

Letter to the Editor

Just to Clarify!

Dear Editor,

First I would like to point out that at no point did I say that Andrew Peppin's posters were sexist. Tactless, tasteless and completely irrelevant? Yes, but not sexist.

Second, despite my high profile, I am not the only student to complain about the posters. Peppin was asked to remove the posters before I even saw them. We may seem to be a minority, though that is debatable, we are entitled to express an opinion. Please don't spout "freedom of speech" to me while in the same sentence you tell me I can not express my ideas.

Third, those who have taken offense to the Guardian's front page article should contact the reporter, Jim Day, or the editors. I certainly don't have any control over what they print or where they print it.

Last, in response to Patrick Ross and Aaron Smith's letter in last week's Cadre: I agree that students have many important issues facing them, including those you mentioned. That is the main reason to speak up against a candidate who, unlike the other candidates, has made no effort to address those issues.

I would also suggest you double check your sources, or your vision, when making observations. Each of the eleven other election candidates put up hundreds of posters on campus. Many of these also "politely advertised voting dates and times" and even locations.

I also agree that the number of voters probably increased. I suspect this was due to the five additional polling stations added this year by the SU rather than Peppin's "measly poster".

However, in the end, I must applaud your courage. Certainly if it had been me, I would not have admitted, as you did, that despite the hundreds of other posters it took one advertising "free nude photos" to attract your attention to the election.

-Trish Daley



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