

Beatle Locks Get In Swim

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CHICAGO — Beatle-length hair and the problems surrounding it have reached to the bottom of swimming pools.

"It clogs up the strainers in the drains," Vernon F. Herlund, director of recreation for the Chicago Park District, declared.

Pool operators have dealt with the long-hair problem in the past by requiring women to wear bathing caps. Men, because they wore their hair short, were exempt from the bathing cap rule.

Now, when a young man may have longer hair than his girl friend, pool owners are revising their thinking.

William Diaz, 22, a life saving instructor, said he tells mop-haired students to cut their hair or wear a cap.

"Another thing that gums up the works is the oil they use to keep the hair in place. It forms a film on the water and we have to clean it up," Diaz said.