

**Ronin**, cont'd from page 7  
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.

**Prison**, cont'd from page 9  
cultural heritage and religious beliefs.

In 1978, the U.S. government supposedly granted Native Americans freedom of religion. 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 system did not recognize children as anything more than "black," "white," and "other" until 1975.

Strickland recalls her first pang 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 time-warp. We need to progress, but we also need to take time to honor the pow-wow."

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*—Daphne Strickland*

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