

Up in the Air?

No, Lily Pond Appeal on Firm Ground

Responses to the Fourth Annual Lily Pond Appeal are not exactly pouring into the Division of Campus Planning, but there is "a very definite trickle," a spokesman said Thursday.

As part of the annual appeal for a Lily Pond to replace the one filled in for the Allen Hall parking lot, Daily Illini Columnist Roger Ebert printed Lily Pond coupons in his column on May 27.

To date, 24 of the coupons have been received at the campus planning division, according to Earl Atwood, site planner. Each appeal is being carefully filed, he said, to show to Robert Chamberlain, division director, when he returns to work Monday.

The division refused to say whether the Fourth Annual Lily Pond Appeal would have any effect on its planning. But one spokesman told The Daily Illini: "If the kids want their Lily Pond,

they'll probably get their Lily Pond, though I don't know where we'll put it."

Ebert said Thursday that he was "surprised and encouraged" to learn that 24 coupons had been returned. "The fact that 24 students took the time to fill out the coupon during exam time indicates that thousands more are behind this annual appeal," he said. Ebert denied that he had sent in any coupons himself.

A symbolic wade-in at the site of the former Lily Pond, planned for sometime this week, never got into the allegorical water, Ebert said. But the Annual Appeal will be held again next year if no Lily Pond is forthcoming. Ebert will be going to the University of Chicago, but has handed the annual trust over to DI Columnist Ken Blan, who will conduct next year's Fifth Annual Appeal.

"This thing is bigger than all of us," Ebert noted.