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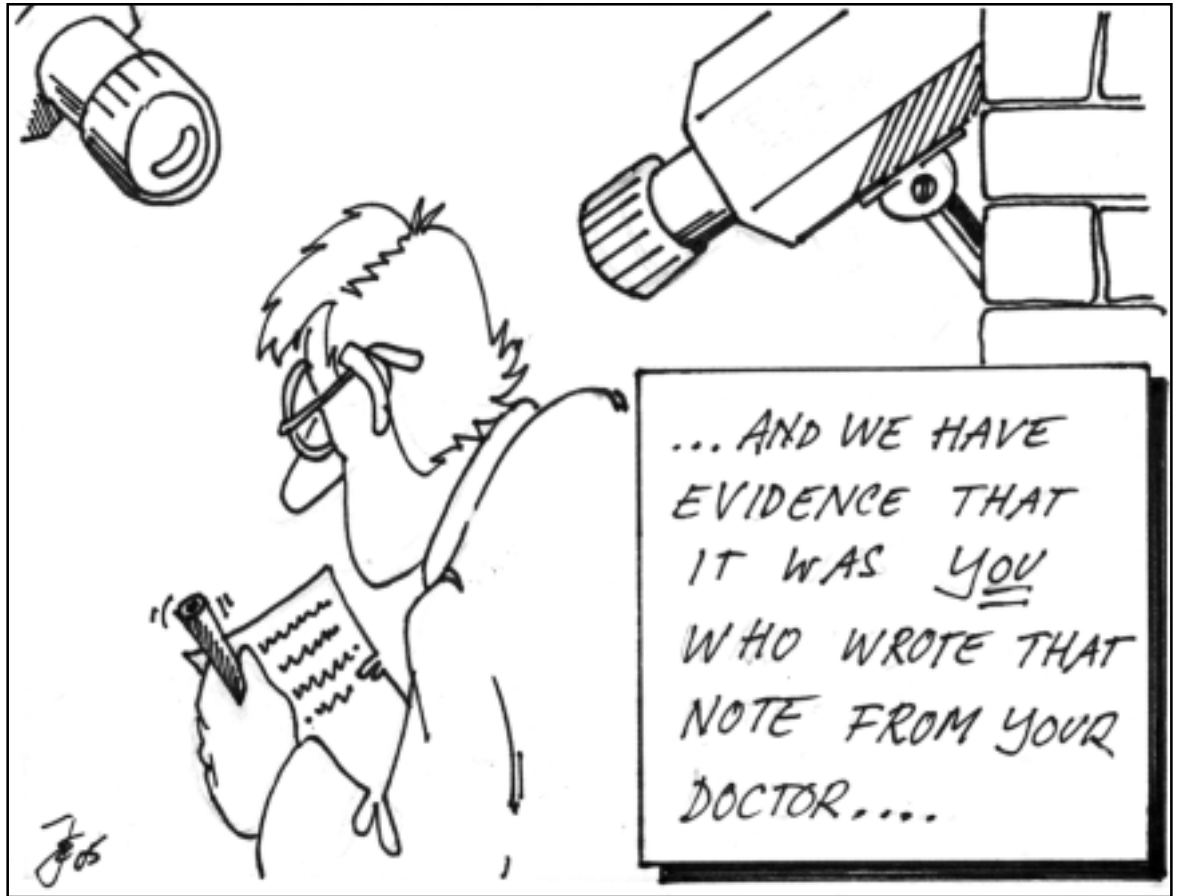
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## OPINION

# IS big brother watching? And what is he seeing?

By **JEROME ENGELBERTS**  
*Opinions editor*

In a society that is more and more under someone's watchful eye every minute, the arrival of surveillance cameras here on campus will strike some as a non-event, and some as yet another instance of control-from-above.

Apart from the campus police's increase in ability to go after those who take liberties with the law on campus – how will the cameras affect students, if at all?

First of all, we should realize that none of us have that many secrets left anyway. The arrival of on-line shopping, email, cell phones

(you're not calling in your credit card number on one of those, are you?) and the assorted combined databases of banks, insurance companies and credit bureaus, to name a few, have created a wealth of information about our personal life, to be tapped into by many people we know nothing about.

Unless you stay completely off the grid (and say bye-bye to your bank account, internet, cell phone – except if you use a pay-as-you-go phone), and don't forget to opt out of each insurance company's option to sell your information – not to mention realtors, mortgage brokers, magazines you subscribe to, associations you may belong to – the list

is enormous you can expect to rack up an increasingly fat file on much of your behavior, and not just for marketing purposes, either. The FBI really wants to know about you if you combine reading *Soldier of Fortune* magazine with posting blogs to [www.coup-d'etat.com](http://www.coup-d'etat.com) (I made it up) and taking pilot lessons.

Ok, so we've established that you're already being looked at a lot.

So what's a few more surveillance cameras? After all, you're not a delinquent, right? No spray paint in your pocket, no malicious intent while lurking on campus after dark. Why should you care if your blurry countenance is seen on a few monitors? Wellllllllllll... You shouldn't,

really. But maybe you should also develop the common sense that perfectly legal, but non-educationally oriented activities on-campus might be seen by others.

How about that half hour kissing session between MATH151 and ANT101?

And was that you I saw kicking the soda machine in Building 6? Did you know that so-and-so has a hairpiece that comes off in moderately strong breezes?

Is that your boyfriend getting "friendly" with my...boyfriend? Hmmmm.

Anyone who has spent some time trolling around the Internet (I know, we would never do a thing like

that) knows that "interesting" footage from security cameras has a way of showing up in unexpected places.

Does that mean we shouldn't have surveillance cameras? I, for one, think we should: if only because they might prevent a repeat of last year's rape.

But I also feel that good intentions and common sense notwithstanding, we should be conscious of the fact that somebody is watching, and modify our behavior if we think that's advisable. And by the way: did you know you were wearing two different socks last Tuesday? It's on [www.un-aware.com](http://www.un-aware.com) – or something.

## LETTERS

# Student government says welcome to Ohlone

**EDITOR:**

The Associated Students of Ohlone College (ASOC) welcomes all students to Fall Semester 2005! The ASOC is your student government council. The purpose of ASOC is to serve Ohlone College students and meet their needs. A multitude of campus events, activities, workshops, speakers, community outreach projects and much more are produced, funded or coordinated by the ASOC.

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The members of ASOC represent the students' voice on campus, locally and nationally. They strive to address the student's issues and needs. The ASOC is comprised of executive officers, senators and two advisors. The Executive Officers are elected each Spring during a campus-wide election.

The senators are inducted each semester upon meeting certain qualifications and submitting a petition with 50 signatures.

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To find out what's happening on campus, the ASOC invites students to drop by the Student Activities Center located next to the information desk in the lobby of Building One.

The Student Activities Center is an area for students to get information about upcoming campus events, in addition to promoting club activities, athletic teams, classes and much more. Students will also have

a chance to meet and speak with ASOC representatives. By connecting with ASOC members, getting involved with student government or clubs, or attending ASOC sponsored events and activities, students get the entire college experience.

The ASOC is currently accepting applications through Sept. 6 for students interested in becoming a Senator. If you'd like to join ASOC by becoming a senator,

please drop by the Campus Activities window, Room 1140, or by the ASOC office, Room 1130. You can also contact Renee Gonzales, campus activities student services assistant at 659.7311 or [rgonzales@ohlone.edu](mailto:rgonzales@ohlone.edu).

Upcoming events include Club Days, Sept. 6-7 in the Quad, and the Ohlone Carnival, Oct. 5.

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## CAMPUS COMMENT >>>

# How do you feel about cameras on campus?



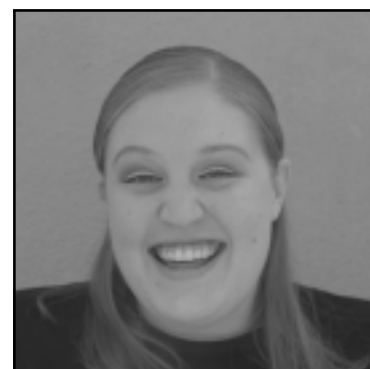
**NICOLE PRICE**  
Psychology  
"It's cool, I feel safer."



**JOSH DAUGHERTY**  
History/Political Science  
"I don't want to live in an Orwellian culture."



**LISA KEYES**  
Undecided  
"It's a good thing considering what happened last semester."



**SHELLY BAKER**  
Literature  
"Big brother. That's horrible."



**AOISE SANDS**  
Undecided  
"I'm not doing anything wrong. It doesn't bother me."