

MEMORANDUM
January 17, 1975

TO: William Carr
Representative Title IV Programs

FROM: Marlene Gauthier
Nishnawbe News Staff

RE: O.N.A.I.S.

In regard to our meeting of January 16, 1975 I feel that we will have to decline your proposal until further information is obtained.

I feel that the following reasons justify this action: a) the organization has a majority of new students who as yet are unaware of the past and present history of the paper, b) I would like at least one other officer to be in attendance when a meeting is called-in fairness to the student group in decision making as a whole c) more information must be given before the type of action you request can be considered, d) I cannot take the responsibility of the consequences of the organization without further representation of the newly elected board, e) the organization works in close cooperation with our student advisors, an unwritten policy adopted since my employment especially in matters of a financial nature.

It is my hope you can understand my position. As a member of O.N.A.I.S. and elected to be employed by the organization my first concerns are in the procedures prescribed to us in our constitution. The purpose of our constitution is to provide unity and fair representation among the members. It is true that vacancies must be filled, but this opportunity should not lend itself for totalitarian actions of the part of those that are still in office. We are in the least possible position to make haste decisions in matters that will effect the entire structure so many of us have established. It is my hope that you can take these facts into account in the future and the lines of communication will remain open and free to discussion.

CC; Robert Bailey-Coordinator American Indian Programs
James L. Carter-Advisor to Nishnawbe News