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# Nine new disc golf holes not approved

## Tournament fan bus approved at meeting

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Apportionment Board met Thursday for the first time this semester and could not escape the pressures of a failing economy.

The board passed three additional allocations, but made significant budgetary cuts to two proposals because of budget restrictions.

AB passed \$32,390 in additional allocations out of \$65,675.

The first cut was to the Student Recreational Center. Ken Baker,

director of campus recreation, proposed the spending of up to \$61,961 for improvements to the facility.

The three improvements were 15 new stationary bicycles, up to 179 lockers and nine additional holes for disc golf.

AB decided to vote on each item separately.

Baker said the bicycles were state of the art and are needed for a new cycling class he is developing.

Tiffany Turner, student vice president for business affairs, said she felt it was a good investment and something the campus community would use.

The item passed in a 7-0-0 vote

for the amount of \$19,800.

The new lockers, Baker said, had digital locks on them as an added measure of security. The space of the new lockers, 18 inches by 15 inches, is bigger than the current lockers.

If all the lockers passed, they would be spread out with 76 placed in the lobby, 63 in the fitness studios and 40 in the weight room.

AB voted 0-7-0 against the 76 lockers.

The board then voted 5-2-0 in favor of the 63. Baker then pulled the 40 lockers from a vote. AB will spend \$10,997 out of \$27,161 for the lockers.

The disc golf proposal for an

additional nine holes failed 1-6-0. The proposal was for \$15,000.

The athletic department and the Blue Crew presented the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament fan bus. The bus would seat 53 students to travel to conference playoff games to support the men's and women's basketball teams. Hotel costs would be included.

Student Senate Speaker Drew Griffin questioned spending for the hotel lodging because members of the Blue Crew said they would travel to the games anyway even without having AB pay for the whole trip.

AB passed the bus for \$1,593 by 7-0-0. The hotel lodging failed 0-7-0, saving \$1,200.

Campus Safety Week, presented by Student Body President Levi Bulgar, also did not pass. AB asked him to talk to more student organizations and try to gain more sponsorship.

The Fee Forum, presented by Student Senate members Tyson Holden and Brad Saribekian, passed 7-0-0 for \$421. The forum will be held 7 p.m. March 5 in the Martinsville Room to inform students where their fees go.

Vice President for Student Affairs Dan Nadler and Director of Student Life Ceci Brinker will be guest speakers.

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"We won another Grammy in 1989 for second contemporary jazz album," said Russell Ferrante, the group's pianist.

Other members of the group include drummer Marcus Baylor and bassist Jimmy Haslip.

Cole, however, was not the only one pleased with the Grammy winning group's performance at Dvorak Concert Hall.

The audience was filled with all ages and for one student, it made his Valentine's Day special.

"It was the perfect Valentine's Day date," said Neil Wright, a sophomore psychology major. "I would do it again in an instant."

But those who were not on a date had just as much of a good time.

Justin Barrett, a sophomore corporate communication major, came out to see the concert with a group of other students.

"It was really, really good," he said. "I've been waiting for this since last year when my friend told me about it."

The Yellowjackets liked performing at Eastern just as much as the audience enjoyed having them here.

"We were honored to come here and play," Haslip said. "Dvorak Hall is an amazing facility and we enjoyed being here."

The Yellowjackets have traveled to far-off countries in the past 30 years and will be in Chile and Argentina later this year.

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Bob Minzter plays the saxophone during the Yellowjackets' performance during the Valentine's Day Concert Saturday night in Dvorak Concert Hall. The performance was part of the EIU Jazz Festival.

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"Several high profile commercial properties have been re-developed, improving the overall appearance of the main business corridor," he said.

Aside from development in the city, Inyart said he has made city government more accessible by installing the first-ever computer in the mayor's office.

"It allows me to give a response

to a citizen and pass along the issue to more than one staff member," Inyart said. "I just can't imagine doing it without it."

Inyart said he is not planning for any large campaign events, instead favoring personal discussions with his constituents.

"I will continue to attend community events and try to stay out in front of people," Inyart said. "Much of my contact with folks is one-on-one conversations at these events."

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Kirby, however, does believe there has been too much emphasis on cutting facilities planning. Eastern's deferred maintenance problem, which amounts to more than \$90 million in delayed costs on renewal and renovation projects, is something that needs to be remedied, he said.

"When you are in a financial crisis, like the one we are in, it is easy to look at the physical plant and buildings and cut from there, but we need to step away from that," he said.

He also believes that through consolidation, streamlining and collaborative efforts, the university can solve its fiscal predicaments.

"Now is the time, in my view, when the finances are really tough and there is a lot of pressure to cut, that we have to create capacity," Kirby said. "We have to ask the question, 'What is it that we have and how can we do more

with less?"

"Some people say that this is a rose-colored view that isn't possible. Well, I say no it's not. The more a campus is forced to power down, you would be surprised at the amount of capacity that can arise from less and less."

Kirby admits there are some complications as with any employment outside the university. Just as Eastern looks to see if he is a good fit, he looks at Eastern.

He looks at the community—Charleston, Mattoon and the people through and throughout the university—looking to see if he will fit too. He asks the question of whether Eastern is the right fit for his family—his daughter is in sixth grade.

"I have to ask myself, 'Is this the place where I want to invest my family's opportunity, a community that represents my ideals and values?'" he said. "So far, I have taken that path and I like what I see."

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