

# Katharsis: 'A final hurrah' or 'You made me do it'

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Ok, people, this is my last stop. After commencement on May 7, my presence and this column will no longer be a part of Guilford. In light of that, I could use this space for sappy sentiments of what a valuable experience this has been, but where's the fun in that?

Instead, I'm going to clear things up for some of the morons who take themselves too seriously to figure it out. There seem to be people out there who think I have this inherent hatred for all organized groups. But that would make me an anarchist, and they're morons too - a good percentage of them, anyway. You see, it's not any group or cause that bugs me; it's the type of person I've been addressing. Really, this column has been about the same thing week after week while using some group as a starting-off point.

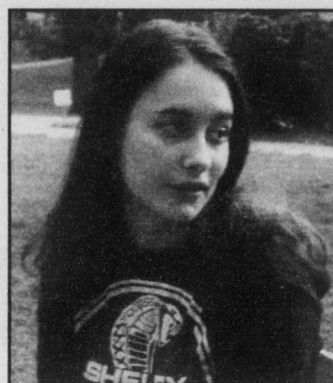
Is every pharmacist a dumbass? No; just the ones who refuse to do their jobs. Is every feminist an embarrassment to womankind? Of course not; just the ones who hurt the cause. Is every blogger on the net a pathetic loser? Only the ones who use it as substitution for actual human interaction.

And what about more "Guilfo-centric" issues - is everyone living in a dorm an inconsiderate slob? No (but damn, there are a lot of them). Is every person who puts together a public display of expression a nuisance to the rest of us? Just the ones that don't know what they're doing. And being drunk doesn't make you a pain in the ass; being a stupid drunk does.

So with that out of the way, what is it about the people I focus on that makes them so damn unlikable? Think about it: girls kidnapping themselves, women turning feminism into their own pet project, pharmacists forcing their

morals onto their customers. These are people who push all the written and unwritten laws of social interaction and human decency aside because what they want to do is somehow more important.

This didn't start out as my



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pet peeve. At first it was simply a fascination. "How does someone grow up to be like that? How have they not yet been lobotomized on pure principle? Who raises these people?" And as time went on, and it became clearer to me just how many people like

this there are in the world, my question remains, "how does that happen?"

I don't have an answer, only a theory, though I'm pretty sure I'm right about it: someone told them they were special when they shouldn't have. Whether it was their therapist, a parent, someone trying to get lucky, or their own subconscious, I've decided that the only way for a person to become this disgustingly self-assured, is for someone to put cockamamie illusions of awesomeness into their heads.

So for my last installment as the Forum columnist in *The Guilfordian*, I'm going to correct the wrongdoings of those who put morons on self-indulgent power trips and call it a good deed.

You're not special. You're not important; you're not even that smart. You're not destined for greatness and you're not a born leader. Your agenda is no more important than anyone else's, and the fact that you think it is makes it

even less important and sets you down another notch on the food-chain. Your views on politics, socialism, human nature, art, the environment, etc. are just opinions, and everyone has them. Stop thinking that the world somehow benefits from you running your mouth. You're just a person.

If people don't like you, and you find yourself automatically assuming that they're the ones with the problem, then you just go on thinking that and see how far it takes you. If you think that people just don't get you, that you're too mature, intellectual, or deep for the general public to comprehend, you're wrong. Really, your personality just sucks. Get a new one.

It's because of people like you that I started this damn column. And it just so happens to be people like you that hate my column. Would you look at that? No one to blame but yourselves.

Peace out.☼

## Passing laws that don't make a difference

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Congress is struggling to lower the United States' reliance on foreign oil.

That is, they were struggling with said problem, but they just came up with a brilliant solution.

According to CNN, Congress is going to vote on an energy bill that will extend daylight-saving time by two months. This will solve all of our energy problems.

Currently, daylight-saving time lasts from the first Sunday of April to the last Sunday of October.

With the proposed change, it will encompass the first Sunday of March to the last Sunday of November.

During these two new additional months, people will go to bed earlier (remember that the clocks get set ahead in the spring) and thus, save more energy.

The best part of this bill is its bipartisan nature. Fred Upton, a republican from Michigan, and Ed Markey, a

democrat from Massachusetts, cosponsored it.

It's good to see that, when faced with a difficult challenge like our energy crises, congressmen can learn to overstep party lines and come together, for the better of all society.

And it's good to see a practical solution proposed. Instead of wasting time trying to develop alternative energy sources or increasing regulations on SUVs, we cut right to the chase: decrease the amount of oil we use.

We use, on average, 20 million barrels of oil everyday. Now, with all the oil we'll save not turning on lights, we will only use 19.99 million barrels everyday, according to Transportation Department estimates.

Congress declaring an extra two months of daylight will surely see us through this energy crisis.

Why stop here? Why not pass a law making it bright and sunny for 18 hours everyday. Then, we would use

even less oil.

There's no reason to stop there either. If we make a law that says the temperature must remain a constant 72 degrees, all the time, we won't really need heat or air-conditioning. We would save hundreds of thousands of dollars on oil.

The best part: these laws would easily pass through the House and the Senate. Who wants to vote against the Sunny Day Act? What about the Perfect Climate Act?

Our politicians have incumbency rates ranging from 83 to 95 percent (depending on district and if they work in the Senate or the House). They are smart enough to know that voting against these acts would be a political disaster.

Would you reelect a senator who voted against the Sunny Day Act? I didn't think so.

With all the money we save, we could invest in something new. Maybe we could figure out how to give brain transplants to lawmakers.☼

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