

uals - this might raise suspicions as to his manliness. Of course, thousands of students wore blue jeans as usual on Dec. 9. Thus, the knowing, i.e., those fortunate enough to have read the article, can sit back secure in their heterosexuality and laugh at the fag lovers. What a sick and cruel joke!

Frankly, it is increasingly more difficult to take this newspaper seriously - the afore-mentioned article and the "Jean the Gooks" piece make it hard not to believe that the minds of Gateway staffers are not twisted and somehow stunted. At the very least, the people responsible for these two articles have shown themselves to be inconsiderate red-necks. In short, I find the appearance of articles of this type as an indication of what seems to be a very disconcerting and frightening trend.

Tony Brouwer
Arts IV

Big Brother went to the woods and blasted little furry things with a high powered rifle

RE: November 17, 1983 Article "Are Furs Really Worth the Price?"

Although the article is timely and has some interesting aspects, some of the information quoted is incorrect. I refer specifically to statements in the article attributed to me, and therefore would like to clarify these for you.

There are approximately 8000 licensed trappers in Alberta; 3000 are registered trappers (trap on tracts of Crown Land) while some 5000 licenses are issued to residents wishing to trap on their own land or on other private land with the owner's permission. I would estimate that approximately 5-10% of the registered trappers make their entire living from the furs they trap, while the majority by far supplement their income. This estimate does include Treaty Indians, however, they hold hunting privileges for other food game species which they are to use for themselves and their immediate family. Since trapping requires the use of bait to attract some fur-bearing species of animals, trappers most often return carcasses of animals caught, back into the woods. This provides food for both animals and certain birds etc.

I would point out that trappers, by and large, are concerned about trapping animals in the most humane manner. Trapper education and improvements to traditional trapping devices have led to marked improvements in trapping, and thus reflect a higher standard of humaneness. Fur is a natural renewable resource and if managed on a sustained yield basis will assure that optimum populations of animals continue to exist.

I believe the reader of the article could be confused by the term hunter and trapper. For your information, last year during the 1982-83 season, over 160,000 Wildlife Certificates were issued to hunters with over 300,000 licences being sold to these certificate holders.

Fred Neumann
Fur Coordinator
Fish and Wildlife Division
Alberta Energy and
Natural Resources

Big Brother is a no-good dirty filker

Your counterpart on the Getaway staff must have been exceedingly desperate for material to have accepted such an arrant piece of plagiarism as "Should Lois dump him?", which appeared on page 2 of the December Getaway. Either that, or he is not particularly well acquainted with the works of sci fi author Larry Niven. For, as near as I have been able to determine, that anonymous scrap was cribbed directly from Mr. Niven's article "Man of Steel, Woman of Kleenex," published some time ago.

I would denounce the putative author of "Should Lois dump him?" more directly, but he didn't sign his pseudonym, much less acknowledge the source of his material. Cowardly of him, but in this case cowardice is understandable.

Plagiarism is a serious academic offence at the best of times, inviting civil suits and other nasty forms of retribution. Perhaps the offender's position on the Getaway might protect him somewhat; I don't know. However, it definitely will not protect him from being filked to death by offended fans.

Kathleen Moore, Treasurer
U of A Science Fiction &
Comic Arts Society

Big brother eats hacks for breakfast!

The butchering of the former Students' Union curling rink caused many to doubt the collective intelligence of those who represent us in student government. The scars of this screw up will never heal in my mind.

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David Paterson
Ed (AD)

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