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vast majority of my friends. However, I do like having fun. That was the purpose of the evening, was it not? The game was, among other things, a form of entertainment for the fans. I know that the unrolling of the poster caused many people to laugh, including lots of women were present.

A couple of years ago I attended a McGill's women's basketball game when a similar event occurred, only that time it was a Chippendales poster which was unveiled to distract the shooter. The crowd was certainly amused, especially the guys. They could see the humour in harmless fun.

To say that "in your prehistoric mindset, men belong in sports and women should be seen and not heard" is a brutally prejudicial and sweeping generalization, not to mention completely ridiculous and untrue. If you seriously felt that we were in favour of kicking the women out of the stands, then it's your problem—a serious one

at that. I am not sexist, and I consider myself quite informed about gender issues, and I know that I was not the exception among those in the crowd at Dalplex. Thus, I have a suggestion for you: get off your high horse. Please save your breath, or go waste it on the organizer of the Miss America Pageant, or something. By the way, I'm voting "yes" to the Women's Centre.

John Cage

Eggs-splasion

To the editors:

I was leafing through the *Sunday Daily News* and came across an article about the recent bombing of the New York World Trade Centre. The headline, "U.S. not used to terror on home front", caught my eye. Examining the article I was reminded of what Malcolm X said about the assassination of John F. Kennedy; "The chickens have come home to roost". It doesn't surprise me that the activities of the U.S. around the world have finally resulted in a counterattack on their home ground. I'm surprised it didn't happen sooner. The commentators in the *Daily News*, however, were quite surprised and indignant. I came across a quote from our own Brian Mulroney:

Terrorists are cowards. They are the worst species of human beings who hide behind the veil of secrecy to main little children, to kill women, and to decimate innocent people in the so-called cause of the advancement of a cause or political agenda.

This is the one time when the (former) PM and I see eye to eye. His angry words reminded me of the contents of a statement made by the Baptist Convention of Nicaragua in May of 1985. Their letter expressed their hurt that; "in the last few months more than 150 children have been murdered by the aggression financed by the United States Government". Indeed, if the chickens really are coming home to roost, then this bomb is just the beginning.

Jack Roberts

Free money

Dear Sirs:

There has been a great deal of publicity concerning the increasing costs of education at Dalhousie University.

As a former student of Dalhousie University during the "dirty thirties" I feel very sympathetic.

May I draw your attention, in the hope that you may provide some publicity, that the Halifax Rotary Club is receiving applications for ambassadorial scholarships for the academic year 1994 - 95. There are two scholarships of approximately \$20,000 each available for students from the Atlantic provinces. The descriptive material is available at the Awards Office. Long range planning is required, but the value of the scholarship, for study in a foreign country should attract some applicants.

C.B. Stewart, MD

Ghiz of Green Gables

To the editor:

I am writing to express my shock and dismay regarding Joe Ghiz's acceptance of the position of Dean of Law at Dalhousie University. The kinds of appalling actions the P.E.I. government has undertaken under his leadership regarding taking away the 'Anne of Green Gables' trademarks from the rightful owners (the estate of L.M. Montgomery) leaves him somewhat unfit to provide ethical leadership at Dalhousie Law School.

L.M. Montgomery invented the fictional character Anne of Green Gables and she wrote in her will that she wanted rights to her works to go to her family. As a result, her family and estate owned the rights to Anne of Green Gables which has created all kinds of direct and indirect benefits for Prince Edward Island.

Nevertheless, by implementing an archaic section of the trademark act (currently under review), the P.E.I. government under Ghiz's leadership took the rights to Anne of Green Gables away from the family for its own.

By allowing his government to act in this way, Mr. Ghiz has implied that "If any individual or company in Canada invents a product that any government would like to own; then the government should use the law in any way possible to take the product away from the inventor for itself".

This type of unethical abuse of the law which allows governments to crush the property rights of a country's citizens may still be acceptable in Iraq or Burma, but not in Canada in the 1990s.

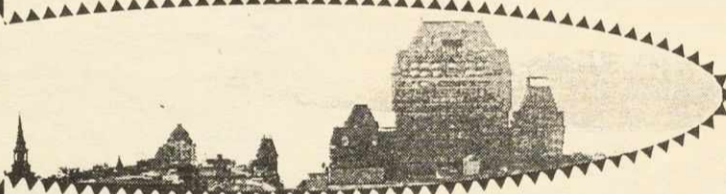
I am sure that after reconsidering his behaviour in the above matter that Mr. Ghiz will choose the honourable course of action and resign from his position of Dean of Law.

Allan Rodger

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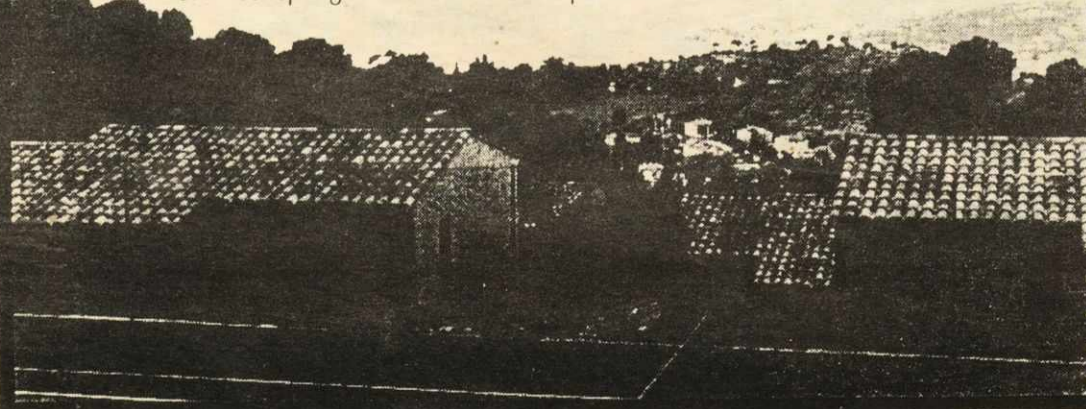
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