

The Wall of Disillusionment

How to Make the Most of Clark

Welcome to Clark! What, one little thing went wrong and you're thinking of transferring already? No, no, no! Transferring won't get you anywhere. You see, the problem is not with the school, it's with you! To help you with this problem, post this article on your wall and read all of the affirmations each time you see it. Affirmations are the most sure-fire way of changing perspective. If this is too much of a leap for you, read the following explanations after each affirmation. You'll be on the road to staying in school in no time!

"Housing is Great"

It sure is! It's the cheapest way to live around in the Worcester area. Locals want to get into housing all the time, but only Clark students get this privilege. At least, I think locals want to get into housing, why else would they be waiting outside and looking in all the windows?

"I Am Getting a Bargain Here"

Certainly! Look at that fifth-year free thing: that's kind of like getting 20% off! As a bonus, services you don't even use you'll get charged for. For example, look at the required phone and cable TV costs. You'll be laughing to the bank in no time. (Why would you be going to the bank? I don't know, maybe to get a loan.)

"Student Life at Clark Rocks"

There's so much to do, that no one *has* to do anything. In fact, people usually don't. And not only that: since so much is going on, there's no need to tell everyone about it. In fact, there's almost no way to know at any given time. Life is an endless series of surprises at Clark, and yet, comfortably predictable at the same time. What a place!

"The Food Service is Top-Notch"

Not only do you get great tasting food, but it's also diverse enough to give you a large selection. Who knew chicken could be cooked in so many different ways?

"The Administration Always Cares"

The phrase "students first" is so ingrained in the administration's mind that they hardly have to think about the phrase at all! You can see proof of this every day.

"The Student Body is Diverse"

There are so many different kinds of students at Clark, it's just impossible to classify them. Why, I bet the locals can't tell us from their own kind! After all, we wear jeans with holes in them, too.

"The Arts Scene is Tremendous"

For instance, we now have *three* theater clubs. And even though we have no functional performance space, and the administration wants the students to pay for the one we have, that sure is a lot of clubs! And bands! Why, last year Clark had two entire rock bands! That's twice as many as just one! Although there's no place to practice, they somehow make do— what a resourceful bunch of students! The Arts scene at Clark can be truly marveled at by appreciating the colorful and comfortable atmosphere of Clark's Tilton Hall— a truer symbol of the University cannot be imagined.

"School Spirit Rules"

Undeniably, Clark has some great teams. Everyone is so sure our teams are doing well, they don't even need to look at the score. In fact, no one cares what the score is! The Clark Panthers will defeat all! Go Panths!

"I Have Friends Here"

Sure, you do, although they probably won't be around by graduation, or even next year. You have them now, and you can be sure you wouldn't have found any friends at any other college! Clark is the only college where you can make friends!

"Students are So Clever"

We must find money to pay for school, for our monopolized textbooks, for our unnecessary school services, for all the charges we accumulate joining clubs, performing plays, or trying to fix this place. We must find places to live when we're thrown out of the dorms three weeks before our summer leases begin. We must finagle, beg, and cajole favors and promises from administrators because we still have no Bill of Rights. We must discover channels in Clark's decentralization, opportunity in Clark's inflexibility, and imagination in Clark's stagnation. And we must learn to speak the truth about our experiences here and live with the consequences.