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Amnesty International's concerns, the case of Mr. Peltier is only one of several cited in North America; it also focuses on the extra judicial killings, "disappearances," torture and imprisonment suffered by tens of thousands native people on the continent.

Amnesty International is currently conducting a campaign to focus attention on the human rights violations suffered by the indigenous people of the Americas in our work to bring about the observation of fundamental international human rights for all people. Group 15, which meets in the SUB at 8 pm on the third Thursday of every month, would be happy to provide any readers of the Gazette with further information and the opportunity to write letters on behalf of those whose human rights have been violated.

Liz Tillet

## People are people

To the editor:

In 1929 five Canadian women challenged the Canadian political system in the famous "Persons Case". They fought so women would be recognized as persons under the British North America Act, and be eligible for senate appointment.

Due to the success in this case, October has been chosen as Women's History Month by the Honourable Mary Collins, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women. This month has been set aside for Canadians to remember the role women have played in our history.

Women have always played a major role in our history, but rarely are they given as much recognition as they deserve. As Charlotte Whitton, Canada's first woman mayor, once said, "Whatever women do they must do twice as well as a man to be thought half as good. Luckily this is not difficult."

The sad thing is that this problem of inequality does not have to exist. More and more each year women are making great strides. For instance, we used to join the Red Cross to help aid the war effort. Now we are able to join the war effort.

Throughout the years of Canadian history women such as Nellie McClung, Elsie Gregory McGill, Bertha Wilson, and many others have made great achievements. However, few of these achievements are ever boasted of in our history. More time is spent looking at great political achievements, usually realized by men.

It is extremely important that women are now being recognized for being equal to men. They are becoming senators and judges, and entering many professions that were once unavailable to them. This is a step in the right direction, for it is time that women were able to prove they have just as much to offer our society as men.

We don't have to wait for Women's History Month to remember the great achievements of Canadian women. We should take time every day to be proud of not only women who have made the newspaper headlines, but every woman who has ever contributed something to our society.

Erin Moser

## Get the NAC

To the editor:

I'm writing to object to the headline that was run over an Op/Ed piece submitted by the Dal. International Socialists Club (IS) and published in last week's Gazette. The headline stated, "NAC Attacked by Socialists," yet this was completely out of step with the spirit of the article that followed. This was a condensed version of the open letter addressed to NAC by the IS, in which we outline our objections to the "No" position that NAC's executive took on the Referendum.

Although we believe that by deciding to vote "No" NAC made a mistake, our criticism is given within a context

of solidarity, not hostility as the Gazette headline implies. The IS is a member organization of NAC and we share the same ultimate goals: an end to oppression and a decent standard of living for all.

In terms of the Referendum, how we differ regards tactics, not aims. The IS believes that a "No" vote will strengthen the Right in this country (e.g. The Reform Party) and make realizing the goals we share with NAC more difficult. It is the reactionary policies of Preston Manning and his ilk that we are attacking, not NAC.

Further, we believe it is the responsibility of people on the Left to discuss and debate which strategies and tactics will best change the world. This exchange is critical if we are to strengthen, organize and build ourselves sufficiently

to actually win real, positive changes.

Paula Cornwall, Dal. IS Club

## Blatant Filler

To the editor:

Today in our society, a number of people are taking an active step to become environmentally friendly, but many more people must take an active role to ensure our resources are not depleted. We must become committed to the three R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, with emphasis on reducing waste.

Unfortunately, many people possess the idea of "What difference can one person make?" Ironically, one person can make a big difference if one focuses on becoming environmentally conscious.

Recently, I attended a seminar by the Clean Nova Scotia Foundation on reducing wastes in offices and schools. Prior to attending the seminar, I assumed it would consist of ways to reduce waste that would be effective only in a school or office environment. However, I was delighted to leave the seminar with a number of ways in which I can reduce waste in my everyday life as a full time university student. You need not be affiliated with an office of school to make a difference!

If you have the opportunity to attend such a seminar, I encourage you to do so. You will surely be exposed to a number of ways in which you can become a friend to the environment. We must take an active role to sustain the environment for future generations.

L. McDonnell

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