

American Indian Heritage Month 2009

November 2

**Film: *In the White Man's Image*
The Boarding School Legacy: The Humanist Experiment That Went Wrong**

7-8:00 p.m. in McDowell Formal Lounge

This film examines the experiment of federal government boarding schools for Indian children. Historians and writers focus on this late 19th century experiment of indoctrinating young Native Americans so that they would become alienated from their language, religion, history and social customs. In particular, ITWMI looks at the education of a certain group of American Indians in the Carlisle School for Indian Students founded by Richard Pratt in the early part of the 20th century. The film includes the story of Cheyenne warriors who were exiled to St. Augustine, Florida as the first group of Indians to be schooled under Mr. Pratt's direction. Native Americans who attended these schools help tell the story of this humanist experiment gone wrong.

Free Subway

November 9

**Film: *Incident at Oglala*
The American Indian Movement: Justice for Leonard Peltier**

7-8:00 p.m. in McDowell Formal Lounge

In 1975, armed FBI agents entered the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Gunfire erupted - a Native American and two FBI agents fell dead. After the largest manhunt in FBI history, three men were apprehended but only one, Leonard Peltier, was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison.

Free Chipotle

November 16

Film: *Onkwa'nistenhsera: Mothers of Our Nations*

The Rights of American Indian Women

7-8:00 p.m. in McDowell Formal Lounge

This film documents the Indigenous Elders Summit in Six Nations, Ontario 2004. It is about abuse of First Nations/American Indian women and talks about the effect colonization has had on native women. It discusses events such as the "sixties scoop" as well as other events that have greatly impacted the status of American Indian women.

Free Pizza

November 23

**Film: *In Whose Honor?*
The Debate Over American Indian Mascots**

7-8:00 p.m. in McDowell Formal Lounge

In 1989 Charlene Teters began protesting the use of an Indian chief as the mascot of the University of Illinois. Interviews with members of the university and town communities discuss the pros and cons of the Indian mascots, including the damage to Indians' self-esteem but the revenue earned for the university and for local businesses, campus spirit and alumni support. American Indian leaders were involved in protesting the misuse of Indians as symbols of sports teams. Although the protests succeeded in a few cases, Chief Illiniwek is still the mascot at the University of Illinois.

Free Pizza

November 30

**Film: *Smoke Signals*
Life on the Rez**

7-8:00 p.m. in McDowell Formal Lounge

This film, which was written, directed and co-produced by Native Americans, is a bittersweet comedy about two young Native-Americans, the athletic Victor and the nerdy Thomas, who live on the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation in Idaho. When Victor's father, who deserted his family years before, dies in Phoenix, Thomas offers to finance Victor's trip there in return for being allowed to go. This journey of two dissimilar people becomes an adventure in self-discovery and friendship.

Free Subway

Alternative Break Information Sessions Environmental Racism: The Navajo Nation's Fight for Justice

Monday, November 2, 5:30-6:30 p.m., in MGC 200
Wednesday November 4, 11a.m.-12 p.m., in MGC 245
Sunday November 8, 3-4 p.m., in MGC 247
Tuesday November 10, 10-11 a.m., in MGC 247

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