



RBC Camel

Hair-Do Dilemma!

By Dylan Peyton

What do a giant chicken, a pious monk, a spotted cow, and Bozo the Clown have in common? They are among the latest hairstyles to hit the Rosedale fashion scene. Jeremy Byler, Tim Miller, Chris Coblantz, and Jared Garber were those who underwent transformation from the normal to the grotesque. The Camel staff has done some research to investigate this odd yet humorous occurrence on campus. Many hair-raising facts and much evidence indicate that this hairy situation owes its roots to that of one, Anthony Fisher, who, under the direction of an entity called the Student Handbook, was compelled to cut his lustrous locks, shortening them down to suitable length. This scissor craze then gripped these four men, until they too cut their hair in a manner perceived by many as surrealist. *[Editor's note: surrealism is 'characterized by an irrational, noncontextual arrangement of material'-Webster's Dictionary.]* Unlike Sir



These five guys guard the hall, forcing all passersby to run the visual gauntlet

The harte culture of Rosedale



Fisher, these four fashion buffs, under the direction of an entity called The Dean of Students, were not permitted to keep their edgy hairstyles. Thus the craze has been halted in its tracks. Another interesting anecdote: Some of the men of Rosedale are in a non-competition to see who will grow the longest beard by the time of the Christmas banquet. They claim to go back to the roots of their forefathers in growing facial hair. It will be interesting to see the growth that will happen on campus due to this fuzz fest. We could all take a lesson from these guys in unlocking the secrets of brotherhood found in a razor or lack thereof!

Biker Gang of RBC

By Sir Anthony Fisher

We at the Camel have noticed a strange trend on campus: bikes. Not that bikes themselves are strange, mind you; rather, they are an extremely popular and efficacious means of transportation, blending good health habits with enjoyable times of silence and reflection, all the while effecting a movement from Point A to Point B. No, the strangeness is in the age demographic that we find to be using bicycles. These are no energy-crazed early-teen maniacs tearing around, but rather mature adults with, shall we say, "many years of experience" in life (but most definitely NOT old!). They are, in fact, members of the faculty and staff of RBC!

In order to explain this phenomenon, we went to the heart of the issue:

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Student Survey

Beard Contest

“Who will win and why?”

Keith-“Jason, because after a week of not shaving you can see hairs on his chinny chin chin. But out of all the guys, Hans S. because the guy shaves every day.”

Emily-“I really don’t know!”

Kenton-“Keith! He’s ripping it up!”

Jeremy M-“Jason all the way. I think he’s got a good technique. The baby face just doesn’t look natural.”

Brian-“I think Keith’s going to win. Because Keith is just very interesting.”

Kalene-“Jason, because he’s such a winner.”

Felicia and Rachel-“Keith, because he looks like he has the most so far.”

Chris Y-“Me, because I’m awesome and because I shaved yesterday.”

Tim-“Close race, but all I know is that I’m going to be second to last. Keith will win though.”

Zach-“Leon. He cheated and got a head start.”

Traci-“Jason. He has a reputation for being fuzzy.”

Lem-“Gabe, because he’s not trying.”

Jacki-“Keith. For real! Just look at him!”

Parla-“Joel. He was one hairy man on Akwachink!”

Jonathan-“Jason or Jared.”

“The Choicest Surveys”

Heidi Eberly & Bethany Hochstedler

Dear Bob,

Dear Bob,

I am having trouble coming up with a creative way to ask a girl to the Christmas Banquet. Does it really matter if I have a creative way of asking? Will it affect the response of the one of whom I choose to inquire?

Sincerely,

Lost in a Wilderness of Worry

Dear Lost,

You have struck a familiar vein with a lot of young men who wish to present their noble request to an unsuspecting maiden in a way that is far from dull and bordering on ingenious. Well, there are a few things you should understand before you present to the damsel your query.

First of all, most young men are only asking the fair maidens to accompany them because they would like to have a good time and partake of a great and bounteous banquet. To you I say ‘Don’t worry about it a lot.’ If you’re only going as friends, you don’t need to show your creativity to impress them. It is completely up to you if you want to do something creative. The other party might enjoy something more inventive, but it is not entirely climacteric.

To those of you who have ulterior motives in mind, I would suggest that you do take the time to come up with an imaginative way to inquire of the fair lady. If you do (and this is just between you and me), you might curry a little favor towards yourself. While it may not be the act itself, they could be impressed that you did take the time to sit down and figure something out. It is not entirely important in this situation either. It all depends on the attitude and your relationship with the special someone.

What are a few ideas on some creative ways to present your query, you ask. There are a lot of ways to ask a girl to go somewhere with you. The problem is, if I shared a few with you, it would completely destroy any fragment of legitimacy and/or originality, which would make you look like a complete fool and a nincompoop. So I would suggest that if you want to inquire of the maiden, come up with something original or just state your query simply. If you take the latter option, you are not to be thought any less of than those who were creative and borderline ingenious, although they will gain some respect. Above all, remember to keep it real, be honest, and make sure you and the other party are on the same page.

-Bob

Camel Cogitations

Several weeks ago, someone asked the Camel editor whether she thought Rosedale ought to become a four-year institution. After thinking about it for awhile, she answered, "No. Though I love Rosedale and I plan to get my Associate's Degree this year, I frankly wouldn't want to spend four years here."

First of all, this world boasts quite a number of fine, quality, four-year, liberal arts Christian colleges, along with many more mediocre institutions of the same academic bent. Given its current situation, Rosedale cannot hope to become a quality four-year school any time in the near future. Why should students pay more tuition to spend more time at a limited-opportunity little college? Instead, Rosedale should continue to focus on becoming a truly excellent two-year junior college. The school can concentrate on its particular area of scholarship-Biblical studies-and also prepare students for more college, or service work, or career, or marriage later on in life.

Furthermore, a longer program would entail greatly increased enrollment. The great strength of RBC now is its community atmosphere. Every student comes here knowing that he or she will know everyone on campus by first names, eat with the student body at the same time every day, and participate in community by helping out in the cafeteria and cleaning the dorms.

If students were looking for something else, they could attend any number of fine Christian colleges around the country. The fact is, RBC's students chose to come here, as it is. Why should RBC seek to become like other, so-called "real" colleges? We don't need prestige or worldly recognition or extra badges of accomplishment. This is a real college, accredited, with a unique environment that offers its students sound Biblical teaching, participation in a close-knit community, and excellent preparation for the rest of life.

-from your Editor

CLASSIFIEDS

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Biker Gang at RBC cont.

we asked the bike riders themselves, "Why do you do what you do?" Their answers may surprise you (but probably not!).

First of all, we asked them, "Why? Why ride your bike?" The answers we got included "Exercise, fresh air, it's fun, speed, ecologically kind, I'm cheap, it's cheap," and, from Ken Miller, "I enjoy the challenge of balancing a computer and a briefcase while biking. Plus, biking feels more European."

Having a reason to ride your bike is good, but the real test of one's devotion to one's hobby is the endurance of one's practice of one's hobby even when one's environmental surroundings oppose one's continued performance of one's hobby. In other words, "Do you/Will you ride your bike all through the year?"

"Yes, unless the snow is too deep or the rain is too heavy," said Phil Weber, "in which case I'll walk. I find that snow and rain have a nasty habit of leaving roostertails of mud and 'stuff' up my back when I ride bike, and I find that roostertails have a nasty habit of invoking general mirth in the classroom when my back is to the class." The other interviewees echoed this sentiment.

This astute Camel reporter noted, with

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STUDENT PROFILE

By Sarah Mast

Name: Julie Lynette Swartzentruber

Age: 21 yrs.

Hometown: Fredericktown, OH

Favorit Pie: Peanutbutter Pie

Toothpaste: Crest



RBC: What brings you to Rosedale?

Julie: It's a good place to be if I don't know what I'm supposed to do, but where I'm trying to find direction.

RBC: What is your morning routine?

Julie: I get up at 8 o'clock, and I take a shower and I get ready and have my devotions.

RBC: How does your family celebrate the Thanksgiving meal?

Julie: Definitely turkey and mashed potatoes at my grandma's house.

RBC: How long did it take you to move in?

Julie: A whole week—I think we're mostly there now.

RBC: Do you have a word of advice to share with the student body?

Julie: To the girls: Who you go to the Christmas Banquet with will not determine who you are for the rest of your life.

Biker Gang at RBC cont.

his characteristic sharpness of observation, that not all faculty and staff engage in the practice of bike-riding. Only two of these non-bike-riders were available for comment, but they cited "quarter-mile pothole-infested lanes" (Leon Zimmerman) and "twenty miles" (Lynford Schrock) as their reasons for not having caved in to the fad.

Of course, this lack of common practice in the leadership could possibly lead to dangerous and divisive attitudes of superiority and inferiority among the faculty. So, we asked the bike riders how they had generally been received, and the non-bike riders how they felt about the bike riders. Amazingly (and most likely due to their friendships having been formed before the bikes came on the RBC scene), everyone reported that the reception had been "generally good." The only possible tension, noted by Phil Weber, was that his mountain bike had been "looked on with disdain by certain academic deans, which possibly reflects a degree of 'English sniffishness.'" Phil Barr was unavailable for comment, but hopefully the commonality of their first names will override their differing preferences of bike styles.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

While the most of the world watched the presidential election, a much more important election took place right here in Rosedale: the Student Council election. And true to the rising trend, ties to Pennsylvania exist with those who won. Both Anthony and Beth spent their break in PA immediately following their victory. Were they really backpacking or were they scouting out a new location for RBC? While Melinda refused to say she had ties, I heard her blurt out that she thought Pennsylvania is a "nice place." Everyone thinks that Rick is from Maryland, but he was actually born in PA.

But what is more, Jared, the new Guys' RA, is an unashamed resident of Lancaster County and has even had some political involvement there prior to his time at RBC.

The whistle has been blown, and the camouflage removed. We must stop this trend before it gets out of hand! Let your voice be heard! The only way we can keep RBC in Ohio is to show our love for an Ohio-based Rosedale. Post a sign on your door that reads "I LUV OHIO". Make tee shirts and bumper stickers that say "I LUV OHIO". This is the only way Rosedale as we know it will survive

-Kristen Shlabach