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# HAIRY SITUATION

Shaving just a feminist trap according to senior who stopped

"I'm a human being," I nearly shouted in excitement at all of my classmates, as they gawked at my legs propped up on the desk. The faces of the girls were expressionless, and the boys in poorly hidden disgust.

"Yeah, but... you're a girl," one of the emotionless girls told me. "Hey, thank you for reminding me," I thought. "Girls are supposed to shave," she continued, her face convulsing into a scrunch.

"Said who?" I grinned from ear to ear, because there's no answer, and any argument beyond that was invalid. My legs are beautiful when they are covered in hair, because I'm a confident female human being.

Women have shaved, plucked, waxed and burnt off unwanted body hair to please others and to uphold their reputation. Why is body hair so unwanted? To those who claim 'it's unsanitary,' some soap and a washcloth would clean that thought right up.

Women that have said it feels better to be smooth obviously have not grown it out. To those that have said 'it's unattractive' need to look in the mirror and get some self respect for their bodies. We're born human, so why have people been so concerned with changing the way we have evolved?

Before the 1940s, women typically didn't shave their legs. The fashion of smooth legs was started to appeal to the opposite sex.

Women every day deal with social obligations and standards to conform to. This is the 21st Century, a time where neither men nor women should feel obligated to do anything for anyone other than himself or herself. Women have no standards to live by other than to be comfortable with their natural selves.

After I mention I don't shave my legs, several people have asked, "What does your boyfriend think?" And my immediate response inside was- "Does it matter what he thinks? Is my body now his? Does he get to decide how I live my life?" On the outside, I politely tell them that he loves it. He understands that I am an individual with personal choices. As a couple, we are the future.

The effects of shaving your legs are, well there are none really. None other than the shallowness from others judging you because they don't have enough personal respect. "It's just what women do," my grandma said when I asked her why shaving was important.

During the year a razor has not mutilated my legs, I've gained personal respect for my body and how I was born. How everyone is born, really. Years ago, when I would wear teenage name brand everything, I would wear long socks that covered the inch of my ankles showing because I had a few stubbles. It was unrealistic and shameful to feel that concerned about a couple of hairs peeking out.

I became so concerned with people seeing something totally natural and human. Then I wondered, 'why am I so ashamed of being a natural human being?' And I decided from that point on, I'm not going to shave.

Standing in the wind I can feel the breeze moving around and through my leg hair. I'm basically a majestic lioness. I wait for my prey, hands on my hips, wearing shorts that accentuate my salt and pepper legs. I attack those who think that women with hairy legs should be ashamed. I attack with my unpredictable pride of being natural.

by Lindsay Martin



Taylor Hartsell  
Jonathan Hausler  
**Deomanik Hawkins**  
Quincy Haynes  
Brenda Hazzard  
David Hein

The new environment that the construction gave the school, the **NEW DESIGN**. It makes it more of an open and nice environment to make you want to come instead of dreading to come. It makes it easier to come to school everyday.

Dylan Heitkamp  
Chase Hendrickson  
Jeremiah Henry  
Kelsey Henry  
Rachael Hermelyn  
**Rae Hernandez**

People are rude. I work at **McDONALDS** and people don't treat the workers right. They talk to me real slow like I don't understand. One night I worked overnight, and this guy got arrested because I wouldn't give him extra sauce. He jumped out his car.

Christian Hernandez  
Jessica Hernandez  
Madai Hernandez  
**Natasha Hernandez**  
Jesus Hernandez Herrera  
Orlando Hernandez Longo

For **SOCCER** we kidnap the freshmen every year, and we take them to the school. We drop them off and then go away for a couple minutes and then we come back and get them. We have a sleep over at someone's house, and we pull pranks on them. After kidnapping them we bond and become closer.

Johny Hernandez Vega  
Jana Hicks  
**Michael Higdon Jr**  
Matthew Higgenbotham  
Spenser Hinkelman  
Hayley Hoag

The diversity of my classes is always fun. I have classes that allow me to **LEARN AND EXPERIMENT** with what I like to do like wood shop. Like in woodshop I get to build a catapult to shoot tennis balls and that's always fun. It's a catapult. You shoot things with a catapult. It's fun.

Kevin Hoehne  
Grant Holland  
Morgan Holmes  
**Sarrah Hooshmand**  
Ty Hopper  
Hannah Hornbeck

I think that we share a good **FAMILY ATMOSPHERE**. The connection between the staff and students makes us stronger than other schools. Mr. (Mike) Bennett has a great sense of humor which connects with us in school.

Danielle Howard  
**Joshua Hudson**  
Yuritza Huerta Ibarra  
Rayshaun Hutchison  
Kevin Huynh Tran  
Colton Jack

I really like how the teachers who are also coaches here work with me and other athletes on meeting assignment due dates. It's my first year on the **VARSITY BASEBALL** team, which is a nice change since I had been on JV since freshman year. I've grown up with a lot of the guys on the team, and we're always going out to team dinners.