

**Misguided attacks**

What a scathing and mean-spirited letter Kalpana Krishnamurthy wrote about me in Monday's *Emerald* (April 14, *ODE*). She really misunderstands the aim of my Student Senate campaign, and I feel I should set things straight — not only with OSPIRG, but with the entire student body.

After numerous personal attacks in Monday's paper, the core of Kalpana's letter was made evident: My opposition to OSPIRG's disproportionate representation in student government also makes me sexist and racist.

Kalpana should know that I am neither sexist nor racist and that it is actually possible to be an *environmentalist* and oppose OSPIRG's \$100 thousand-plus allocation of student incidental fees.

Unfortunately, I cannot print my entire campaign platform on each of my flyers, as Kalpana wishes, but I hope that all readers will view my campaign statement in the Voter's Guide.

Please avoid the demagoguery by OSPIRG on my campaign and vote for Jonathan Collegio, Student Senate, Social Science Academic seat. Thank you.

**Jonathan Collegio**  
Political Science

**Represent the minority**

Unfortunately, there has been a grave misunderstanding on the part of Kalpana Krishnamurthy concerning Senate candidate Jonathan Collegio. Jonathan has not made any attack on campus recycling or any other noble campaign advocated by OSPIRG. He

has, however, brought to light the heavy influence OSPIRG has in student government.

My dear Kalpana, you failed to mention that anyone who wishes to run for the senate must garner an overwhelming number of votes to overcome those provided by the coalition OSPIRG heads, which nominate a candidate for every position. For one cohesive voice to have that much influence over the student government is dangerous to the representation of the minority.

You failed to acknowledge in your tirade that the senate is responsible for the allocation of roughly \$2.6 million generated by student fees. Have the decency and common sense to admit that OSPIRG cannot possibly represent all of the students' interests all the time.

When these conflicts arise, doesn't it make sense that other voices be included in the political process, especially when that much of the students' money is at stake?

You mention that the student government already includes Greek reps, women and students of color — fantastic! The more varied interests, the more our student government is representative of the student body.

This variety of interests is precisely what Jonathan Collegio represents. He advocates multiculturalism and fiscal responsibility. In order to have the most effective senate, we must support independent voices such as Jonathan and the voice of the minority in the marketplace of ideas.

**Peter Enslow**  
Political Science

**Disappointing endorsement**

I would like to express my utter displeasure with the *Emerald's* endorsement of Boyd and Oberrieter for ASUO executive. Perhaps this endorsement has to do with the way in which the staff of our school paper has been overrun by conservative voices that are grossly out of touch with student opinion (witness several incidents of racial insensitivity demonstrated by the editorial board this year).

Many of these writers are, in fact, transplants from the *Commentator*, a program which continues to waste student dollars on whiny "editorials," which invariably end with some juvenile allusion to drinking and bad sex, and for which your Mr. Oberrieter has served as editor-in-chief.

And as for the other candidate — I am even more stymied by your recommendation. You want students to vote for James Boyd, a former senator who quit because his colleagues did not recognize his utter superiority over them?

James wrote in his resignation that the senate had done him a "disservice" by not voting him as president. Sorry, James, but when you're ready to participate in a government where a vote supports the best candidate and not someone's frail ego, come see me.

For now, please don't even pretend that you want to represent me, or anyone else but you. And as for the editorial board, wake up and smell what you're shoveling and start getting in touch with the students on this campus.

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