

To Beard . . . Or Not to Beard

by Kate Troupe

Did you ever wonder as you wandered around this world why people feel as they do about certain subjects? Or, to be more explicit, why some guys grow beards and some do not? Well, this writer did, and set out upon her own expedition to get to the "why" of the matter . . .

The first individual we chanced upon was Jan Michel, who explained that the reason he chose his beard style was "That's the only place it'll grow." As to his wife, "She wants me to shave it off . . . it irritates her, I guess."

Mr. Boyer, on the other hand, said his wife liked his beard, but he got tired of it.

Kim Roy has two patches on either side of his mouth -- remarkable things -- and he refers to them as his "effort at the old college try for a wrap-around mustache."

Everyone queried wasn't really trying, we must admit. Mr. Guisbert, after many years of G. I. shaves, went on a vacation and made it a double vacation . . . one free from a razor. He admitted "I'm really lazy by nature; there was no particular reason for my growing it. But the wife likes it, so it stays."

Marshall Jordan told us he left his razor at home (Chicago), but when pressed further, went on to explain that "I've been trying to grow a VanDyke since I was about 12, but somehow, all that post-pubescent hair managed to grow in the wrong places! But I intend to keep it . . . it helps me think."

"It gives me a form of self-expression," says Calvin Howard, "I have had it four

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"Mothers for Peace"

Ask Questions

(CPS) -- In their March newsletter, the group Another Mother for Peace asks some questions about military spending:

How come the 1973 military budget is \$4 billion higher than it was last year when the Vietnam war was going on?

How come with the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) going on, we are still building three nuclear bombs every single day?

How come the Pentagon is already asking for \$34 million more to develop an entirely new laser nuclear bomb?

How come in this time of budget-cutting, the Pentagon's public relations program gets \$93 million of our tax dollars to take a Congressperson to lunch?

years, although I have altered it sometimes. I feel that my particular beard style (sort of a cross between a Fu Man Chu and a Van Dyke) is more in keeping with our cultural style, since this is the primary zone facial hair grows on the black male."

Our last bearded victim . . . er, warrior . . . was Jeff Modrynski. We sat and rapped on about beards in general and his in particular. Jeff said, "I started with a full beard and from there, worked it into a long goatee (so named because it really does resemble the chinny-chin whiskers of a billy goat) but this got to be a hassle so I switched to a VanDyke. I kept shopping, or chopping, until I arrived at what you see today. Without it I look kinda chubby."

Mr. Titus gave a brief soliloquy on his feelings about facial hair one morning after talking on about beards in general and his in particular. Jeff said, "I started with a full beard and from there, worked it into a long goatee (so named because it really does resemble the chinny-chin whiskers of a billy goat) but this got to be a hassle so I switched to a VanDyke. I kept shopping, or chopping, until I arrived at what you see today. Without it I look kinda chubby."

I've wandered far and wide, seen clean shaven cheeks, and furry ones. Some were neatly furry and others looked like early mattress faces. But on one point I'm sure we all must agree: Womens' Lib or not, gals, there's one thing we CAN'T do! And y' know what? I kind of like it that way.

Woman Tried for Rape Is Acquitted

(CPS/LNS) -- Freddie Baer went to trial recently for assault, battery, and attempted rape. She had been arrested by campus police at the University of Illinois last year, after the "victim," Bill Chester, decided to press charges.

In testimony before a woman judge, Chester alleged that "three women invited me to come up for a rape." He also claimed that the women attempted to take off his pants while sitting on his legs. The court ruled there was insufficient evidence and Baer was acquitted.

Baer said that she first heard of Chester when she read his column in the university newspaper in which he claimed that women enjoyed being raped, and that rape was really a woman's fantasy. He further contended that when women protested being raped that they were merely being coy.



Wheeee! It's Spring!!!

Ellen Hughes, Camille Norkowski Win earth Contest

This semester earth magazine sponsored a short story contest, and was (and is) proud to announce it had a fairly large number of entries submitted. (This was surprising, when comparing the last few years to this semester). earth offered a first prize of \$25 and a second prize of \$15, and is pleased to announce that it was a real struggle to judge and choose between the many good stories.

We the staff are happy to announce the selection of two short stories as winners. They are: First Prize, untitled short story, by Ellen Hughes; Second Prize, "A Few Good Men," by Camille Norkowski.

These people may pick up their prize money from Mrs. Clara Taylor, in the business office. Congratulations, winners!

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Hitchhiker Loses Arm

(CPS) -- Fernand Schneider, 23, was hitchhiking near Metz, France last month when he noticed a car speeding towards him. He stuck out his thumb but unfortunately the car did not stop. More unfortunate was the fact that the car ripped off his outstretched arm in passing. The arm was found 100 yards from where he had been standing.

(CPS/ZNS) -- The national marijuana commission found that one out of every seven teenagers between the ages of 12 and 17 didn't even know that marijuana was illegal.

Students "Don't Give a Damn" About Student Gov't.

(CPS/ZNS) -- A survey of college campuses has found that most students simply don't give a damn about student government.

The publication "On Campus Report" polled students on 30 college and university campuses, ranging in enrollment from 2,500 to 35,000 students. They found that the average campus election draws only 6.2 percent of the student body to the polls -- or one out of every 15 students. Apathy was found to be so prevalent that some positions on various ballots were left blank because no one had bothered to file as a candidate.

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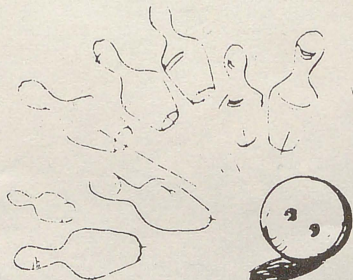
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