

Off-campus shooting worries students



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IUP's emergency notification system, which is used to notify the university's students, faculty and other community members in emergency situations, was not activated Sunday during a reported shooting.

The shooting took place in the early hours of the morning in the 200 block of South Seventh Street near campus.

Information on the shooting has been scarce in the media.

WCCS radio station's website and the Indiana Gazette have published stories lacking details regarding the incident.

The Pennsylvania State Police, Indiana Borough Police and IUP's police department all responded to a report of shots fired at 1:52 a.m.

The borough police, serving as the investigating agency, could not confirm or deny to *The Penn* whether the victims were IUP students, nor did they provide



(The Penn Archive)

Local and state police responded to a report of shots fired at 1:52 a.m. Sunday.

information regarding any potential shooter. The victims were not discovered at the scene, as they had already traveled to Indiana Regional Medical Center for treatment when police and investigators had discovered them.

With this incident happening so close to the university's campus, students showed concern

on social media that no emergency notification was issued during or after the report and police response. A notification would have sent a text message to all enrolled phone numbers, which includes a high number of IUP students.

With the incident taking place on Halloween weekend, when

students are more likely to be in the community near campus partaking in social endeavors, the incident would have presented an opportunity to notify students.

"I just feel that it was extremely dangerous to not inform IUP students [of the situation]," Ciara Bold (sophomore, nursing) said. "Students could have been

aware of what was happening to make sure they stayed away from that area."

According to Michelle Fryling, IUP's director of media relations, the decision on whether or not to send out an alert is made on a case-by-case basis, considering a variety of factors, such as the potential threat and/or timeliness of an incident, apprehension of a suspect and whether or not a pattern of potential harm to the IUP student body or community exists.

"Police leadership made the decision that there was not a serious or continuing threat to the IUP community, so they did not send a text message to the community," Fryling said.

The majority of alerts sent through the system are for severe weather alerts from the National Weather Service, specifically for tornado warnings in the area.

The only alert sent this academic year came Oct. 2, when the system sent five texts regarding a tornado warning in Jefferson County, home of IUP's Punxsutawney campus.

Tips for students to survive until Thanksgiving break



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In college, there are two types of students: the ones who seem to thrive no matter what the professors throw at them and the ones who struggle to get up at 10 a.m. after a party-filled night.

It's hard to find motivation when the student body is overly caffeinated, worn down and just plain exhausted.

IUP is 10 weeks deep into the semester, and the Crimson Hawks are running out of steam. After midterms it seems like Thanksgiving break will never come.

Here are some tips to thrive during the next three weeks.

TIP 1: CHECK YOUR GRADES.

This may seem like common

sense, but many students don't know their grades in their most important classes.

Certain majors require a C or higher in specific classes. It is important to check in with your professor from time to time to get feedback on how you are doing and how you can do better.

If you have a

GRADES	
Student Name: _____	
Subject:	Grade:
Math	B
Science	C
English	A-
Phys. Ed.	F
Lunch	A+
Spanish	C

best they can to lead them in the right direction. During office hours,

some questions to ask are: "How can I improve my grade?" "Can you show me another example?" "What can I do better as a student in your class?"

If students show genuine interest in the subject, the professor appreciates this and will most likely show compassion for you and your grade.

TIP 3: CHANGE YOUR STUDY PATTERNS.

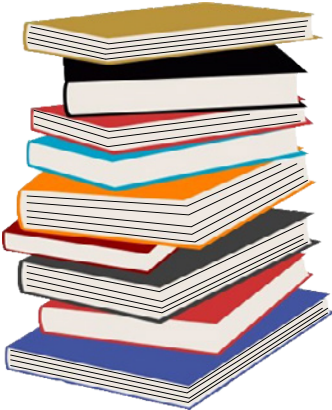
If you aren't getting the results you want on tests, it is important to problem solve. If the study group with your friends from class doesn't seem to be working, ditch them. Working alone helps to focus your mind on the task at hand: getting that good grade.

However, if you are working alone and having a difficult time understanding the subject, pick a few dedicated people from class to have a small study session a

couple days a week to review notes.

During the next three weeks it is important for students to keep their heads in the game.

Even though slacking off seems incredibly inviting, resist. Push forward and work hard. These three tips will keep your head above water until Thanksgiving break.



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