



PROTRACTING THE ANGLES



by PETER J.

I hate hacksack.

Is there anything more ludicrous than a gaggle of geeks kicking, for all intents and purposes, a *beanbag* around in public? Well, I guess those skirts for men they tried to institute a few years back were pretty bad, but at least that's a fad

that died. However, hacksack was cool back in my elementary school days. Belbottoms used to be fashionable, too. Even Meatloaf had some credibility back in the '70s. Is this current generation so pathetic that it has to rehash everything previously owned by its predecessors? Where is the originality?

The problem may be a bit more serious than it seems. A culture is defined by the speech, thoughts, and actions that it transfers to its inheriting generation, so the next few decades will witness a plethora of words ("groovy", "right on") and actions (hacksack is as good an example as any, as well as that stupid Woodstock thing) bestowed upon tomorrow's youngsters. So what will they then have to remember *our* generation by? Nothing, because creativity and newness currently do not exist. The oft-dubbed 'Generation X' needs to discover a culture of its own. The Partridge Family's popularity petered out long ago, let it go, kids. And I'm sorry, but disco has to return to its tar pit as well.

I'm not saying that things can't make a *comeback*. John Travolta still vied for roles after *Saturday Night Fever* and *Grease*. Now he's discovered a niche for himself, so good for him. But if the rest of the Sweathogs returned for a big *Welcome Back, Kotter* reunion, well, that's just sad. On that note, why don't we take the whole nostalgia fiasco a bit further? I think the pirate look would be amazing. "Har har, matey. I have no teeth!" Cool, eh? Sorry, I apologize to all scurvy stricken citizens everywhere. Vitamin C deficiency is no laughing matter.

Thank goodness that some progression has taken place, though. Technical equipment (computers, electronic devices) have evolved, and

music has begun to emerge from its cloak of nostalgia in recent years. Politics are always radically changing. The recent referendum served no better wake up call to today's generation: Yes, this is your country in a new era; keep it advancing and let history's horrible fads rest where they should. Attempt to form a steely resolve. Pledge to stave off the second hand junk of your ancestors. I realize that it's difficult, and I am also susceptible to the whims of resurgent ghosts. But I've been trying. I've shed my butterfly collars and burned my 8-tracks. Don't let afros and ABBA repossess you! Invent something of your own that you'll be able to recall as *yours*. But if my plea goes unheeded and the past continues to be dredged up, at least bring back Shaft. He's a bad mutha... (shut yo' mouth).

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