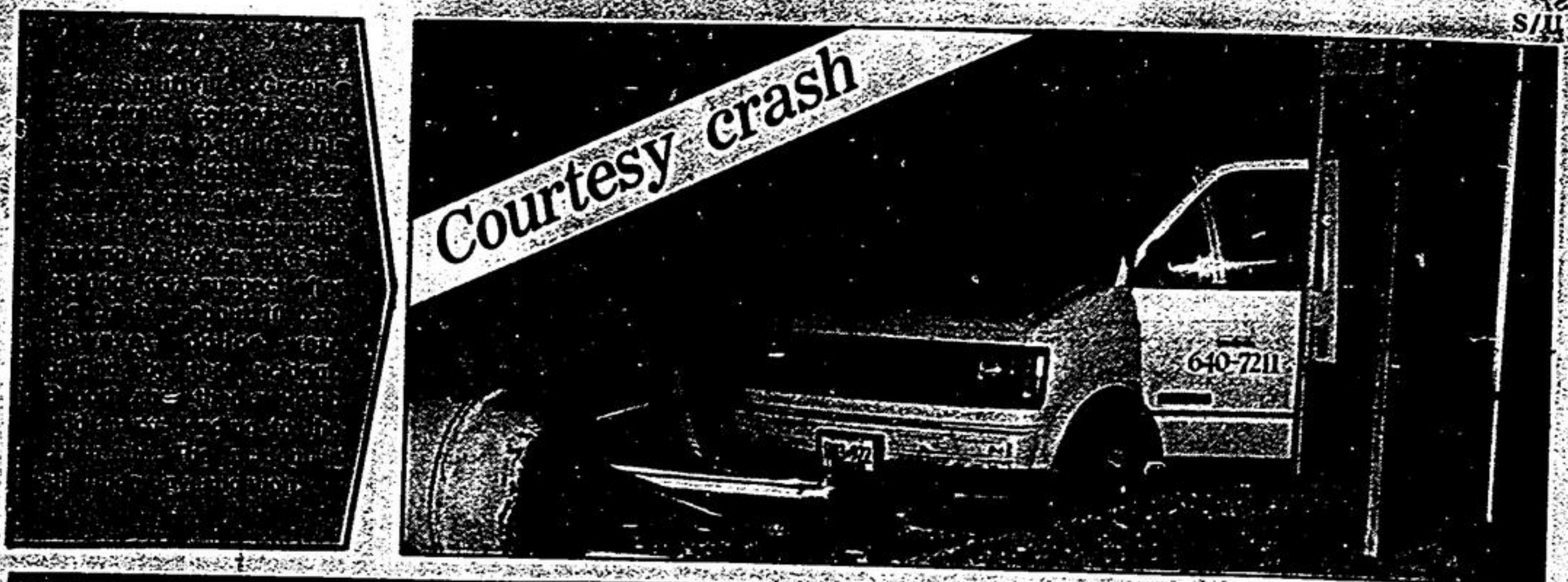


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SDSS News

Dress code can cause problems

By **ANDREA GRUNDY**

"All garments are acceptable as long as they are neat, clean, and appropriate." This dress code seems fair enough, but whose to say what is and isn't appropriate. If a student hasn't been told exactly what's to be worn, is it fair that they be spoken to?

On April 3, Andrea Fraser was met by our principal Mr. Bright. He informed her that her jeans were not "appropriate" dress for the school because they looked "shabby".

Her "shabby" jeans happen to be one of the latest, most popular looks for the artistic crowd and are rather costly.

Her pants were ripped but exposure couldn't have been the main concern because only her knee was showing, the rest of her body was completely covered.

As a student, she was upset with being told her jeans were inappropriate because both her mother and her boss accept her wearing them.

If the authorities in the school are allowed to act "loco parents" (in place of parent), shouldn't they first know how the parents feel?

The dress code was established by four teachers, two representatives from the prefect body, two members of student council, two Grade 13s and one student from every other grade as well.

Each person had equal voting power and the code eventually was drawn up. This is very fair, but there's one problem, the dress code was made up in 1966, it's now 1989.

That's a twenty-three year difference. Perhaps its time to take another look at the dress code and have defined exactly what "appropriate" means and who decides.

In certain forms of dress, it is said by teachers and students that the way you dress is the way people are going to think you are. The underlying message in this statement seems to be that we should all conform to the way society tells us to be. Are we being molded into plastic replicas of each other just to avoid someone from judging us wrongly?

If an outsider is going to come to the school, see one or two students with ripped jeans on and plead that the whole school is "shabby" then its their problem, not ours.

Our school has people. Real! genuine people with positive personality traits. Isn't it what's on the inside of the student that counts and not the outer shell?

Looking at things from yet another perspective... wouldn't it be wise to let a student wear what she/he is comfortable in so they'll work better.

The students aren't dressing any particular way to annoy anybody. Its just that over the past 20 years, things have changed. Fashion has loosened up and people's priorities have changed!

One more point. If the Board of Education had to agree to taking something as important as the Lord's Prayer out of the system so students wouldn't feel segregated or forced to comply to someone else's beliefs then why can't they loosen the ties a little bit on the dress code a little. Perhaps priorities should be looked at again.

The students don't want to cause any trouble. They just want to learn in a comfortable environment, but look stylish doing so. Whether the heads of the school realize it or not a pair of ripped jeans run from \$25 up. This isn't "shabby".

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ADVERTISING CORRECTIONS

Eaton's Trans Canada Sale insert appearing in the Markham Economist/Stouffville Tribune, Wednesday, April 12, 1989.

Page 34 Item "Q" Nystrom Bathroom Tissue Holder is not exactly as illustrated.

Page 41 Item "C" Sunbeam Hand Mixer. The attached cord is not detachable.

Page 41 Item "G". Black and Decker automatic iron price is higher than advertised should read \$47.88.

Page 42 Item J1 (Not shown) Incorrectly described. 50% Off Classic lagostina 5 pc Cookware should read 1.6L. Saucepan/Lid, 5.5 Litre Dutch Oven/Lid, 24 cm. Open Skillet. (Set \$231.98 - Set \$115.98) There is no (2.4 L. Saucepan with lid).

Page 42 Item "Z". 6 cup teapot price should read \$4.79.

Item "E". Salad Spinner price should read \$7.18.

Page 54 Item "C" Butterfly drop leaf table and 4 chairs ...

TABLE NOT AVAILABLE SEPARATELY.

Page 51 Item "BC" - "B" should show Six D-90 Cassettes in case. "C" should show Four SA-90 Cassettes.

Inadvertently, the errors listed above appeared in our advertising. We sincerely regret any inconvenience or confusion to our customers.

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