

Shaved head fixes problems

Pretty Young Thing

Critics of Michael Jackson should just beat it

During the summer, having hair can be a real bitch. In this part of the country, the oppressive humidity often gives hair a mind of its own.

I've often sympathized with friends who endure bad hair seasons. One guy I knew (I'll call him "Zach") dreaded summer because of hair problems.

During humid days, Zach's hair would frizz to the extent that every strand looked like souls trying to escape hell.

When Zach asked me what to do about this recurring problem, I suggested he do what I do when my hair frustrates me: cut it all off. For me, bad hair days are few and far between. I keep my hair relatively short, so it doesn't waste time making it pretty for the world.

As an added bonus, I don't spend ridiculous amounts of money on products to prevent my hair from going berserk. It's a simple supply and demand reality: I cut off my supply of hair, effectively squelching the demand for mousses, gels, oils and other crap that will eventually cause my hair to fall out anyway. After listening to the reasoning behind my suggestion, Zach did the right thing.

As it turned out, he had a much better summer after following my advice. He had more cash in his pocket for marshmallows, weekend passes to Fiesta Texas and other things that make girls swoon.

If baldness can give sex appeal to my cowlick-ridden friend, letterheads, the Corps of Cadets and Demi Moore, I'm convinced it can do the same for the rest of us.

Being bald is in, and during summer, it makes you a hell of a lot cooler.

Women's attitudes toward my proposal may be a bit incredulous, but their fears are unfounded. Demi Moore, Grace Jones and Sinead O'Connor are all bald and loving it. And let's face it: Every straight man in America has dreamt of sleeping with Grace Jones.

Even I have discovered firsthand that baldness in women has intense carnal desire in men. In eighth grade, I accidentally ignited my lab partner's hair curl (pronounced "jerry") with a Bunsen burner. A jerry curl is a chemically induced curling product popular in the '80s. (Michael Jackson had a jerry curl when he was black).

The day after the accident, she returned to school with a shaved head, and the boys paid considerably more attention to her. The cheerleading coach even bumped me girl off the squad and begged old Girl to join. Of course, she did. I thank me for her blossoming popularity, but in my heart I knew she was eternally grateful.

She didn't have to get up 30 minutes early to fix her hair. He didn't spend all her cash on jerry curl juice (chemicals in a spray bottle used to maintain the curl. For an idea as to what jerry curl juice looks like, rent the movie *Coming to America*). He was considerably cooler. When my back was turned, I could feel her smile ripping a hole through my flesh for the love I granted her.

So I urge my fellow Aggies to go bald next summer.

Shock your parents, instantly make yourself trendy and hip and keep a few extra bucks in your pocket.

Transform the stereotype of Aggies as being a race of rednecks and Rocky Mountains to a nation of skeeball heads.

Halloween is but a spooky memory now, and we have gone from wolfing down miniature chocolate bars to working them off at the Rec Center.

One thing that did not change about Halloween was that Michael Jackson was jocked all day. "Thriller" played continuously on many radio stations, and the video ran almost nonstop on MTV.

I enjoyed this — I love laughing at his freaked-out girlfriend with the big hair — but it still bothered me slightly. Why are Jackson and his music all but worshipped on Halloween when he is condemned every other day of the year?

Just because the man is a little pale and owns llamas doesn't mean he deserves to be haggled. He stopped touring in America because of the harassment he received, but now Anti-Michael Mania has spread around the world.

A week and a half ago, Jackson traveled to Taiwan to receive an award for his international contributions. While there, members of the city council stormed into the building and tried their best to kick his butt, saying "his international contribution has been to molest little boys." The Chinese got all riled up and did everything but throw sushi at him.

This whole sad scene was totally uncalled for, but not surprising given the maltreatment "The King of Pop" has been given.

Americans in particular should be ashamed of themselves. Our country is supposed to be the epitome of justice and democracy, yet it has shunned a man who has never been convicted in a court of law for indecency with children. Therefore, he is technically innocent because he has not been proven guilty.

Some people point to Jackson's \$15-million dollar settlement with an accuser as proof of his guilt, but this is unfair. Just because he settled out of court doesn't mean he was confessing his guilt.

There are many reasons why the Gloved One may have chosen not to go to court. Maybe he didn't want his family to go through the harrowing experience of a trial.

Maybe he didn't want to put himself through that sort of stress, a plausible reason when one considers he is not in the best of health.

That sum of money seems like a lot to the average person, but it is just a drop in the bucket to him. There are many reasons why Jackson would have settled instead of going to court, but these are ig-

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nored, and he is rubber-stamped with the label "child molester." It's funny, but the old adage "you can't win for losing" still stands.

We don't know whether Jackson is a child molester, but we do know he has done a tremendous amount for thousands of children around the world.

He has given millions of dollars to orphanages and charities that help disabled and underprivileged children, and his countless words of support and love cannot be counted monetarily. He has touched the hearts of more children on this earth than anyone, with the possible exception of Mother Theresa.

I need only to go home and look at my assorted paraphernalia to know he touched mine: The memory of clutching my Michael Jackson doll tight and strutting along with my "Thriller" purse back in the days still gives me warm fuzzies.

If he is indeed a child molester, Jackson should be thrown underneath the jailhouse.

Child molestation is one of the most perverted crimes in our society and should receive zero toleration.

But Jackson has not been proven to fall into this category.

Until (and if) that time comes, people should stop being judgmental and give him a break. It's not right to sing along gleefully with "Billy Jean" and attempt the moonwalk out in public, then go

home to finish knitting the man a scarlet letter.



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MAIL CALL

Congress balances Clinton's policies

Just to set the record straight, I am a Republican. I voted for Bill Clinton and for Republican Congressmen. Thank goodness. Thanks to the voters of America for seeing the wisdom of a Republican Congress and a Democratic White House. Now there is little danger of any extreme views within our system becoming policy as we have a counter-balance between the two policy-making branches of government. With divided government, we can expect slow and thoughtful information exchanges that, hopefully, will lead to needed reform in areas like campaign finance, welfare, health care and fiscal policy.

For those who are skeptical of divided government, remember the last time before the '90s when we had a truly united government. The result was LBJ's "Great Society" — rash mistakes in policy that we are still paying for.

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Clinton's promises will prove empty

"The greatest trick the Devil ever pulled was convincing the world he didn't exist." This quote seems appropriate in the wake of Tuesday's results. The voters of America cast aside all they had heard of Bill Clinton's evils, and voted him back into the Oval Office for a few more years.

What does this say of America? I assure you that it speaks volumes. People vote for someone representative of society. Is it good to know that society has

elected someone whose morals and ethics are questioned even by those who voted for him? Exactly what does this say about the condition of the United States? To pull a page from Clinton, what does this say to our children? That it is okay to do whatever it takes to achieve your goals and dreams? Hardly a message that any village would preach.

What happens now that the people have spoken? We wait to see which promises will be kept and which will be broken. We wait to see which groups are given their "just dues" and which groups have them taken away (the last time I checked, the surest way to take away individual's rights was to expand the rights of groups.)

During the next few years, we will learn if Clinton was truly deserving, or if the American people were wrong. Only time will tell if the right bridge was chosen.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend credit to Clinton for improving my political awareness.

I am certain that he is the driving force behind my, and other's, new-found efficacies.

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Comparisons drawn between leaders

"This year will go down in history. For the first time a civilized nation has full gun registration. Our streets will be safer. Our police will be more efficient and the world will follow our lead into the future." Adolf Hitler, 1935

Bill Clinton's whole political stance is about taking away from

us. First, it was a gun registration law. Then Clinton began taking firearms away from convicted felons. He also wants a law that keeps people from owning a gun if they have been involved with domestic violence. And now Clinton wants to ban certain bullets and put 100,000 more policemen on the streets.

Where will he stop? Thirty-one years ago, Hitler stood over Germany and sucked the freedoms from the very people that put him in office. Blind and unknowingly the people supported him. Now, almost as an echo from the past, Clinton stands over us. Where did it end for Germany? Where will it end for us? It's our choice.

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Students should support Aggie Band

The Fightin' Texas Aggie Band has been selected by ESPN Sportszone as one of 16 finalists in a viewer's poll concerning the best college marching band.

The following URL address is where people on the internet can turn to vote for the poll. <http://espn.sportszone.com/editors/fantasy/college/bands.html>

Please check out this page and vote for your school. Perhaps the school will get some nationwide recognition if we win considering we don't even have a music program. For more info contact: mdmccurry@tamu.edu.

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Church teaches true word to followers

Regarding Heather Pace's Oct. 24 column, "Catholic Church evolves slowly to present day":

Some things have changed over the course of the last 120 years at Texas A&M, like the location of Bonfire, and having non-regs as yell leaders; but haven't the core meanings of these traditions stayed the same? Yes. Similarly, the Catholic Church's core beliefs, traditions and teachings have remained consistent over the past 20 centuries.

The difference is that the teaching of the Church is guided by the activity of the Holy Spirit, as promised by Jesus Christ. This will never change. One of the most amazing things about Catholicism is that it has had strength enough to survive in many cultures and through many different places throughout history. Furthermore, despite what some may think, the members of the Church are increasing in numbers every year.

On Oct. 22, 1996, Pope John Paul II made a statement that reiterated the Catholic position that there is not a contradiction between the Catholic faith and science. The theory of evolution, when properly understood, does not contradict the intended meaning of scripture about the origin of humanity. The key is to understand science as it relates to the teachings of the Church. There are two truths at stake here, the first being the theological truth of the creation of man by the power of God. The second being the scientific theory of evolution. Truth cannot contradict truth. Catholics are free to believe in creation and/or the theory of evolution. The central element is that the Church affirms the following three truths. Man was created in the image and likeness of God. God created man by giving us the gift of a soul. Finally, man is believed to be descended from Adam and Eve. Furthermore, the Church has always promoted the study of science. It is responsible for the establishment of many universities across Europe and America.

There are many things in the world that could use a little change, but I certainly do not expect the Church to change its policies because it would be more convenient. On the contrary, the Church attempts to teach faithfully the message of Jesus Christ. We attempt to conform our lives to that message as best we can. Not vice versa.

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