

ANOTHER ANGLE ON PRAYING

I would like to defend *Bostonia's* supposed "oversight" in neglecting to include a Protestant representative in the Winter 2007-2008 article on student prayer life ("Letters," Spring 2008). Indeed, a Protestant viewpoint would have been welcome; however, to be fair, *Bostonia* then would have been obligated to include the views of a Hare Krishna and an Advaita Vedantist, the views of Buddhists of the Theravada, Vajrayana, and Mahayana traditions, and those of a Sunni and a Shiite Muslim, not to mention the thousands of others who would have then felt left out.

There are common threads that justify grouping different denominations under the name "Christian," and having one of the most ancient of these as a representative was certainly a sound choice. We all need to remember how colonial-minded it is for us to want to individually represent multiple Christian groups, while thinking the terms "Hinduism," "Buddhism," or "paganism" sufficient to cover the myriad forms of those religions, or any other.

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