Meningitis Strikes At EMU

By Carey Yeager

An EMU student has been hospitalized with acute aseptic meningitis, but should be fine within two weeks.

What Freshman Edward J. Lunney at first thought to be a simple sore throat soon proved to be something less pleasant.

The illness was initially diagnosed as a result of strep throat and mononucleosis tests conducted at Rockingham Memorial Hospital on Mar. 17. When the strep test came back negative, and the ‘mono’ positive, Lunney, who plays the middle spot on the EMU men’s volleyball team, was immediately told he could play no volleyball whatsoever until his condition improved.

But the following day Lunney went to the emergency room with extreme back pains. The doctors decided to perform a spinal tap, which collected fluid from the area around the brain to measure pressure, and fluid from the area around the spinal cord to test for meningitis. The doctors decided to perform a spinal tap, which collected fluid from the area around the brain to measure pressure, and fluid from the area around the spinal cord to test for meningitis.

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By Sara Dick

In the latest attempt to work towards consensus after it issued a statement some see as threatening academic freedom at EMU, the Board of Trustees met with faculty for discussion before their Mar. 21 meeting. Some faculty, however, are saying it’s not enough.

The lunch meeting, organized by the Listening and Facilitation Team (LiFT), was held in the West Dining Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., a time slot which was not convenient for many faculty members.

Professor of Theology and Ethics Ray Gingerich, who was unable to attend the discussion because of class, felt that while the gesture may have been made in good faith, the single hour proposed for the luncheon would not be sufficient time for the issues at hand. He also said that the invitation would not engender trust because it stated that board members would “not be able to make a response as a board during these interactions.”

Gingerich said he believed that more faculty who had been upset by the board’s action would respond more positively. LiFT members recalled excellent discussions, good listening, and important face-to-face interaction which individuals realized that, as University Accord Program Director Barry Hart put it, “Yes, there are differences, but they are differences that can be heard and understood.” Hart noted that the board members did get some tough questions, but were able to pass the comments on to the President.

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Professor of Conflict Studies Ron Kraybill called it a “healing experience” and regretted that more faculty who had been upset by the board’s action could not attend.

“Most of us all felt that it was really a helpful meeting,” said LiFT member and Conflict Transformation Program Co-Director for Administration Ruth Zimmerman.

Daniel Dean Ervin Stutzman, who attended as a LiFT facilitator, believed that this type of interaction between chair members and EMU faculty/staff used to be planned more often and would not be surprised if it happens again. Zimmerman also expressed a wish to see such interaction happen on a regular basis.

LiFT’s next major project will be the statement, addressing