

Action on lighting problem due

Priority given to 11 areas

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Starting next term, the problem of inadequate campus lighting may finally get the attention many believe has been long overdue.

As a result of the ASUO's Walk-A-Night tour of the campus on Jan. 10, University administrators were able to "experience the campus as we do and could sympathize with our needs for increased lighting," said ASUO President Karen Gaffney.

As a result of the tour, ASUO officers and University administrators drafted a "campus lighting priority list" of 11 areas that currently are inadequately lighted.

Targeted areas include the paths around Deady Hall, the Old Campus Quad, the Humpy Lumpy area near the dorms, and Knight Library.

The priority list has been sent for review to Dan Williams, vice president for administration.

The ASUO also understand that, in addition to short term term changes, a long term planned approach to campus lighting also is needed.

In response, both Gaffney and ASUO University Affairs coordinator Mark Button have sponsored a night lighting study, held earlier this term, and are interested in developing and updating an "after 5 p.m. incident spot map."

They also would like to hire a lighting consultant to analyze campus lighting in relation to after sunset use to serve as a base document for a systematic approach to lighting improvement, Gaffney said.

Currently, "there is no long term plan campus lighting plan and no general standard of lighting," Button said.

But the campus lighting priority list is the first step in insuring a more well-lit campus, he said.

In addition, the dialogue between administrators and the ASUO has provided a positive outlook on the campus lighting issue and is, in a way, an assurance that the issue will not be swept under the table, Button said.

Counseling Center offers lecture, discussion series

Starting spring term, the University Counseling Center will offer a lunchtime lecture series addressing various student concerns.

The lectures will include ways to overcome communication barriers and effectively cope with stress and time management.

Throughout the term, eight speakers have been recruited to discuss psychological matters. The series is sponsored by the Outreach Program, which reaches out to the student community and focuses on mental health issues.

Shelley Henle, a graduate student in counseling and an Outreach assistant, said the program will be beneficial to all students on campus.

"It will raise awareness and consciousness of all issues for students," Henle said.

The series will not only consist of lectures, but also of feature group discussions and interaction between students.

"Students can take an active part in the topic and the presenter can present the information," Henle said. "It will be an informal, personal and interactive atmosphere."

Some topics to be addressed will be breakups and divorces and how to deal with them, stress management, how to beat the spring blues and managing roommate problems.

Henle said the series will involve issues of general interest and psychological interest to students. Students can use the series in different ways, she said.

"It's a way to either give them information about issues in their lives or to prevent serious problems down the line because they don't understand certain things," Henle said. "It's an early intervention program, a general interest program and a way to let students know counseling is available."

The series will be weekly, starting April 4 and continuing every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. April sessions will be held in EMU Cedar Room A in the EMU and May's will be in the EMU Forum Room. Students can bring their lunch.

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