

as a Five Civilized Tribes College. Very seldom find a Plains Indian Tribe. The Plains Indian Tribe are only ones who are trying to do something for the Indians. Right now the president of Northeastern State College is a Kiowa. And a long, long time ago, about two years ago, they had a Choctaw. Now this Choctaw knew everything about the pow wows and everything because he grew up among the pow wows. Grew up among the Plains Indians. He didn't grow up around the Five Civilized Tribes. (Are they kind of a little bit reticent about bringing all this out? 'Cause they're afraid it will hurt these Five Civilized Tribes?)

Because they're afraid it will hurt their image. It will hurt the image of being a Five Civilized Tribe being most educated. But it's different, you know, among the Plains Indians. One of the main reasons that I came here to Northeastern was to find out what the Cherokees are like. If they're so civilized, you know, I said, "Well I'm going to have to come in here and see how civilized they are." And I came out here and I was really disappointed. Because I found out that three-fourths of them are welfare cases. And three-fourths of them are in Cherokee County. And three-fourths are Cherokee Indian.

(Well, there are very poor for every tribe.)

They are very poor, but they are very proud people. But I know that. And so is quite a few other tribes. You know, not only Cherokees are poor. Not only the Navahos are poor. But every tribe is poor in a sense. Even the Osage Indians are poor. You think Osage Indians have a lot of money. Half of 'em do and half of 'em don't. But as long as half of them do well, they don't care about the other half that don't. You see but this. This is the reason that here on Northeastern State Campus, Civilized Tribes they think of them being civilized and that's it. When it comes to the Indian club or something like that, well; they don't associate with us.