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Nominations Open for UTTC Student Senate Special Election

by Jesi Silbernagel

The following student senate positions are now open for nomination: President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian/Sgt. of Arms.

The Student Senate Representatives elected intermittent officers and they will hold office until the election. The officers are as follows: President- Nadine Vasquez; Vice President- Merry Brunell; Secretary- Barbara Abrams; Treasurer- Tina Morningstar; Parliamentarian/Sgt. of Arms- Dusti Olsen.

All nominations should be turned in to Suzanne Cadotte @ Student Health or Jesi Silbernagel @ Administration. Nominations will be taken until January 14th.

On January 15th, 2003, we will hold a public meeting at 4:00pm, downstairs of the Jack Barden Center. All nominees must be present during this meeting.

The Student Senate Special Election will be held on January 22nd. The location and time are yet to be determined by the Election Committee. We will be posting signs when we return from Christmas Break.



Excavation work began on a new UTTC dormitory following groundbreaking on December 9. The building will house 86 students and is located near the cafeteria, just west and slightly south of the campus security building.

Campus Construction Projects Helped by Good Weather

Unseasonably mild weather in late fall has helped two major construction projects on the UTTC campus. Nearly completed is a classroom expansion at Theodore Jamerson Elementary School and excavation work began December 9 on a \$2.6 million dollar student dormitory project.

The Theodore Jamerson expansion provides four classrooms for students in grades three through six. The modular building was constructed on what was playground space at a cost of \$210 thousand with funds from the Office of Indian Education Programs of the B-I-A. At 3,200 square feet, the expansion almost doubles the size of the

school.

"This is a show of growth and progress that helps to meet the elementary school needs of those attending college at UTTC and in the community," said Sam Azure, Elementary School Principal.

According to Azure, classroom equipment is to be transferred to the new rooms over the holiday break and ready to be used for instruction with

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Dennis Lucier's UTTC Diner

Includes 2% or Skim Milk, Coffee or Tea and Salad Bar , Fresh Fruit, Vegetables. Menu subject to change

Dec 9 - 13

Dec. 16 - 20

DINNER		SUPPER		DINNER		SUPPER	
M	Spaghetti, Garlic Toast	M	Baked Ham, Au-Gratin Potato	M	Chili, Garlic Toast	M	Beef w/Gravy, Noodles
T	Steak Sandwich, Macaroni Salad	T	New England Dinner	T	Taco Salad On Chips	T	Bar-b-Que Chicken, Baked Potato
W	Oven Baked Chicken, Bread Dressing	W	Salisbury Steak, Boiled Potato	W	Swedish Meatballs, Gravy Over Noodles	W	Pizza, Individual
T	Buffalo Burger On A Bun, French Fries	T	Shish-ka-bob-Casserole, Wild Rice	T	French Dip w/Au-Jus, Noodle Salad	T	Sweet & Sour Chicken, Rice
F	Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup	F	Fish Fillet, Potato Wedges	F	Knoephle Soup, Chicken Fillet On A Bun	F	Burrito, Spanish Rice



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Jack Barden Center computer lab is now open evenings 5pm - 9pm, a computer support technician and tutors are now available also.

**Julie Creed
 SSS Counselor #467**

Happy Holidays!
 by Leah Woodke,
 Director of Distance and Continuing Education

The Distance & Continuing Education Department would like to wish all students, staff and faculty members a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year!

"Every new year is a gift to the spirit. May your days be blessed with inspiration and the kind of music only the heart can hear." - Flavia

Online courses for Spring Semester begin January 13, 2003.

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UTTC Fall Honoring is Friday, December 20

An honoring program for Fall 2002 graduates of United Tribes Technical College is scheduled for Friday, December 20 at 11 a.m. in the lower level of the Jack Barden Center on the UTTC campus in Bismarck, ND.

Guest speaker is Dr. Zane Rising Sun, an enrolled member of the Fort Peck Sioux Tribe. Dr. Rising Sun is a physician with the Standing Rock IHS Hospital in Fort Yates, ND and graduate of the INMED Program of the University of North Dakota.

Fourteen UTTC graduates will be honored with Associate in Applied Science Degrees in nine fields of study. Criminal Justice: Billy Bell, Paiute, NV, Randi Hart, Three Affili-

ated Tribes, ND, and Marcus Provincial, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, SD. Construction Tech: Loren McDarment, Tule River Yokuts, CA, and Cricket Peyron, Tule River Yokuts, CA. Computer Support: LuAnn Poitra, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, ND. Early Childhood: Karen Tjaden, Pukwana, SD, Kathleen Weiss, Bismarck, ND, and Denise Zenker, Bismarck, ND. Health Information: Marina Torralba, Crow Tribe, MT. Nutrition Food Service: Shelby Weist, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, ND. Office Technology: Francis Azure, Turtle Mountain Chippewa, ND. Small Business: Martin Gipp, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, ND. Tribal Management: Jacqueline Foote, Three Affiliated

Tribes, ND.

The drum group Red Plains will provide opening and closing songs. Karen Paetz, director, UTTC Tribal Tourism Partnership Initiative, is Master of Ceremonies. Other speakers include Dr. David M. Gipp, UTTC President, Nadine Vasquez, Student Senate Representative, Russell Gillette, UTTC Chemical Health Director, Charles W. Murphy, Chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Bob Parisien, UTTC Financial Aid Director, Dennis Renville, Associate Academic Dean, and Russell Swagger, Dean of Student Services.

A noon reception and meal in the UTTC cafeteria follows the program.

UTTC Players Show Community Leadership

by Jesi Silbernagel

Members of both the UTTC Thunderbird's men and women basketball teams have been extremely impressive, since my arrival at United Tribes. At the beginning of the season they went downtown to the World War Memorial Building and volunteered their time to help Youth Works, which is an organization that urges teenagers to stay alcohol and drug free. The basketball players participated in an evening of positive activities, so local teenagers would have something to do instead of drugs or alcohol.

Recently, the entire basketball team met over at Transportation and helped the Christmas Bingo Committee wrap presents for all the United Tribes children and adolescents. Wenelle Veit, Housing Supervisor and Cheryl Wilkie, Mail Carrier, appreciated the help so much. They said that they would have been here for days wrapping presents if the basketball team didn't help. Cheryl also said the basketball team brought so much laughter and optimistic energy to the gift wrapping party, they made it a very enjoyable evening.

Along with all of the community

service activities, the Thunderbirds also have study groups that are mandatory so they are able to concentrate on their academics and be role models for other students.

Whenever there is something that comes up that we need help with, the basketball team is more than willing to step up and take a leadership role and donate their time to positive causes.

I would like to thank the Athletic Director, Kevin Finley and his staff for the outstanding job that they have done so far this year. Keep up the good work. Good luck for the rest of the season.



A few of the UTTC Walking Circle take a moment to pose and catch their breath. The Walking Circle traveled to Kirkwood Mall as a group activity to build an exercise-support system. This gathering was over a noon hour and each person was responsible for their own lunch. Stay posted for a January trip off-campus.

News from the Walking Circle

by Mark L. Mindt

The end of the 50 mile Club has come. I hope all of you walkers have met your goals. If not, then at least you have begun better fitness habits. My #1 goal has been fulfilled. I see it everyday. Heck, I see it every time I gaze out my window. You guessed it. The campus has begun to move!

What was once a dream, has now become reality. There are staff and students walking across campus from one building to the next instead of driving. I am proud to see our community also walking off-campus as well. Kirkwood Mall, Gateway Mall and the local gyms are now being frequented by our UTTC Community.

The Walking Circle will continue to be in full stride again in January 2003. As an extra incentive, not only will there be a 50-mile club, but a 100-mile club will be implemented into the program for our more advanced trainees. So make up your New Year's Resolutions and give me a call to make those goals of Wellness and Fitness become reality. Keep moving, UTTC!

If you are walking and want to be part of the UTTC Walking Circle, all you have to do is fill out a very brief form to let me know a little about you. This allows me to better structure a program for each walker. For more information on the Walking Circle, contact Mark Mindt, UTTC Physical Activities Coordinator @ ext. 239.

Practical Nursing Program awarded 4-year Approval

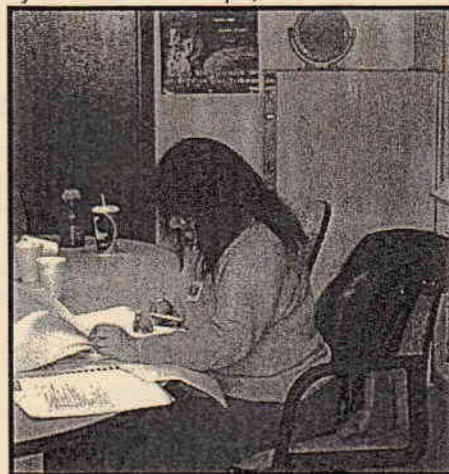
by Evelyn Orth

A representative from the ND Board of Nursing conducted an on-site review of the UTTC Practical Nursing program on October 9– 10, 2002. The comprehensive review process included: on-site visits to students' clinical sites; observation of classroom teaching; interviews with UTTC administration, staff at clinical sites, students, and nursing faculty; review of faculty and student records; and review of program curriculum, assessment, and minutes. The findings of the on-site review were presented at the November 21st Board of Nursing meeting. The Board unanimously voted to approve the UTTC Practical Nursing Program for four years, the maximum approval time-period that can be awarded to a nursing program in North Dakota. Approval by the Board of Nursing is required to educate students towards a career in the nursing profession.

The Practical Nursing program is also accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. Success of the program is also measured by graduates' pass-rate with NCLEX-PN, the national licensure examination. The past three years graduates who have taken NCLEX-PN have had a 100% pass-rate. Currently in 2002, all students who have taken the NCLEX-PN have passed. Program successes are a reflection of the quality education they receive here at United Tribes Technical College. Nursing faculty are: Sherry Messmer, Donna Iszler, and Evelyn Orth.

HIT Corner of Events!

by Shawna Zastoupil,



Laurie Lindteigen

Interview with HIT Student about Clinicals..

Each of the second year Health Information Tech. (HIT) students have visited a variety of health care facilities. At the facilities, they get to do hands-on work. It is a very exciting and scary time. We thought we would celebrate their experiences by interviewing them for the newsletter.

Laurie Lindteigen just finished her 90 hours of clinicals on November 1st. To start the interview, Laurie was asked of the 3 types of facilities she visited, which was her favorite. She chose the "Hospice" because there was more personal contact with the patients. Also, the care that the staff there had for their patient's was wonderful. **The Hospice facility would go out of their way to take care of the patient.** The patients weren't just numbers on a chart.

At this facility she worked on;

- Assembly of admit and discharge medical charts
- Billing.
- Scanning into electronic record
- Coding,
- Data entry
- Collection of time and attendance for RN and OT and PT people

On the flip side, she did not particularly like the acute care facility. This was partly due to the task of only assembling of records, and not a variety of tasks like the previous

facility.

The next question got to the "meat" of what HIT is about. I asked, "Did you think HIT was going to be like this?" Laurie responded, "No! I thought that HIM was just the little clerks behind the desk, stuck doing one task. But I found that there was much more involvement. I had a small view of this large career."

Laurie had some words for encouragement for next year students. **"Study up! The Clinical sites expect you to know this HIT stuff. They treat you as an equal!!"**

Now of course, being an instructor, I had to ask this next question.

"Do think your training at UTTC was a benefit?" Laurie enthusiastically stated, **"extremely beneficial!"**

Now for the fun part, Laurie was enthusiastic about HIT career so I wanted to know her plans in 5 years. Laurie confidently stated, **"Working for I.H.S.(Indian Health Services). Possibly having my own business of coding and transcription to contract for the I.H.S!"**

Thank you Laurie for taking the time to discuss this with us. Everyone wishes all the clinical students, the best of luck.

Sharing and Caring Drive a Huge Success!

by Cindy Balliet

Christmas came early to a number of UTTC students and their families this year. On December 14, the Elementary Education Club sponsored a Sharing and Caring Event for UTTC students. Thanks to the kindness and generosity of the UTTC family, the old bookstore was full of donated toys (many of which were brand new), food and clothing, and other miscellaneous items. Students and their families were invited to help themselves to whatever would help make the holidays a little brighter. Most of the donations were distributed, but a few boxes of clothes that were left were taken to the Abused Adult Resource Center downtown. THANK YOU to all of you who opened your hearts and contributed to our Sharing and Caring Drive. Special thanks also to Carol Walker for helping to coordinate the toy donations. Merry Christmas from the Elementary Education students!

Keeping our Campus Healthy

by *Sharlen Gjermundson*

Several departments on campus collaborated to provide health education and awareness to UTTC students and staff.

On November 6th, "A Day Just for Women" was held. The focus of the day was women's health issues. A variety of booths were displayed in the License Practical Nursing Department. The topics of the booths included: Self breast exam and education, depression, fetal alcohol syndrome, women's support group, diabetes, & folic acid to prevent birth defects. Custer Family Planning Clinic also provided yearly gynecological exams for the staff/student who met the income guidelines. UTTC nursing students were very professional as they educated students & staff on the proper technique for a self-breast examination. Student Health Center nurses performed random glucose monitoring and did blood pressures. Approximately ninety females participated.

On November 20th, the first "Men's Health Day" was held in the LPN department. Booths were



Pete Ducheneaux (LPN student) is providing health education to Martin Gipp.

displayed in the same fashion as the women's health day. Topics included: Testicular cancer, stress, body mass index, diabetes, healthy eating for the male athlete, ankle/foot injuries, tobacco use, sexually transmitted disease, etc. Informational booths were viewed from 9:00 a.m. to noon. In the afternoon, men were invited to take part in activities at the weight room in the James Henry Building. Lonnie Delorme and Mark Mindt assisted students and staff in proper weight lifting techniques, starter exercise program and stretching exercises. Pete Ducheneaux, a male nursing student did a wonderful job of educating our staff and students on testicular cancer. Forty or more men participated in the event.

Participants at each event were able to draw for door prizes and snacks were served. Thank you to all who donated the door prizes. Events such as these mentioned take a lot of planning and collaboration from many departments. I would like to thank the LPN Vocation, Chemical Health Center, Food & Nutrition Program, Diabetes Program, Student Support Services, Center for Student Success, Women's Way, Custer Family Planning, Mark Mindt, UTTC Cafeteria, & UTTC Security. I apologize if I may have forgotten to mention anyone. Thanks too, for all the staff and students who participated. We look forward to providing these events next year.



Display booths at Men's Health Day. Kim Hinnenkamp, Julie Cain, Linda Azure, & Wanda Agnew are shown manning their booth.

Safety & Saving Time From the North Dakota Safety Council

by *Sharlene Gjermundson*

Time is money: Wasted Time=Wasted Money. Getting a job done quicker does not mean getting it done in a manner that is not safe. To ensure that time is used efficiently and that the job is safe, use the following safety tips:

- ◆ Keep an orderly work area. Don't leave the mess to clean up at the end of the day, because it will not get done! A clean area is a safe area.
- ◆ Don't overcrowd workers and materials. Give employees room to work; they will be quicker and safer.
- ◆ Make sure that all employees understand that it is everyone's responsibility to maintain good housekeeping standards.
- ◆ Always keep an eye out for the little things that can cause accident.
- ◆ Keep toolboxes and cabinets neat and orderly. Digging around for a misplaced tool is lost time. Use the right tool. Using the wrong tool is, in most cases, unsafe and a no-no.
- ◆ Put the garbage in the garbage. Before you know it, the wind comes up and it is blowing all over the place or just in the way.

This all boils down to one simple statement: "Put things where they belong". By doing so you will be using time to it's best, and you will make the job easier, smoother, quicker.... and safer.

Completion of interview and placement plan

by Vince Schanadore, Career Counselor

Congratulations to all fall 2002 Graduates on your up and coming commencement day ceremony. May your future dreams and aspirations come true.

At the UTTC Career Development Office, we are in the business of trying to make a difference in your life in getting you on to higher education or a job. In order to help in this effort we need certain items from you that are mandated (required) by the Administration Office. These items are as follows: An Interview with either Shirley Iron Road or myself (in assisting you in career development), an updated data base card, a Resume, Closure form, and Federal Application Forms 171 and 612.

All Placement Files should be complete and due in the Career Development office by December 19, 2002. Names of Students who have not interviewed and have incomplete placement files will be sent over the Administration and Registrar's offices.

Please make an appointment with us as soon as possible (ASAP) if you have not already. We are located upstairs in Building 5A, same building as Financial Aid. Shirley Iron Road's Extension is 226 and mine is 280.



TJES Christmas Program

by Jacob Walking Bull, Grade 3

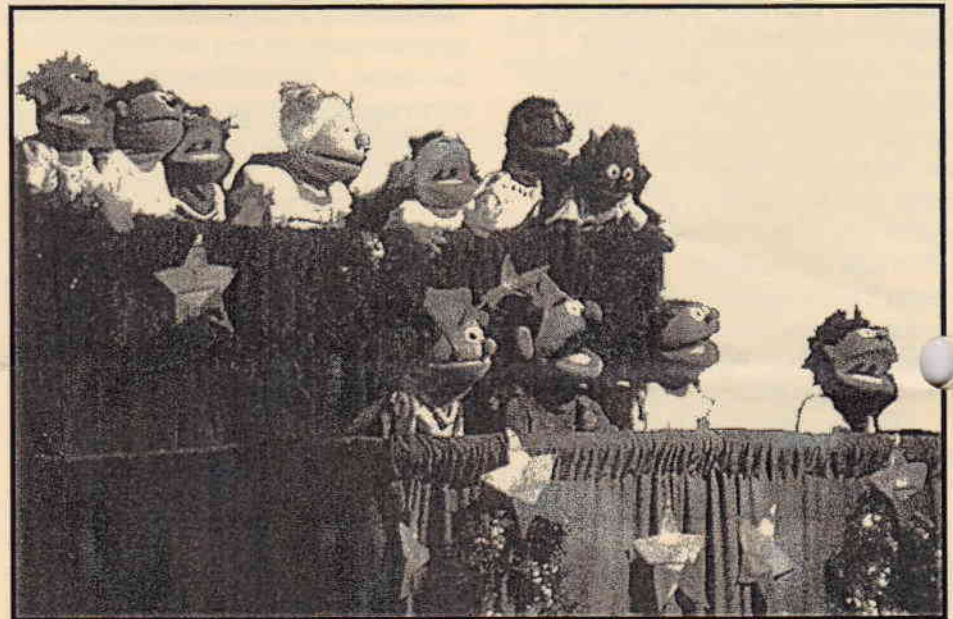
These first graders look like they had a lot of fun. That's because they were singing in the Christmas program called "Santa's Star Search."

The 7th and 8th graders were playing the puppets. Kindergarten sang several songs, one about their snowpants. They also had pictures of Frosty the Snowman. The 1st graders also sang songs and said poems. The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders all sang songs about Santa's Star Search. The fifth graders had chimes. They played Jolly Old St. Nicholas.

Tiana Howard sang "Silent night" in English while the 5th and 6th graders did sign language. Then they sang it in Lakota.

At the very end the 5th and 6th graders had a flashlight show.

They also had the decoration contest. The third place was the CJ Family, 2nd place was the Condon family and first place was the Cadotte Family. It was made by Alex, Whitney and Tyler Cadotte. Mr. Azure announced they had a Feast over at the cafeteria.



Safety Tip from North Dakota Worker's Compensation

Walking Safely in Winter Conditions

by Wanda Soza, Personnel Director

Plan ahead – plan your route and give yourself lots of time.

Wear boots or overshoes with grip soles so you have traction on snow and ice. Slick leather or rubber soles on dress shoes are unsafe on ice.

Don't walk with your hands in your pockets as this reduces your balance if you slip on the ice.

Don't carry or swing heavy loads such as large boxes or cases as they could cause you to lose your balance.

When walking, bend slightly forward so that your center of gravity is directly over your feet as much as possible. Curl your toes under and walk as flatfooted as possible.

Take short to medium steps or shuffle your feet in very icy areas.

Don't step on uneven surfaces. Step well over or avoid curbs with ice on them.

When entering or exiting vehicles, be especially careful and use the vehicle for support. TIP: Keep a container of kitty litter behind your driver's seat so you can toss some out when exiting your vehicle in ice and snow.

Stick to designated walkways as much as possible – a shortcut over a snow pile or other area where snow and ice removal does not occur may not be worth it.

When you enter a building, remove snow and water from footwear to prevent creating wet, slippery conditions indoors.

Be prepared to fall:

Should you fall, fall with sequential contacts at your thigh, hip, and shoulder to avoid using your arms to protect against breakage.

To prevent hitting your head on the pavement, bend your back and head forward

Gipp nominated to human relations committee

The President of United Tribes Technical College has been nominated to serve on the Bismarck Human Relations Committee. Dr. David M. Gipp was nominated December 12 by Bismarck Mayor John Warford to serve as an initial member of the committee.

Others nominated are Kameran Ali, claims benefit specialist at U. S. Healthcare, Dina Butcher, Governor Hoeven's Human Rights Director in 2001, Bob Gomez, executive director of Dakota Center for Independent Living, Lola Huwe, homemaker and retired legal secretary, Amy Schauer Nelson, executive

director of ND Fair Housing Council, Aruna Seth, founding president of International Club and member of the Bismarck Public School Board, and Rose Stoller, executive director of the Consensus Council.

Final approval of nominations is up to the Bismarck City Commission.



Thunderbirds lose two going into the Christmas break

When you have a young team the most difficult obstacle is time. That is what both the T-Birds men's and women's teams are experiencing going into the Christmas season. "Ability wise we're fine, said coach Finley, anytime you start from scratch with new players and /or a new coaching staff the growth of a team takes time and how long it takes to come together is not for anyone to decide. Basketball is a team sport and we are in the very early stages of a new season with all new players on both teams." In the most recent section the men's team ran into two very good teams in NDSCS/ Wahpeton and Concordia. " Science is loaded, " said the coach, "they're

big, they can run, shoot, and just flat out play, " they have 6 sophomores back from last year's 33-1 team so the coaches knew they were in for a battle. " Concordia is like no other Concordia team I've ever seen in my 8 years here, they beat a very tough Williston team recently and they got by us on our home court by 2 last weekend so losing to good team in the end will help our teams in their growth period, how well our athletes stay focused as a team will be the difference. In the women's games Wahpeton was just too strong, they had a legitimate 11 players that could sub for anyone and their rhythm was unaffected. " We're a division II school and competing against division I teams like Wahpeton,

who can recruit anywhere in the world is a challenge, in the recruiting battle, money talks and is the difference in signing a recruit.

Against Concordia, the lady T-Birds played them very tough, leading by as many as 13 at one point, "We had our chances" said coach Finley, "we just haven't been in enough close games yet and we have to realize that every mistake will haunt us in the end. The important thing is that we are in games right up to the end and we are competing, I can honestly say that when play-off time comes around both teams are going to be in the hunt for a national tournament berth, our athletes are solid both on and off the court," concluded the coach.

T'was The Night Before Christmas

It was the night before Christmas, when all through the house, Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there. The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugarplums danced in their heads; And Mama in her kerchief and I in my cap, Had just settled down for a long winter's nap. When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters, and threw up the sash. The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow, Gave the luster of midday to objects below, When what to my wondering eyes should appear, But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer. With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick. More rapid than

eagles his reindeer they came, And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name: "Now, Dasher! Now, Dancer!, Now Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! On, Cupid!, On, Donner and Blitzen! To the top of the porch! To the top of the wall! Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!!" As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky, So up to the house-top the reindeer they flew, With a sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas, too. And then in a twinkling, I heard on the roof, The prancing of reindeer and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my head, and was turning around, Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound. He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot. A bundle of toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack. His

eyes-how they twinkled! His dimples, how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry! His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow; He had a broad face and a little round belly, That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly. He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself. A wink of his eye, and a twist of his head, Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread. He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk, And laying a finger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle. But I heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight,



" Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"



The Other Side of Christmas

by *Brian J. Eagle, new student*

Another Ebenezer Scooge story in a different Style:

During the holidays, I'm what you'd call a miser, the grinch, a scrooge. I don't believe, like or partake in the holiday joy. I have always been invited to my family's dinners and joyous times. I never accepted one because looters are the only people who come to your homes when you're not there. Not some portly man with a tummy like a bowl full of jelly. At least I thought so until one Christmas eve night.

Even though I don't share your happiness during these times. I, too have a Christmas story to tell all the boys and girls, young and old. Hopefully, you appreciate my stance afterwards.

Christmas eve around 11:15 pm

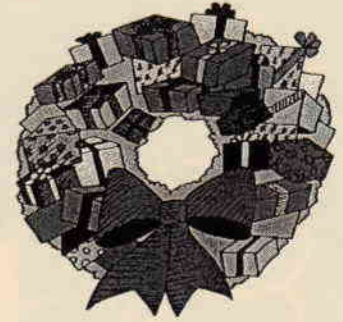
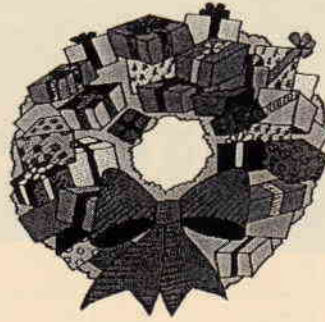
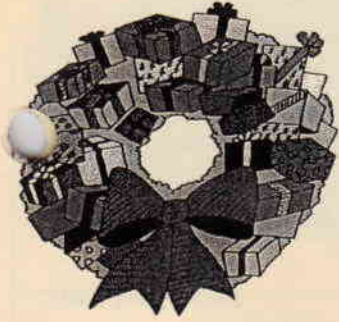
and I am already to shoot whom ever comes to my home to steal my goodies. I must have dozed off because all of a sudden I hear this person breathing heavy and cussing about no cookies or tree. "No Stockings", am I in the wrong house. 386 Elm Street, yeah this place is it. Two lumps of coal. Yep, now where to..." Bang, I shot my gun off, you see I had all the lights off, ready and waiting for such an intruder. I shot low to disable whomever was there. Then the cops can handle the rest.

I flip on the lights and lo-n-behold, there's the red suit wearing fat man. There was no twinkle in his eyes, just a look of pain. I shot the attempting burglar in the foot. He was huddled,

holding his hurt foot. Cussing to himself and at me.

"Now look what you've done. How am I to deliver all the toys to boys and girls?" "I don't know, don't you have magic or something?" "You'll be my magic tonight."

And with that he forcefully pulled me up the chimney and to the sleigh. Off we went. I was the bringer of your toys on the Christmas of 1997. So if you happen to have found broken toys or just lumps of coal. Whether or not you deserved it, I'm the man you write to. Send a donation because that night I was robbed of all my possessions. Holiday cheer! Bah Humbug!



A holiday thanks and good wishes to all from UTTC

To All At Christmas & In The New Year

On behalf of our students, staff & faculty, and board, we wish you the very best over the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

We hope that you will all have a joyful and peaceful time—whether you are traveling or spending the time at your home with family, relatives or friends.

Moreover, we wish you great success & good health whether you are a student, a member of the staff or at home in your community.

We wish our Winter Graduates the very best as they leave the campus and go on to a job or other educational endeavors.

We thank all of you for doing your best, and for the wonderful support we have received from you and our many friends at the various Tribes, and other agencies or communities who have supported United Tribes Technical College during the past year. We thank our tribal, state and congressional leaders for their support and hard work—for the College and the people!

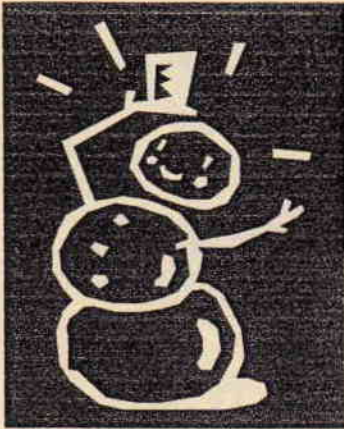
Indeed, we are here and will remain so—but with an active, ongoing effort to reach out to many more intertribal students and communities, on and off campus, as we enter 2003. Likewise, we want you to join us as we enter our **34th year of service to Indian Country**, and to so many who look forward to receiving training and education along with the thousands of past alumni of UTTC.

So, may you each have a happy, spiritual and most productive time in the coming year!

David M. Gipp,
President
UTTC

Charles W. Murphy,
Chairman
UTTC Board & Standing Rock Sioux
Tribe





ITC NEWS

December 2002

Guess What We're Doing at ITC?

*"Know that we are eager to share
our gifts, in the name of love."*

SENECA

Areas and caregivers:

Joann and Shannin	0-6 months
Brooke and Sis	6-12 months
Juanita and Roger	12-18 months
Brenda and Erin	18-24 months
Dawn and Jennifer	2-3 year olds
Denise and Heather	2-3 year olds

This month at the Infant Toddler Center the two and three year olds will have one theme week each of Mice, Filling Santa's Sleigh, and New Year's!

The first week of December the theme was mice! The children have been working hard to make all different kinds of mice, cutting cheese and reading stories about mice!

The second week of December they will be working on filling Santa's sleigh, by making snowflakes, stockings, wreaths, wrapping presents, and of course making the Santa himself!

The last week of daycare while Mom and Dad are studying hard and taking finals our little two and three year olds will be making New Year's kazoos and megaphones to help you celebrate the end of the semester and the beginning of a new year!



Happy Holidays from the staff at ITC! We hope you all have a safe and joyous Holiday season. We look forward to seeing everyone in January!

Special Reminders:

- Please remember to bring extra winter clothes for your children!
- If you have any clothes from ITC, please return them...we are running low on extras! Thank you!
- Please check with the office to make sure your children's file is complete and their immunizations are up to date.

The 12-18 month olds have been working on filling and dumping, crawling through tunnels and tents, rolling, kicking, and throwing the balls and of course sharing!

The 6-12 month olds have also been working on filling and dumping, crawling and some are starting to walk...Yeah!

The 0-6 month olds are enjoying their days with Shannin and Joann. They do lots of eating sleeping, playing, and talking!

Parents if you have breaks in between classes please feel free to stop by the center and share part of your child's day with them. If you have any questions or concerns please let us know. We enjoy each and every one of your children and we strive to make this a safe, learning environment for your children daily!

Annual ITC Christmas Party

Quotes From Connie the Kitchen Coordinator:

"How can I be over the hill already if I was never on top?!"

It's that time of year again, and with the Holidays approaching everyone at the Infant Toddler center would like to invite the parents to our annual Christmas Party! The party will be held at the Infant Toddler center on Tuesday, December 17th at 2:30pm. We encourage all of the parents to come. There will be door prizes, Christmas goodies and of course, Santa Claus! We hope to see everyone here to partake in the Holiday cheer!

January 2003

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

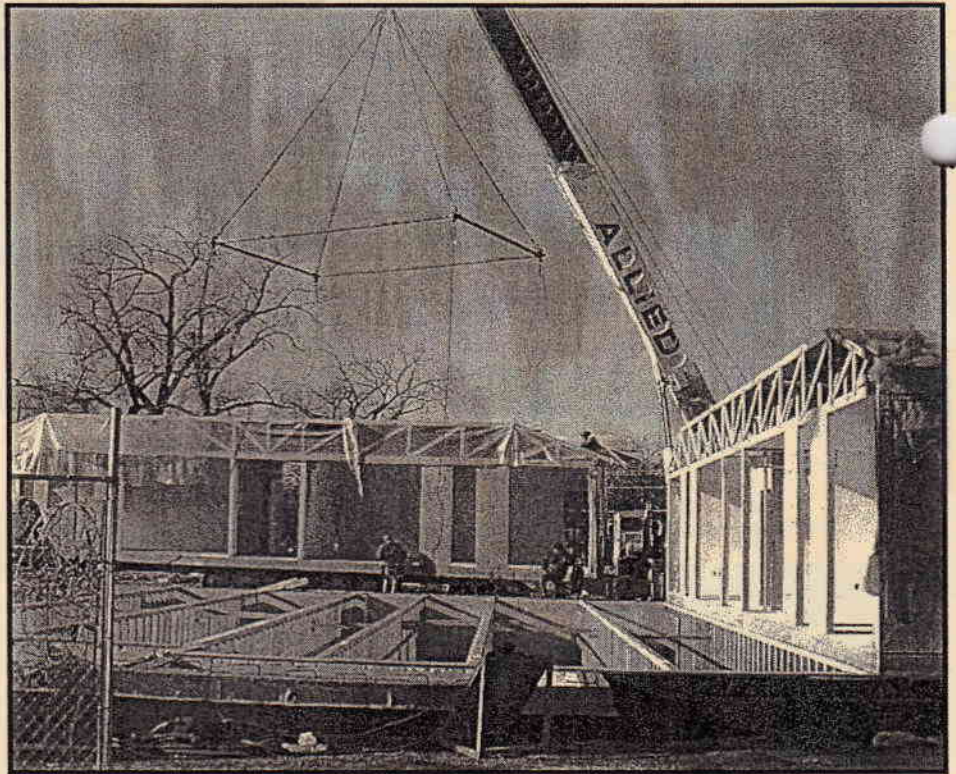
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>NO CLASSES</i> <i>CHRISTMAS VACATION</i>	2	3	4
5	6 <i>ORIENTATION</i> → <i>7pm-MOVIE NIGHT</i>	7 → <i>10:45am -Vocational & Campus Services Fair- Large Gym</i>	8 1-5pm <i>CHC-Custer Health</i> → <i>1pm-Bingo for New Students ONLY-Cafeteria</i> <i>5pm-Pizza & Bowling NEW STUDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES ONLY</i>	9 <i>CLASSES START</i>	10 <i>T-Birds Basketball-GYM W-7:00</i>	11
12	13	14 <i>T-Birds Basketball-GYM W-5:30 M-7:30</i>	15 <i>7pm-MOVIE NIGHT</i>	16 <i>1-5pm-OPEN HOUSE Center for Student Success</i>	17 <i>T-Birds Basketball-GYM W-5:30 M-7:30</i>	18
19 <i>T-Birds Basketball-GYM W-2:00 M-4:00</i>	20 <i>7:05pm-Wizards Game FREE TICKETS@ Center for Student Success</i>	21 <i>T-Birds Basketball-GYM W-6:00</i>	22 <i>7pm-MOVIE NIGHT</i>	23	24 <i>T-Birds Basketball-GYM W-5:30 M-7:30</i>	25 <i>6-9pm-YMCA NIGHT</i>
26 <i>T-Birds Basketball-GYM W-2:00 M-4:00</i> <i>SUPERBOWL PARTY- Chill F</i>	27	28	29 <i>7pm-MOVIE NIGHT</i>	30	31	

Construction TJES
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the start of the new school term in January.

The student dorm building, under construction near the UTTC Security Office, is funded by the U. S. Department of Education, the American Indian College Fund, USDA Rural Development, and United Tribes. The dorm will house 86 students when completed in July or early August, 2003.

The architect for the project is Ritterbush, Ellig & Hulsing, Inc. The project is managed by C/A Contracting.



The expansion of Theodore Jamerson Elementary School is nearly completed. The modular building units were set in place during very good weather in the week of December 9. (photo by Mark Anderson, TJES)



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