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OPINION...



Did you know that the fire alarm at the Engineering Library doesn't work because there isn't one! Neither did l, until last Wednesday night when over 100 lives were placed in a very dangerous situation.

A fire alarm went off at Head Hall at approximately 9:30 p.m. The city's fire department responded immediately, and most students evacuated the building without hesitation. When I arrived at 10:00 to go to the Engineering Library, the bell was still ringing; but, the fire department had allowed students to go back in. I was horrified to learn upon entering the library that the students there had never left the building. Not only had they remained inside throughout the entire incident, but THEY HAD NOT EVEN HEARD THE ALARM!

Although the staff was aware of the alarm, it was obvious that they were unfamiliar with fire procedures because they failed to evacuate the library.

The flags of the Old Arts Building could have been half-mast yesterday -a disaster which no one would have wanted to see. Luckily the alarm went off because of electrical problems. What about next time?

We have a second chance.



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