

& Food's financial chess board. By providing poor quality food products to students at high prices and guaranteeing itself 99 percent of its budgeted revenue, Housing & Food is able not only to finance the construction of its new administrative offices, but also to line the pockets of its inept administrators.

Students who live at Lister and Pembina are forced to subscribe to a meal card plan that encourages managerial inefficiency and deception, while discouraging efficient management planning and quality control in the provision of food services. The meal card is the exchange mechanism by which the food needs of a "serious student" are supposedly met.

One need look no further than the 1988/89 *University of Alberta Calendar* and *On Campus Housing Handbook* (OCHH) to see that the present meal plan is defective. Section 18.4 of the *University Regulations and Information for Students* (see the *Calendar*, P A-29) states that the accommodation offered by the Department of Housing and Food is "carefully designed to fit the needs of the serious university student". However, the Meal Plan does not, contrary to what the University states, offer the "flexibility of dining formats" required to meet the food needs of each and every "serious student". Nor does the present Plan realize "that not all students consume equal quantities of food" as Housing & Food seems to represent the Plan as so doing.

Such being the case, Lister residents are stuck with the same

dining format as each resident is forced to spend approximately \$1700 at Housing & Food outlets on campus during the Winter Session. Within this context there is no recognition of the fact that not every tenant has the same consumption pattern. In addition, some persons are unable to eat the food offered for religious reasons or fear of an allergic reaction from the chemicals used to tenderize meat products. Each individual's consumption pattern should be accommodated if an equitable Meal Plan is to be implemented.

The best solution to the Meal Plan is to operate the Lister food outlet on a pay-as-you-eat basis. This eliminates the inequities within the present system. If a student dislikes the food, or feels that it is too expensive, then he/she may go elsewhere to eat.

Holding the customer hostage by stealing his/her money forcing him/her into a situation where he/she must, in an act of desperation, resort to scalping meal card funds is not "service". It is clear that Housing & Food is in business to service its own needs. The student's money and in most cases, the taxpayer's money is used to meet Housing & Food's apparent self-serving goals.

The food "service" offered to on-campus students does not benefit or meet the needs of every student in Lister and Pembina. Most tenants at Lister and Pembina have a negative attitude towards Housing & Food. It is time to put the SERVICE back into Housing & Food. The present group of administrators has refused to provide service.

Students through their own associations should have the opportunity to operate campus food services outlets. Students care. Self-serving university administrators don't.

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### Protest "ludicrous"

This letter is in regards to the article about "Godiva Offensive" featured in the September 15th, 1988 issue of *The Gateway*.

There is nothing I hate more than hearing of someone protesting against some sort of public activity or subject. Here are some examples: 1. People protesting against pornography because it is degrading women, and children can get their hands on it. 2. Heavy metal records when played backwards have words of *šatin* (sic) which will transform children or teenagers to commit suicide. 3. People who protest against faculty traditions like the Lady Godiva

incident. This is ludicrous! Everytime I hear of such bitching and complaining, it just makes me want to throw up!

If you do not like it, don't look at it, turn away, don't read it, or listen to it. No one is "forcing" you to like it. Why make such a big deal out of nothing. It's people like you who ruin things for all of us. I'll just bet that you're also the type of protestor who likes to watch *Donahue* or *Oprah*. In my book, I call people like you "NDP Protestor".

Do I hear the word "forced"? I hardly doubt that the Engineers "forced" some woman to ride half naked through quad. Did you see handcuffs or a gun pointed to her head? I didn't. To put it simply, they needed someone to fulfill this engineering tradition and they found this blond bombshell who was willing to do it.

Why Lady Godiva she asks. Why not? What if it was just a half-naked beauty riding through quad but not labelled Lady Godiva. Would it have made any difference? Also, you stated that "the Lady Godiva ride has no other purpose than providing cheap titillation for males on campus." Yes, it was quite titillating but I think that it was probably quite titillating for some women on campus as well. Some people have a good notion for fun. Personally, I'd rather see a half-naked woman riding through campus than a half-naked man!

Just some last words... If you want to protest about some activity, don't. Don't spoil it for others!

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### Godiva indecent

Indeed, there is another link to be added to the "Lady Godiva" chain of controversy.

In last Tuesday's paper there appeared a letter concerning how the Lady Godiva incident is to be viewed as fun for the students. Certainly fun is fun, but when you parade a half-naked lady around in public, you are not only having yourself a good time but you are also robbing other women of their human dignity. That isn't funny.

Although a large majority of the male populace seemed to be enraptured by the "bouncy babe's" artful procession, I can assure you that not all men present in the quad that day found the gratuitous display of indecency something that was fun. I am angry for having been forcibly subjected to the "fun" on what I thought was an area for all students to enjoy — not just for engineers and friends.

I wouldn't want to get into any further controversy over how such a "fun" rite of U of A passage could spawn more disrespect for the female body than what already exists, or possibly how such events may lead to an incline of sex crimes. However, I would like to suggest we find other ways to have fun which in no way seize another person's respect or human dignity.

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