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by Barbara McIntosh

TO BEARD OR NOT TO BEARD

To beard or not to beard - that is the question.

As soon as a beard becomes a possibility, young men face the problem of deciding if a bushy chin is their answer to individuality.

For fellows who can boast a successful crop, the beard is a sign of masculinity. For those who can't, it is cause for embarrassment.

For hippie types it often completes a hairy circumference of the nose and eyes, to shield an expanded mind from the square masses.

For the college set, the beard sets the classics intellectual apart from the insensitive engineer.

For the motorcycle buff, it's all a part of the image and helps to distinguish the guys from the girls.

Opinions about bearded boys are as varied as the beards themselves. Says one young girl, "Who wants to fight her way through a wiry mass to see that adorable dimpled chin." Says another, "Nothing is quite as revolting as a beard full of this morning's breakfast, and bacteria think it's a great way to travel."

On the other hand, many girls think a beard adds a quality of distinction to an ordinary face.

When you come right down to facts, the beard does have a number of advantages over the naked chin. It can be the perfect remedy for a receding chin, pimples or fat lips. It can add years of experience to a baby-face. Needless to say, a well-groomed beard is easier to look at than blood-stained cheeks and razor scars.

Seventy years ago, men were not considered men unless they had a healthy beard. One hardly needs to dwell on the great men in history who saw the advantages of a beard.

Today to sport one, a young man must often suffer the contempt and ridicule of his clean-shaven friends and beard-hating females.

Yet, the beard like anything else, depends on the individual. It can range from a well-trimmed flush of bushy maturity that demands an admiring glance, to the often comic Snow-White-and-the-seven-dwarfs-type, that would probably look better if it wasn't.

I say for the fellow who is prepared to devote the time and love that a good beard demands, it can and should be a source of pride.

After all, if there is one thing left that a woman can't do quite as well as a man, it's grow a beard.

Computer take-over no sweat course at Humber College

Computers may be taking over the work, but industry still requires trained people to take over the machines.

This May, Humber College of Applied Arts and Technology in Etobicoke opened its first concentrated one-year computer programmer's certificate course. It is to be a full-time program of training in computer skills and related disciplines.

According to A. J. Almond, chairman of the Business Division, "There has been far too much conjecture about educating for the data processing field largely because of the still prevalent but unfounded fear that machines are going to do away with jobs."

"We just have to stop worrying and learn to live with the computer. The use of the computer is growing and there just aren't enough trained people to handle it."

"Recently," says Mr. Almond, "a senior federal civil servant criticized our institutions of higher learning for failing to train students in computer use. He said the number of computers used by the federal civil service alone had grown from 19 in 1961, to 90 in 1968, and that the government expected to see its computer capacity double in two years."

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Advanced swimming

Advanced swimming lessons may be available in Kelso swimming pool according to Arena Manager Harold Townsley. A registration is to be held in the town park all day Tuesday to get an estimate of the number of interested children.

The cost of the lessons and transportation will depend on the number going. Mr. Townsley feels that at least 60 swimmers are necessary to keep the cost at \$8.00.

Mr. Townsley announced at Monday night's meeting of the

Ron McKnight gives graduate address gets high standing in commercial course

Being handicapped hasn't prevented Ron McKnight from being a success.

At 19 years old, he recently stood near the top of his graduating class at Variety Village Vocational School for handicapped boys in Scarborough, and was chosen to give the address from the students at the graduation ceremony on June 12.

After three years in Acton District High School, Ron was selected from a long waiting list of boys from all across Ontario to take the two-year special commercial course.

The residence was opened in November 1949, sponsored by the Variety Club, an organization to aid crippled children. The new brick building has accommodations for 24 boys, all on ground level.



RON MCKNIGHT recently graduated near the top of his class from Variety Village Vocational School for handicapped boys in Scarborough. (Staff Photo)

It offers courses in commercial and business, sheet metal, electrical appliances, heating and air-conditioning, and watch-making. Rather than an exam system, each boy begins the week with a certain number of points and then loses points as the week progresses.

The school serves a dual purpose of training the students for professions and also of helping them to become self-sufficient. Each boy is responsible for keeping his own room and closet clean, and his own things in order.

Ron had consistently high scores during his stay at Variety Village. He had 116 of a possible 120 points before Christmas of this year, and 94 out of 100 from Christmas to Easter.

In the commercial course he studied all phases of office work including typing, book-keeping, payroll work, record keeping, duplicating processes, and the use of various office machinery.

Recreational facilities at the school include game rooms for pool, darts, table-tennis, cribbage and euchre. Ron became a skilled euchre player on two

championship teams, one with his house master, and the other with the school principal.

Talking with Ron, it is easy to see how much he enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity of attending the school. "We were all one closely knit family."

"In a way I'm sorry to be finished because you do make close friends there. Many of the kids I had known for several years from various crippled children summer camps."

His mother, Mrs. Jimmy McKnight shares Ron's enthusiasm. "A lot of people don't realize that there are these facilities for handicapped people. When they donate to the crippled children, they think the money goes away somewhere, but it can be used by people in their own town."

Now that he is finished school, Ron is looking forward to joining the working world. He has sent applications to several industries in town because he feels it would be easiest for him to live at home.

"I'm very hopeful that some day I can become a radio announcer," he beams.

And if personality and determination have anything to do with it, Ron will succeed.

The optimist proclaims that we live in the best of all possible worlds, and the pessimist fears this is true.

Ben Rose instructs journalism course

Sheridan College's new course in Community Journalism and Advertising is attracting wide attention. Applications have been made by students in Barrie, Sudbury and Collingwood, as well as by young people in Peel and Halton, the two counties Sheridan specifically serves.

Early final admission has so far been granted 10 students but pending applications indicate that all available places will be over-subscribed within the next few weeks. The course will be given at Sheridan's Brampton campus.

President J. M. Porter announced that the journalism course instructor will be Benjamin D. Rose.

Mr. Rose began his newspaper career 27 years ago as a young reporter with a suburban Toronto weekly, then went to the Ottawa Journal. In 1945 he joined the Toronto Star as assignment reporter. His 20-year career there included city hall beat, political campaign reporting, copy editing and medical reporting. He has done documentaries for the CBC, both radio and TV, and numerous feature articles for magazines.

Mr. Rose has studied at Queen's University and in 1961 became the second Canadian to win a Sloan-Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship to Columbia University, New York, where he spent a year in the School of Journalism. For the last two years he has been information officer with the Toronto Board of Education.

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University registrars confused

Registrars at various Ontario universities are experiencing more difficulty than usual in trying to weed out applicants for the coming term.

In the past, grade 13 departmentals have provided a basis for judging applicants, but since the decision to discontinue the government examinations, university officials are faced with finding another method of standardization.

According to Registrar Trevor Boyes of Waterloo University, emphasis will be on the high school principals, grade 12 results, and records in grade 13 including the school's guess of final marks.

Some universities are also considering results of Ontario aptitude tests which were written by grade 13 students for the first time last year.

Grade 13 marks are expected to be out by the end of June and in the hands of university registrars by mid-July.

Since grades are to be decided in the individual high schools there is bound to be considerable variation in the marking schemes and thus in the over-all marks.

In order to help high schools in future recommendations, some registrars will begin sending progress reports of students to their former high schools.

Acton girl United Nation's rep.

Miss Mary Jane New is representing Sweden at a United Nations seminar being held at Waterloo University all this week. High school students from all across Ontario will be taking part.

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