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For Nishnawbe News:
GREAT LAKES INDIAN NEWSPAPER GETS GRANT FROM BRITISH FOUNDATION

MARQUETTE, Mich. - The Nishnawbe News, a North American Indian newspaper which circulates in the Upper Great Lakes area of the United States and Canada, has been awarded a \$2,000 grant from a cultural foundation in Great Britain.

According to Patricia Dyer, a senior at Northern Michigan University from Charlevoix, and treasurer of the Organization of North American Indian Students of NMU (ONAIS), the grant has been made by The Onaway Trust of Shadwell, Leeds, West Yorkshire, England.

ONAIS is publisher of The Nishnawbe News, an autonomous newspaper located on the NMU campus, and staffed by American Indian students.

"The Onaway Trust assists native peoples, particularly North American Indians, to restore and preserve their cultural heritage," Dyer said.

Nishnawbe News Editor John Hatch, a Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. senior, said he was "highly pleased" with the grant, and that it will provide the newspaper with badly needed operating revenue.

"Costs are continually increasing and we depend on donations and grants to help make ends meet," he said.

The newspaper was established by ONAIS in 1971 and is supported by donations from readers, subscriptions from libraries, schools and various other governmental organizations, and a basic annual allocation from NMU.

"We're really honored to receive such a generous gift from Great Britain - it came at a time of great need," said Rosemary Suardini, director of American Indian Programs at NMU.

"It will help the Nishnawbe News staff to continue their objective of informing readers of current events and features on Great Lakes Indians and their culture," she added.

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