leather thongs."

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me on the edge of my seat. Something about seeing people race cars at high speeds down the crowded streets of Europe while shooting bazookas is really cool.

So should you go see Ronin? The answer is yes. I know that I don't really paint the best picture of the movie here, but it is personal bias that made the film less than what it could have been for me. Had I not gone in carrying unnecessary baggage, I would have probably liked the film a lot more than I did. Sure, there are holes in the plot, but what action movie doesn't have those? So go to Ronin, and decide for yourself.

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cultural heritage and religious be-

In 1978, the U.S. government

supposedly granted Native Americans freedom of religion. ers to wear big black hats However, because sweet grass, tobacco, sage, cedar, and spiritual objects such as feathers are banned from prisons, freedom does not extend

to Native Americans in jail.

This pow-wow, the first ever

to be held in a United States prison, was an attempt to allow these women to practice some of their spiritual rituals, even in jail.

This is a large step forward

for a state whose school "I don't expect Quaksystem did not recognize children as anyand shoes with buckles ... thing more than so don't expect Native "black," "white," Americans to wear feathand "other" uners in their hair and til 1975. Strickland

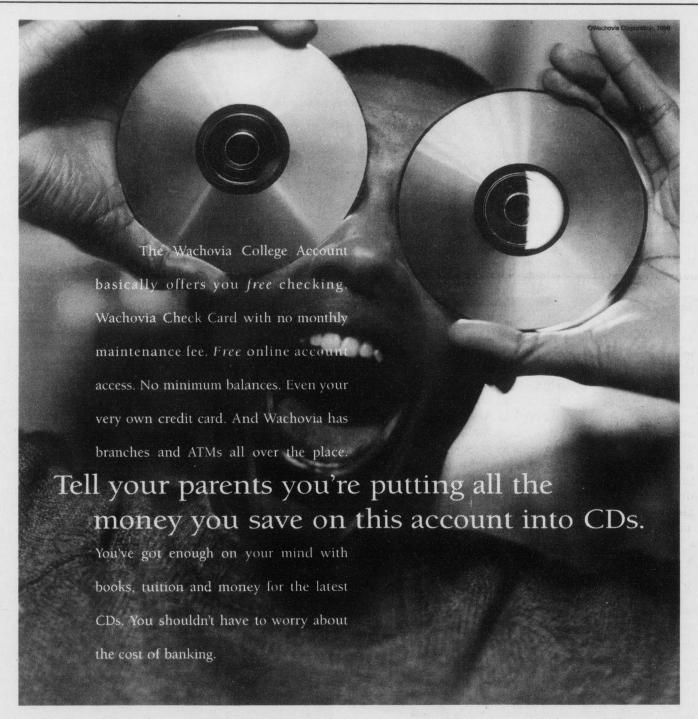
recalls her first —Daphine Strickland pangs of racism, when she went

to Raleigh and saw bathrooms for "white" and "colored" and didn't know which to use.

Although the government now acknowledges the existence of Native Americans in North Carolina, a stereotypical image still prevails of what a Native American should be.

"I don't expect Quakers to wear big black hats and shoes with buckles," says Strickland, "so don't expect Native Americans to wear feathers in their hair and leather thongs."

Strickland sees a need for Native Americans to look equally toward their past and future. "Native Americans are not in timewarp. We need to progress, but we also need to take time to honor the pow-wow."



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