

a. Fall Senior Exit Interviews

- Football (Bonnstetter, Becker, Laleian)
 1. Generally, comments were positive when it came to academics, training, and travel.
 2. Some athletes felt they should receive more gear, that the facilities were average by OVC standards and that their needed to be more discipline from coaches and team rules should be enforced more fairly.
- Men's and Women's Soccer (Almon, Timm, Adom, Jaeger)
 1. Men's Soccer
 - All transfers wish they had spent more time at Eastern and all would come back to play at Eastern
 - Issues brought up included locker room issues and last second changes in practice schedules.
 2. Women's Soccer
 - Positive comments on coaching change and felt the program was heading in a good direction
 - Had strong negative feelings towards the former coach.
 - All would come back to Eastern for academics, but not to play soccer.
 3. Volleyball/Cross Country (Kleckner, Wolski)
 - Volleyball
 - i. A lot of transition in volleyball due to coaching changers
 - ii. Good academic experience and good travel (positive comments on the EIU bus)
 - iii. Issues included weight room and some were surprised with the time commitments required.
 - Cross Country
 - i. Everything was positive from Cross Country

II. Winter Exit Interviews- One group did basketball, one group did swimming.

- a. Swimming: Issues that were brought up about equal treatment from the men's and women's team. Women felt that manipulation occurred. They would like to fly to the conference meet. Were upset rather
- b. Basketball: Good experience for both men's and women's teams. They would prefer women's coaches from 1st 2 years. Great emphasis. Use of strength more. They would come back for academics.

III. Spring Exit Interviews – Summary of Written and Verbal

- a. Softball- We interviewed 2 females- Both were pretty happy about their experience. They like their new locker room. No complaints regarding coaching, food, travel or overall student athlete experience. One would have liked to have a few more wins but overall both would come back for both school and softball. One was here all 4 years, one was here as a transfer from a Jr. College so she felt like she had the royal treatment.

- b. Baseball: Some of the baseball players seemed like they were disgruntled about the current coaching situation and their lack of experience. Some of the athletes were athletes that did play as well but felt as if not everyone was treated fairly and rules may have been treated differently throughout.
- c. Track: They felt like things were different with the coaching change but it was a good different. They felt they are getting some good recruits and they think it was positive for the program. They felt like the field house could use some work however they were thankful they had an indoor facility. One person did complain of getting hit.
- d. Golf- Overall they like their coach. They do feel like an indoor facility would really benefit them. Even turning one of the extra racquet ball rooms into an indoor space would help. There are just too many teams using the field house.
- e. Tennis- They report it was really hard to split a coach. They think it will be better when they don't have to do that as much.