

# No need for punk in Alberta

Punk is passe. Here in Edmonton, punk's end is coming soon. With the SU decision to ban punk concerts, the punks have no venue. They won't be missed, they are as bad as Disco people, empty souls with a plastic cover. At least punks are more honest, they admit their vacancy and in fact glorify it. But the true roots of punk lie in poverty. The youth of England have bleak prospects, the economy is stagnant, their presents and futures are truly empty. Punk is a product of that British "eternal optimism," the force which has held that country together through many rough times. Rather than wallow in self-pity and despair they have created a mockery of their crumbling society. There is no basis for punk rebellion here in rich Alberta. The seriousness with which Albertan punks take themselves is therefore ludicrous.

Alberta should have a rebel movement indicative of the state of our society. My associates and I propose a new movement or style (movements eventually lose momentum and become styles), we call it: Spiff. We spiffs revel in the copious amounts of money we have and that which surrounds us every day in the form of rich girlfriends and associates. The punks glamorize ugliness because their style is an amplification of the state of the British society. We spiffs glamorize decadence.

The practising spiff must own a very minimum of two or three stylish sports jackets. Clothes, expensive and extremely tasteful, are the main weapon brandished by the spiff. There are no women who don't know that we have what they want: money. There are no women who don't know that men who dress as well as we do are Love Gods. Our founding father, the Deli Oracle is an extremely astute fashion coordinator for the entire flock.

You may confuse us with the hundreds of Commerce-disco-clones, all with identical haircuts, moustaches, and cheap plastic Samsonite briefcases. That just shows what poor taste you yourself have. You may confuse us with the homosexual Artsies who cluster in HUB looking so divine in their New Wave hairdos and fashions. That just shows you don't realize how incredibly virile we are. You'll never confuse us for Engineers, who wouldn't know how to dress if you bought them the clothes. But you've seen us.

We have no sympathy for those who can't keep up with us: screw the proletariat. We marry

## Biblical axe to grind

In his letter of Mar. 27 Jens Andersen fails to demonstrate any understanding of Roland Teape's letter of Mar. 25. Teape's point was this: to use the news surrounding any person's death to titillate and humor the reader is cheap, insensitive, and gimmicky journalism.

What Andersen does in fact demonstrate is that he has an anti-Biblical axe to grind and will brandish it at so much as the mention of the word "pastor" or "religion" or perhaps it was the word "Pentecostal." (There, I've said them again. Commence grinding and chopping, Mr. Andersen.) His tirade against the Bible could not have been more irrelevant.

David Nahirney  
Med. II

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## Death a serious matter

Gateway classifieds have one socially redeeming purpose: they enable aspiring graffiti writers to avoid having to damage the property of others in order to practise their art.

Handling an item about the death of an innocent human being as a "man bites dog" story cannot be excused. Perhaps CUP felt that getting "a charge out of the holy water" was too good a pun to pass up, but I can only say that if the creators of that item were brought face-to-face with the Finnish pastor's bereaved family they might realize how foolish and silly they had been.

I cannot express my disgust

We are spiffy. We urge you to get spiffy, snob someone today. And remember; poverty sucks.

Dapper Dan  
Egonomics 4

with your correspondent Jens Andersen too strongly. I presume that scads of letters will bombard your paper taking him to task for making fun of the Word of God (as Roland Teape's letter of Mar. 25 gave no evidences of religious fanaticism, all of that in Mr. Andersen's letter was irrelevant anyways) ... I will simply point out that for one, such as myself, who doesn't expect to have his consciousness taken care of by some cosmic muffin/hairy thunderer after his brain can no longer support it, death is something to be taken very seriously indeed.

John Savard  
Grad Studies

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GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 4  
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