Citizens address both sides of fracking

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Daily Egyptian

Whether they support hydraulic fracturing or oppose it, community members recently had an opportunity to better understand the process.

Members of pro- and anti-fracking groups presented their arguments during an open forum Friday at Morris Library. Individuals from across southern Illinois learned what fracking is and what it would mean for the area economically and environmentally. The university’s Masters of Public Administration program and the Southern Illinois Mayors’ Association held the presentation in light of an Illinois House of Representatives bill that would put strict regulations on hydraulic fracturing.

Dan Eichholz, Illinois Petroleum Council associate director, said fracking, a way of completing an oil and gas well by using high-pressure water injected into hydrocarbon formations to open up tiny cracks to allow oil and gas to flow out, is just one process used to collect oil and gas. He said fracking is receiving attention because it can be used to extract oil and gas in a more efficient way than previous methods.

Eichholz said fracking, along with horizontal drilling, a process that directs oil and gas pipes horizontally to better collect resources, has single-handedly revolutionized the oil and gas industry.

Brad Richards, Illinois Oil and Gas Association geologist, said oil and gas companies are considering fracking in Illinois because of the surprising amount of oil the state has.

He said Illinois has produced about four billion barrels of oil. In the early 1900s it was the third largest oil producing state in the country, according to the Illinois State Geological Survey from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Richards said fracking would probably not happen in Jackson County given the lack of possible oil and gas wells, but said the process would most likely occur farther east and south of the county.

He said the bill the oil and gas companies as well as Illinois legislators agree on is a historic and unique bill. However, some of the bill’s requirements could be hard to accomplish. The bill would require companies to get a permit to use hydraulic fracturing, give citizens the right to a public hearing if they are affected by the process, and require companies to list what chemicals they use in their fracturing water, Richards said.

Directors seek healthier campus

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A university version of a national organization is ramping up efforts to ensure both students and staff can get the best healthcare possible.

The Student Recreation Center and the Student Health Center are taking part in a national movement known as Healthy Campus 2020, which the American College Health Association started in 2000 to address students’ and staff’s health needs. The program’s university form is called the Healthy Campus Coalition.

The movement’s purpose is to combine information on programs such as sports, counseling and religious organizations that tie into all kinds of health, including mental, physical, spiritual and emotional health, and make all the information available to students in one central location, said Troy Vaughn, Recreation Sports Services director.

There are two sides of this movement: one for students, which includes existing organizations and services; the other as a new initiative designed for university employees.

Dawn Null, Wellness Center coordinator and registered dietitian, said she focuses on the movement’s student side. Campuses often don’t provide adequate information about family planning and sexually-transmitted infections, Null said, and she hopes to address these unmet needs in order to improve the student body’s overall health.

Healthier students will do better academically, which benefits both the students and the university, she said. All health aspects are affected by students’ everyday interactions with friends, classmates, instructors, counselors and doctors, she said.

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Special athletes’ day to shine

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Special Olympics participants wave to the crowd Friday as they make a practice lap before a relay race at the Carbondale High School track. Southern Illinois has had a Special Olympics chapter since 1970 and offers various events all year. It serves more than 840 athletes and holds around 11 competitions each year.

Out of the students surveyed, 51.7 percent participate in aerobic activity, exceeding the national average of 48.7 percent.

However, SIU students also participate in negative behaviors. Smoking, as well as drinking and driving, is higher than the national average, she said, and condom use is lower. If resources are provided for these issues, Null said, students can learn how to live healthier lifestyles.

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Chuck Paprocki, Southern Illinoisans Against Fracturing our Environment volunteer coordinator, said the proposed bill is filled with holes that don’t adequately protect Illinois citizens. State legislators need to collect more research and facts because of environment and community risks, he said.

“The bill currently being negotiated in Springfield is supposed to offer protections, but the holes in the safety net are so large that it is virtually useless even though its proponents call it one of the strictest,” he said.

Richard Fedder, an attorney who volunteers time with SAFE, said fracking wastes water, one of the most important resources for humans.

“Fracking is a massive industrial process which, at its most basic, pushes staggering amounts of fresh water deep underground in order to extract fossil fuels from ancient rock structures,” he said. “In the process, it turns sweet water into toxic waste, which can be disposed of by (removing) it in deep injection wells.”

Fedder said the fracking process also has the potential to contaminate underground freshwater, as well as create air pollution. These instances, combined with unsavory practices such as illegally dumping fracking waste, can result in a multitude of dangerous issues for nature and people alike.

While some forum participants had strong stances on fracking, others were uncertain about the topic.

Carbondale resident Jay Capp said he came to the forum because he wanted to hear expert opinions. Both sides presented good points, but he was not completely persuaded by either, he said.

“They made a presentation, and I am not any more comforted or reassured with (fracking) happening,” he said. “I have some more information, now I can do my own research.”

Charles Bargman, a Chester resident, said he came to the forum because he has an interest in a small oil well he receives royalty checks from that could potentially be fracked. While he understands both views of the issue, he said he is unsure which one he favors.

“I don’t know where I stand yet,” he said. “I’m still up in the air, seeking more information.”

However, while some locals were unsure what their take is on fracking, one resident took a stance on the issue.

Makanda resident Jill Adams said she came to the forum because fracking has become a hot topic in southern Illinois, and she wanted to receive more information. She said the forum provided good information, but she would like to see the state go through with a moratorium or a stand-still on making decisions regarding the bill before it decides what to do about fracking.

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On a rainy alumni day in Carbondale, the Salukis started sophomore pitcher Sam Coonrod in his 11th start of the season. Despite the rain, Coonrod accumulated three strikeouts and allowed two runs off of seven hits in four innings pitched.

The Shockers started the game with a run in the first three innings to take a 5-0 lead after the top of the third inning. Shockers sophomore first baseman Casey Gillaspie scored when junior second baseman Dayne Parker hit a single to the left side to take a 4-2 lead.

In the bottom of the sixth inning with one out, senior catcher Luke Mottashed singled and advanced to second base on an error by WSU freshman third baseman Daniel Kihle to allow SIU junior first baseman Ryan Casillas to score. Ten two at-bats later, Saluki senior outfielder Wes Neece hit a sacrifice fly ball to right field and Mottashed scored to tie the game at four.

WSU sophomore pinch runner Taylor Doggett scored an unearned run in the top of the seventh inning to take a 5-2 lead over SIU. The game-winning run was scored when freshman infielder Tanner Dearman was walked and senior designated hitter Johnny Coy scored an unearned run. In the next at-bat, Bayliff singled to right field to score Baker and Green to lead 5-2. The Salukis committed four errors Saturday and Welch said in a post-game interview the weather conditions could have attributed to some of the mistakes.

“Our kids never quit, and we made it a 4-4 game,” Henderson said. “Two or three times after that we had a chance to take the lead, and we just couldn’t get that big hit to get those guys in.”

In the final game of the series, the Salukis battled it out with the Shockers. SIU failed to come away with the win and subsequently lost the series.

The Salukis started junior pitcher Derek Fogel in his 10th start of the season. Fogel pitched five innings and allowed two earned runs off of seven hits with one strikeout. For WSU, pitcher T.J. McGreevy won the game after he allowed zero earned runs off of three hits with one strike out.

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Sudoku

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Taurus — Today is an 8 — Start the week with a new perspective. Don’t forget to do something you promised. Discover new spiritual or philosophical concepts, and get lost in study.

Gemini — Today is a 8 — Don’t count your chickens just yet; there’s more work to be done. Many changes are on the horizon. Don’t spend your money you don’t have. Share your love instead.

Cancer — Today is an 9 — Open communication with partners brings new rewards and increased profits. Let them discover your true value. Be on your best behavior. One good friend connects to another.

Leo — Today is an 8 — You’re surprisingly productive today. Tie up loose ends, and start planning your project. Keep track of what works so you can repeat the process. You’re exceptionally lucky now. Run with it.

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Libra — Today is an 8 — Study your roots, and stimulate intellect at home. Friends help you solve great philosophical conundrums. An old dream gets validated and reaffirmed. Use what you’re learning.

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Sagittarius — Today is an 8 — New profits become available. Focus on continuing the cash flow. Travel in moderate style. Associates deliver good news. Others ask your advice. Keep your faith.

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The Saluki baseball team lost two out of three games by a combined run total of seven to Wichita State University during the weekend. Friday, the Salukis started senior pitcher Cody Forsythe on the mound against WSU junior pitcher Cale Elam. Forsythe’s start was his 45th in his collegiate career, which sets the SIU school record for most starts. Forsythe pitched seven innings, struck out four batters and allowed one earned run in three hits. Forsythe’s effort was enough to get him his second win of the year and drop his ERA to 2.79 on the season.

“I felt really good. I was locked in early and was throwing all my pitches for strikes, and we were able to keep them off balance,” Forsythe said. “We were working the inside corner really well. We just battled all day.”

The first runs came in the third inning after the Salukis capitalized off of three WSU errors with a four-run surge to take the game’s first lead. SIU then took a 5-0 lead in the bottom of the sixth inning after senior outfielder Austin Montgomery hit his sixth home run of the season.

The score was 5-2 in the Salukis’ favor after the Shockers scored two runs in the top of the seventh inning. SIU junior relief pitcher Todd Eaton relieved Forsythe in the top of the eighth inning and earned his seventh save of the season to guide the Salukis to a 5-4 win over WSU.