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RIP-OFF

To the dirty fuckin' asshole who stole \$45.00 worth of my books from Cameron Library.

I hope you get your degree (with the help of my books) get a job (with the help of my books) live a slob life and die.

Ripped-off
Dave Fletcher
Sc.2

Indian Courses

Sir:

David Schleich's conclusions that the native study programmes at Trent and Laurentian Universities mark "the absolute and final success of the European steamrolling of native North American cultures" (Gateway, October 7) is so much uninformed hogwash.

As an Anthropology major at Trent University in 1969-70 I came to know the founder of the Indian Studies programme there. Harvey McCue, a graduate of Trent and formerly a student of Laurentian, was for years deeply concerned about the

preservation of and of information about his culture and those of fellow Indians. He is an Ojibway.

Perhaps a few "curious types" do take advantages of the facilities provided by the research institutes at Trent and Laurentian. But most of the students take Indian Studies very seriously — they are involved in original research aimed at the collection and organization of cultural data for the purpose of developing a large native information library. And why shouldn't they be encouraged to do so? Our libraries are already filled with quantities of information on almost every known culture in the world. Why should the native peoples of Canada be denied the same opportunity to preserve their cultural history? Already we have waited too long — how many ancient legends and songs have been forgotten forever because we did not act before? Mr. McCue and researchers like him are trying to salvage what is left — and incidentally are managing to

encourage a greater knowledge and appreciation for the ways of the Indian. His approach seems to be working. As for Mr. Schleich's criticism — it is ill-founded and poorly researched, and alternatives to the Trent and Laurentian programmes are glaringly absent.

If anyone is "steamrolling" the Indian into oblivion it is Mr. Schleich and people like him who would deny the right of Indians to have their cultural heritage preserved. Since I am part Indian myself, I feel doubly proud of the continuing achievements of my fellow researchers at Trent.

Heather Botting
Arts III

Concerned People

Miss Armstrong etc.

Concerning your complaints about the yearbook:

I do not know how long it takes people to learn but the only way anything gets done right is if it involves the ideas of various people, and is

consequently representative of all the people it affects.

Judging from your own comments, "really—you don't believe that university is that bad or you wouldn't be here..." you cannot see past your own viewpoints and your own attitude on life. This is perfectly normal—most people judge things by their own standards.

Therefore, it is perfectly normal that a very small group of people who most likely have common ideas should represent a common viewpoint.

The Yearbook staff consisted of a very small group of people—much to their own concern—and was put out basically thru one man's effort. Therefore, obviously their own viewpoint is presented whether it is representative of campus opinion or not.

I will say they did an extremely good job of presenting their viewpoint—perhaps they thought it was everyone's. If more people had been working on the yearbook, more would have given varying viewpoints and we may have had a yearbook that was representative. So where

were you when the Yearbook was being made?

All yearbook work, like most student work on campus is volunteer. They are giving their precious time to you: appreciate it. Please don't complain unless you have tried to help and have room to speak.

Lana Yakimchuk

CLASS

Sir:

Further to Winston Gereluk's report on last Tuesday's Native Education Forum at SUB theatre. It seems fitting to speculate as to why Kahn Tineta Horn didn't go over with the crowd as nicely as her male companions on the panel.

There's a word that comes readily to mind when one attempts to encompass her many qualities — CLASS.

Her sharp debating ability combine with her knowledge of the facts to show all too clearly the chauvinist indignation that the predominantly white audience was feeling.

However it should be added

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Octoberfest is Coming!

place: ice arena

time: on Students' Activities Day

Oct. 19 from 3 — 10 p.m.

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