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Homecoming weekend preview

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Voting for Homecoming Court will begin this week. All voting ballots will be at the bar in the lobby in the cafeteria during lunch and dinner when a CAB member is available.

The first opportunity to vote will be October 21, which is highlighting day. Highlighting day is the day to nominate anyone

you think should be crowned homecoming king or queen. You do not have to only pick for your year.

The next voting dates are October 22-23. On these days, the most highlighted names go on a ballot. During this part of the election process, you can only vote for your grade and only vote for one person.

On October 26-27, voting will focus on the top couples in each grade.

Finally, on October 28 or 29: winners will be contacted.

Other homecoming activity is the dance

on Halloween. The dance is in the Reserved Dining Hall from 10:00pm-1:00am. The dance is a costume teamed best outfit in each category (best homemade, most unique, best couple, scariest, and funniest) will win a prize. At midnight, the winner will be announced. Our DJ this year is Brooke 'The Beast' Seaman.

Also coming up is a casino night, October 23 from 8 pm-11 pm in the underground. Look out for more information about other awesome events happening around campus.

Obama deserves Nobel Prize for improving international relations

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Since last Friday, people around the world have expressed confusion and high emotion over the announcement by the Norwegian Nobel Committee that it had awarded the Nobel Peace Prize to President Barack Obama.

Many have ridiculed the decision as based only on the period of 11 days between the president's inauguration and the nomination deadline.

As it stands, he has presided over the nation a mere 10 months upon being awarded the prize.

Some chalk it up to his "star power" and his undeniable popularity in foreign capitals. That Mr. Obama remains yet to achieve great or final successes in issues foreign or domestic is scarcely deniable.

But his election is for many clear reasons a new moment for America and the world.

His approach of strong, deliberate but unclenched engagement has fostered new and refreshing relationships with allies and foes, and announced a new era of international détente on vital world issues.

Now, many of the criticisms are valid if we are to see the Nobel Peace Prize as strictly an award for lifetime achievement in peace-making or humanitarian action. Certainly this is among its purposes.

But this prize, founded to recognize "the person who shall have done the most or best work for fraternity between the nations," can hardly be limited to the petty station of recognition.

And in the grave times we live in, the trustees of such an award cannot lose sight of the long-standing broader implications of its honor.

Indeed in these past days, many have cited the 1984 award to Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who offered dignity and solidarity to his people's cause, and encouraged the resistance to and eventual abolition of South African apartheid 10 years later.

Some awards, like the 1978 prize to Egyptian President Anwar al-Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin reward a peace still not yet achieved, but no less needed.

I was among those who feared the early and gratuitous lionization of then-Senator Obama, and this remains a concern for me and many for a variety of reasons.

The president is a man, imperfect in more ways than supporters would care to enumerate or consider. And considering his responsibilities and the dense challenges we face as a nation, he deserves reasonable expectations.

But in a world starved for vital leadership and plagued with more problems than can be enumerated or sanely considered, people are nostalgic for a time when American will and reason, matched with that indefatigable courage and talent could be relied upon for anything.

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