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Work-study program has changed for this spring semester

By Vickie Chrisawn

Methodist College is in a time of change. One of the major changes to be seen on the campus is the removal of the school-sponsored work study program.

This semester, Methodist College decided to do away with the part of the program that they offered for the students that reside here on campus.

Until this semester, Methodist College had provided a work-study program for all students who lived on campus as well as the traditional federal work-study program, which is entirely based on financial need from the FAFSA form.

Methodist College offered resident students a work-study job even if they did not have a financial need. This semester the college has set in motion something of a trial run to see how it will affect the student population.

"They decided to do it in the spring because this is the semester that would affect the least amount of people," Director of Financial Aid Bonnie Adamson said.

"This, at the most, has affected thirteen people this semester," Adamson said. "The people who already qualified for work-study did not have it taken away."

"As a whole, of all work-study students, only about fifteen percent did not demonstrate a financial need. In the future only about five to seven percent of the students here will be affected," said Adamson.

Loan coordinator Denice Carter said, "Any students who currently have work study that are not actually using it to help them should contact the financial aid office to help other students who are not eligible for work-study due to the new policies."

This not only applies to returning students, but it also pertains to the incoming students according to Carter.

The only change is that the people living on campus are no longer guaranteed a work study job. Before this semester, merely living on campus was enough reason for a person to receive work-study from Methodist College's standpoint.

Now, the only way to get a work-study job now is to demonstrate a financial need.

Methodist College used its own resources to run its resident student work-study program, however, this is not a procedure observed in most colleges.

The college has decided that it is more beneficial to end the college-sponsored work-study program and rely only on the federal work-study program for future financial aid

Outdoor club will take students to Key West

By Roman Trudnenko

From March 14th through the 24th, the Outdoor Adventure Club along with the Student Activities Committee will take a traditional Spring Break trip to Key West, Florida. These ten days of "sun, surf and sight" will be filled with activities and adventures for only \$30 per student.

Certified scuba divers will explore the coral reefs of Southern Florida, while everybody else will take in snorkeling and swimming. A trip to historic Fort Jefferson is planned for one of the days of that week as well.

Students will visit the Dry Tortugas National Park that is located about 70 nautical miles of Key West. This location, which served as a military fort and a prison, now operates as a resort destination. Clear blue waters accompanied by light sea breezes are thought to create an illusion of a paradise.

Methodist College students will stay at a military installation called Fort Zachary that is located in a walking distance from downtown Key

West.

This gives people freedom in the selection of activities. A lodging area extends into a strip of clean, private and secluded beach that can be used for sunbathing, swimming and snorkeling.

No matter whether you want to lay back and enjoy Florida's sun, learn more about the history of Key West or explore the underwater world, this Spring Break can offer students something they want. Commuter students are welcome and encouraged to participate. Call (910) 630-7161 for more information.

