Campus Belts Tighten
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EMU’s student body and faculty alike may soon feel the effects of what the administration is calling the “tightening of our belts.”

In a memo concerning the budget guidelines for 2003-2005 from last October’s meeting of the President’s Cabinet there were factors listed as being contributors to the negative budget outcomes of recent years. The inability to achieve budgeted contributions, the projected enrollment of students, and the national economic downturn were the main components that have affected decisions regarding the budget.

From the same document it was suggested that a 5 percent to 7 percent increase in undergraduate tuition be implemented, a suggestion that has hit hard the pockets of EMU’s students since 2000. There has been a $3,000 increase in the cost to attend the university in the past three years. It’s not just students that are feeling the effects of the tightened budget. Vice President for Finance Ron Piper sent out a memo in February that dealt with, in part, employee benefits and salaries. The memo mentioned a proposal suggesting that EMU discontinue its policy of covering half of employees’ spouses’ medical insurance. That coverage would be made up in a wage adjustment of around $1,300 per year. Other suggestions for See BUDGET pg. 2

War Zones and Other Destination Hotspots
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“There is no way we can assure complete safety in any cross-cultural,” said Donald Clymer, director of cross-cultural programs.

With over 70 percent of EMU students traveling internationally for cross-cultural study to sometimes unstable regions like the Middle East, EMU makes student safety a primary concern on cross-cultural programs.

Before an EMU cross-cultural program even leaves campus, extensive preparation has already gone into every aspect of the trip. In addition to any travel advisories issued by the U.S. State Department, EMU relies on an extensive network of MCC and mission personnel that are on location to provide first-hand information about the security of a region. Every leg of a trip has a contingency plan in place that can be utilized in an emergency. Moreover, students are instructed on how to not draw undue attention to themselves as American travelers.

While students are overseas, EMU continues to follow the news and personal evaluations of security to determine what activities may be unsafe for students. With the exception of free travel times, two experienced leaders accompany cross-cultural groups during the entire trip. If a group was suggested that a 5 percent to

Chicago Too Risqué For Some Students
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Despite record numbers of students attending Campus Activity Committee’s (CAC) weekly movies this year, three first-year women went against the flow last month, walking out during a showing of Chicago.

Valerie Showalter, Kara Bender, and Katrina J. Martin went to Chicago in early September on the basis that they had heard some positive comments about the Oscar-winning film.

"The movies I choose to see are based a lot on their reputation given to me from other people," said Bender. "I knew that [Chicago] was a musical, and many of my friends said that it was really good."

The three of them sat through part of the movie until they finally decided to leave as a result of the derogatory nature of the movie. "It was very degrading to women," said Showalter.

"The movie wasn’t edifying at all, so we left. [One of the characters] kills the man she’s having an affair with. In jail she sang about it and was proud," said Martin.

Bender said, "From the beginning up until we walked out, the vulgarity just kept on building. The things that bothered us were the immodesty and vulgarity ... [and] the glorification of murder. It was okay for them to have an affair and kill their boyfriends, husbands, or lovers and continue with their lives in a stoic way which made them cocky."

Bender also said, "We are disturbed by the fact that EMU is allowing this kind of content to be shown in a movie, which in essence says they support it."

Paul Johnson, faculty advisor to CAC, said, "It’s nothing new to get folks to question where we draw the line."

Johnson has been working with the CAC for several years now. He said that attendance at the movies so far this semester has reached record numbers. Some 530 students came to two showings of Disney-Pixar’s Finding Nemo.

"Students do enjoy some of those Disney movies because it is a change," Johnson said.

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N E W S B R I E F S
Conflict Transformation Program founding director John Paul Lederach will appear in the program “Peacemakers,” airing 8 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, on CBS.

Homecoming Weekend festivities will begin Friday, Oct. 10 with a chapel assembly in Lehman Auditorium at 10 a.m.

A gallery of photographs from Nazareth Village, a recreated first-century Palestinian farmstead, will open Saturday, Oct. 11, with a reception for the artist, Nazareth Village director D. Michael Hostetler, at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are now on sale for Godspell. EMU Theater will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 10-11; and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12. Call the EMU Box Office at 432-4582.