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December 20, 1974

Mr. Richard Laughing, President
Organization of North American
Indian Students
c/o Mrs. Lorraine Brigham
Rural Route 3
Wallaceburg, Ontario, Canada N8A 4K9

Dear Dick:

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When the American Indian Program was being established at Northern, the Indian Advisory Committee--which was helping in the planning--listed the projects and programs it thought should be given top priority.

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Now that the entire state of Michigan is becoming seriously pinched for funds, all state-supported functions are being cut back substantially. Of course, Northern is no exception. The University has not withdrawn its Nishnawbe News support for the next fiscal year. It is, however, asking that the newspaper make every effort to help solve its own financial needs through the remainder of the school year. This, we feel, is a reasonable request. However, we should make some tentative plans soon regarding publication of the upcoming issue.

Many people, both Indian and non-Indian, have worked hard over the years to bring the newspaper into being and to keep it going. The present staff of the newspaper has done a commendable job with the project. ONAIS, being the custodian of the paper, must take into account this responsibility of continued publication which has been entrusted by its past members.

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Can we maintain contact and work together to arrive at the best possible solution to continue the paper through the remainder of its publication year?

Sincerely yours,

Robert R. Bailey
Director, American Indian Programs

James L. Carter
Assistant Director, R&D

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cc: Mrs. Marlene Gauthier

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Mrs. Marlene Gauthier, Editor
The Nishnawbe News
2324 Longyear Avenue
Marquette, Michigan

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