

# At This Time

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A "PONY TAIL" devotee from North Plainfield takes exception to an Associated Press feature article that appeared Jan. 13 in The Courier-News.

The article said that "Teen-agers who pull their hair straight back into a lank pony tail are doing themselves an injustice. The pony tail is a hair-do that is becoming to relatively few girls."



Miss Judith D. Revitch, with pony tail.

The North Plainfield "Pony Tail" writes: "You don know how wrong you are. If you take time to look at the cute little curls on almost every pony tail and how sweet they are, you can see the advantage of being a pony tail."

"Mostly every boy that is asked his opinion on hairstyles will answer, 'In a bun for dates (because it's neat) or pony tail for school or sport.' And they go great for every style of clothes you may wear."

"When you switch to a professional haircomb it's only when you become an adult and go into the business world and even then some of the smartest girls, models and secretaries wear a bun or pony tail if it becomes their face. At least it's neater and cuter than wearing an Elvis Presley haircut."

"We really don't mean to criticize your article, but it's just that you are unfair to pony tails."

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We erred, Miss Pony Tail, in not identifying the AP Feature Service as the source of the Jan. 13 article.

We agree with you, rather than the AP writer. We like pony tails and we are prepared to take a firm stand for them. We would have done it sooner had we known it was an issue.

Such an editorial subject would have been a refreshing change for us, and perhaps for our readers, from the serious discussion diet of Sputniks, dying railroads, wholesale slaughter on our highways, inflation, increased taxes, President Eisenhower's various illnesses, the Algerian question and higher pay for teachers.

We think pony tails look cute, not only on teen-agers but on girls in their 20s and, yes, in their 30s. We haven't seen anyone in her 40s wearing a pony tail, but we would not want to say that it would not look attractive on a woman of that age range.

To give our readers an idea of how attractive a pony tail can look, we have printed above a picture of a Plainfield High School senior, Miss Judith Deborah Revitch of 1281 Florence Ave. We think she makes a good case for the proponents of pony tails.