

# Indians' education key, speaker says

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Education is the key to the front door of the reservation, Chief Robert S. Youngdeer, of the eastern band of Cherokee Indians, told about 40 people during a speech Tuesday.

"We want to get educated so that we can tend to our own affairs. We want to compete with the non-Indians," Youngdeer said.

"Education is one of the keys to our survival," he said. The Cherokees now have a new school, funded and operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, after 17 years of petitioning Congress.

The plight of the Cherokee Indian has been a long and hard one, Youngdeer said. They have had their land taken away from them by the white man, so the Indian had to be moved west. Ex-President Andrew Jackson turned his back on the Cherokees when they asked him for help in getting back their land, Youngdeer said.

At the time when the Cherokee came into contact they had territory covering parts of eight states from West Virginia to Tennessee.

In the past the Cherokees had to obey the North Carolina laws, even though they were not given the rights of citizenship, he said. Now, though, this is not the case.

"We have our own nation within a nation," Youngdeer said. The state of North Carolina has no jurisdiction over the Cherokees who live on the reservation, but if they decide to leave the reservation, they must obey the laws, he said.

The reservation's government has the right to impose taxes on the Cherokees, Youngdeer said. They have a 6 percent levy which helps pay for the police, the fire, the sanitation and the water and sewer departments.

"We don't pay any state taxes; we pay federal taxes," he said. "All major crimes are tried in federal courts, which the FBI is in charge of. We also perform our own divorces and marriages."

Another way that the reservation gets revenue is through bingo games, Youngdeer said. Between December

1982 and Feb. 14, 1986, the reservation grossed \$35 million from the bingo games, but the reservation was able to keep only \$1 million. This was one of the reasons why Youngdeer said he ran for office.

He said other factors came into play that hurt the American Indians: rum, gun powder, alcohol and missionaries. Some missionaries tried to take the Indian's land away from him, he said.

"We did have good missionaries that didn't want to take our land," Youngdeer said. "They just wanted to teach us right from wrong."

The missionaries weren't the only ones or things who took away the Indian's land, Youngdeer said. "Our land was conquered by alcohol."

Indians can end the myth that all Indians are drunkards through education, he said. Education can teach the young Indian child that how he is portrayed is wrong. "Education is the key to the front door for the Indian," he said.

Youngdeer said that since the 1930s, the number of enrolled in the Eastern band of Cherokees has increased from 3,000 to 9,070. There are 6,000 Cherokees who live on the reservation; 573 are full blooded Cherokees, he said.

Some Indians still have inferiority complexes about being Indian, he said. There have been people who said other people were treating them badly because they are Indian. In some cases this is true and in others it isn't, Youngdeer said.

"Unless you have lived on a reservation, you don't know what it's like to be an Indian," he said.

"I'm proud to be a Cherokee. I want to see our people get educated and be able to sit in that chair at the state capitol," Youngdeer said.

Youngdeer served 20 years of active duty in the military and retired as a first sergeant. He said one of his career highlights as principal chief has been to sit in council with the Western Cherokee at Red Clay State Historical Park in Tennessee. This was the first time this had happened since the Trail of Tears almost 150 years ago, he said.

# Fraternity meeting marred by no-shows

By SMITHSON MILLS  
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A meeting of the Fraternity President's Association failed to meet quorum due to a poor turnout of fraternity presidents Tuesday night in Lenoir Hall. The FPA is the legislative branch of the Inter-Fraternity Council.

IFC President Charles Shook, a junior from Fort Myers, Florida, said six or seven fraternity presidents showed up for the meeting. There are over twenty fraternities in the IFC.

"It upset me that people didn't come to the meeting who should have," said Shook. He said dates for the meetings had been set last semester and that every fraternity president should have known about them.

Alpha Tau Omega President Dunkin Coker, a senior from Washington, D.C., said he had not been contacted about the meeting and that no one in the IFC had talked to him in the past month.

Chi Psi President Micheal Egues, a junior from Dallas, Texas, said he knew the date of the meeting but said he was not informed of its location. "I was not contacted by Charles Shook and there was no reminder placed in the Chi Psi mailbox in Steele Building," said Egues.

Shook said the responsibility for contacting fraternity presidents about meetings had been divided up among the IFC officers. He said there was no set standard for contacting the presidents, but that placing information in fraternity mailboxes in Steele Building was probably the best way.

Shook said that several issues were discussed at the meeting even though there was not a quorum.

He said they had discussed the possibility of adopting an "open rush" policy at UNC. "The national Inter-Fraternity Conference advocates an open rush system whereby fraternities have the ability to extend a bid

any time of the year," Shook said.

Currently, fraternities at UNC have a three-day formal rush when some bids are given out. Under the proposed system, there would be no formal rush period. Shook said the proposal would probably be voted on at the next meeting, scheduled for April 15.

Also Tuesday, the FPA discussed adopting guidelines for cleaning up fraternity houses after parties, especially in Fraternity Court during football season.

All fraternities should help clean up after court parties on a rotating basis, because almost all fraternities have members who attend the parties, Shook said.

He said that all issues discussed at the meeting Tuesday would have to be discussed at a meeting with quorum before any decisions could be made. "It's hard for us to communicate with fraternities when no one shows up for the meetings," he said.

# Board of Trustees praises Fordham's dedication

By NANCY HARRINGTON  
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It has been six years since Christopher C. Fordham III was appointed chancellor. And if you think the Board of Trustees has been pleased with his administration, then you're right.

The board gave Fordham a nod of approval at its February meeting by passing a resolution acknowledging his dedication to the University.

"It's recognition for a very fine man," said board Chairman J. Clint Newton Jr.

Fordham has been a successful leader, Newton said. His accomplishments are many, but there are two that exceed all others.

"Number one is his emphasis of academic excellence," Newton said. "(Number) two . . . is the substantial building programs that he's brought to the University."

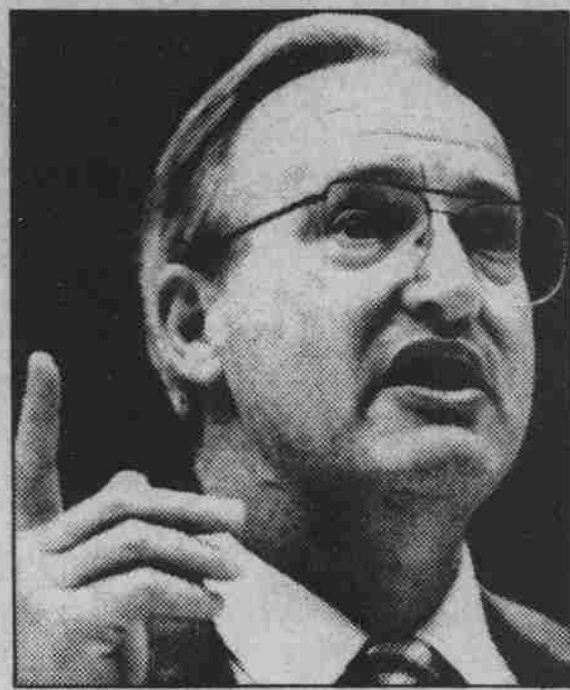
In recent rankings of research doctoral programs and libraries, UNC was ranked 18th in the nation.

The Hanes Art Center, the Dean E. Smith Student Activities Center, the Student Health Service Building and Carmichael Dorm are few of the major construction projects begun or com-

pleted since Fordham took office.

Under Fordham's leadership, the University has initiated a statewide Math-Science Network. Since his appointment in 1980, the University's endowment has grown from almost \$38.5 million to approximately \$115 million.

In other matters, the board recognized the achievements of Patricia Wallace during her term as student body president and as an ex-officio board member.



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