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higher education needs of Indian people. Once in place, the fund will provide fifteen annual fellowships of approximately \$12,000 to outstanding American Indian scholars pursuing master's, doctoral and professional degrees ranging from science and engineering to art and the humanities to be awarded each year until they have completed their studies.

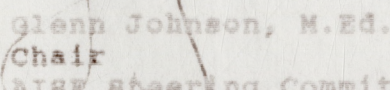
Currently, the Fund has nearly \$50,000 dollars in the endowment account and has already awarded \$42,000 in fellowships to seven students in collaboration with such donors as the Seebury Foundation, Mrs. John Mitchell and Mr. Gordon Krutz. A commitment of support has been made by the De Grasia Foundation for future, annual fellowship awards. The Fund has received a generous donation of 60 signed and numbered lithographs from famed Navajo artist, R.C. Gorman. We still have a long ways to go to meet our long-term goal of the \$2.25 million endowment.

As Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation and a nationally known and respected Indian leader your support in the role of honorary Co-Chair would be of great help to us. Actual involvement in the project would be minimal--we know you are very busy leading the Nation. We would keep you informed of our activities and you could participate directly as little or as much as you choose--the lending of the prestige of your support is enough in itself.

As Cherokees, for me personally, and the many Cherokee students here at the UA, the support of our Principal Chief in this worthy project would be a source of great pride.

Well, enough said. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,



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AISE Steering Committee  
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