

No-Shave November: Man-tastic!

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As the third week of November draws to a close, you may be starting to think of Turkey, family, and a few days off from school, but you would be missing the most important thing associated with this month: Beards.

Perhaps you have noticed that a number of male students around campus have been enjoying a hygienic holiday, at least in terms of shaving. This hasn't been due to laziness, rather it is in celebration of the month of No-Shave November.

What is No-Shave November? According to senior Travis Taylor, it is "...a time for real men around campus to celebrate Brevard's lumberjack heritage and reject the silly notion that facial hair should be restricted to the area around the mouth and only worn by 'bros' and Chad Kroeger wannabes."

No-Shave November also provides a monthlong celebration of Thanksgiving for men everywhere. According to Brian Randall, "This month is a time to be thankful that you were born a man. We all may not be able to have the beard of Zeus or Chuck Norris, but our prickly faces stand testament to our machismo."

However, No-Shave November is not as simple as it sounds. There is more to it than just putting up your razor. This is a month-long test of dedication and a trial of just how much of yourself you can commit to being as manly as Billy Mays. Each week presents new trials which must be overcome to achieve the ultimate manly beard.

Week one begins innocuously. After the first few days, the extra 5 or 6 minutes of sleep in the morning make you begin to love this hygienic holiday, despite the fact that you are looking a little less groomed than usual. Your scruffy appearance is completely worth it to be able to hit the snooze button once more before having to face the reality of classes.

However, after those first few days of No-Shave bliss, you begin to notice that the snooze button is becoming more and more essential to your well-being, because sleep is becoming much more frequently interrupted by a pressing desire to scratch

away the woolen sweater slowly making its way around your neck and face.

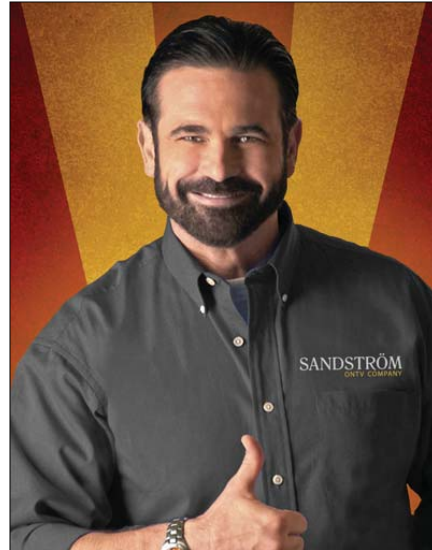
Week two begins much differently than week one. You no longer relish those extra five minutes of sleep which were taking the place of morning shaves. You begin to remember how a fresh face used to be the ultimate in satisfaction after a shower, as well as how an uninterrupted night's sleep felt. The itchiness around your neck and face has become an all-consuming distraction, prompting the first real considerations of breaking your pact of a No-Shave November.

However as week two leads into week three, that desire wanes. You are able to look into the mirror with the satisfaction

of being able to compare yourself to Chuck Norris. As senior John Greene stated, "My beard feels like full-on facial testosterone."

To put this month into a nutshell, No-Shave November is a month-long tribute to your manliness. Staff member emeritus Joseph Chilton, who participated not only in No-Shave November but also No-Shave Senior Year summed this up. According to Chilton, "If you can take the constant neck-itch and derisive references comparing you to Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, then you have truly earned your Y-chromosome."

If this doesn't suffice for you, take a bit of wisdom from senior Charles Jordan, "You know... sometimes you just gotta grow it out."



As Will Byers says, "I'll be straightforawrd. A good beard is a manly thing. Otherwise you'd have to shave it." Billy Mays never had to shave.

BREVARD COLLEGE THANKSGIVING BREAK

The residence halls will close at 10:00am WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 for Thanksgiving Break.

Please remember to close/lock your window(s), unplug any unnecessary appliances, take your trash/recycling out, turn off your lights, and lock our door.

The residence halls will RE-OPEN on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 at 1:00pm.

If you have questions, please contact your RA/CD.