

September 14, 2005

Dear Mr. Phil Johnson and Mr. Gary Shumaker,

On behalf of the Student Body of the University of Notre Dame, the Committee of Residence Life is writing this letter in order to address safety concerns in the D6 student parking lot. Through this letter our committee wishes to create a dialogue with both NDSP and Facilities Operations in order to find solutions to the current security and safety problems which exist in the D6 parking lot.

Our first concern with regard to D6 is the lack of drainage in the parking lot. Students are concerned about the ponding that occurs in several places in the lot after rainfalls. Furthermore, in the winter the problem increases exponentially. During the winter months, the water that results from melting snow ices over to form a sheet of ice that is particularly hazardous to those who park and walk in the lot. We would like to work with Facilities Operations to explore options for solving the drainage and icing in an expedient manner. From several conversations, we realize that there are feasible ways of solving the problem in order to prevent the ponding of water in the lot and to prohibit this water from icing over in the winter.

Due to the fact that the NDSP building has relocated to the Northeast corner of campus, our second concern involves the lack of illumination in the D6 lot. Students feel that there is a lack of security in the lot because it is poorly lit. In addition, there are very few Emergency Blue Lights in the lot. Furthermore, a more visible police presence should be instituted in order to prevent thefts from student vehicles, while simultaneously bolstering a sense of security for the students. In light of the physical assaults that occurred last year on the eastern border of campus, we propose that all of these increased security measures be established in the D6 parking lot so that not only the students, but also the faculty, staff, and visitors of our University feel safe in our parking lots.

We, the Student Union Senate, support these proposals for the modifications of the D6 parking lot in order to provide a greater sense of security and safety to our community. The Residence Life Committee and the Gender Issues Committee are eager to continue working toward a solution that benefits all of the involved parties.

On behalf of the Student Body, thank you for your time and effort in regard to these important safety and security issues.

Sincerely,

The Student Union Senate  
University of Notre Dame