

BOARD EDITORIALS

MAKING THEIR CASE

Campus leaders must weigh carefully the benefits and consequences of placing security cameras in residence halls before moving ahead.

A recent decision by the Student Safety Task Force to explore placing security cameras in campus residence halls is a classic case of understandable overreaction. An armed robbery in Avery Residence Hall almost a year ago shocked the campus...

Effective surveillance would be difficult to install without interfering in students' private lives. Before they begin to plan camera installation, campus leaders must lay down concrete ground rules for what types of activities will be scrutinized.

While they consider security cameras, members of the Student Safety Task Force also should explore options that are known to be more effective than cameras. However, campus officials in the past have gotten ideas in their heads and run with them...

ON THE DAY'S NEWS

"It is easy to dodge our responsibilities, but we cannot dodge the consequences of dodging our responsibilities."

SIR JOSIAH STAMP, BRITISH ECONOMIST



COMMENTARY

Focus on the simple things helps to face life's struggles

There's this scene in the war movie "Saving Private Ryan." It's the part in the beginning where the soldiers leap from their boats and charge the heavily guarded Omaha Beach in Normandy.



BILLY BALL FOR KIDS WHO CAN'T READ GOOD

Many of them are shot down almost immediately by a barrage of bullets that decapitates some and leaves others crawling. Only a few actually make it to the beach. It's a horrifying and bloody scene, one fraught with all that is base and ugly about human civilization.

reality of college and the lies of high school. Sure. Yeah. That's what we want. On opposite day.

I have another teacher who makes it all better though. She is a woman who may be the timeout that I so desperately need after my other professor compared his class to war. It's a woman who wears big, dark sunglasses, which she trades periodically for reading glasses.

"I think I'm just trying to justify macaroni and cheese and cutting boards."

ting board when we innocently steal caramel chews from the grocery store. Someone who will scold us for skipping our nap. Someone who frames the chalkboard with the cursive alphabet. Someone who smears aloe on our fingers when we touch the burner.

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FOLLOW THROUGH

Reforms in the IFC rush process should improve the experience for students, but like any change, it is crucial that the rules be enforced.

The buzz coming from Fraternity Court was noticeably quieter last week as many organizations spent the opening days of classes without the huge throngs of rushees. The delayed bid period is among the many rush reforms facing the 21 groups of the Interfraternity Council.

committed. However, Dickson said that he is sure some violations might be occurring, but only on a small scale. It is imperative that campus leaders keep close tabs on the activities of IFC fraternities to see whether the new rules are being followed.

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READERS' FORUM

Ethics chairwoman: Russell has met the housing requirement

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to clarify one of the statements made in "Thomas seeks proofs of district." As of Aug. 28, Representative Natalie Russell had completed all of her ethics requirements for Student Congress.

Margaret Thomas Ethics Committee Chairwoman Student Congress

Candidates' races play no role in their political beliefs, ideas

TO THE EDITOR:

Regarding your article "Local candidate slate lacks diversity," I must disagree with the assessment that lack of racial diversity in the local elections is necessarily problematic. If anything, the real shame of the issue is that we as a society have become so obsessed with racial and ethnic politics.

We divide ourselves on the issue of who is best for "black America" or "Latino America" when the true concern is what is best for the United States as a whole and not just a specific group or class.

philosophy by virtue of their skin color. As a conservative, if given the choice between Howard Dean, who is white, and Alan Keyes, who is black, I would choose Keyes as president for the ideas and beliefs he advocates.

Racial politics in America has led us to bloc voting, "playing the race card" and the rise of racial demagogues like Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson. We must move beyond this. The true American politician does what's best for all of those in the United States — race notwithstanding.

Kris Wampler Sophomore Political Science

Candidates' races must be careful not to disrupt actions on field

TO THE EDITOR:

Before I continue, I first want to say that I have never played organized football, not even in high school. The extent of my gridiron career has been intramural flag football next to Woollen Gym (which is a lot of fun, by the way). However, there is something about football that I think our student body and fans really need to know to better support our team.

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