

CAMPUS NEWS

Phoenix Society observes American Indian Month

By Luann Whitley
April is "American Indian Month" at UNCC. The Phoenix Society is a campus organization geared towards American Indians and their culture. American Indian Month was devised by the Phoenix Society

in order to acquaint students and the public with Indian attitudes and problems. The society was founded in 1976 at UNCC. "We deal primarily with the North American," Jill Gillon, president of the organization,

said. "The Phoenix Society is open to everyone interested in the life and culture of American Indians," Gillon said. "There are many different types of Indian cultures, but we all feel an underlying unity. The Indians have to ban together or be swallowed up in the white society."

The American Indians have the lowest economic standards in America. The reservations they live on is land nobody else wants. The average life span for a male Indian is approximately 47 years and the American Indian population has decreased 90 percent over the last 400 years. The white population has increased 90 percent over the last 400 years.

"Being an Indian is a state of mind," Gillon said. "Mainly you have a feeling of being part of nature. There is a current resurgence of interest in the American Indian, while most Indians have lost contact with their heritage," Gillon



The Phoenix Society performed in Jacksonville, Florida last spring.

AMERICAN INDIAN MONTH

The First Annual Phoenix Society Symposium: "An Indian Is Not A Sun-tanned White Man." Chief Jake Swamp, Sub-Chief of the Mohawk Nation. Topic: East Coast Land Claims.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 p.m.: Mike Myers, associate editor, *Akwesasne Notes*, coordinator of Voices From The Earth. Topic: Alternative Community Development and Organization. Wednesday, April 18, 7 p.m.:

John Mohawk, editor, *Akwesasne Notes*. Topic: The Native Situation in America Today. There will be a question/answer period after each lecture.

The symposium will cover and explain Indian land claims: the longest walk (Washington, D.C. 1978); Wounded Knee in 1973; Bureau of Indian Affairs occupation in 1972; native rights, beliefs and relationships to US/state governments, and the international aspect of the native movement.

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said. "What the government has done to the American Indian is a horror story with no equal," Gillon said. "Indian affairs used to be taken care of in the Department of War, now they finally moved us to the interior. Indians are finally considered by the government as human beings," Gillon said.

American Indian Month is only being celebrated by the Phoenix Society. "There is no national observance day for Indians, Gillon said. "We have no holidays."

There are three remaining lectures this month dealing with American Indians. On April 16-18, there will be lectures given by Chief Jake Swamp, Mike Myers and John Mohawk.

"We were lucky to get these speakers," Gillon said. "Each of these men are experts in the field of Indians." The lectures will be held in McKnight Lecture Hall at 7 p.m.

Campus Life

Things you gotta' do

By Nancy Davis

A poll was recently taken of UNCC seniors involving only one question. "If you could recommend one thing for the remaining students to be sure to do before graduating, what would that be?" As you're probably aware of, a poll doesn't always include everybody—in fact, this random sampling included 25 seniors. The surveyors tried to stay away from any seniors who looked like they had too much intelligence. Instead they looked for the ones with the dark circles, beer guts, red eyes and dirty fingernails... the ones with experience.

Anyway, here are some of the recommendations they came up with. Seniors, if you haven't done any of these yet, you've still got three weeks to finish up. And the rest of you, UNCC students, well, start planning. Some of them may take awhile—whatever, they've all guaranteed to be experiences at UNCC you don't want to miss.

1. Pull a fire alarm during a house party.
2. Attend a Student Legislature meeting drunk.
3. Put up a sign offering a ride to New Jersey over Christmas break but use somebody else's phone number.
4. Ask a resident coordinator for change for a dollar at midnight.
5. Not remember Jam-Up weekend.
6. Get picked up by a Chi Phi.
7. Have an affair with a professor.
8. Moon Security.
9. Start a fight with the ref during an intramural basketball game.
10. Throw water on the "sun bathers" beside Sanford and watch 'em jump. (Especially the ones whose tops are undone.)
11. Leave in the middle of the night for the beach, watch the sunrise and get back in time for class.
12. Stay on campus an entire weekend.
13. Penny-lock the local "whimp" in the bathroom.
14. Sit in Sanford's lobby and listen to the guys' different excuses as to why they need to get upstairs.
15. Try the livermush in the cafeteria.
16. Play spades in the elevator all night.
17. Try to find the Physical Plant.

Summer course offers camping and canoeing in Canadian trip

An unusual course will be offered during the second summer session by the Venture program. The course will be a 14-day canoe expedition in northern Canada. This course will be run cooperatively with Headwaters, a wilderness travel, educational program in Temagami, Ontario. The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences will grant two hours of undergraduate credit for this course, on the pass/no credit grading system. Lee Reading, Venture director, will be the course instructor.

The course commences Aug. 1 at the Toronto train station. The group will ride the Canadian National Railway to Temagami, where they will camp the first night.

The next morning they will fly into the Headwaters base camp on Anamanipising Lake for orientation and skills training for wilderness



canoe tripping.

There, they will be introduced to the important role the canoe has played in the exploration, economic development and literature of the Canadian bush.

The expedition will commence Aug. 4, going into some of the most remote and rugged natural areas of North America. Most of the paddling will be on lakes, al-

though some whitewater will be encountered on rivers. Major rapids will be portaged, where all canoes and gear must be carried around the hazardous water.

No previous whitewater canoeing experience is required for this trip. Basic requirements are simply good health and the ability to swim.

The course fee is \$346.50 and round-trip

train fare will be \$38.50. Each student will be responsible for his or her own transport to Toronto. All equipment, food, instruction and base camp flight are included in the fee. Tuition for the summer session is \$52.50 for North Carolina residents and \$268.50 for out-of-state students.

Enrollment will be limited to 10 students and a \$50 deposit, payable to the Continuing Education office will hold a place in the course. Final payments must be made by June 15. Registration for the academic credit for second summer session will be July 9 in the gymnasium.

Students from other colleges are invited to participate in this course and all other summer session offerings. An application form for the Venture summer course to Canada is available at the Caucus in the Cone University Center or by calling 597-2521.