

A letter to girls about facial hair
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Dear Girls,

My name is Chris Slattery and I am here with a very important message. Briefly, it is this: 5 o'clock shadow is not a "hot look"! It's called laziness!

Let me explain: As a member of the male gender (Latin: *dufis penes*), I know hair, and I know about shaving it off. And the so-called 5 o'clock shadow (which isn't even caused by light obstruction) is a bullshit excuse for beard.

This isn't to say that growing hairs on your face is wrong and that the offenders should be put through rigorous 'Saw'-like punishments (I was thinking more 'Hostel'-esque), and if any of you have boyfriends that sport such disgusting and disturbing facial hair, I'm not saying that they will never emotionally connect with you, because—as it turns out—hair is not an interference for that kind of thing, as was previously thought. But there is something to be said about someone who can't decide whether or not he wants face fur.

Don't get me wrong, beards and mustaches are cool (just look at ZZ Top, the coolest of the cool), and I applaud men everywhere for being able to do something that I cannot—have the courage to be seen in public with sheepdogs on their faces. If, in fact, I could one day grow a mustache myself, I will definitely make it pencil-thin, two feet long, and curly, to accent my love for women, locomotives, and bondage.

Moving on...

The 5 o'clock shadow is laziness, simply. Maybe not on a man coming home after a long day at the office, or John McClane after a long day of battling terrorists. But is there any reason why Colin Farrell (y'know the brother of Will Ferrell) should be walking around Tinseltown, clad in a vintage t-shirt and a ridiculous stubble? Too busy making 'Phone Booth 2' to pick up a razor, Colin? Grow a beard like a real man, for chrissake. None of this wishy-washy shit.

And I know you girls love Colin Farrell and Johnny Depp and their homeless-looking appearances (it was listed as the #1 reason people saw 'Finding Neverland'), but what would you rather have rubbing against your face: a chin made out of a brillo pad, or

a man's smooth cheek that just came out of a meeting with Electric Shave and a Gillette?
Personal experience points to the latter.

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Five minutes takes care of 5 o'clock shadow (which can strike anywhere, at anytime, despite its title), so why you girls don't emphasize its necessity is beyond me. I mean, us guys can sure as hell make the crustache and the unibrow popular, too.

I think I rest my case.

Yours, forever and ever,
Chris Slattery, Esquire

P.S.: Also, I don't know why every girl seems to think that it's a good look to artificially make a hump on the back of your head when you have a ponytail (sounds like something Lady Gaga would think of), but it needs to stop, unless you want me walking up to you and say in my Arnold Schwarzenegger voice, "It's not a tumor!"

What, you don't like the unnecessary attention? Get rid of the Bump-its and stop pretending you have brain cancer!

That is all...

Hugs and kisses!