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"People that are really very weird can get into sensitive positions and have a tremendous impact on history."
~Dan Quayle

Sergeant Stubble

By Sam Bredeson
~ Guest Writer ~

The other day, I was talking to a guy in my hall who's in the Marine Corps. We had been talking about hair in the military due to his head being nearly shaved and my having the long, luscious locks that I have when some dude with a huge kickass beard walked by, sparking my interest in what the rules are for facial hair for our national defenders. After a short description from the young soldier, I came to the conclusion that men in the military are allowed to have no facial hair other than what I think most people are familiar with as a "porno 'stache." (Which, of course, I'm now Google image searching...)

I pondered on this fact for a second, running through my head all the reasons why our armed forces might not want soldiers to grow those manly patches we call beards: dirt, sand, mud,
...see Mustachiotastic on back



Girls Just Wanna Get Stalked

By Liz Fujita ~ Daily Bull

*Oh Facebook! My Facebook! Your layout old is done;
Your code has weather'd every hack,
the poke wars fought are won;
The end is near, sad cries I hear, the people all revolting,
While follow mice the frightful scroll, your new face dumb and boring;
But o Mark! Mark! Mark!
O founder, 'Old' instead,
For on my screen my Facebook lies,
Fallen, cold and dead.*

Sorry, Walt Whitman. But this is, quite honestly, how I felt on that fateful Friday, September 12th – I logged into Facebook to discover that I had been forever switched to the new design. I know I'm not the only one who felt like this. The gut-wrenching pain of New Facebook afflicted millions of users worldwide.

Remember the good old days when Facebook didn't have any interesting features? There was basic information, education info, pictures, a wall (but no wall-to-wall yet!), maybe a few other things, but overall it was very clean, very simple, and pretty effective. Then, one day, someone decided that Facebook didn't have enough bells and whistles. What's that, you say? Let's add the status bar! Let's add video! Let's add

applications for knowing what kind of werewolf you are (there are different kinds?), when you'll die, what color your roommate's boyfriend's sister's mood ring is - before you know it, you can't even load someone's profile because they've added sixty of the damned things.

And now, the new layout; why is it that Mark Zuckerberg and the various higher-ups over in Facebookland saw something that was working astronomically better than anyone expected, and thought, "Hey! Check out this awesome thing that makes our users happy. Slash and burn?" New layout! Add time-stamps to your wall for easier stalking! Oh, and did you know you can set your Facebook language to "pirate" now? Yarr, ye be a yellow-bellied cur if ye don't believe me.

What's next, custom backgrounds and font schemes? Profile songs and mini-blogs? The ability to make your name xx_superawesomez_xx? I use Facebook instead of MySpace for a reason, people: this way I at least feel like I still have a soul. At the rate things are going, though, I'll be on the Dark Side, soulless, with Facebook as my only source of

...see Facebookers on back

Over 290 employers showed up at the Career Fair yesterday. Around 290 of them also didn't give me an interview. Drats.



The Steaming Pile

Straight from you-know-where...
Public Events/ Broadcasts You Shouldn't Flash At

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| Dog Show | Civil War Renactment |
| The Antiques Roadshow | Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade |
| MXC | Battle of the Bulge |
| Wimbledon | An Opera |
| State of the Union Address | Law & Order |
| Food Network | Mythbusters |
| Mr. Roger's Neighborhood | Spamalat |
| Special Olympics | The Real Estate Channel |
| World Bingo Championships | Nancy Grace |
| Televanglists | The Ellen Degeneris Show |
| PGA Golf Tournament | Lifetime |
| The Weather Channel | The Biggest Loser |
| Blue's Clues | 60 Minutes |
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...Facebookers from front information. Gather 'round kids, it's anecdote time!

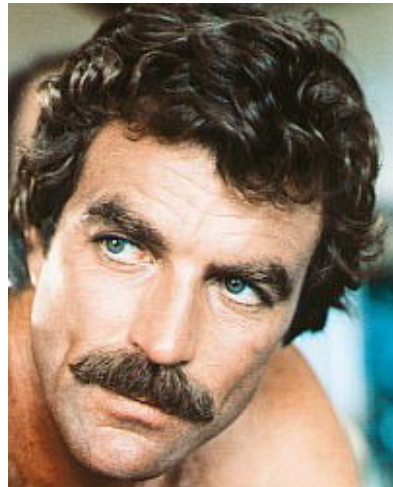
Don't deny it: your curiosity spikes whenever you see a heart (broken in half or whole) on your news feed. "ZOMG! They broke up? They're in an openly complicated married single relationship? EXCITEMENT!" I took advantage of this a few years ago, on April Fool's Day. A friend and I set our relationship statuses to say that we were dating, and oh... the chaos. IM windows popped up, usually with lots of "?!?!?!!" and squeeing. People sent private messages with "congratulations", and "way to go's." A friend even called me from her holiday in Florida to ascertain that I wasn't kidding. For twenty-four glorious hours, we created this idea that we were in teh luvs, and they believed it: Facebook said so. Then we got our asses kicked when the truth finally came out. "But! But! Liz! It was on the internet! It has to be true! And I have

to know about it!"

Basically, the point I am trying to make is that Facebook was already enough of a stalking mechanism without the new wall, news feeds, comment-on-everything, and so forth. It infects people's brains, and soon enough it dictates life. You can know all about someone without ever having to meet them in person – be up-to-the-minute on every aspect of their life. And you can do it with a really, truly horrible layout. ☹

...Mustachiotastic from front

itchiness, the smell, ants, confused termites, and confusion with the enemy. Basically, they all boil down to hygiene, which is pretty lame, if you ask me. On the other hand, I can think of some pretty sweet reasons why our soldiers should have beards: awesomeness, they strike fear into the hearts of one's enemies, hair = manly, hiding small objects, including, but not limited to keys, lock-picks, toothpicks, and various types of ammunition, depending on the beard size, best beard competitions in place of wars, and signaling rank.



Surprisingly, the first porn on Google Images for "porn mustache" was on page 6. Wow.

All of these reasons are pretty great, and you might have noticed that they all share a theme of intimidation (hey, it works for the A-Rabs, why can't it work for us, right?).

So imagine, if you will, that last paragraph running through my head area in about two seconds. After that, I turned back to my friend and asked "so what ever happened to the old days of the military where everybody had a beard?" He looked perplexed, so I took this opportunity to go on with my thoughts, letting them spill out of Gimli's mouth into his gloriously giant beard. I mentioned to him Ambrose Burnside's, one of the greatest champions of military facial hair of all time, and the reason we call those patches near our ears "sideburns."

You see, in General (yes, he was even a general) Burnside's day, beards in the military were allowed, and I think one could say encouraged (or at least slightly hinted at). Soldiers took pride in their beards, and no doubt his beard is at least three-fifths of the reason our good friend Ambrose became a general in the first place.

Well, now that I've rambled on and on and probably lost most of your attentions, I'll get to the actual point of this article. I came to a startling conclusion soon after talking to the Marine friend of mine that were beards and other more radical forms of facial hair still allowed, they could have affected the outcomes of some of the 20th century's wars. This is due, of course, to the rather intimidating and manly aspects of beards in general. During the World Wars (where the ban on beards actually originated, as they were thought to interfere with the oh-so-necessary gas mask us-

age) and the Gulf War, we for the most part stomped on our enemies, and beards probably weren't needed. However, the Korean, and to an even greater extent the Vietnam war could have been particularly altered by the presence of well-bearded soldiers.

Think about how many Asians you've seen with beards. Not that many, I'm assuming. And those who do have them usually have small, rather wimpy beards. Now I'm not trying to say that there's anything wrong with Asians - they've contributed greatly to society, what with inventions like Nintendo, Sega, Pokémon, Yu-Gi-Oh, and Tamagotchi, but I will say that

they have a characteristic inability to grow large beards, and in the Vietnam war, we should have used this to our advantage! If all of our soldiers had sported massive chin curtains, the beardless Vietcong would have fled in sheer terror at our unprecedented



Commiss ain't got nothin' on Ambrose Burnside's

manliness. Had men like Ambrose Burnside been in charge in Vietnam, it wouldn't have been our nation's only real military loss, but one of our greatest victories, and it could have even ended the Cold War by so outmanly-ing the Commies. ☹

While we're on the subject of facial hair...



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