

# CUSC COUGAR

## Open Forum on Campus Security

The open forum on campus security took place on Wednesday October 21st, 2009. The main discussion of the evening pertained to the installation of security cameras on the Clark campus. Chief Goulet of University Police and two UP officers began by giving a general description why camera installation is being proposed.

Chief Goulet stated that the cameras would enhance safety by being strategically placed in high foot traffic areas on campus. He admitted that 24-hour monitoring would be impossible, but live viewing of possible incidents would be the primary function of surveillance. Cameras were also presented as a proven deterrent in potential crimes. Chief Goulet adamantly stressed the fact that the security cameras are not to be used for viewing minor infractions such as alcohol usage, but for more serious incidents

The officers and Chief Goulet then requested questions by audience members regarding cameras and gave more specific information related to surveillance. The videos are to be stored for future usage, but only for reviewing particular reports. Also, University Police officers said they simply don't have the time to scrutinize minor infractions, and would only be using video to protect students from violent crimes or thefts. Chief Goulet stated he would be willing to work with any students to modify the policy to protect students' rights.

According to Chief Goulet, off-campus cameras have been successfully used in certain cases, namely finding one suspect accused of assaulting a student in an attempted robbery. He stated these cameras and potential installed cameras would not be used for finding off-campus parties, as UP uses their cruisers and officers for this function.

Finally, the issue of Clark Escort vans and brake maintenance was addressed by Chief Goulet, who stated he is actively working towards fixing the vehicles. The police officers are also capable of transporting students when vans are not functioning properly.

## Friday Night at Solomon Pond Mall and Movie Theatre

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 9:30 PM Clark University

## Saturday Night at Blackstone Valley and Movie Theatre

2:20 PM Clark University  
 2:50 PM Blackstone Valley – Target  
 3:00 PM Blackstone Valley – Movie Theater  
 3:30 PM Clark University  
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 4:10 PM Blackstone Valley – Movie Theater  
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 9:50 PM Blackstone Valley – Target \*FINAL TARGET PICK UP  
 10:00 PM Blackstone Valley – Movie Theater  
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### **Millennium Leadership Conference Bylaw Update**

The Millennium Leadership Conference (MLC) is an initiative started by Clark students 7 years ago consisting of a weekend long conference catering particularly to ALANA students of the Worcester Consortium. It was started as a means of networking between student groups and leaders and involved speakers and workshops where students have a chance to learn about different issues that affect minority populations. As important and popular as this event is for this community, there have always been issues with being able to fund it adequately. After discussing the options with CUSC, MLC decided to construct a bylaw, which would allow them to fund the event with 3% of the Student Activities Fee. After much deliberation, CUSC voted against the bylaw. CUSC strongly feel that MLC is a meaningful event held on campus, however came to the conclusion that a bylaw was not the best way to fund it. The Finance Committee of CUSC will soon be looking into ways to address funding issues for initiatives like MLC, which hold large annual events that are not run my student organizations.

### **Come to the next monthly Student Council Town Hall!**

This is a great chance for you to get free doughnuts and coffee while meeting with your representative and chatting about anything and everything. We will be here to answer any questions and attend to any concerns you may have about what we are doing, or what you would like us to do. If you want something changed in the way the school works, this is a great way to start your movement! The next Town Hall will be on November 12<sup>th</sup>. See you there!

On Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup> CUSC issued a statement to the Clark Community which asks that the alcohol policy be changed so that those between the ages of 18-20 may attend school sponsored events which would serve alcohol. If you would like to read the statement in its entirety, please go to [www.cuscweb.com](http://www.cuscweb.com) Any questions regarding this statement can be sent to [cusc@clarku.edu](mailto:cusc@clarku.edu).

### **Walter Wright Giving the Lowdown on Curriculum Changes**

You know that great but sometimes-elusive feeling when one of your professors is talking about something, and all of a sudden you make a connection to something you learned in a different class? With some luck, and the help of a committee or two, that feeling should get a lot more common. The Task Force on Undergraduate Education is reshaping the undergraduate liberal arts education, bringing it into the 21<sup>st</sup> century using the latest research on effective learning.

The goal is to make students agents of their own learning, by shifting away from the focus on PLS requirements and majors/minors/concentrations. Instead, the college is dividing the undergraduate experience into three stages: transition, growth and exploration, and synthesis and demonstration. As the cycle progresses, responsibility is ramped up, as are opportunities for students to apply knowledge and practice skills.

There will be more importance placed on so called "high-impact" learning opportunities, such as laboratory work, study abroad, community service projects, and other "out of the classroom" experiences. Instead of just PLS courses, there will be PLS clusters, multiple integrated classes centered around a particular theme, such as health care or women's rights.

None of the proposed changes will affect current students. Don't worry; the requirements aren't going to change halfway through your academic career. The program will be gradually rolled out starting with the incoming class of 2014, "like a carpet," in the words of Walter Wright, the dean of the college.

Hopefully with these changes, Clark can better meet the needs of students of all levels and backgrounds. If you're interested in learning more, you can read the task force's report on our website [www.cuscweb.com](http://www.cuscweb.com)