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New club proposes solar cells on campus

By Aubrey McDonnell
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A new club on campus is working independently to collect student support to make the UA more environmentally savvy and cost-efficient.

The Energy Conservation and Lifestyles Initiative Partnering Students and their Environment is a nonprofit group comprised of 15 students who are working toward the goal of conserving natural resources on campus.

The club is proposing a two-semester fee of \$1 per student each semester, with students voting for whether they want the fee.

Before Eclipse can get their proposition onto the Associated Students of the University of Arizona ballot this spring, the group must have signatures from 10 percent of the UA student population who support their claim by March 1.

Members have been collecting signatures from students by sending around their petitions in large lecture halls and soliciting signatures during the lunch rush, said Nicole Sanderson, president of Eclipse.

"We are trying to introduce sustainable technologies to the university," Sanderson said. "A contribution of \$2 from every student is all we need to power one building with solar energy."

Last year, the university spent \$1.5 million on electricity, according to public records.

Eclipse plans to use the fee money to buy solar panels to power one of the larger build-

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WOMAN OF STEEL



Art education senior Anna Lemnitzer forges a steel rod for her art project yesterday in the Fine Arts Complex. The art department offers several courses that emphasize proficiency in two- and three-dimensional design as well as art history.

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ASUA expects spirited campaign

By Anthony D. Ávila
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Originally expecting a large turnout for student government applications, student leaders are still hopeful for an intense campaign despite the disappointment of receiving less than half of the response they intended.

The Associated Students of the University of Arizona election commission received 33 applications for all four elected positions, a little more than half of the applications that were picked up.

"I followed up with each person who picked up an application to see if I could help them with anything and answer any questions" said Adam Falck, ASUA election commissioner. "Only about half of them came through."

However, 33 applications is five more than ASUA received last year, and there were enough applicants by the original deadline, Falck said.

Last year there was not enough student interest in the election, so ASUA had to extend the deadline so there would be enough applicants to fill each position.

Falck said the number of applicants this year shows there is more of an interest in ASUA, and there should be enough candidates for a spirited campaign.

ASUA President Alistair Chapman said members of the election commission are working with the registrar until Saturday to review each application carefully and verify the hundreds of signatures of students who nominated them.

The number of student signatures totals 11,000, Falck said.

After reviewing the applications, the election

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Students advocate for Black History Month

By Alex Grubb
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Student groups and departments are teaming up to put on a full range of events to celebrate Black History Month, despite the small black student population at the UA.

Although the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Center on campus had a small budget last year, Alex Wright, director of African American Student Affairs, said this year there are many events planned.

Wright said there are always budget problems, but if you are creative there are ways around them.

Celebrated in February, Wright said it is more than just Black History Month.

The department of Campus Life, department of Multicultural Programs and Services, the Diversity Resource Center and the Faculty Fellows program have all helped

sponsor activities through the AASA, Wright said.

"Black History Month shouldn't just be recognized by one area or department. It would be nice to see more help from other departments," Wright said. "With events like the Tunnel of Oppression, it is more of a month of making people more socially aware," Wright said.

However, some students feel although there are more events planned than last year, it is still not enough.

"Awareness could definitely be increased," said Gerard Kimbuende, an electrical engineering senior.

"Last year there was very little I was aware of," Kimbuende said.

Other students agreed with Kimbuende and said black history should be promoted more.

"I don't feel it's recognized enough. In high school, I felt like we did more things to celebrate it, but not here," said Larissa Smith, an

anthropology senior.

"It could have something to do with the fact that there are only about 900 African-American students here at the UA, and some of them are of mixed descent," Smith said. "It might be one reason why it's not celebrated as much."

According to a Data on Target Populations fact sheet from the AASA, only 985 students, or 2.7 percent, at the UA are black.

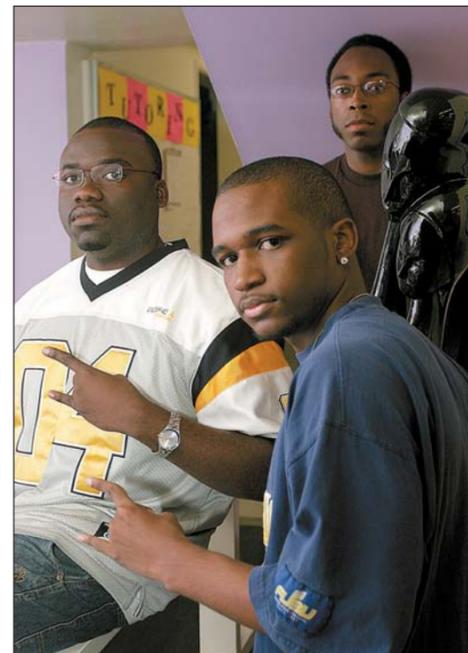
Kimbuende posed that the small number of students is because people leave after a year or two.

"The retention of minority students is not good — people come and go," Kimbuende said.

According to the AASA fact sheet, first-year retention of black students is 71 percent and second-year retention is 52 percent.

Kimbuende said since he thinks not enough events are happening, his

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Phi Beta Sigma members from left: Gerard Kimbuende, electrical engineering senior and Rashad Robinson, aerospace engineering senior and Kyle Harris, dietetics junior. Phi Beta Sigma is active on campus, producing a variety of events around the UA, including monthly poetry readings and black history forums.

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