

Ill wind blowing

Re: Your column titled "Second Wind"

Suppose that you receive a letter from someone on a Tuesday in which is the claim that the writing of the letter is, for the writer, very rare. The following Thursday you receive another

Chew over a few ideas

Dear Consumer,

Do you appreciate bread staying mold-free as long as possible? Do you like prepared mayonnaise that doesn't separate? Do you prefer firm rather than mushy canned tomatoes?

If you answered yes to these questions, you are like most Canadian consumers. You demand a variety of high quality foods that are convenient, have good keeping quality, and are available all year round. Without food additives, this would not be possible. Perhaps more importantly, additives maintain the safety of our food supply. For example, the risk of botulism, a fatal food-borne disease, would be greatly increased without the use of antimicrobial food additives.

You have probably asked yourself, "Are food additives safe?" Unfortunately, the answer is not as clear-cut as the question. A recent Health Protection Branch survey indicates that Canadians need more information about additives, in order to weigh the risks and benefits involved. If you would like to learn more about this issue, visit the Home Economics display in CAB during Nutrition Week, Thursday March 5.

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Yecch - what a ripoff!

Walking though SUB the other day, I decided to pop into L'Express and treat myself to one

of their deluxe tuna-fish sandwiches and a cup of their good coffee. Well — what a horrible surprise when I was handed my

order by an ill-humored woman: for my two dollars I received a scoop of tuna slapped between two pieces of imitation German rye bread (one of them the tail end of a crust) with a leaf of bitter lettuce added as what seemed to be almost an afterthought. My coffee was lukewarm.

Whatever happened to the delicious, fresh white roll of last year's tuna fish sandwich? And the hot coffee which was well worth the high price for the small up?

Next time I want an un-

Darts fly for charity

"Assassins" came to a close last Monday when three master spies simultaneously logged hits. Congratulations go to Judie Drucker (aka Fatima), Grant Love (aka Highway Man), and Ed Gneiz (aka Blue Bird). Special honors to Neil Campbell (aka Inventive) who missed the top times by only one minute.

The game generated well over \$300.00 profit which will be distributed to various children's charities in the city. Thanks for helping go to Wes Bader, Wendy Hoare, Margaret Gregg, Wes

letter from the same person. This time it is claimed that the occurrence is very occasional. Would you question the writer's understanding of the language or would you decide that he or she was simply unreliable; not to be believed?

But further, the following Tuesday you receive another letter from the same person, this one stating in part that the occurrence is occasional. Would you then after reading the rest of what is contained in those letters and discovering that the writer is biased and narrow minded, irresponsible and unreliable in the description of events, and eminently disqualifiable from any pretended position of authority... would you then accuse the writer of those letters of sucking wind?

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SECOND WIND

by Brent
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Second Wind is a very common (see letter, left) column of opinion open to all Gateway staff. Views are not necessarily those of other staff members.

The recent controversies that have surfaced lately in Edmonton concerning destruction of North Garneau and City Hall exhibit a typical attitude of conservatism and maintenance of the status quo which is prevalent in many developing communities. The civil groups trying to save these areas, to the point of forcing a plebiscite on City Hall, must be put out of sight, out of mind, to allow the consequential progress that is inevitably linked with our technological advances.

The city should, without hesitation, proceed with the destruction and redevelopment of these areas. To consider Garneau and City Hall irreplaceable and as

sites worthy of preservation is laughable in itself. Let's look at Garneau first.

Garneau, in its entirety, is nothing more than a section of the city which has deteriorated as a process of nature and which, as a result, is ready for redevelopment. Look at it closely. What is the worth of saving Garneau? The houses? Hardly, they are at best ramshackle boxes in need of a grave. The heritage? Not likely; heritage is something transmitted by or acquired from a predecessor, not the preservation of pseudo history.

Since the redevelopment of Garneau is to include a horseshoe shaped housing project, student living space would not be greatly affected, only improved with modern apartment units. The use of surplus land for future academic

use is meritorious as well seeing that University facilities should have an easy campus access.

The destruction of City Hall is another amusing situation that I would like to discuss briefly. City Hall, years outdated, surrounded now by towering skyscrapers, reflects the mentality of the system itself. While inroads, updating and improvement of facilities go on around it, City Hall remains crowded and lagging behind. Situated on the best possible site for its function, a reorganization and redevelopment of the area can result in nothing but improvements in all administrative areas.

The pending development of these sites should proceed quickly and decisively. Edmonton must move toward a future that will be, not a past that was.

Subtle sexism pervades the Gateway

Someone once told me that a person is either sexist or non-sexist. They used the laughable analogy of being a little bit pregnant as opposed to being a lot pregnant and asked me to find the comparison. I couldn't and I still can't because I rarely see the world in black and white. There are just too many shades of grey. Even the self-professed liberated person is bound to miss some of the subtle shades. In short, I think everyone is sexist in one way or another.

I haven't read *Godiva*, nor have I ever attended the annual engineering students bash held, by the grace of our provincial government, at the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium. And I don't plan on wasting my time watching this year's allegedly educated women display their physical properties in front of a thousand-odd allegedly educated would-be engineers. As a form of entertainment — entertainment

of dubious quality, to say the least — this doesn't interest me.

What does concern me, though, is that some aspects of the week exploit and degrade human beings and insult the sensibilities of most reasonable people. Apparently, several articles printed in *Godiva* were obscene and degrading: Alison Thomson in 'Aspidistra' and the *Gateway* production staff in the January 13th editorial were unequivocal in their condemnation of these articles.

Condemning these articles and several aspects of the week is easy: the insults are blatantly obvious. But jumping on the engineering student-band wagon seems too easy. In fact, criticism of this week — especially as published in the *Gateway* — seems in my opinion, a too-convenient handle with which to address sexual prejudice in general.

Sexism is perhaps the most ancient of man's prejudices. The problem — and it is a serious problem — is that more often than not this prejudice goes unrecognized. I call myself 'liberated' because I find beauty pageants and playboy machismo distasteful. And I believe that violence, whether in fiction or in fact, against women, is violence against everyone. Furthermore, I

don't hold open doors for women because they are women; I do so because I think everyone ought to be treated with courtesy. But I am forced to admit that I often accept some of the more insidious forms of sexism without really thinking and I suspect that I am not alone.

Consider, for example, the January 13 *Gateway*. Read the small print in the People's Pub advertisement page 11: 'Free Admission For Ladies on Wednesday from 6 - 9'. Are women so different that they shouldn't pay cover charges like everyone else? And on page 12 was printed a classified advertisement for Chinese foxes. A joke, you say?

Then page ten: selected ladies shirts and selected men's shirts. Why not women's shirts,

*It's never
too late*

...to drop a course
and join the Gateway

or to stay in your
course and join the Gateway.

dammit? This chivalrous malarky — that the female sex should be considered ladies — certainly affects attitudes towards what women can do. In my books the term lady suggests a rather dainty, weak-kneed, pathetic little creature who is given to fainting spells and can't do anything if Galahad isn't there to hold her lily-white hand.

In all fairness to engineering students, there is no one who for one second doubts that the *Godiva* was written in jest. Nevertheless, the authors (I hesitate to call them humorists) should have thought before they wrote such garbage.

The *Gateway* is to be commended for criticizing those people who would treat women as mere objects. But it seems that by attacking such an obvious example of prejudice the *Gateway* is glossing over the subtler attitudes which are equally as harmful to the opportunities of women. In other words, on close examination, your own paper is promoting the same syndrome that you want to destroy. I am not certain that the *Godiva* can be equated with Chinese fox jokes in the *Gateway* classifieds, but if we would only stop treating women as jokes we might improve our attitudes.

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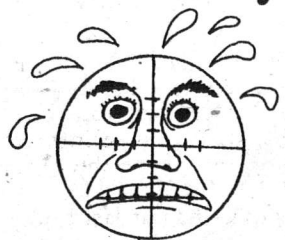
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