

Status Update – Use of ID Photos at the Student Recreation Center

The Student Recreation Center's use of student ID photos was approved in September 2004. The application's intent was to provide an additional identify verification method for students with university IDs and/or visual access authorization for students who did not have their ID with them.

The electronic photo system has been fully implemented and is operating successfully. The student ID photos are imported into Rectrac which is a Vermont Systems guest management software. Once imported, the photos can not be manipulated or extracted. The photos are normally only visible for a few seconds by Rec. Center staff, not the student population. The Student Rec. Center staff have read, understood, and abide by the CSU Electronic Photos Policy.

In talking with the Campus Recreation Center staff, the use of the electronic photos for these previously stated purposes, has been positively received by the student users of the Center. Students who have paid their student fee are able to access the facility while individuals who should not be permitted are denied access.

The excellent facilities and overall popularity of the Student Recreation Center has generated significant interest from non-students. Unfortunately it is a fairly common practice for non-students to attempt to enter the Student Recreation Center. These non-students attempt to use valid student's IDs which have been shared with them or obtained in a nefarious manner. In addition, these non-students simply show up and indicate they don't have their student ID with them. The use of the electronic photos denies access to these non-students.

Also, in accordance with the electronic photos policy, the Student Recreation Center management and CSUPD are jointly using the photos to apprehend individuals who commit petty theft in the facility or assault Student Recreation Center staff.

Staff and students do not perceive the use of electronic photos at the Student Recreation Center as an intrusion into their individual personal identify information. Rather, the perception is that the use of the electronic photos is a positive security enhancement. Since September 2004, neither the Student Recreation Center staff nor my office has received a student based concern on the use of these photos.

The CSU Electronic Photos Policy provides a reasonable and effective framework for this campus use of electronic student ID photos.