a Diet Coke cooler was downed. Dana Wiggins, the wife of bar owner Lonnie Wiggins, stood in what must have been the parking lot. "This bar has a long history. It made it through the '64 blizzard."

"It was a place where anyone could come to matter what was your social class or your situation," she said. "I think (my husband) is going to rebuild."

The tornado that brushed through Wayne County was the most recent reported this season, according to Don McCarthy, coordination meteorologist for the Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Okla. It registered a F3 on the Fujita Tornado Intensity Scale, with an F5 being the most damaging. It left a path of destruction in Wayne County 500 yards wide and 20 miles long. The governor is in the process of getting these towns in Wayne County declared national disaster areas.

Just across a buried wire fence, in the Sims jaywalked, semi-trucks were turned on their side. The glass from car windows was shattered on the ground, near fridges that had blown from houses. A stop sign that had spooled from the mud was welded between the downed electric lines. Tires were blown across the yard. Beer bottles, Mountain Dew cans, children's books, big trash cans and a tiny toy Tonka bulldozer were piled together like a make-shift mosaic.

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Volunteers from the Jesus Name Pentecostal Church of Fairfield cook hotdogs and hamburgers for other volunteers and disaster stricken families at the end of the block where the tornado struck in their town.

See TWISTER, page 9
Children playfully ride their bikes down Broadway Street in disaster-stricken Fairfield the day after the tornado ravaged their town.

TWISTER

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proved that back in 1946," said Trinkle who has a fresh scratch on his face and two deep cuts on his arm from being sucked underneath the front porch of his mobile home.

Charlie Brown's encyclopedia autographed by the famous F-3 was placed in front of the enclosed room. "It's a surprise it's survived. He hasn't had it but two weeks!"

As you make your way through the town of Sims and then Fairfield about 10 miles to the south the damage becomes more apparent. At least 20 families strained the sound of the tornado coming through to a freight train. They hid in their basements or neighbor's basements. What proceeded and followed the tornado was an eerie quiet. Most people have lost their belongings but are over their head and the plans they will work and home.

"We believe the roof was picked up and came right back down," said Nick Smith of Fairfield whose father owns a local farm store. "This was up before!" he said.

A small square of wall paper, limp green with vines, country house, barns and haystacks, lay across limbs in the yard. Promises from the DuQuoin Bees, Windsor, and the rest are made of straw flying behind the house and red and blue sky. The little girl crying in the front yard was unharmed, the America flag flying at the corner.

About four miles down the street a "Small Children Walking" sign was bent like a broken back. Bill and Toots Mepham sat with their grandchildren and neighborhood children watching the cars that were unwinding in front of them. "We just couldn't leave our kids at home. The little white sticker from the dresser at their house was unharmed, the American flag still flying at the corner.

"The last time a tornado claimed the life of a Southern Illinois resident was in 1993 when an F4 tornado swirled through Wayne County according to Chuck Spalding, meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Paducah, Ky. Dan McCarthy of the Storm Prediction Center said Tuesday's tornado was caused when a storm in Wayne County formed along a front, which propagated through the north west. In the 55th and 65th and reached the 60th in the hour.

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Less than 24 hours after the storm, the majority of the town was left standing. Some people who were neighbors lost their homes and still have to pick up the pieces. "We have to go to the store and we're not allowed to go to the store," said Dan McCarthy.

The tornado seemed to pick and choose its victims. A small girl in a neighborhood home stood outside a collapsed mobile home. A steep curve was completely blown. The house was completely blown. The house was completely blown. The house was completely blown.

"I'm glad to see it all because I.Parcel photo - ALEX HAGLUND

Illinois disaster relief workers stoke a rubbish fire in a backyard in Sims. Gov. George Ryan flew into Wayne County Monday and declared these two towns a state disaster area. He is working to have them declared a national disaster area.
Celebrate good times

A group of dancers show off their talents for a packed house at the Pullman Gymnasium on Saturday night. The competition was hosted by the Fatal Fusion dance team. There were several dance teams competing as well as two students rapping on one microphone.

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Environmental warriors recruit young members

Kevin Spear
The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. - They donned swimming suits, swabbed black paint on their exposed flesh and smeared a gas station to demonstrate against offshore drilling.

Then they built a symbolic manatee cemetery and later invaded a discount store, passing merchandise with anti-drilling statements stuck in it for your children by children.

The acts of civil disobedience came from University of Central Florida students who put aside studies this school year to protest油价higher increases that they say are as old.

Yet those idealistic members of Free the Planet, as well as specific activities elsewhere in Florida, are a rare species.

A study of the voting patterns of 33,000 environmental organizations nationwide revealed a surprising statistic: The average age of an environmental activist is 62.

"They're too old," said Bill Lowrie, Audubon Society of Florida coordinator for 41 local chapters in the state. "They don't want to design senior citizens in any way, but I'm saying it's a healthy situation to have a better mix."

Not all groups necessarily fit that age. The Nature Conservancy, for example, has found that its members - in older demographics - are well prepared to support group's expansive mission to buy large tracts of natural landscapes for recreation and preservation. The conservancy's roughly 1 million members nationwide have an average age of 63 and an average income of about $65,000 annually.

Yet other environmental organizations see an urgent need to recruit younger members.

"They are far out there in the water as much as anybody," said Shelly Liles, team leader for the Palm Beach County, Fla., chapter of the Surfrider Foundation. The group promotes clean-up and the ocean's health, say sustainable conditions. "I think they want to be part of the solution," said Lisa St. Eustace, director of the UCC chapter of Free the Planet. "But they want to do it in the house at their computers."

Studied began recruiting at the start of school last year and signed up dozens of interested students, who, when asked, would fire off protest e-mails on behalf of Free the Planet. As the school year draws to a close, the group has gained a reputation as savvy and committed but has just four active members.

They're strikingly different from many of their student peers. Group members protest their hatred for nukes that bomb them, Kosovo, Tsketho, 30, is out of campus sync by not having an e-mail address. Jessica Lason, 21, said her group returned recently from a speech given by famed activist Ralph Nader in Tampa, Fla.

"You need to grow up civic and not grow up corporate," Lason said, paraphrasing the inspiration she drew from Nader.
Colleges turn to local businesses for course advice

Benjamin Wallace-Wells Knight-Ridder Newspapers

WEST CHESTER, Pa. (KRT) -- In 1998, executives from local pharmaceutical companies took a complaint to West Chester University. Too many graduates were short on business skills.

And those who knew business, they said, didn't know enough science.

Could the university teach both at the same time?

University officials began to work with drug company execs to put together a program to fit the needs of those firms. The program that grew from those talks is in place at West Chester University with 20 students enrolled.

Colleges around the country are forming similar partnerships with the companies around them. At Pennsylvania 14 state universities, 47 new programs designed in collaboration with local companies are in place or will be put in place this year.

But the movement has created debate on college campuses.

"I think they're chasing the wind," said Martin Snyder, assistant director of the American Association of University Professors.

"The big elephants are tightening their budgets and looking to bring education to them," West Chester University administrators said. They hold to jump up with the times, and that's right being able to guarantee that a degree will make the tuition investment worthwhile.

"Our schools understand that they have not met their goals in student retention of making sure they get jobs after college. So the schools are going out into their communities, talking to employers, and says "Help us design programs that will be marketable," said Lloyd Marshall, a spokesman for the Pennsylvania system, the network of 14 schools, mostly four-year state teacher colleges, that include West Chester University.

At the University of Arizona-Phoenix staff professors have worked with the University of Arizona to develop a degree program in regulatory science that produces graduates who are equally knowledgeable in agriculture and the Department of Agriculture, according to the professor. Students say they could develop these types of programs.

"Local schools have curricula that are often too minute and repetitive to local business," said John Robinson, a spokeswoman for the American Council on Education.

"It's a problem for some programs at West Chester University who worry that their school is playing down theoretical aspects of the undergraduate education in order to teach hands-on skills.

"We're encouraged to think in terms of professional education, and so you don't get time to dive into things like critical thinking, challenging the students," said Doug McComish, a professor of sociology who teaches classes on aging.

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Students say they find the working world experience that the university's pharmacological program offers them invaluable. They hope it will pay off hands-on with a job.

Brandon Hoffmann, 21, a junior, was a biology major at Pennsylvania State University when he transferred to West Chester University in the fall of 2000 to take part in the then-fledgling pharmaceutical product-development program, begun this year. His degree is "greatly influenced more in practical science and application for a career with one of those companies," said Hoffmann, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Hoffmann spent the summer working at AstraZeneca, a London-based drug company with its U.S. headquarters in Wilmington, Del. He returned to the firm to work again during Christmas break last year, and hopes to work with the company after he graduates.

Hoffmann and the 19 other West Chester University students enrolled in the program take general-education classes with the rest of the student body, but devote most of the time another student would spend on a major and classes in pharmaceutical product development - "some bio-ogy, some chemistry, a lot of our own stuff," said Leslie Shubin, the professor who devised the program.

Hoffman dismisses the concerns of professors who worry that the university may be cheating students such as Hoffmann of a well-rounded education.
AMA provides tools for students seeking experience in medicine

Ivan Thomas
Daily Egyptian

Students who want to know how they can become the next generation of doctors can now find out what it takes to be a new physician with a class that has made its home at SIUC.

The American Medical Student Association has recently become an addition to the campus as a Registered Student Organization in order to provide aspiring medical students with experience prior to heading out into their respective fields.

AMSA is a student-governed, national organization with a membership of more than 30,000 students and was chartered at the University for a local chapter.

George Robinson, president of AMSA, orchestrated the application process, which began in November, and is intended to provide pre-med students with the knowledge to explore the medical world and perhaps pursue that as a career. There will also be a program for graduate students, but it is still in the chartering process.

AMSA's proposal was accepted Friday, and the organization has three main objectives for the fall when it becomes more active. It will provide pre-med students with the necessary knowledge to provide pre-med students with the necessary knowledge to provide pre-med students with the necessary knowledge to provide pre-med students with the necessary knowledge to provide pre-med students with the necessary knowledge to provide pre-med students with the necessary knowledge.

"A lot of people talk about, or wish and aspire to be doctors, but for those who are actually willing to go through the gauntlet it is a different story," said Robinson.

There are currently 12 faculty members within the organization with national certifications, which adds much to the experience of the program. Robinson said that Dianne Kneuburt, adviser of AMSA, provides a lot for the organization because of her establishments of networks in the medical field.

SIUC students interested in joining the program can anticipate a lot of educational experience in the fall when doctors and other speakers in the medical arena share their knowledge, and provide the answers to questions regarding that profession.

"AMSA has had several successful meetings, but the first official meeting will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday in Wheeler Hall for students who are interested in learning more about the organization. A discussion about being accepted as a Registered Student Organization, and elections for new officers will also take place. Robinson said that students should have some medical knowledge. Robinson said that Dianne Kneuburt, adviser of AMSA, provides a lot for the organization because of her establishments of networks in the medical field."
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**LIGHTS**

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New lights would contrast with the new stadium, which is aimed to be built at the current location of McAndrew Stadium. Puslhill estimated that about 50 percent of the infrastructure going into the lighting could be integrated into the new stadium.

Kowalczyk said ramping up the lights for SIU football is a question of when, not if.

"Lights will certainly be a part of any new stadium," Kowalczyk said. "The question is whether it makes sense to do it before then."

Little public action has been taken on the new stadium proposal, so Kill thinks adding lighting would be a much-needed sign of action. In fact, he doesn't differentiate between lighting McAndrew and the larger project to construct a new stadium.

"To me, it's the first step of the stadium project, and we've got to take some steps," Kill said. "The move not only gives Newman a different way to pitch, it motivated him to improve his performance at the plate."

"I think that helped me out, putting me down there for a few games, because I got to see some better pitches to hit," Newman said. "They don't throw as well to the lower half of the lineup. I think that helped me get going."

"I'm very confident that I can go in with the talent that God has given me and make the best of it."

No matter what happens, Scott — who honored his commitment to SIU despite recieving late recruiting interest from Michigan State — has an opportunity ahead.

"I have nothing to lose," Scott said. "What's the worst case scenario? I go home, and I will accomplish something. But the best case scenario is I'm recruited, and the dream continues."

Pendergrass didn't have as long a career with SIU as Scott, but he was a helpful part of SIU's secondary and special teams units last season.

Pendergrass was an honorable mention All-Gateway pick in his one season at SIU after transferring from Northern Illinois.

Pendergrass caught scouts' attention by running a 4.31 40-yard dash and recording a 40-inch vertical leap during a workout in DeKalb last month. He will report to the Seahawks' mini-camp May 2 and may be also contacted by Oakland, Green Bay and the New York Jets.

"I think that helped me get going. The move not only gave Newman a different way to pitch, it motivated him to improve his performance at the plate."

"We're coming off a season where we didn't get many opportunities, so the move will help Newman a lot," Schwaab said. "The guys who end up being successful are willing to concentrate, learn the scheme and put the extra time into it. You only get one shot like this in a lifetime, so you've got to take advantage of it."
Common people's triathlon, uncommon trainer

Doc Spackman, SIU athletic trainer for over two decades, works on athlete Rusty Miller. The Doc Spackman Triathlon, honoring the man who died in 1984, will be held Saturday.

**Michael Brenner**

Daily Egyptian

Robert "Doc" Spackman's trained collegiate athletes in weight rooms, though he preferred to work out while driving, stretching on the phone and watching TV.

Spackman, SIU's athletic trainer for 27 years, believed fitness was a frame of mind, not just an activity. His life was a continuous loop of exercise until he died in January of 1984—while playing football.

"He worked fitness into his lifestyle, and he felt that everyone else should make it part of their lifestyle," said Jane Spackman, Doc's widow. "In other words, not necessarily stick out to exercise, but to try to do things in your daily living."

After his death, the University started the Doc Spackman Memorial Triathlon, a short, sprint distance race suitable for anyone because it is easier and all-terrain:

"It's shorter, but it's also hard because it's ugly and dilapidated," said a former SIU track star. "It's a little easier on the body, but it's also hard because you have to work the whole way. You can't just let up."

"This is definitely a sprint distance," said Andrew Tew, an exercise science major and treasurer of the club. "It's shorter, but it's also hard because you have to work the whole way. You can't just let up."

The triathlon will also feature post-athletes like Sheila Simon, the daughter of former U.S. Sen. Paul Simon. She will compete in what she called "some old lady category," and compared her speed to that of a snail.

"I sent [Assistant Director of Intramural Recreation Sports] Kathy Hollister an e-mail saying if I would be in people's way if I'm not doing this on a competitive basis," Simon said. "She said she's just the kind of athlete this is, for people who want to give it a whirl."

Reporter Michael Brenner can be reached at mibrenner@dailyEgyptian.com

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**SIUC Chancellor Walter V. Wendler** will host two open forums this week to answer questions about the proposed tuition increase.

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Night football could be coming soon to McAndrew

University officials weighing feasibility of lighting stadium
Jay Schwab
Daily Egyptian

The possibility of illuminating McAndrew Stadium to enable night football games is being weighed by University officials, who would need to make a prompt decision of lights are to be installed in time for the upcoming season.

SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalzky said lighting McAndrew has been on his mind since he arrived at the university and thinks playing at night would entice both students and others to support the Salukis.

"Some people just can't get out of work on Saturdays, and some of those who do spend so much time with their kids or jobs it is too burdensome to follow their team, whatever the case may be," Kowalzky said. "So night games I think makes a lot of sense."

Ideally, Kowalzky would like to have lights installed for the Salukis' first game in Aug. 31 and construction would take an estimated four months, meaning the decision would have to be made quickly if the lights are to be ready.

Glenn Poshard, vice chancellor for Administration, said whether the proper moves forward is primarily up to Kowalzky.

"It's going to be his money and his budget," Poshard said. "It's been a pretty cool idea, that he can finance it, we will certainly do our share of getting it done in a timely fashion.

The last time SIU played night football was 1973, and the existing light fixtures do not meet NCAA requirements. It is estimated that bringing lights back to McAndrew would cost about $150,000, provided the university is able to avoid contract labor from local electrical contractors.

If the project could cost well in excess of $200,000, which would probably be out of the Athletic Department's price range, Poshard said labor costs could exceed $190,000, and considering the Athletic Department's status at the university's overall budget shortfalls, the prospects of local labor is slim.

"The electrical workers have been very good in the past," Poshard said. "They've provided a lot of free labor for special projects like this out of a sense of goodwill. They're just good people, I want to do it as a way to give back to the University."

If Poshard decides to go with the lights, he should be able to get something going in a few months. The SIU football team finished 6-4 overall and 1-1 in the Ohio Valley Conference last season. Attendance for Saluki football has been poor the past few years. The fact that the team has turned in many more positive results than good ones explains part of that, but another aspect playing night games would create a more inviting atmosphere for fans.

"The atmosphere at the stadium will be much more inviting. The crowd will be much more engaged in the game, Poshard said. "The kids who do spend it with their families will be much more engaged in watching night games and thinks lights could make."