West Nile Virus
Found On Campus
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"West Nile virus, which has claimed 124 lives nationwide, has arrived on campus.
A dead crow found near the Physical Plant buildings a few weeks ago tested positive for the virus.
Louis Driver, a plumbing assistant at Physical Plant, saw the dead crow near the bike shelter between Oakwood and Physical Plant and said that nothing looked unusual about the bird. "It looked like it was just flying along and had a heart attack," he said.
Eldon Kurtz, Director of Physical Plant, was also present. He put on a pair of rubber gloves, put the crow in a Ziploc bag and sent it to the Rockingham County Health Department for testing. Kurtz said he assumed the crow was related to the West Nile threat. "A crow fits the profile," he said.
Jason Good, of the Rockingham County Health
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EMU Tightens Belt
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Despite receiving a record amount of financial contributions last year, EMU has a budget deficit.
"It's safe to say that we're in a period you could call 'belt-tightening,'" said Ron Piper, vice president for finance. "The past is taken care of but the future is going to be the challenge."
The fiscal year of June 2001-'02 left EMU $442,000 short of the budget.
The major thing that happened was that we didn't achieve all the unrestricted funds that we had in the budget," said Piper.
The financial picture is confusing when we say we have a deficit," said Piper. "Our report is going to say that our net assets actually increased by $2 million last year. The unrestricted column is the one that is going to show a decrease."
Restricted funds contributed greatly to the record-breaking number of contributions received last year. Restricted contributions are comprised of funds intended for "specific projects or objectives." The increase is due largely to pledges collected for the Commons and also two grants from the Lilly Foundation totalling $4 million.
Unrestricted contributions for the operating budget were over $1 million, but this number was still "not as much as we had budgeted for," said Piper.
Last year's unrestricted contributions fell $375,000 short of the $1.7 million budgeted.
The budget also suffered due to overspending with student financial aid. "I'm not sure why it is that we overextended ourselves there," said Piper. He noted that there was a change in personnel during the interim time between directors, Piper said that "I think we have just lost a handle on things."
Michele Hensley, Director of Financial Assistance, said that "For a school of our size, we have
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Internships and Sniper Bullets
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Most cars speed past the tan spackled house on South Dakota Avenue without pausing to notice the light-skinned young adults talking on the front porch steps.
The young adults are part of a group of 10 EMU students spending the semester in Washington, D.C., as part of EMU's Washington Study-Service Year (WSSY), provides students
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from EMU and other colleges the opportunity to spend one or two semesters in the nation's capital.
The students live together in a group house and spend 20 hours each week at internships of their choosing.
Once a week, the group meets in the office behind the house for a seminar where they listen to speakers, turn in papers and occasionally enter into heated discussions about race and class issues in the city, or sometimes about last week's groceries. This semester, a number of the students are also taking classes at Catholic University in everything from Macroeconomics to Contemporary Art.
"I like the sense of being off EMU's campus but still close enough to feel connected," said Senior Ryan Sisson. "Being here is like a breath of fresh air--kind of like taking a long field trip."
Participating in WSSY fulfills the EMU cross-cultural requirement for graduation. While D.C. is not another country, the variety of experiences students have in the