

## Desolee

Dear Editor/s:

If I may say so, I as a female am insulted by the jocklike atmosphere here at Dal. Allow me to enlighten you all.

Here at Dal, the sensitive, intelligent, cultured chap doesn't exist at all. It is quite obvious in fact every Friday night at Phi Kappa or Phi Delta or any other 'drink and score' pigsties at Dal. Instead of polite, intelligent conversation

with the occasional passerby, a dal gal can expect but dirty, sick grins, liplicking and whistles.

In Montreal, it was not this bad. Even during frosh week the guys had class. But here, there's nothing but hoards of jock infested or pseudo jock masses. I'm not looking to *cruiser* but maybe eventually to *se croiser* as we might say chez nous, but not with you Dalhousie savages.

There's something definitely wrong here at Dal, if not in Halifax. When will Dalhousie offer me a *homme legitim*?????

Desolee,  
Angeline Fourrette

## Van?

Dear Editor:

I have just finished reading this week's *Gazette* (Thursday 21 September 1989 edition), and was impelled to respond to some of the erroneous and misleading assertions of Van Nguyen in the article "Innu Struggle Continues."

The issue of the creation of a NATO Tactical Weapons Training Centre in Goosebay has become a springboard for Native Land Claims. The "militarization of Labrador and Quebec, the extinction of the Innu people, or the environment," for which Van Nguyen pleads for action, is *not* the issue at hand. A quick reread of the article with the below information will provide a more factual base from which your readers can knowingly write to their elected representatives.

Canada signed bi-lateral memorandums of understanding with West Germany, Holland and the United States in 1986 to allow for advanced flying training to take place in areas of Labrador and Eastern Quebec. These agreements have nothing to do with NATO or the proposed new Training Centre. Even so, the low level flying aspect is only a small part of the advanced flying training being conducted.

In the past five years the Naskapi-Montagnais Innu have raised objections to the low level

flying operated out of Goosebay. The Innu claim that the land belongs to them. Currently, the Labrador Inuit Association, Naskapis-Montagnais and Conseil Attikamek Montagnais have three overlapping land claims which encompass Labrador and large portions of Quebec.

1,100 Innu who currently live in Labrador live outside of the NATO Training Area in Davis Inlet and Sheshatshit. The other 2,300 Native Canadians live along the shore of the Saint Lawrence and they periodically fly into the Training Area to hunt and fish. The remaining Native population, 1,500 Inuit live along the Atlantic Coast and they occasionally visit the interior to hunt caribou. When any of the Native population wish to enter the Training Area there exists an understanding that by notifying the Department of National Defence no flights will take place over that area. The Innu do not notify the authorities as they claim that the land belongs to them.

In terms of population, Labrador has a total population of 36,000 living in 294,400 square kilometres. The entire population lives outside of the Training Area. Comparatively, West Germany has a population of 63 million who live in an area of 248,000 square kilometres. Low-level flying, which is a tactic of non-

nuclear defence, has been taking place in West Germany, Holland and the United Kingdom without any "traumatizing" effects.

Regardless of the Land Claim Issue, militarily the flights are strictly controlled. Regulations exist that do not permit pilots to fly within 2.5 nautical miles of fishing camps, hunting parties or caribou herds, nor can they fly beneath 2,000 feet in such areas. Environmentally the main threat to nature has always been from human beings. The NATO range area is secure from human beings. This has resulted in a situation where in the 1960s the Caribou in the area numbered 50,000, whereas today they number over 700,000. Further, an Environmental Review is now taking place in which the Innu are participating.

Over 75% of Labradorians support the establishment of a NATO Centre at Goosebay. The Provincial House of Assembly has in two successive years passed Resolutions supporting the Centre, as have the Labrador Federation of Municipalities many local Chambers of Commerce and the largest Labour Union in Labrador.

To give some corrections to the figures in Van Nguyen's article,

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## Oops

Dear Editor:

Regarding page six in last week's edition; the story entitled "Innu Struggle Continues". I just wanted to point out that the land in question is Labrador, of the province Newfoundland and Labrador, specifically the Labrador portion.

Therefore, it make no sense to me to write a story that deals with Labrador and show a map of only the island portion of the province.

It would be like presenting an issue exclusive to Cape Breton and including a map of Nova Scotia excluding Cape Breton.

I just thought I'd like to point that out to you.

B. Chaulk

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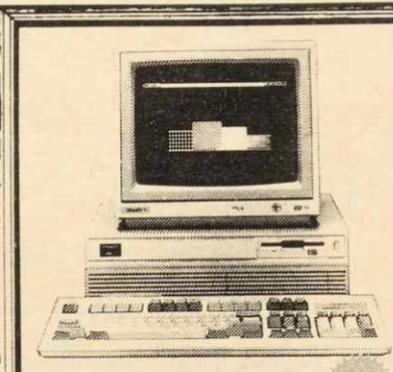
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## Access

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ramps at the Tupper building, and Henson College becoming accessible through new construction, but many buildings at Dalhousie remain inaccessible. The Faculty Club, the History Department and the School of Public Administration are just a few examples.

DAPC realizes it would be overly idealistic to expect these buildings to change overnight, but they have difficulty understanding how some new construction can go on with little or no thought to accessibility. Two

completely accessible rooms were built on the second floor of Eliza Ritchie Hall, a women's residence, but no elevator was installed.

Nurse's report says that in many ways the connection between attitudinal and physical barriers is the proverbial vicious cycle:

"To engineer an attitudinal change and develop a recognition of the disabled person as an individual, it is necessary to remove the physical barriers; but to remove the physical barriers, it is necessary to change attitudes."

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