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February 17, 2003

UTTC Spring enrollment up 25 percent

Bismarck, ND – The numbers are in and enrollment is up for the second consecutive term at United Tribes Technical College. According to the official student registration count from the UTTC registrar's office, 444 college students met the deadline for Spring Semester. That compares with enrollment of 356 during Fall 2002, making spring enrollment the highest on record for a single term in UTTC's 33-year history.

Among the college's 16 certificate and degree granting programs, Practical Nursing attracts the highest number of students with 55 registered, followed by Office Technology, 46, Computer Support Technology, 38, and Criminal Justice, 37. Included are students taking classes over the instructional video network (IVN) and online over the Internet. Enrollment for online classes continues.

The 25 percent enrollment increase caused college administrators and staff to make special arrangements for off-



UTTC Nursing 101 Class

campus private housing, transportation, and food services. A student dormitory building, now under construction, will help alleviate the housing shortage for single students when the building is completed in the summer.

Spring enrollment at Theodore Jamerson Elementary School is 150, also an all-time high. TJES serves children of UTTC students and other parents in the community with grades K through eight. -0-More Information: 701-255-3285.

Closing the doors "not an option!"

by David M. Gipp, UTTC President

By now you've read or seen reports about the decision by the federal administration to exclude United Tribes Technical College from the Department of Interior budget request for next year. (see story on p. 3) The news was very setting to everyone at the College. I was particularly surprised because we had been working with the Department of the Interior. We had received numerous implied assurances that we wouldn't



Dr. David M. Gipp

have a repeat of the non-funding pattern the department used last year. Secretary of Interior Gale Norton and former Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Neal continued on page 8.

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Holiday:

**President's Day
No School, No Work
February 17, 2003**



Dennis Lucier's UTTC Diner

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

Feb. 17 - 21

Feb. 24 - 28

DINNER

M Beef Stroganoff, Noodles
 T Indian Tacos
 W Hamburger On A Bun, Baked Beans
 T House Special Pizzas
 F Roasted Pork, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy

SUPPER

M Chili, Dinner Roll
 T Bar-B-Que Chicken, Baked Potato
 W Chicken Burger, Chicken Noodle Soup
 T Sub Sandwich, Bean Salad
 F Tater Tot Hotdish

DINNER

M Goulash, Waxed Beans
 T Bean Soup, Ham Sandwich
 W Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
 T German Style Sausage, Kraut, Boiled Potatoes
 F Fishwich, Potato Salad

SUPPER

M Hamburger Steak, Summer Squash
 T Pork Chops, Rice
 W Lasgna , Garlic Toast
 T Grilled Steak, Baked Potato
 F Hotdogs On A Bun, Baked Beans



Submit your article

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Grant Aid Scholarship Workshops Student Support Services

(For all students enrolled in the following classes at the Jack Barden Center)

**Prep Math
 Prep English
 Prep Reading**

**Wednesday, March 19, 2003 6:00-7:00
 Tuesday, March 25, 2003 6:00-7:00
 Thursday, March 27, 2003 6:00-7:00**

Scholarship amount depends on participation

No Children - Please make necessary arrangements

(Infant Toddler Center open Monday-Thursday 6-9 for children up to 10 years of age)

Only one in 20 people regularly give blood. For every person in need of blood the simple act of giving is heroic.

GIVE BLOOD. BE A HERO!

BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday,
 February 26, 2003
 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Bloodmobile will be parked across from the Ed. Bldg.

Contact the Student Health Center at 255-3285 at Ext. 247 or 286 to set up an appointment. **Do not forget your I.D.**

Snacks will be served.

School funding omitted from DOI budget

by Dennis J. Neumann

Bismarck, ND - United Tribes Technical College has learned that the Bush Administration is recommending no funding for the college in next year's federal budget.

"It appears that funding has been cut for FY 2004," said David M. Gipp, UTTC President.

The college is waiting for written confirmation of the information. The college receives about \$3 million through the U. S. Department of Interior. It would be the second time in two years that the current administration has proposed no funding for UTTC. Last year Congressional action reversed the DOI action and funded the

school.

"We're still looking to verify the information," said Gipp. "We've asked the congressional delegation to look into it."

According to Gipp, school officials felt there was "no problem" being included in the budget. Assurances "not to worry" were provided as recently as October by then Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Neil McCaleb, who has since retired from government service. Prior to last year, UTTC had received BIA education itemized funding each year since 1981. Loss of the appropriation would cut the school's annual budget by 53 percent.

"We have no plans to close or any-

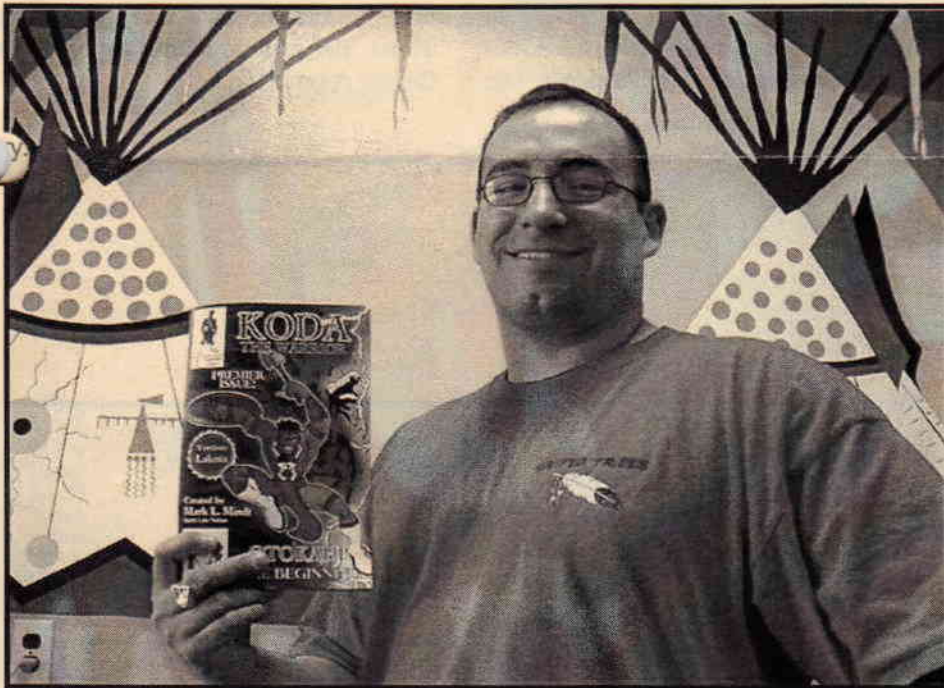
thing like that," said Gipp. "Our enrollment is up and we have a high demand to continue what we've been doing for 34 years educating American Indian students and their families."

North Dakota U. S. Senators Kent Conrad and Byron Dorgan have assured the college that they will do everything they can to restore the funding, said Gipp.

"We appreciate those who helped us secure funding in the past and who will help us in the future," said Gipp.

Fiscal Year 2004 begins October 1st. UTTC is funded in the current federal budget.

"KODA The Warrior" comic book released



A couple years ago Mark Mindt woke up one morning and told his dad he was giving up on plans to produce his "KODA" comic book. Mindt didn't know how to transfer his freehand artwork onto a computer screen and funding for the book had become a struggle.

Two formidable obstacles for even the mightiest of superheroes like KODA, which means friend in the Dakota language. "I told him, 'it's not going to happen,'" recalls Mindt, who graduated from U-Mary in 1999 with

degrees in elementary and early childhood education. "But my father said, 'I won't let that happen.'"

He remembers his father, LaVern Mindt, who used to farm in the Pony Gulch township near Harvey, telling him, "You know, Walt Disney had been turned down many times and felt like quitting, but he didn't, and look what that got him — Disneyland. You could have KODALand." Just those few powerful words of inspiration from his father energized Mark to continue.

He began drawing strength from that conversation much like his own superhero as he faces obstacles and villains along the journey.

With that never-give-up spirit clenched in his hands, Mark began learning art computer programs on his own and through the help of an art and marketing degree he is currently pursuing at United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck.

Today, Mindt has transformed KODA into a real superhero. His work has gone from a simple sketchpad drawing to a brightly colored 32-page comic book called "KODA The Warrior" Premier Edition, completely written and illustrated by the author, Mark Mindt.

Recently Mindt debuted his comic book to the media and to his own art students at Theodore Jamerson Elementary School on the UTTC campus. Hundreds of copies have been printed for distribution to local reservation and non-reservation k-12 schools.

But Mindt expects distribution to skyrocket locally and perhaps nationally because of the book's message to the young and old. "KODA The Warrior" isn't your normal, ordinary comic book that you buy in stores," repeated

**"Koda The Warrior"
comic book release**

continued on page 6.

UTTC Extension Program and Nutrition and Food service students promote folic acid

by Kim Hinnenkamp,

UTTC Extension Program

January has been declared "North Dakota Folic Acid Awareness Month". Because of this, the Nutrition and Foodservice students along with the UTTC Extension Program and Burleigh County Extension Service promoted the importance of folic acid to the ND legislators at the Capital on January 24, 2003. This activity was an effort of the North Dakota Folic Acid Task Force, which the UTTC Extension Program is a member.

Peanuts, which are high in folic acid, were given out, plus information about why folic acid is important and what foods it can be found in. Folic acid is a B vitamin that, when taken before and during the early weeks of pregnancy, has been shown to prevent birth defects. It also may play a role in preventing Alzheimer's disease, some cancers,



heart disease and strokes. Foods that are good sources of folic acid include leafy green vegetables, orange juice, and dried beans. Cereals, rice and pasta that have been fortified with folic

acid are also good sources.

For more information about folic acid, please contact Kim Hinnenkamp at ext. 397 or stop by her office, Skills Center room 115.

Staff attend Marketplace 2003

by Barbara Schmitt

On January 15th and 16th, 2003 staff attended Marketplace 2003 in Grand Forks, ND. Barbara Schmitt-University Center, Ryanne Red Bird-Tourism, Carol Anderson-Business Instructor, and Vince Schanandore-Career Development attended this two-day conference.

Marketplace of Ideas brings together people from across our region to showcase their business ideas and expertise, share their experiences and inspirations, and learn from others who have made their dreams into reality. Over 7,000 attended this year's Marketplace.

Ms. Schmitt was the moderator for a workshop titled "Tribal College Entrepreneurship Initiatives". A panel consisting of each of the tribal community colleges in North Dakota showcased how they are helping entrepreneurs with their business ideas. Carol Anderson-Business Instructor at UTTC was one of the panelist.



Vince Schanandore, UTTC Career Development Office visits with Cal Thorson, Technical Information Specialist, Northern Great Plains Research Lab in Mandan at the UTTC booth. Marketplace of Ideas, Grand Forks, ND -January 16, 2003

ARE YOU IN NEED OF A TUTOR? HERE THEY ARE!

You will find tutors in the Jack Barden Center,
Education Building and the Skill Center
Check the newsletter for the Tutor Schedule.

REMEMBER MIDTERMS ARE IN THREE WEEKS!!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL MONICA AT EXT. 466



Geri Fischer, Office Technology



Glen Delorme, Criminal Justice



*Kelly Archambault, Food & Nutrition, Algebra,
Chemistry, and General Education*



Pete Bass, Business Management



Pete Ducheneaux, Nursing and Math



Rhonda Yankton, Office Technology and Math



Tracy Shelltrack, Automotive Technology

“Koda The Warrior” comic book release

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Mindt. “It’s a cultural tool for educating and building tomorrow’s leaders.”

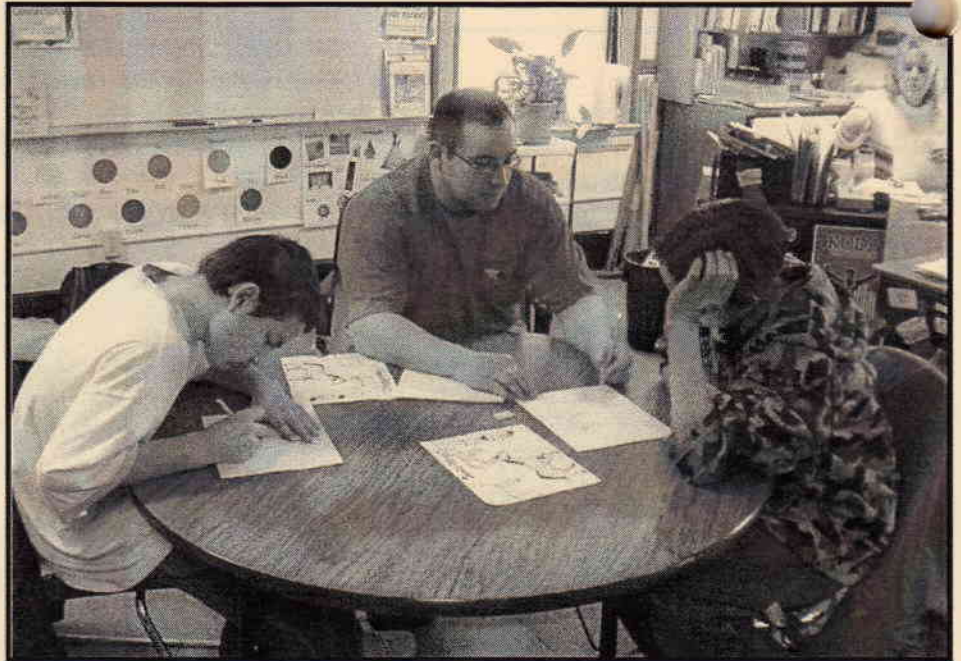
KODA is a Native American superhero that speaks Dakota. He gains strength and power by practicing and encouraging good values and servant leadership qualities to others of all cultures.



The first edition of the groundbreaking comic book featuring native warrior, KODA (Dakota for friend), is now in print. UTTC Art and Art Marketing student Mark Mindt recently released his superhero to the reading public. Years of work went into taking “KODA The Warrior” from the sketchpad to a brightly colored 32-page comic book. Hundreds of copies have been printed for distribution to local reservation and non-reservation k-12 schools. KODA is a Native American superhero that speaks Dakota. He gains strength and power by practicing and encouraging good values and servant leadership qualities to all cultures.

This Premier Edition features another of Mindt’s heroes, his father LaVern. The book begins with Mark saving his father’s life from a storm that sweeps through their farm.

Comic book features native warrior



In addition to being a UTTC student, Mindt also teaches art at Theodore Jamerson Elementary School on campus. He’s a member of the Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe. Mindt expects distribution to skyrocket because of the book’s message to young and old. “KODA The Warrior” isn’t your normal, ordinary comic book,” said Mindt. “It’s a cultural tool for educating and building tomorrow’s leaders.” KODA The Warrior comic books are available for \$4.50 and can be purchased by contacting Mindt at kodathewarrior@yahoo.com or at the Impact store on 324 E Broadway Ave in Bismarck. Stores interested in carrying the comic book are encouraged to contact Mindt.

Ironically, the book had already been written when Mark learned of his father’s death, nearly a year ago, caused by falling off the tractor while feeding cattle. “The comic book has been a real healing tool and learning experience, not only for me but for the children I teach,” says Mindt, a member of the Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe.

“I will never give up on my dreams. And ‘KODA The Warrior’ is certainly a

dream come true, thanks to my dad.” “KODA The Warrior” comic book is available to anyone for \$4.50 and can be purchased by contacting Mindt at kodathewarrior@yahoo.com or at the Impact store on 324 E Broadway Ave in Bismarck.

Other stores interested in carrying the comic book are encouraged to contact Mindt.—30—More Information: Mark L. Mindt, 701-471-6257

Thank you letter from Monticello

January 27, 2003

Dear Dr. Gipp,

It was an honor to have you at Monticello last week and I am sorry that we did not have the opportunity to visit more.

As you know, our collaboration with UTTC was the centerpiece of our efforts to recreate Jefferson’s “Indian Hall.” Getting to know Butch Thunder Hawk, Wayne Pruse, Mark McBride and the other students has been a tre-

mendous personal and professional pleasure for me. We are so grateful to the College for the incredible artistry and professionalism.

I will never forget the experience and the work will grace Monticello in perpetuity.

With all best wishes,

Elizabeth Chew,
Monticello Historic Site



President's List Fall 2002

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TM ABRAMS, BARBARA
 FN ARCHAMBAULT, KELLY
 OT ARCOREN, TONI
 ECE BACHLER, JUNE
 ECE BAUMANN, BRENDA
 SBM BIG CROW, NANCY
 ECE BRADY, SUSAN
 CST CAMPBELL, DENNISIA
 OT CARRY MOCCASIN, LUANN
 CST CIRCLE BEAR, CHERYL
 IP CLOWN, DELMAR
 DANKS, CHERYL
 CST DAVIS, VALERIE
 AAM DECORAH, TEATA
 LPN DECOTEAU, DAWN
 ECE DRIVER, DEANN
 LPN DUBRAY, KATERI
 TM EAGLE, LEIGHTON
 ECE ESTENSON, NATALIE
 OT FISHER, GERI
 HIT FLEURY, CARLA
 OT FLYNN, ASHLEY
 ECE FOX, LAVETTA
 ECE FROHLICH, PATRICIA
 SBM GIPP, MARTIN
 OT GLADSON, ANDREA
 OT GOOD SHIELD, INA
 ECE GREEN, ANITA
 AT GUINA, GEORGE
 CJ HALSEY, CHANCE
 CST HAMILTON, ELIZABETH
 HIT HAMILTON, JESSICA
 TT HANKINSON, CAROLINE
 CJ HART, RANDI
 ECE HERTEL, ALLISON
 LPN HINSLEY, DIANA
 ECE HURKES, VIVIAN
 HIT JAMES, JEAN
 OT KILLS SMALL, ELLEN
 CST KNIFE, BRITTANY
 LPN KUNTZ, WENDY
 LPN KURLE, AIMEE
 ECE LAFONTAINE, MELISSA
 LPN LEE, JESSICA
 OT LINKLATER, MICHAEL
 SBM MARKS, CHAD
 ECE MAXON, JUANITA
 IP MCADAMS, NORMA

LPN MCCLUSICK, DINA
 ECE MENDOZA, TANYA
 HIT MERRICK, KARINA
 TM METCALF, CLIFFORD
 LPN MIDDAGH, JOEL
 CST MILLER, ROBERT
 AAM MINDT, MARK
 SBM OLD ELK, NATASHA
 LPN OLHEISER, LISA
 FN OLIVER, TONA
 FN OLSON, NARCISSE
 OT PEASE, SHANNON
 HIT PECORE, JAMIE
 AAM PEPION, JOHN
 LPN PEPION, ROBYN
 CT PEYRON, CRIKET
 ECE PHELPS, CELESTE
 CST PONGA, JEAN
 SBM QUINN, DARRELL
 ECE RABER, LISA
 HIT REITER, KATHERINE
 ECE RIEDINGER, REBECCA
 ECE ROBERTS, BENNILEE
 SBM ROBERTS, LEONARD
 ECE SCHMIDT, GAIL
 ECE SCHULZ, LINDA
 AT SHELLTRACK, TRACY
 ECE SHOYO, BUNNI
 SBM SIEGFRIED, KAREN
 IP SKINNER, LERAY
 LPN SMITH, MONICA
 HIT SMITH, PHILLAMINE
 ECE STENSETH, MARILYN
 CST STEVENS, BRANDON
 OT STEVENS, MARGARET
 OT STEWART, GERI
 SBM SWAGGER, WANDA
 ECE TJADEN, KAREN
 HIT TORRALBA, MARINA
 HIT TORRALBA, VERNON
 ECE TRETT, MARY
 LPN TROTTIER, TERRANCE
 OT TUSKE, LINDSEY
 ECE WALKER, LEAH
 ECE WAMSLEY, CORY
 CST WASHAKIE, KATRINA
 TM WASHAKIE, QUANNAH
 ECE WEISS, KATHLEEN
 OT WHITEMAN, EMMETT
 ECE WILLIAMS, KAY
 IP WOLF, SHARI
 ECE ZASTE, DEBRA
 ECE ZENKER, DENISE
 LPN ZITZMAN, BREE

United Tribes Technical College Dean's List

FALL 2002

AAM ANDREWS, JOAUIIN
 CST ARCHAMBAULT, CYRIL
 OT AZURE, FRANCIS
 HIT BAKER, ADELAIDE
 CJ BASS, KERI
 CJ BELL, BILLY
 CJ BERNIE, SHYANNE
 CST BIG HAIR, FLORA
 TT BIG HEAD, CARLA
 CST BIRDINGROUND, KALSEY
 ECE BLACK CLOUD, CRYSTAL
 IP BRUNELLE, MERRY
 CJ CAMPBELL, WAYNE
 ECE CAVANAUGH, ADELINE
 CJ CHASKE, WILLARD
 SBM CHEVALIER, ANTOINE
 IP COMPTON, TRAMAINÉ
 SBM CUTLER, CHRISTA
 LPN DECOTEAU, JESSICA
 CJ DELORME, GLEN
 AAM DUCHENEAUX, JAMIE
 LPN DUCHENEAUX, PETE
 AT GREYHORN, VINCENT
 OT GUTIERREZ, SARA
 CT HAMILTON, JASON
 AT HIMES, JOSIAH
 CJ HOLDS, VERLEEN
 CJ LAFONTAINE, BARTEN
 HIT LINDTEIGEN, LAURIE
 SBM MANY HORSES, NICOLE
 AT MCCARTY, THOMAS
 LPN MURPHY, DANIELLE
 CST PERRY, ESTELLE
 CST PICKNER, LONNIE
 CJ PROVANCIAL, MARCUS
 ECE PROVANCIAL, MISTY
 CST QUINN, AMANDA
 CJ REED, CLARICE
 CJ REED, HELEN
 OT RENVILLE, AMANDA
 ECE ROUBIDEAUX, WYLEEN
 HIT SCHOCK, ULI
 CJ STEAD, JAMIE
 LPN STEWART, KRISTEN
 IP THOMAS, JAIME
 IP THOMPSON, AVERY
 FN WEBSTER, NATHAN
 ECE WEBSTER, NICOLE
 LPN WEIGEL, VERONICA
 CT WELLS, LUKE
 LPN WEIST, JESSICA

UTTC announces Who's Who

Fifteen students at United Tribes Technical College have been selected for inclusion in the next Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. The students are recognized for outstanding merit and accomplishments during the 2002 – 2003 academic year.

Early Childhood Education

Lavetta Fox

BenniLee Roberts

Bunni Shoyo

Leah Walker

Computer Support Technology

Andrea M. Condon

Small Business Management

Martin Gipp

Office Technology

Ina Good Shield

Automotive Service Technology

Vincent Grey Horn

Tracy Shelltrack

Peter Two Bulls

Health Information Technology

Laurie Laundreaux

Jamie Pecore

Nutrition and Food Service

Tona Oliver

Practical Nursing

Veronica Weigel

Closing the doors "not an option"

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McCaleb visited our campus on June 18, 2002. They met with a student delegation that made excellent presentations about the school. Despite our efforts to show the success of our students, they didn't seem to get it.

I want everyone to know that this is just a minor setback in a lengthy process. Despite our shock and dismay, we will overcome the bureaucratic indifference of the Department of the Interior. Closing the doors of United Tribes Technical College next year is not an option! Indeed, we are committed to the success of students who are here now to complete a quality education. We are committed to serv-

ing those waiting with their children to come here in the future. Letting the bureaucrats close our doors would deny access to a new life-for children and adults-and block the road to independence. I know that we will prevail in having our funding for next year because we have many friends and supporters who know about the value of our work and the students who graduate from UTTC. North Dakota's Congressional delegation is with us. Senators Kent Conrad and Byron Dorgan and Congressman Earl Pomeroy have pledged their continued support to seek restoration of budgeted funds for next fiscal year. North Dakota Governor John Hoeven has sent a letter to President Bush asking him to seek restoration of our budget request. Charles Murphy, Chairman of the UTTC board and the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, has sent a request to Interior Secretary Norton. As college president, it's my top priority to make our future secure. I met with key staff at President Bush's Office of Management and Budget on February 11, 2003. I presented solid proof for those who would question the College and our positive student outcomes. Two indicators are particularly important. Our student retention rate is an outstanding 89 percent. And our rate of student placement is equally impressive at 90 percent. I won't stop telling our success story to those who have questions and those who are ready to support us.

In the weeks ahead, I ask you-students, staff and faculty-to continue to work toward your goals and objectives with diligence, pride and hope. Your continued success is the key reason why UTTC is operating after 34 years.

Support your school by "staying on course." Let's keep our spirits strong as we rise to this challenge. Let's support our congressional delegation and other friends as they help us. Be strong, have a good heart and our future will be good.

**Happy Valentine's
Day to all the
staff, student and
faculty**

Walking Circle Tips

by Mark L. Mindt

Woglaka?/Talking?

Do you like to jabber away to your buddy (or even yourself when no one is around) while walking or doing other forms of cardio? Maybe you should keep this in mind. Scientists at the Wingate Institute in Israel found that when people exercised on treadmill while talking, they had lower parameters of oxygen uptake (not good) and higher levels of built-up lactic acid, carbon dioxide and blood pressure (all bad). This gave the researchers ample ammo to conclude that talking during exercise can have detrimental effects on your performance.

This does not mean you should ignore your Walking Circle partners. By walking at a pace you could carry on a conversation, you know you are keeping a zone of comfort with a moderate intensity level. As with all forms of exercise, take it slowly and workout safely.

For more information on walking or other forms of working out, please contact Mark L. Mindt, UTTC Physical Activities Coord. Ext. 239.

H.I.T. Department nominations for January Student of the Month...


by Shawna Z. RHIT



Phillamine Smith- As a second year H.I.T. student, Phil has been chosen for nomination due to her **positive** attitude. She also is active a president of the H.I.T. club and has excellent attendance. Good Luck Phil!

Melissa White- As a first year H.I.T. student, Melissa has been chosen for nomination due to her remarkable improvement in her academics. The H.I.T. instructors wanted to recognize her for all her effort this semester. Good luck, Melissa.

Indian humor experts hidden UTTC treasure

 *Jesi Silbernagel*

Isn't it true that we sometimes get so used to people that we don't appreciate the difference they make in our lives? For instance, there are two people on campus who operate a "home away from home" at the Recreation Center, Tom Red Bird and John Thunderhawk. Lots of people hang out there. Students go there when they're feeling home sick and need a fix of good-old "Indian Humor." These two have a gift - they make you laugh so hard that you cry till your stomach aches. They have permanent smile lines on their faces from all the laughing they do in a day.

Health experts tell us that laughter offers many wellness benefits. It relaxes tense muscles; reduces blood pressure and heart rate; exercises face muscles, diaphragm and abdomen; boosts the immune system; and causes the body to release pain-fighting hormones. Laughter also helps you gain emotional distance from distressing situations.

Indian Humor is our way of producing laughter; it's essential to car-



rying on our culture and traditions. Our kind of humor involves exaggeration, telling stories, making up stories, razzing, and teasing. John and Tom are geniuses at making you lighten up. They make you feel right at home because getting teased or being included in the laughter is a sign in our culture that you're accepted.

Next time you're feeling stressed and life is weighing heavy on your shoulders, go see the INDIAN HUMOR EXPERTS- Tom Red Bird and John Thunderhawk. They'll make you feel better about life and yourself. They're like having two caring uncles. They're great role models for our entire campus!

Wellness circle update

by Lonnie Delorme

The Wellness Circle has been busy working on a number of upcoming and ongoing projects and activities around campus. Some of the activities currently being done are, the Walking Club, which Mark Mindt has been coordinating. Anyone interested in becoming involved with that can contact Mark at ext. 239.

We are also planning our 2nd annual Wellness Week Fair. This event will be scheduled for sometime in April. There are also a number of Wellness Circle Committee Members working outside of the college with the Healthy North Dakota Wellness Committees.

This involves members of UTTC' Wellness Circle to brainstorm with

people around the state on a number of different issues relating to the overall wellness of North Dakota. We are also working on a comprehensive survey that we will be able to utilize here at United Tribes that will give us a baseline of student and staff's overall health. This knowledge can benefit our campus in a number of ways, such as personal health and goal setting, possible risk factors pertaining to your health and lower health care cost's, just to name a few. There will be many changes in the near future that can affect your health and well being here on campus so please get involved with campus activities.

Student Senate News

by Nicole Many Horses

The Student Senate would like to thank all the students here at U.T.T.C. for voting in our latest election. We appreciate your support in the past semester and we hope to have your continued support this semester. Also, we would like to thank the Election committee Tracy Brown, student, Pete Two Bulls, student, Suzanne Shields-Cadotte, Advisor and Jesi Silbernagel, Advisor for all of the hard work and dedication they put in this election to make sure it was in compliance with the election process. We would also like to thank Dr. Gipp, Russell Swagger, Suzanne Shields-Cadotte, and Jesi Silbernagel for the guidance, advice, and dedication you have given to the student senate.

**THANK YOU AND HAPPY
VALENTINE'S DAY!
FROM THE
UNITED TRIBES TECHNICAL
COLLEGE
STUDENT SENATE**

The following are the newly elected officers

President: Merry Brunelle

Vice President: Nadine Vasquez

Secretary: Nicole Many Horses

Treasurer: Carla Fleury

Parl./SGT. Of Arms: Wanda McKean

**Your heart beats for you!
Keep it healthy!
Attend the Heart Health
Workshop!**

Who: ALL STAFF & FACULTY WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED

What: Heart Health Facts, Statistics, Goals and Nutrition/Exercise Information

Why: February is National Heart Month, and Heart Disease is a concern for many of us.

When: Tuesday-February 18-3:00 to 5:00 pm

Where: Skills Center-Exhibit Hall

Questions: UTTC Practical Nursing faculty, Nutrition and Foodservice faculty or Extension staff.



INFANT TODDLER NEWSLETTER

Caregivers and Areas

Denise, Shannin, and Stevi	0 - 6 months
Brooke, Jennifer, and Sis	6 - 12 months
Joann and Juanita	12 - 15 months
Brenda and Erin	12 - 18 months
Dawn and Jennifer	18 - 24 months
Heather and Robyn	2 year olds
Kathy Heather	Director Supervisor

Busy Infants and Toddlers in February

Welcome to another month of learning! This month at the Infant Toddler center we are going to be as busy as Mom and Dad working hard and learning lots!

In Brenda and Erin, Dawn and Jennifer, and Heather and Robyn's areas we will be working on all sorts of fun projects. For Ground Hog's Day we made ground hog headbands so we could watch for our own shadows. I guess we all saw ours which means 6 more weeks of winter. This week we are working on our healthy smiles. We will be brushing our teeth, making mouth to mouth brush bubble collages, and puppets. Next week we will be making some sweet treats for Valentine's Day to let Mom and Dad know how much we love them! The third and fourth weeks in February we will be



Happy Valentine's Day!

learning about transportation. Watch for a map collage, a traffic light, airplanes and ships.

Joann and Juanita will be working on gross motor skills such as crawling through the tunnels, walking, and climbing over mats. They will also be working on fine motor skills such as coloring, tearing and rolling the ball. Practice with your child at home too!

Brooke, Jennifer, and Sis will be working on crawling, intro-

ducing silverware, and having the babies hold their own bottles.

We were blessed with 4 new babies this semester in Denise, Shannin, and Stevi's area! We are working on getting everyone on a schedule so each little one will get individual one on one time with the caregivers daily.

Stop by and visit us if you have a break...we love to see parents coming in daily. We strive to make our center an educational experience for your child. If you have any questions or concerns please talk with Kathy or Heather.

Quotes from Connie the Kitchen Coordinator

"When someone is rude to you help them up instead of letting them pull you down."

"Truth does not happen, it just is."

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Free Evening Care and Other Announcements

We are offering free evening care for all UTTC students Monday thru Thursday from 6:00pm until 9:00pm. We will be accepting 20 children ages 0 - 10 years old. The service is provided on a first come first serve basis. The care

is provided to allow students to attend class, study, run errands, catch a movie with friends, or simply take a break. Please utilize this service so we can continue this program. If you have questions stop in and talk to Kathy at the Infant Tod-

dlers Center or Lonnie in Career Counseling.

Special Reminder

The center will be closed on February 17th to observe President's Day. Enjoy your three day weekend!

Noteworthy News from the NCA Committee

by Leah Hamann and Leah Woodke

WHAT IS NCA? The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (NCA) accredits colleges, universities, and other organizations of higher learning in the **north central region** of the United States. The Association was founded in 1895 as a membership organization for educational institutions. It is committed to developing and maintaining high standards of excellence.

The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association is one of six regional institutional accrediting associations in the United States. Through its Commissions it accredits, and thereby grants membership to educational institutions in the nineteen-state North Central region: **Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, New Mexico, South Dakota, Wisconsin, West Virginia, and Wyoming.**

HISTORY OF ACCREDITATION: United Tribes Technical College (UTTC)

first applied for and was granted candidacy for accreditation status by NCA in 1978. In the spring of 1982, UTTC received full membership in NCA as a vocational technical school. In 1987, UTTC received authority from NCA to offer its first associate degree. In March 1993, the college was granted general authority for the Associate of Applied Science degree. Continued accreditation for ten years was granted in 2001. A committee was formed to continue addressing the accreditation needs of UTTC.

The current NCA committee members are:

Wanda Soza - Personnel Director
Eileen Ereth- Health Information Technology Faculty
Jo Strokland- Grants and Contracts Specialist
Russell Swagger- Dean of Student and Campus Services
Brian Palacek- Assessment Chair/General Education Chair
Harriet Schneider- Chemical Health Center Counselor
Karen Siegfried - Center for Student Success Counselor
Wanda Agnew - Food and Nutrition Department Chair
Phil Baird - Dean of Academic Services
Leah Hamann - Early Childhood Education Faculty/NCA Chair

MEETING SCHEDULE: Each meeting will be held from 4-5 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Jan. 28th at Russell Hawkins
February 11 at Russell Hawkins
February 25 at Russell Hawkins
March 4 at Russell Hawkins
March 18 at Russell Hawkins
March 23 at Russell Hawkins
April 1 in Ed Bldg. 32 new NCA Conference/Documentation Area (counselors old area)
April 8 in Ed Bldg. 32 new NCA Conference/Documentation Area
May 6 in Ed Bldg. 32 new NCA Conference/Documentation Area

WHAT'S AHEAD: Now UTTC is gearing up for an Institutional Change. The college is requesting approval from NCA to offer four degree programs online. These include 1) Criminal Justice, 2) Early Childhood Education, 3) Health Information Technology, and 4) Injury Prevention. UTTC has been working toward this approval for a little over four years. The college currently offers several courses over the Internet. This request will not affect UTTC's accreditation status, but rather expand how the college is able to offer full degree programs. The focus visit is scheduled of April 7th and 8th of this year. Two Consultant Evaluators will visit the campus and assess whether or not UTTC has the capability to offer the degrees online. The college is very optimistic about the visit and the prospect for approval to offering full degree programs online beginning fall 2003.

Bismarck businesses present UTTC scholarship check

Six Bismarck businesses have contributed financial and organizational support for a new scholarship at United Tribes Technical College. Dean of Business and Finance Shirley Bordeaux (at right) accepted at check for \$10,959 from Julie Bechtel, publisher of The Bismarck Tribune, for creation of the Celebrate 2000 Legacy Scholarship Fund. The money came from a community project launched in 1998 to explore the future of Bismarck in the 21st Century. The project included community forums, career expos, special newspaper sections, and fund raising. Businesses that contributed financial support were



MedCenter One, KFVR-TV, Dan's Supermarkets, United Printing, Bank Center First, and The Bismarck Tribune. Partners in the project decided the

funds should be used to create self-perpetuating scholarships that demonstrate the community's commitment to education and youth. Checks for similar amounts were presented to Bismarck State College and University of Mary. The colleges are asked to invest the principle and each year award a scholarship in the amount of the annual earnings. Each recipient will be recognized in the newspaper. Also attending the check presentation on February 10 were Dean of Student Services Russell Swagger and Financial Aid Director Bob Parisien.

Birthday ceremony remembers UTTC friend and building namesake

The new, state-of-the-art Student Life and Technology building that students flock to daily bears the name of one of UTTC's most beloved friends. The Barden Center was dedicated in June 2002 for Jack Barden, pioneer tribal college leader and educator.



Jack would have been 63 years old on Saturday, February 8 when a ceremony marking his birthday was held at the UTTC cafeteria. Staff and friends remembered Jack with informal, elo-



Jack's wife Jean Katus of Fort Yates, ND (at left) organized the ceremony to express gratitude in a traditional way to the college and friends. UTTC President David M. Gipp (at right) offered that Jack's great legacy of contribution to UTTC and tribal colleges was enhanced by his sense of humor that endeared him to everyone.

quent and humorous talks warmly recalling personal experiences with him.

The event established Jack's February 8 birthday as a time to remember his many contributions to UTTC and the tribal college movement.

The ceremony included a meal of buffalo stew prepared by Dennis Lucier and the cafeteria staff and a traditional giveaway.



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