

# Weekender

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## Indians at UNC

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**B**EING an Indian student at UNC means feeling left out of many social and cultural events, adjusting to someone else's way of life and facing the danger of losing one's identity.

Indian students find it hard to come from isolated small towns where they take pride in their heritage to Chapel Hill where their identity is ignored.

Pride in one's heritage is what the Carolina Indian Circle is all about. Although there were but a handful of Indian students on campus during the mid 1970s, when the circle was formed, the need for the group was strong.

"The Carolina Indian Circle started out mainly as a social organization," said Joey Bell, present chief of the Circle. "It was a place where all of the Indian students could get together. It let others (Indian students) know that there were more of them here."

The Circle was started in 1975, Bell said. At the time, there were

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