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Black Student "Sought" by UR Security force

Letter to the Editor:

I have the distinction of being one of the most sought after suspects of the UR Security force. On no less than four occasions, I have been stopped and questioned by security personnel. The most recent event occurred outside the Alpha Den, in Wilder Towers Basement, as I waited for my fraternity interview. (3/15) Despite my general avoidance of notoriety and discussions with the powers that be, I still find it difficult to shake this distinction thrust upon me.

I have attempted to analyze this situation. If security is hard up for suspects, I am sure more qualified candidates could be found. Is my gregarious personality responsible

for my problems? I think not. I am inclined to believe my black skin, physique and a basic fear on the part of the majority weigh heavily in creating for me a precarious situation.

The tone of this letter is sarcastic. The concerns that motivate it are real. In my three years at this institution, I have tried to contribute to the quality of student life. I do not feel that any student should be compelled to walk in fear on this campus. No student should be placed in a position where he must frequently defend his right to exist, despite the discomfort experienced by others.

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