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friends and loved ones. But there's something gnawing inside me — something that demands to know what is happening with the police investigation? What has been, and is, being done? Will this be another example of our justice system which:

- until now has done little to protect women from violence in their home;
- will put away for only a few years a Neo-Nazi who brags of killing an

Indian (in Alberta recently) while

- the Mohawk Warriors will undoubtedly face longer sentences for resisting a planned attack by the SQ? and
- which conveniently found a criminal to fit the crime (David Milgaard) when public outcry demanded it.

My fear is that *this* case, the public pressure is not great enough and the "inertia" of the system too much, to REALLY look for a potential mur-

derer. I also suspect that Jane, if she were alive, and a friend of hers was found in similar circumstances, would demand to know more.

Name Withheld by Request

Preferring elite Canada

To the editors:

Alex Boston should have quit before he embarrassed himself (re. letter Mar. 12). Hmmm... having to choose between Castro's "benevolent dictatorship or elite-ruled Canada"... let me see. Looking at Cuba, one sees a country of 10 million citizens who cannot travel outside of their country without a hard to get visa, have no right to peaceful assembly — unless of course you wish to assemble in favour of the government, have an education system where all seats of learning are controlled by the government, "learn" under curriculum based upon ideology, experience regular "disappearances" of political opponents, have a government which sends vagrants to

labour camps, have capital punishment by shooting, have career progression dependent upon party membership, have a creative arts policy of "art must serve the people" and if it is not deemed as such, have it condemned as "bourgeois," listen to, watch and read government owned and controlled radio, television and newspapers, experience constant censorship of mail and telephone communications, have no multi-party elections, have no independent book publishing, have a legal system where all lawyers are employed by the state, and live in society where homosexuality is a crime against morality and offenders pay fines for their "bourgeois perversion." If you look at the numbers, the income per Cuban is around \$1 500 (US) and government spending on the military is approximately 11 per cent of the GNP. Alex is concerned about Cuba's slow democratization. Looking at it now, I think his slogan "socialism or death" should be rewritten as "socialism is death." Using Alex's description of Canada, I'll

take "our own bourgeois system in which servile Canadians... passively elect political masters who are willingly controlled by corporate interests" any day.

P.E. James

More bicycle parking

To the editors:

Further to Martin Siddle's recent letter (March 12), I am writing to express my appreciation for his having "set the record straight" on the issue of bicycle parking. It was interesting to learn what I had really been thinking when writing my previous letters on the subject. While the tone of his letter would seem to rule out a career in the diplomatic service, Mr. Siddle obviously has a bright future as a telepathist. I wish him well.

W.H. Lord, Director, Physical Plant and Planning

Celebrating Black history

To the editors:

"Can I Get a Witness!" That was the theme of the February Black History Month's Gala Night. This celebration of the African Diaspora, brought together performers from Africa, the Caribbean, and Nova Scotia. The show was to provide the achievements and connections of African peoples and their descendants.

Black History Month is the month set aside to celebrate and help others realize the many different contributions the Blacks of this province have done. The month also gives us a chance to find out other interesting facts about Blacks in the history of the whole of North America.

The first celebration of Black history anything was in the 1920s, by a man named Carter G. Wood. He started the recognition of knowledge because he felt that people should know what the Black population has done for America. He started with Negro History Week and from there the celebration expanded into the whole month of February.

We feel it necessary to try and educate Nova Scotia society about what exactly the Black population has contributed to the history of this province. Some of the things that are not mentioned in Nova Scotian history are as follows: we gave one of the world's greatest singers, Portia White; we gave soldiers for World War I (The #2 Construction Battalion) and we built the Citadel. Also the Blacks of this province dug in Cape Breton's mines.

We as Blacks want people to know that we have a rich and full history and we want to share it with everyone.

Celeste Willis

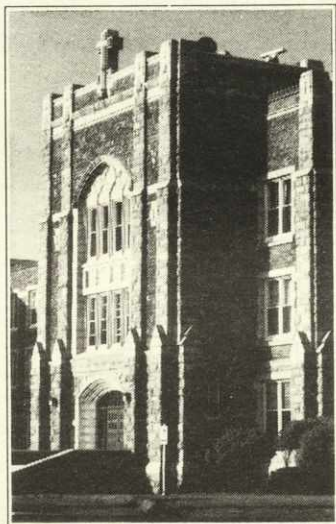
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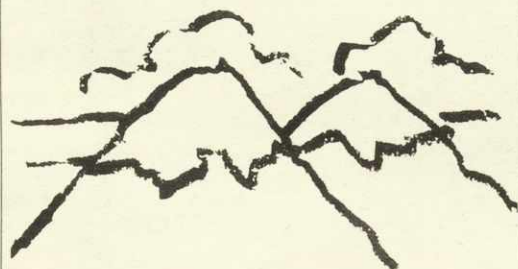
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