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Shining the light on a campus security issue



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Poor lighting on campus has been a concern for various students on campus, and has gotten the attention of student organizations such as the S.G.A. and the R.H.A.

Incidents of the past year occurred on campus in areas with poor or limited lighting. Last Spring there was a car jacking, and one car was actually stolen according to George Blanc, Dean of Students.

Some of the outdoor lighting on campus is not effective enough to discourage crime, and may encourage criminal behavior. When walking to the library there were times Shauna Bunn, Secretary of the S.G.A., would bring a flashlight with her because the area around the tower is

dimly lit. Shauna also contributed to the lighting study, and said, "with the lighting upgrade there will be no need for a flashlight, and other adjustments will allow students to feel safer."

Students aim to promote a safe and secure environment on campus for students, staff, faculty, and visitors. A lighting study was conducted to bring forward the concerns from the campus community of areas on the campus believed to be unsafe at night. This study also



Photo taken by Clara Lang

provides recommendations of how to minimize the possible dangers associated with limited lighting.

The lighting on campus was consulted to the Crime Prevention office. Lieutenant Janet Bird, who was responsible for the study, went through the entire campus, and identified where lighting issues to be improved. These identified areas were labeled as high risk areas

because of inadequate illumination.

The lighting study recommended that high risk area lighting be enhanced, and shrubbery be cut or trimmed that is blocking lighting. The high risk areas include the bell tower, the Davis Memorial Library, the walkway from Clark building to the Public Safety Office building, and parking areas.

Dr. Hendricks, President of Methodist College, approved the correction of the enhancement of lighting in selected high risk areas. Lieutenant Janet Bird said, "the presentation was successful as far as the president's approval for the improvements that are going to be made to help campus security." Methodist College is working with maintenance on electrical needs at the moment so the scheduled date to make these changes is not known yet.

No immunizations means no classes



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As many have experienced, North Carolina has a new rule for universities, "no shots, no classes."

According to North Carolina state law, certain immunizations are required to be on file with either the registrar or the health center of a university. These are shots that would have been administered when the student was a child and include two MMRs, being measles, mumps and rubella shots, and an adult tetanus booster within the last ten years.

As a way to protect public

health and ensure that records are updated, the state came up with the "no shots, no classes" rule.

According to Monique Parker, Insurance and Immunization Coordinator at Methodist College, "Shots should be on file at Methodist prior to attending classes. If there are no records or the record is incomplete, the student is given thirty calendar days from the first day of registration to complete his/her shot record. At that time information goes to the dean of students and they are academically removed from classes until a completed immunization record is turned in. At that point they will be allowed back in to class."

Parker also points out that al-



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though Student Development as a whole wants to help the students out as much as possible, they must adhere to this rule. If not followed, Methodist College could be audited by

the State Health Department.

The college has gone to great lengths to help students with this rule as much as possible.

"In the past, Student Development has provided information and maps to

the local health center. We have called former colleges for transfer students' immunization records and have called clinics to obtain records

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