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MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN 49855

UNIVERSITY NEWS BUREAU

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Natalie Cornell
Phelps-Stokes Fund
1029 Vermont, NW - Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Cornell:

Thank you for the helpful information provided during our recent phone conversation regarding funding sources for The Nishnawbe News.

The American Indian Programs Office here has supplied a list of funding from non-university sources for The Nishnawbe News in recent years, as you requested.

One of our
last efforts
at private
funding.

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1973	National Indian Lutheran Board	\$2,000.00
1974	" " " "	2,000.00
1976	Self-Development of People- Presbytery of Mackinaw (Mich.)	385.91
1976	" " "	562.43
1977	Lutheran Social Services of Wis. and Upper Mich.	1,500.00
1978	" " "	1,225.00
1978	SDP-Presbytery of Mackinaw	204.29
1979	Onaway Trust, Leeds, England	2,000.00
1980	" " "	1,000.00
1981	" " "	1,000.00
1981	Inter-Church Funding for Indian Affairs, Presbytery Committee (Mich.)	1,000.00
1982	Equitable Life Assurance Society	1,000.00
1982	National Self-Development of People, New York	1,500.00
1982	" " "	402.00
TOTAL		\$15,908.63

As you can see, we have made a continuing and rather successful effort over the past decade to secure funding. The granting organizations have always experienced a good relationship with us and they apparently have been satisfied that their assistance has been put to worthwhile use.

The newspaper is limited to a quarterly presently, due to severe cutbacks in Michigan Legislative support. The University is providing office space, and President Jamrich has made \$1,500 available on a one-time basis from a special account. If the paper is to survive, we must increase support from non-university sources. We have sufficient funding to continue publication for the remainder of the 1982-83 academic year.

The Nishnawbe News is circulated primarily in the Great Lakes region of the United States and Canada, with some readership scattered from coast to coast. It is subscribed to by a number of libraries, government and agency offices, in addition to individuals and tribal and Indian organizational centers. Until recently, the circulation was maintained at about 8,000, with many distributed free. Circulation has now been cut to about 1,500 paid subscribers due to the critical shortage of funds. Almost no free copies are distributed.

The paper provides excellent training for American Indian students in the field of journalism. They also do the layout and pasteup, and bring the flats to a newspaper plant where they assist in its preparation for the press. The paper has received high marks at several recent regional and national Indian journalism seminars.

The Organization of North American Indian Students of NMU (ONAIS) operates the paper under its constitution and bylaws, and appoints the editor. The Office of American Indian Programs provides administrative assistance, and the NMU News Bureau acts in an advisory capacity.

Established in 1971, The Nishnawbe News has become a well accepted and respected newspaper.

We would appreciate any assistance you could provide us on possible sources of assistance.

If you have any questions, contact me anytime.

Sincerely,

James L. Carter, Advisor
The Nishnawbe News

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