

# Quebec vs the Natives?

"Like Federal Governments, Quebec is refusing to recognize the Indian nations".

Taken from a paper concerning the plight of the Northern Natives in Canada, this remark when digested takes on a striking connotation. When Quebec has been for years crying out for recognition as a french culture with a separate Candian history and therefore identity there has been a blind pulled over the window of Native Nations and their own particular quests.

Essentially the Indians want to make themselves understood to the Canadian public (sound familiar) to make people realize the identities of a native population that has been existence in North America long before the colaniza-tion of Canada.

What needs to be recognized is that these are a people with a particular historical background that they hold in high esteem. They are a people that speak a different language, think with a different franc of mind As English Cana-dians it is difficult for us to understand Native values, and the claims they are making to the Government. It is in this light that it becomes increasingly im-portant for us to make the effort to listen and try to



understand their plea. If we want to understand we must make the special effort to see why then must fight for survival. They have been taken for granted - sharred into corners labeled as reserva-tions in an attempt to leave behind the issues of native status in Canada.

Just as the french can plead for recognition so must the Northern Natives be given equal time and a fair consideration. It is with these ideas that they (Northern Natives) have formed a campaign to inform the Canadian public. We are being given a

generous opportunity to educate ourselves with a virtually unknown sector of our Canadian heritage. It is our responsibility to fol-low up by listening and reacting upon what is being said. If we are going to recognize our culture such as the french, are we going to ignore the others?

In this particular case, no one has been or will be jeopardized. The Northern Natives have learned to live within their means for over a thousand years; if for no other reason, there is a lesson from their national campaign that can be comprehended, and should be listened to.

## CHSR

As most people who were at our Saturday night disco would agree, it was a smash success, with lots of good music and good times for everyone. We even broadcast a portion of it "live" for all the unfortunate people who couldn't make it up to the disco. Hopefully we'll be having another one before the end of classes.

Due to the fact that we've been broadcasting the SRC meetings "live" for the past two weeks, our regular Monday night programming has been upset somewhat, which of course disturbed the continuity of "Profile" and "in Concert", a usual component of Monday nights on CHSR. "Profile" will return this Monday with the second part of the George Harrison feature.

Also pre-empted this past week was "Feature"; this was done to bring the listeners a live broadcast of the Martini George Quartet, playing at the Press Club. We hope that all those who tuned in last Wednesday enjoyed this special presenta-tion of CHSR.

Don't forget to listen to our new series of drama productions, Radio 3100, every Tuesday evening at 8:00 p.m.

Our new executive is settled into their various positions now, and they're all working hard to fulfill their duties; they've worked especially hard to set up all the necessary essentials for the proposed FM move you've all heard and read so much about in the past few weeks. The SRC, in co-operation with CHSR, has now set up a referendum to be held on Wednesday, March 28, to decide whether or not CHSR will go off-campus on the FM band. We at CHSR urge all concerned students to get out and vote on this issue.

And remember: at CHSR, we play requests, so give us a call at 453-4987 and we'll try to get your song out over the airwaves.

## A comment on the SRC budget

Editors Note: The following was submitted by SRC Forestry Rep. Wade Prest and Rep-at-large Peter Archibald. The Brunswickan agrees with the figures as presented, although the conclusions are their own.

Since comptroller Cronshaw had no breakdown, explanation or projections of the SRC financial situation for council, we have examined past budgets and audits ourselves, and made the following observations.

The SRC usually budgets to beak even but expects that most clubs and organizations won't use all of the funds available to them. This has always happened leaving sizable over pluses, except in

1976/77.	1974/75	1975/76	1976/77
Budget Deficit	none	none	18,167
Actual surplus			
years end.	21,473	26,837	23,260

In 1976/77, the SRC budgeted for an 18 thousand dollar deficit. In this year, 54 thousand was written off as an expenditure to cover the loss by the Roy Clark concert held in the summer of 1976 in conjunction with Campus savings Limited. Several large over expenditures were made in

this year as well, (76); most notably the Brunswickan, (10,914) and the student handbook (9,851).

Audit Surplus carried from Aug. 76	
-less concert expenditure covered to Aug '77 from Aug. '76 budget	59,465
-less over expenditures by those clubs ONLY that overspent	31,374
Balance (a Deficit)	54,929
Less Audit Deficit, Aug. 77	23,260
Equals underexpenditures by clubs and Misc. SRC costs	36,205

The 36 thousand is the amount underspent by clubs, (ie. those clubs ONLY that underspent), and the SRC itself, and does not represent an actual SRC surplus. Usually over expenditures as high as 31 thousand dollars are not realized, and of course, Roy Clark has only made one visit. The

point then is that if the unusually high over expenditures weren't considered, then a large surplus due to under expenditures would

have occurred in the '76/77 budget.

In 1977/78, putting aside the 23.6 thousand dollar deficit carried, (ie. assume, and this is not factual, that the SRC started Sept '77 at 0.00 dollars). Then another large amount through a NET under expenditure by clubs and the SRC is easily recognized:

Deficit, Sept. '77	23,260
plus Surplus, Aug. '78	19,873
Equals a net underexpenditure excluding the Sept. '77 deficit,	43,133

In light of this information, the audited surpluses and deficits over past years present us with a

question:

Audited Balance		
Aug. 75	21,473	21,473
Aug. 76	26,838	26,838
Aug. 77	-23,260	-23,260
Aug. 78	13,387	13,387
Aug. 79	??where will we stand??	

In summary: 1) Present surplus of the SRC is a result of past underexpenditures by clubs, and the SRC itself. 2) The largest single contributor over the past 2 years, The Bruns has spent only a fraction of their bread - yet this was primarily due to good manage-ment, a factor which cannot be guaranteed in the future, and the withdrawal from the Univeristy Press.

Last year, the Bruns was budgeted 21.4 thousand but only spend \$13,541 of this amount. This was due to the freedom of the Bruns to gather national and local advertising revenue after it split out of CUP\* which accountea for \$5,261 of the Brunswickan's budget itself, however, the increased ad revenue is solely, the

work of the ad manager, who has done excellent work and will not be easily matched in the future if at all.

In about 2 1/2 - 3 years, depending on interest rates, the mortgage on the SUB will be up. This will free 15 dollars of each SRC student fee, and the comptroller of the university, Mr. Mullin, said that there is nothing binding The SRC to reduce fees by this amount. He said that the Board of Governors only considers the recommendation of the SRC with regard to SRC fees, and if there is no recommendation, then there will be no change in fees. Apparently, there is nothing holding future councils to reduce fees when the SUB mortgage is up.