

EDITORIALS

My Annoyance with "Annoyance"

By Janie King

As I opened my *Aletheia* to the second page, my attention was automatically caught by the darkened article named "Annoyance." As I read through this well-written article I laughed and by the time I got to the end there was only on thing I could say to all you poor, pitiful, annoyed upperclassmen: waah, waah, waah.

Since John was so quick to group *all* the freshmen together in one category, I will feel free to do the same with upperclassmen. You say we are "vulnerable to peer pressure, prone to flock in groups and tend to dress exactly alike." Sorry folks, I didn't mean to be a clone. Next time it's twenty degrees outside I'll be sure to wear shorts and a T-shirt just so I'm original. I might catch pneumonia

and die, but hey, at least I'm not dressing like everyone else.

Another thing that bothered you so much was that we call and ask for your help in classes that upperclassmen are failing and we freshmen are doing well in. I have two replies to that: 1) How is it that we are doing so well in these classes when in your article you said that we "break curfews just for the sake of rebellion, skip classes on a whim, and turn in papers late?" Could natural in-

telligence be a factor here? And 2) What are you, being the great upperclassmen you are, doing in all these classes with freshmen anyway?

Upperclassmen feel that freshmen are cliquish. I would have to sadly say that this is somewhat true. But tell me John, you said that you watched some poor freshman stand in the rain for 45 minutes waiting for a friend so she wouldn't have to sit alone in the cafeteria. How exciting is your life if you have noth-

ing better to do than to watch some girl for nearly an hour? (In the rain I might add.) Maybe you ought to follow her lead and get yourself a friend.

I am really excited that such qualified persons such as yourself and other "concerned upperclassmen" are researching the possibility of putting the maturing experiences of "Freshman Summer" into the summer after high school. That would be great for everyone. That way freshmen aren't an annoyance to upperclassmen and we don't have to listen to you whine. Let me know if you need any help with your research.

One last point that I will conclude on. Just remember: although you are now great, awesome upperclassmen, you were once a "annoyance" too.

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Annoyance, In Closing...

By John Mills

Apparently my article in the last issue of the *Aletheia* caused a little bit of controversy. Well, if I offended anyone (English 101 teachers included) I would like to apologize. I'm not really sorry for the article, just for the state of mind of a few of the readers. The article was obviously satirical, and most (if not all) freshmen on campus found it humorous.

It has become apparent to many of us (English Majors) that in order to avoid crushing the toes of certain students (and Professors) in future articles, we must

define the terms in which these (particularly mine) articles are written:

Satire: literary composition holding up to ridicule vice or **folly** of the times.

Folly: a foolish action

Hopefully, future articles will cause "smirks" and "giggles," not "frowns" and "tears." I was also asked to address the article "Advice to Upperclassmen," by a member of the newspaper staff, and several upperclassmen. However, due to heavy precipitation, I'm avoiding the outdoors. And since the *Aletheia* staff is

comprised of mostly upperclassmen, the odds of this article getting published are as poor as a freshman answering a question correctly in class.

Hopefully, this will be the final article on the "Battle of the Classes." I, along with other upperclassmen, await the transition of this summer with open minds, longing for the change of behavior: from "Freshman" to "Sophomoric." Well, maybe things aren't getting better after all.

P.S. How can we, as

upperclassmen, take you seriously if we cannot obtain a copy of your paper? Please consult your Professor and request additional publication.

