

# UNITED TRIBES ON CAMPUS NEWS

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UNITED TRIBES TECHNICAL COLLEGE \* BISMARCK, ND

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## Student Senate elects new President

by Jesi Silbernagel,  
Student Senate Advisor

Members of the United Tribes Technical College Student Senate have elected a new leader. Carla Fleury (Blackfeet), Browning, MT, was elected Student Senate President on March 4 during a special meeting, succeeding Natasha Old Elk, who resigned.

Fleury formerly held the position of Student Senate Treasurer for the last three semesters. She is a second year student in the Health Information Technology program. Her election was reviewed and approved by UTTC President David M. Gipp.

Two other nominees, Steven P. Walker (Computer Support Technology) and Steve White Mountain (Construction Technology) were also on the ballot.

Fleury is very active on campus. She serves on a number of committees including the Culture Club, Hearing Panel and the Miss Indian Nations Pageant. She is also a member of the Health Information

Technology Education Committee.

Fleury's daughter, who serves in the Navy, is planning to attend her mother's graduation in May.

Congratulations from the UTTC staff, faculty and student body to Carla Fleury, UTTC's new Student Senate President.



Student Senate President, Carla Fleury.

## Auto Tech Program

### In step with industry

BISMARCK, ND – It's a badge of honor and they don't just give 'em away. That's what the automotive industry says about ASE, the Automotive Service Excellence rating.

The same is true of the industry rating for automotive education programs.

United Tribes Technical College is in the process of proving that it rates the seal of approval granted by NATEF, the National Automotive Technician Education Foundation, Inc.

A team of auto technicians visited the campus March 1 to start the process of recertifying the UTTC Automotive Technology Program. The four-member team spent a day sifting through department records and taking inventory of tools and equipment.

"We're looking for evidence that relates to the standards of performance in automotive education," said Jeff Kostecky, Mandan High School Automotive Technology instructor and leader of the NATEF recertification team. "We're finding what we need."

NATEF certification lasts for five years, according to Automotive Technology Instructor Marcel Gierszewski, who holds the ASE Master Certification. UTTC is up for renewal.

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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.

**March 15 - 19**

**March 22 - 26**

DINNER		SUPPER		DINNER		SUPPER	
M	Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes	M	Meat Loaf, Baked Potato	M	Beef Stroganoff, Noodles	M	Chili, Dinner Roll
T	Oriental Chicken Stir Fry, Rice	T	Buffalo Sausage, Potatoes	T	Indian Taco, Wojapi	T	Bar-B-Que Chicken, Potato
W	Baked Chicken, Potatoes	W	Swiss Steak, Noodles	W	Hamburgers, Baked Beans	W	Chicken Burger, Noodle Soup
T	Sloppy Joe, Tator Tot's	T	Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes	T	House Special Pizzas	T	Sub Sandwich
F	Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese	F	Shrimp, Wild Rice	F	Roasted Pork Gravy, Potatoes	F	Tater Tot Hotdish



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## KODA THE WARRIOR Presents: The Coyote Chronicles.

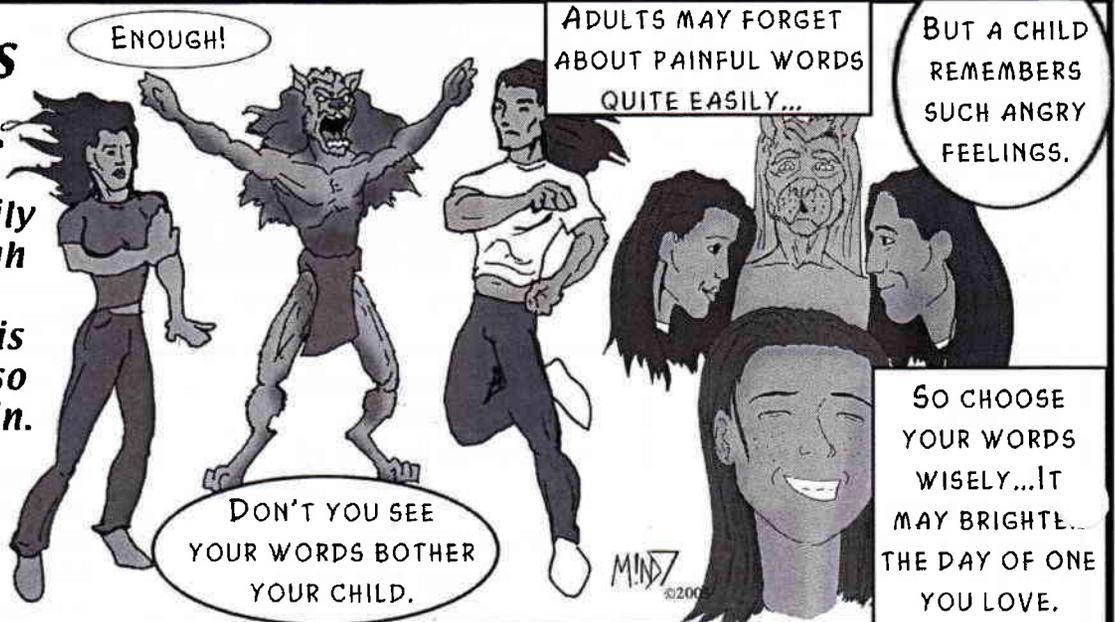
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### The Helpless Eyewitness.

Last time... Coyote saw a family struggling through a fight in front of their child. This bothered Coyote so much he stepped in.



Let's See.



# UTTC Teacher Education Students to Participate in NASA Conference

by Lisa Azure

Eight UTTC students have been invited to attend a conference sponsored by NASA February 12-14 in Alexandria, Virginia.

The NASA Langley Pre-Service Teacher Program (PSTP) is a partnership between the Langley Office of Education and Norfolk State University's School of Science & Technology. The goal of the program is to provide Pre-Service teachers opportunities to enhance their knowledge and skill in teaching mathematics and science using technology at the elementary and middle school levels.

The Pre-Service Teacher Conference is held each spring and hosts 600 to 700 elementary & middle school prospective teachers from selected higher education institutions. Students are exposed to invigorating general sessions and hands-on workshops. The PSTC culminates with a Career Day where students have the opportunity to interview with recruiters from public schools and graduate schools from across the country.

Recognizing the need to provide a more in-depth experience

for pre-service teachers, the Pre-Service Teacher Institute (PSTI) was developed. Pre-Service teachers are able to interface with NASA personnel and tour Langley's facilities while learning to incorporate NASA's cutting-edge research into lesson plans for elementary and middle school students. The institute culminates with the pre-service teachers developing and teaching problem-based learning lessons to children from local schools.

UTTC students attending are Leah Walker (Cheyenne River), Mechelle Crazy Thunder (Pine Ridge), Vivian Hurkes (Three Affiliated), Becky Riedinger (Bismarck), Julie Bison (Cheyenne River), Misty Begay Provencial (Sisseton), Melissa LaFontaine (Turtle Mountain), and Anita Green (Three Affiliated). Peggy Kauffmann, UTTC faculty, will be accompanying the students as their advisor.

The Pre-Service Teacher Conference and the Pre-Service Teacher Institutes are made possible through funding from the Office of Equal Opportunity Programs, Minority University Research and Education Division, NASA Headquarters.

# ADNET Internships target Tribal Colleges

by Vince Schanandore

ADNET Systems, Inc. located outside of Washington D.C. ADNET has been contracted by government agencies to recruit, hire, and support student interns for the Department of Transportation's Minority-Serving Institutions Internships Program (MSI, Transportation Security Administration, and the U.S. coast Guard).

Student interns are paid a weekly stipend of \$500 plus housing and transportation to the internship location!

Although these internships are open to all students regardless of race, ethnicity, or background,

certain programs have identified opportunities for students from Tribal Colleges and Universities. Last year students from the following schools participated:

United Tribes Technical College, Fort Lewis College, Haskell Indian Nations, and South Dakota School of Mines.

For more information contact:

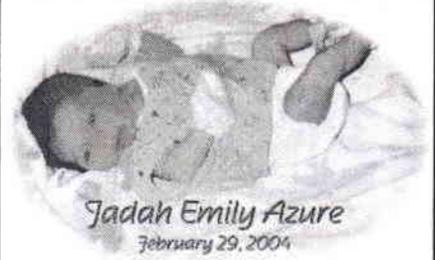
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## Cradle Board News



### Jadah Emily Azure

Born February 29, 2004  
(One of two leap-year babies at MedCenter One, Bismarck)  
8 pounds, 1 ounce; 21 inches  
Congratulations to parents Lauren Stewart and Jerrod Azure, Mandan, former UTTC students, and proud grandparent Merry Brunelle.

## Cafeteria Staff is Wonderful!

by Leah Woodke

I don't know if everyone on campus knows how important the service is that our cafeteria staff performs for departments as we conduct special meetings. As we focus on ideas and issues, they perform one of the most essential and necessary functions to our success.

They provide us with healthy snacks, meals and beverages, and they do it with the utmost in excellent customer service. It's a pleasure working with them. There's always a smile, even when we need to make schedule changes.

We're very appreciative of how they handled our needs during a recent session of training for the new Jenzabar System.

Congratulations to Dennis and the Cafeteria Staff. Thanks for all the good work you do for us!

# Bookstore News

Greetings from The Bookstore!



The Bookstore sells the following items: textbooks, school and office supplies, book bags, which include an assortment of backpacks, briefcase bags, and tote bags. We also carry a wide variety of sportswear including jackets, sweatshirts, t-shirts, pants, shorts, hats, and some youth clothing items. We sell UTTC imprinted gift items and a line of gift items from the Leanin' Tree Co., that includes posters, cards, mugs, journals, magnets, and stationery. We also sell \$5, \$10, and \$20 "Crusher" phone cards. Money orders are available on a "cash only" basis at a cost of \$0.50 each.

## OUR SPRING & SUMMER CLOTHING HAS ARRIVED!

We have many new items to choose from including new women's sizes.

-Sidestep design tees in gray or white

-Grey ringer t-shirt with navy/light blue T-Bird design

-Dazzle shorts in four colors

-Ladies 2-piece outfit in navy/baby blue with red T-bird front in full zip style

-Ladies shorts with "butt print" in Carolina blue

-Light blue UTTC visors

-White pullover hoodie with pink UTTC

-New mascot only fitted baseball caps in red or black

-UTTC watches in classic and sports band styles for women and men

Come in and check it out!

Bookstore hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, including the noon hour. If you have any questions please call Cathy or Leah at our new extension; 1460.

# UTTC invited to share accreditation experience

BISMARCK, ND – United Tribes Technical College has been asked to share its knowledge about gaining accreditation for online associate degree programs. The invitation is from the accrediting organization, the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA).

"It's a compliment that they asked us to share our information,"

said Leah Woodke, UTTC Director of Online and Distance Education. "Our work in this area is being recognized as an exemplary."

In a letter to UTTC President David M. Gipp, the Commission asked the college to participate in the 2004 annual NCA conference, March 28-31 in Chicago. The college will share documents and reports prepared in

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## New Books at the UTTC Library

### • Fiction:

Author:

#### • 311 Pelican Court

Debbie Macomber

#### • A Gift to Last

Debbie Macomber

#### • Navy Wife

Debbie Macomber

#### • Tell No One

Harlan Coben

#### • Portrait in Death

J.D. Robb

#### • The Christmas Train

David Baldacci

#### • Soft Focus

Jayne Ann Krentz

#### • The Face

Dean Koontz

### • Non-Fiction:

Author:

#### • Grandmother's Grandchild Alma

Hogan Snell

(My Crow Indian Life)

#### • Day One & Beyond

Rick Wormeli

#### • Reading Assessment

JoAnne Schudt Caldwell

#### • Stories That Stick

Valerie Marsh

(Quick & Easy Storyboard Tales)

#### • Big Words for Big Kids

Patricia M. Cunningham

#### • Classroom Instruction That Work

Robert J. Marzano

#### • Create Independent Learners

Patricia Pavelka

### • Making Alphabet Books

Dorothy P. Hall

### • With My Own Eyes

Susan Bordeaux Bettelyoun

(Lakota Woman Tells

Her People's History)

### • Enemies-World War II Alien Interment

John Christgau

### • Science & Native American Communities

Keith James

### • The Early Years of Native American

Janet Catherine Berlo

### • Art History The Lakota Way

Joseph M. Marshall III

### • Native Science

Gregory Cajete

### • What Every Teacher Should Know (Series)

Donna Walker Tileston

1. Instructional Planning

2. Learning, Memory & the Brain

3. Special Learners

4. Student Assessment

5. Effective Teaching Strategies

6. Diverse Learners

7. Student Motivation

### • Teacher Development

Janet Soler

### • Practical Teaching Methods K-6

Pamela Fannin Wilkinson

### • Culturally Proficient Instruction

Kikanza Nuri Robins

### • Using the Power of Poetry

David L. Harrison

### • Reflective Analysis of Student Work

Norene J. Bella

# UTTC Men's Health Day to feature fitness trainers

BISMARCK, ND – Two experts in the field of personal fitness and health are the featured presenters for Men's Health Day, Thursday, March 18.

Jamie Grismer and Russ Drake of Optimum Fitness, Bismarck, will talk and demonstrate how to build a lifestyle around health and fitness.

"It's a reality that men don't focus as much attention on their health as perhaps they should," said Sharlene Gjermundson, director of the UTTC Student Health Center and coordinator of the health day event. "That's why this event is all about men and what they need for health and fitness."

Grismer is a former professional football player with the Bismarck Roughriders and an independent certified personal trainer whose work involves "helping others attain the body they've always dreamed of." Grismer earned a degree from University of Mary in Exercise Science.

Fitness Instructor Russ Drake has been involved with health and fitness for most of his life. Drake says he knew that health and fitness would play an important part in his career since he struggled with the

ups and downs of being over-weight for many years. His goal is to help people reach their fitness goals and make healthy lifestyle a part of everyday life.

Grismer and Drake present "Health and Fitness As a Lifestyle" from 1 to 3 p.m. in the lower level of college's Barden Center, where all health day activities take place.

Men's Health Day opens at 9 a.m. with information booths on a variety of topics including cooking and nutrition, health screenings, tobacco use and oral hygiene, testicular cancer, sexually transmitted diseases, family planning, body fat and the body mass index, financial literacy, and spirituality. A yogurt bar will also be open.

Throughout the day healthy snacks will be served and plenty of door prizes awarded including tools and other men's gifts. A drawing will be held for a grand prize \$75 gift certificate from Scheels Sports, Kirkwood Plaza, Bismarck.

The public is invited to attend all Men's Health Day activities. There is no admission charge.

For more information please contact Sharlene Gjermundson, 255-3285 x1409 or [sgjermundson@uttc.edu](mailto:sgjermundson@uttc.edu).

## Dining with Diabetes Cooking Classes Being Offered!

by Kim Hinnenkamp

Do you or does someone in your family have diabetes? Are you bored with eating the same old thing? Do you enjoy cooking new recipes? Then Dining with Diabetes is for you!

WHAT: A series of three sessions where you'll learn how to cut fat, sugar, and sodium in cooking without cutting out taste.

WHEN: Tuesday, April 6, 20 and 27 from 10-12 noon

WHERE: Skills Center, Nutrition and Foodservice Kitchen Lab

TO ENROLL: Contact Kim Hinnenkamp UTTC Extension Program at ext. 1397 or [khinnenkamp@uttc.edu](mailto:khinnenkamp@uttc.edu). Session size is limited to 10 participants.

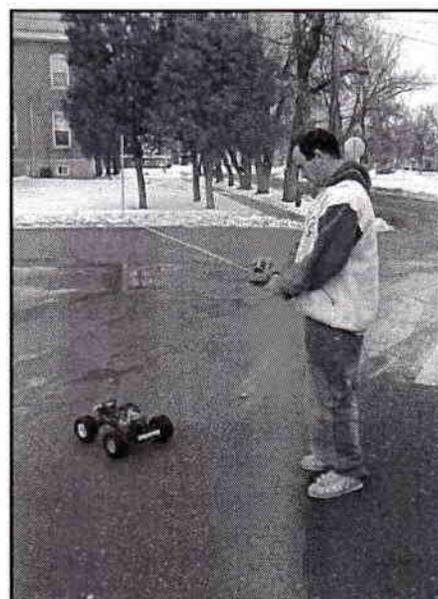
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact UTTC Extension Program staff, Kim Hinnenkamp (ext. 1397) or Kelly Archambault (ext. 1316).

## Faces in the Crowd



**Name:** Darla Yellow Earrings  
**Home:** Eagle Butte, SD  
**Curriculum:** Practical Nursing  
**Goal:** To work inpatient at an IHS hospital  
**Interests:** Reading non-fiction books, photography  
**Likes:** Movies, scenic drives, spending time with her three kids  
**Best advice heard:** High school guidance counselor said to "finish what you start and hang in there."

## Signs of spring



A little warm weather and along come signs of spring. Alex Englehardt, Bismarck, exercises his gas-powered, radio-controlled four-wheeler on a parking lot near the men's dorm. Alex is the son-in-law of UTTC Security Supervisor Ron Wilkie.

# Chapel Service Featured William Red Bear

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Brother William Red Bear, Eagle Butte, South Dakota, ministered on March 7, 2004, bringing forth the Word of God. Brother Bill is an evangelist, full blood Lakota, born in Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Reservation, SD, great grandson of Sitting Bull from Henry Red Bear, first grandson of Sitting Bull and mother Louise Clown, granddaughter of Julie Iron Cedar, sister of Crazy Horse.

He was brought up in Indian Religion, culture, traditions and ways since his youth. He used to respect his culture and traditions as he was taught they were sacred and holy and he had much pride in those ways.

In 1970 after years of alcoholism and abuses in his marriage, he received the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of his life. He found the real true hope & meaning of his life and of his marriage.

**Music:** Floyd Eagle Boy, Poplar, Montana

**Song Leader:** Bernetta Joshua, Cannon Ball, North Dakota.

**Joel 2:1** – “Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand.”

There was testimony time and a chance to speak on whatever the Lord leads you, maybe a revelation or a word from the Lord, or if you have a song to share. We had prayer for the sick and fellowship following the service.

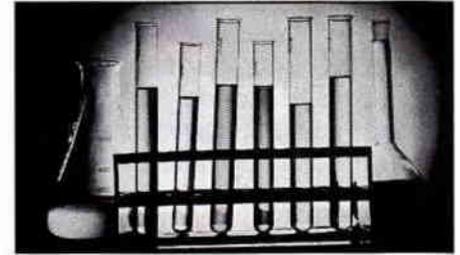
# TJES Students Compete in the North Dakota Native American Science Fair

On Monday, January 19, 2004 Theodore Jamerson Elementary School (TJES) sent fifteen students from grades 4-8 to compete in the North Dakota Native American Science Fair held at the Ramkota Inn Ballroom in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Project set up was completed on Sunday evening January 18, 2004. All projects were then inspected and approved by the Standards Committee.

Judging took place on Monday from 9am to 12pm. Judges evaluated each project according to 1) creative ability 2) scientific approach 3) thoroughness 4) skill and 5) clarity. Judges focus on what the student did in the current year, how well a student followed scientific methodologies, the detail and accuracy of research, whether experimental procedures were used in the best possible way.

Judging was followed by the awards ceremony, from 1:30pm to 3:00pm. Four TJES students were awarded medals. Alexandria Cadotte received a bronze for third place in Environmental Science. Ethan LaRocque received a gold medal for first place in Computers and Engineering. Gina White also received a gold medal for first place in Medicine and Health. James Dubois received a silver medal for second place in Earth and Space Science. In addition, gold medalists Ethan LaRocque and Gina White advanced to compete in the National American Indian Science and Engineering Fair, held in Albuquerque, New Mexico on March 25, 26, 27, 2004. Congratulations to all!



## Grade 4

<u>Name</u>	<u>Project</u>
Lonnie Joshua	Living Yeast
Michael Cooley	Blocks
Lacey Standing	Floating Liquids
Michelle Campbell	Fulcrum

## Grade 5

<u>Name</u>	<u>Project</u>
Felicia Smith	Fire Fighting
Darian Walking Eagle	How Stars Are Form
Dion Redday	Finger Printing

## Grade 6

<u>Name</u>	<u>Project</u>
Gabriella Dubois	Pathway
Miranda Joshua	Bottle Volcano

## Grade 7

<u>Name</u>	<u>Project</u>
Ethan LaRocque	Pinhole Camera
Gina White	Facial Reconstruction
James Dubois	Parachutes

## Grade 8

<u>Name</u>	<u>Project</u>
Alexandria Cadotte	Solar Water Cleaner
Elizabeth Lunderman	Water Quality
Sasha LaRocque	Wonderful Glorious Goop



# Does Foodborne Illness Affect Men?



by Pat Aune

As we planned for the March 18<sup>th</sup> Men's Health Day a question was asked about how many men are affected by food borne illness and the statistics that are used to support the claims. The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates 76 million Americans have foodborne illness annually. Another estimate is that each of us has diarrhea 1.5 times each year due to contaminated food or beverage.

People, (men, women and children) who have frequent or re-occurring diarrhea do need to consider food and beverage sources for bacteria and virus. Most foodborne illness is not reported to doctors or the public health department. Healthy youth and adults will cope with stomach cramps and diarrhea, they might take a day off from work or school, or they might spend a day in bed, (to catch-up with their rest).

Are men affected by foodborne illness? Healthy men are probably least affected due to body size and their body's ability to fight off illness. Healthy men usually do not call the doctor for their own upset stomach but they should call for their family members.

Infants and children under 6, both boys and girls can be severely affected by food borne illness. CDC and health departments do have statistics about deaths and illness caused by E-coli infected hamburgers and baby food or formula made with honey that is infected with botulinum bacteria.

Pregnant women are usually seeing a medical doctor so their battle with foodborne illness will be

reported. Miscarriage and still-birth are possible when a pregnant woman eats listeria infected food. Avoid listeria by using only pasteurized milk and dairy products, cooking foods to proper internal temperatures, avoiding cross-contamination, and thoroughly washing raw vegetables.

Men and women coping with illness, diabetes, cancer treatment, AIDS or HIV, hepatitis C, or the frail elderly need to be cautious when selecting and storing food and beverage. These folks are susceptible to diarrhea and complications from foodborne illness.

Foodborne illness statistics might not separate the men from the women but the evidence supports the need for every man, woman and child to learn how to avoid foodborne illness and then practice those skills every day. The skills are;

- wash your hands often with soap and water,
- keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold,
- chill and refrigerate cooked food promptly,
- keep everything clean (kitchen, tools, hands, clothes and food)
- use a thermometer to test for doneness of meat and poultry products.

For more information or details call Pat Aune, UTTC Extension Food Safety Coordinator at extension 1399 or check the US Government website dedicated to food safety resources, <http://www.foodsafety.gov/>

# Nutrition and Foodservice Taste Panel

by Annette Broyles

The Nutrition and foodservice students experienced a taste panel in their Managing Foodservice Operations class on March 3. A taste panel is used in an institution to determine whether a product meets certain standards and to see what products appeal to the customer.

Students sampled seven varieties of apples, focusing on appearance, texture and flavor. The varieties tasted were Gala, Fuji, Cameo, Golden Delicious, Red Delicious, Braeburn and Jonagold. Students on the panel chose the Red Delicious as their top choice of apple. Students were unaware that there were so many different varieties of apples available in the grocery stores in North Dakota.

A second taste panel was held for chocolate chip cookies. Student sampled homemade, mix, bakery, ready to bake and slice and bake cookies. The students chose the slice and bake cookies as their favorite product.

Students in the Managing Foodservice Operation class include: Amorette Bullhead, Mike Cadotte, Shelbert Chasing Crow, Free Dubois, Eric Flood, Geraldine Hollow, Kent Kadrmas, Dawn Lambert and Tammy Runs After.

**MANDATORY MEETING  
ALL POTENTIAL  
GRADUATES  
ALL ADVISORS**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 18**

**4 O'CLOCK**

**JACK BARDEN CENTER**

# We Can't Slow Down

by Leah Hamann,  
ECE VSO advisor

The Early Childhood Education Vocational Student Organization (ECE VSO) has been on a roll from the start of the academic school year and cannot be slowed down. The members are perfectly fine with that. The fall 2003 semester brought various changes in the way the VSO envisioned their role and purpose on the United Tribes campus. The members believed that the most important aspect of the VSO's existence is to promote and support the campus as a whole.

With that in mind the members created committees and defined the purpose, duties, and activities for each committee. The committees created were Fundraising, Advertisement, Celebrations, Student of the Month, and Community Involvement. Chairs for each committee

were assigned and the members immediately began working on projects.

The VSO meets every Tuesday from 12 to 1. Members bring their own lunch and on occasion we have potlucks. You may have noticed several ECE students walking throughout campus wearing new jackets. These ECE VSO jackets are "earned" by attending VSO meetings and volunteering time for projects. Students are awarded these jackets during the semester in

which they are to graduate. All full-time ECE students are welcome and encouraged to join.

The spring 2004 ECE VSO Officers are: President Celeste Phelps, Rolla, ND, Vice President Debbie Davis (Turtle Mountain Chippewa) Belcourt, ND, Secretary/Treasurer Wyleen Roubideaux (Oglala Lakota) Pine Ridge, SD, and Student Senate Representatives



*ECE officers from left Vice President/Student Senate Representative Debbie Davis, Secretary/Treasurer Wyleen Roubideaux, Student Senate Representative Tanya Mendoza, and President Celeste Phelps.*

Debbie Davis and Tanya Mendoza (both Turtle Mountain Chippewa), Belcourt, ND.

The first project the members tackled was the homecoming parade float competition. The students put much time and effort in the creation of their float and had great success. The members choose the theme, "We've Got the Whole World in Our Hands", and included their own children dressed in various career attire on the float. Their efforts won 1<sup>st</sup> place honors.

The fundraising committee has created numerous activities throughout the school year. During the month of November the group held a turkey dinner raffle, in December a Christmas stocking raffle, and in February a Valentine Balloon Bouquet sale. The fundraisers were very successful and brought many smiles to the recipients and the VSO members. The advertisement

committee did a fine job sending out flyers and posting signs for all of the events.

The Celebration committee put together a baby shower for several expectant mothers in the ECE program in early December and a Christmas potluck for the ECE students and their families prior to Christmas break. They also included a secret Santa activity and

opened their secret Santa gifts at the potluck. The committee has also taken over the bulletin board across from Leah Hamann's office in the Education Building to announce ECE birthdays and special occasions.

The Student of the Month committee made the very hard decision in choosing the student of the month for January and February. Chosen were Tanya Mendoza (January) and Wyleen Roubideaux (February). The ECE students and instructors congratulate the two of

you. Please note that any staff or faculty member at UTTC can nominate an ECE student. Nomination forms can be found in the Education Building in room B02 or can be emailed upon request.

The Community committee has reached out to the Bismarck-Mandan area and has been asked to assist the planning committee for the Statewide Head Start Conference. The members are anxiously awaiting the role that they will play in assisting the conference planning team. The students are also working on the celebration of the Week of the Young Child April 18-24. The students are working with three different groups for this event. They have been asked to represent United Tribes at the Bismarck held meetings of the planning committee for the Week of the Young Child. This planning committee membership includes daycare providers, Bismarck and Mandan organizations, and area schools. This has been a great honor to be asked to provide additional information and assistance to this committee.

The second group that the ECE club is joining forces with is the UTTC Child Development Centers (CDC). The members invited Kathy Schneider, the CDC director, to attend a recent meeting to prepare for the celebration. Plans are underway

for VSO members to volunteer time during the week to teach lessons and be engaged in other CDC activities.

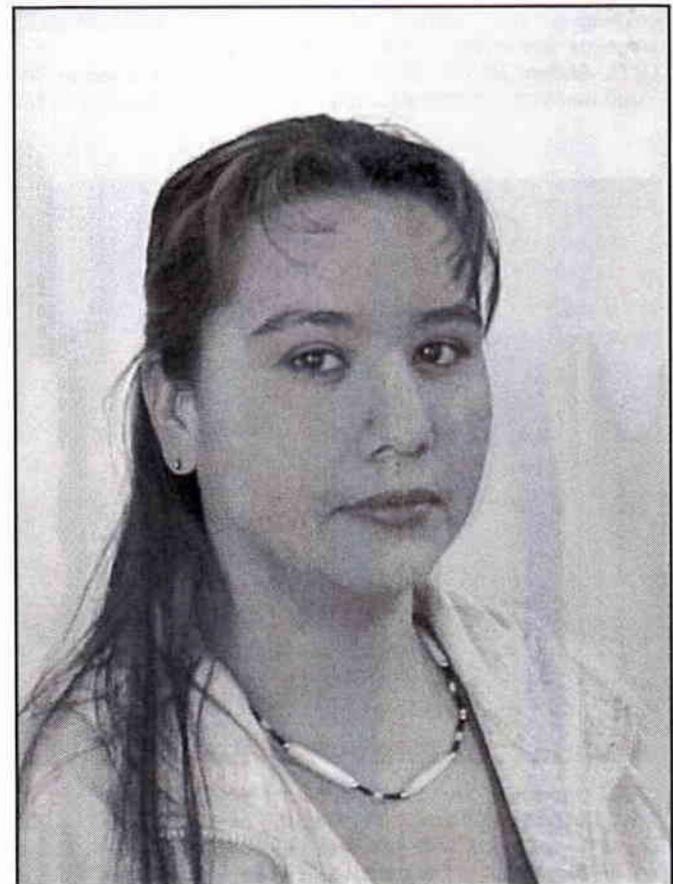
The third group is the Scholastic Book Club. This will be the third year the ECE VSO will host a book fair at UTTC. During the Week of the Young Child students will be promoting literacy and the importance of reading to children by having the book fair. The location of the book fair has not yet been decided, however, the books that will be provided for purchase are diverse in age and subject matter. Keep an eye out for the advertisement for the book fair and the celebration events for the Week of the Young Child.

In addition to these other opportunities, the group has been contacted by United Way of Bismarck to be involved in the Day of Caring, which will be held August 18<sup>th</sup>. The Day of Caring asks for community wide volunteers to devote eight hours of their time to complete a must needed project within the Bismarck and Mandan area. There may be plans to have a project completed here at United Tribes. We are excited about the volunteering opportunity.

There are a small number of other projects that the VSO has on the horizon. Keep your eyes open for upcoming activities! We thank all the students, faculty, and staff that have assisted and guided us throughout our projects. A special thank you to Dennis Lucier, and the UTTC Student Senate.



January ECE Student of the Month Tanya Mendoza.



February ECE Student of the Month Wyleen Roubideaux

## Auto Tech Program

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"It's a very detailed examination," said Gierszewski. "They need to know that we're doing what the industry wants us to do as educators."

Kostelecky was the lone educator on the team; the others were certified technicians from automotive

businesses in the area. Added together they have over 100 years worth of experience in the field.

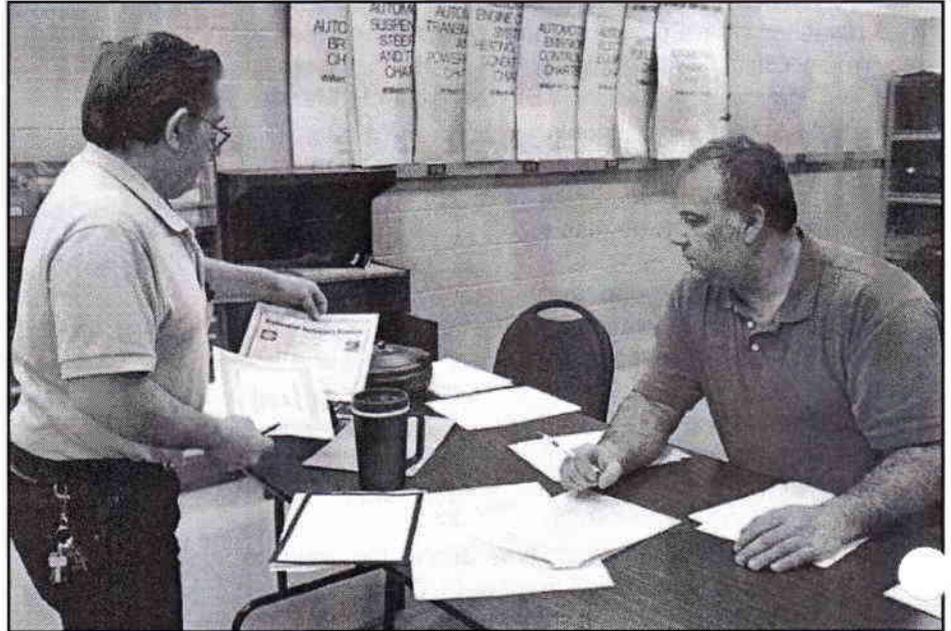
"We're evaluating everything in the program," said Kostelecky. "Including the instructors. It's similar to the NCA accreditation process but it focuses on the one program,

automotive technology."

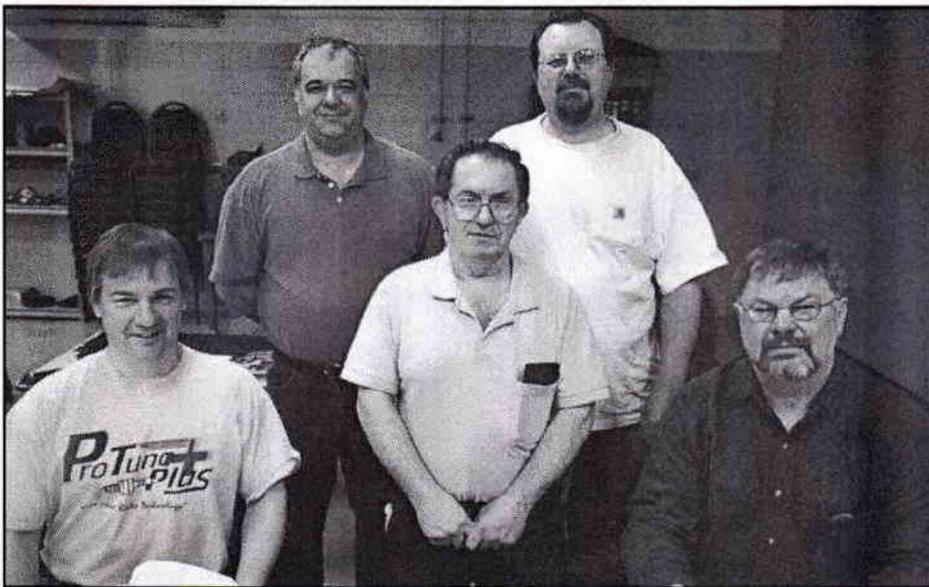
Kostelecky said "The recertification team's findings will go to NATEF Headquarters in Leesburg, Virginia. After that it takes about two-to-three months before UTTC learns if its "badge of honor" is renewed.



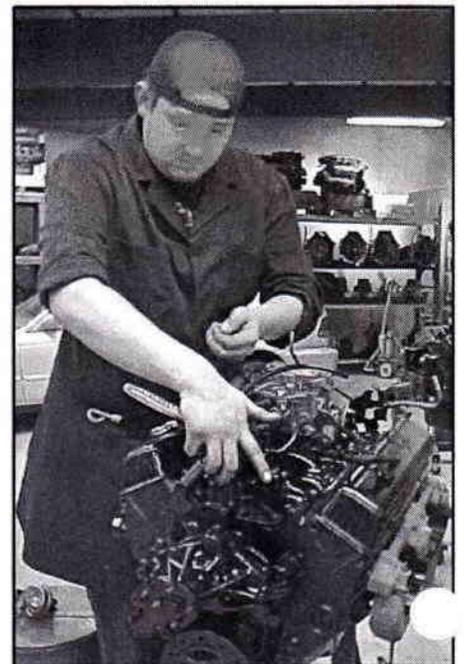
It can look like a maize of tubes, hoses and wires under the hood of late model automobiles, challenging the currency of educational programs that teach automotive technology. UTTC Student Mitchell Bearsheart (Standing Rock) works on a defective headlight.



Automotive Technology Instructor Marcel Gierszewski produces another document to confirm the status of UTTC's program for NATEF recertification team leader Jeff Kostelecky.



UTTC Automotive Technology Instructor Marcel Gierszewski, center, flanked by the NATEF recertification team, from left, Pat Riepl, Co-owner, ProTune Plus, Bismarck, an auto technician with 22 years experience; Jeff Kostelecky, Mandan High School Automotive Technology instructor and NATEF recertification team leader, 25 years experience; Chris Bethke, Bill Barth Ford, Mandan, A.S.E. Master Technician with 30 years experience; and Dale Pletan, Service Consultant, Ressler Chevrolet, Inc., Mandan, an automotive technician with 30 years experience.



Tom McCarty (Three Affiliated Tribes), wrenching on his own student project, a traditional GM V-8 engine swap.

# 'Combined' years of service to be recognized

Wes Long Feather

Employees who come and go from an organization, and then return, generally lose out when it comes to calculating years of service. Call it boomerang employment. Now it turns out to be something worth noting.

UTTC employees will be recognized for their "combined" years of service at the annual Employee Awards Banquet scheduled for Friday, April 30 at the Doublewood Inn.

The college administrative council endorsed a recommendation from the banquet committee to recognize employees for their total years of service to the college rather than the more traditional "consecutive" years of service.

It means that employees will be credited for all of their working time and not just their current stretch of continuous employment.

For example, Assistant Registrar Myra Vasquez, who began work in September of 1998 and left for six months in 2000, can count those first two years for a total of

almost six years. Without including the combined years, Vasquez would be an employee with fewer than four years of service.

This scenario fits more than just a few employees. Based on informal discussions, we might be surprised by the number of boomerang employees. The challenge is to identify who qualifies and how much "combined" time UTTC employees have.

If your full time work history with the college spans more than one continuous period of time, the banquet committee needs to know. Contact Wanda Soza at extension 1221. Please be prepared to provide a break down of your years of employment to the month when you arrived and left in each employment stretch.

Years of service categories at the awards banquet will begin at the 20-year threshold and advance in five-year increments. Calculating your combined years will help you reach these levels, if you're not in one of the categories already.

## UTTC invited to share accreditation experience

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the process of seeking accreditation for online degree programs.

UTTC faculty members expected to attend the NCA meeting in Chicago are Phil Baird, Dean of Vocation and Academic Programs; Leah Hamann, Early Childhood Education instructor and former chair, NCA Committee; Rondeena Hamilton, Health Information Technology instructor; Dorvin Froseth, Office Technology instructor; Jennifer Lunde, Student Support Services counselor; Ramona Klein, education program consultant/evaluator; Jennifer Janecek, Rural Systemic Initiative director; and Jill Feist, Computer Science instructor and chair of UTTC's new Accreditation & Standards Committee.

In November 2003, UTTC became recognized as the first tribal college in the nation to receive accreditation to grant associate degrees online. Two program areas were approved, Early Childhood Education and Injury Prevention. Approval is pending for Health Information Technology and Criminal Justice. The college also plans to ask that Elementary Education and Nutrition and Food Services be added to its list of online degree programs in the near future.

"Since we were the first tribal college to receive accreditation for online programs, we're a leader in the field," said Woodke. "It's our role now to share what we can and help others."

In the last comprehensive review of UTTC, NCA accredited the college for the maximum period allowable, ten years, through 2010.

UTTC's experience with online and distance education will also be described at national gathering co-sponsored by New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, N.M. in mid-March. Woodke and Hamann will be co-presenters at a conference titled, "Digital Pathways: Best Practices in Distance Education for American Indians."

## Land Grant Staff Promote Buffalo

by Wanda Agnew

Kelly Archambault, Nutrition Assistant with UTTC's EFNEP Program and Wanda Agnew, dietitian with UTTC Extension, presented buffalo information to students at the Theodore Jamerson Elementary School. The sessions were held February 23 and 24. All students from kindergarten to grade 8 were able to see how Native American people used buffalo in the past. Students were able to touch rawhide and tanned hide, a spoon made from a buffalo horn and a bladder from a buffalo as well as many other interesting buffalo box contents. Uses of the materials were discussed and for example the bladder would

have been used to carry water. The nutritional value of buffalo meat was also discussed. Using the traditional method of teaching, Kelly read each grade a story titled "Buffalo Dreams". The story tells of a modern day family as they prepared to visit a newly born white buffalo calf.

Every student then traced their hand on a piece of white paper and signed the handprint. These handprints will be cut out and become part of huge white buffalo displayed on the wall of the Wopila Coffee Shop after mid-term break. Take time to view the cute buffalo project. Look at the names and let the children know you saw their white buffalo project.

# FUNDAMENTALS OF FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOP

April is Fair Housing Month

It is illegal in North Dakota to discriminate in the rental, sale or financing of housing because of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, familial status (presence of children), marriage and public assistance.

Learn what Federal and State Laws say about Fair Housing, learn about the complaint filing process, what's illegal and what's not, and more...

Wednesday, April 14, 2004 • From: 1 - 4:30 PM

Best Western Ramkota Hotel • 800 3rd Street South, Bismarck, ND

## TJES February Attendance Report

NAME	GRADE	Demetre Harrison	3
		Anthony McKinney	3
Brandon DuBois	8	Ramero Salinas	3
Sasha LaRocque	8	Quinn LaRocque	3
Star Lena Taveapont	8	Larissa Bissonette	2
Whitney Pretty On Top	8	Brent Lester	2
Sundae Red Bird	8	Alexis Kills Small	2
Warren Horse Looking	8	Terry Lee	2
Walter Lester	8	Charles Camp	2
Robert Wise Spirit	8	Jeremy Packineau	2
Rachael Crazy Thunder	7	Mahpiya Bison	1
Steven Leading Cloud	7	Micah Cooley	1
Alias Ridley	7	Krista Belgarde	1
Francis DuBois	7	Holly Larvie	1
Samantha Horse Looking	7	Wmabli Cincala RedBird	1
Gabriella DuBois	6	Preston Zaste	1
Rex Red Bird	6	Wicahpi Bison	1
Luke Hosie	6	Alejandro Salinas	1
Cleveland White	6	Alex Bordeau	K
Jonathan Young Bird	6	Alexus Hankinson	K
Alysha Crazy thunder	5	Dakotah Running Bear	K
Colton Goodlow	5		
Courtney Hayes	5		
Bella Lester	5		
Darian Walking Eagle	5		
Joshua Ector	4		
Brooke Horse Looking	4		
Marrissa Crazy Thunder	3		

The above listed students had perfect attendance for the month of February 2004. They were awarded certificates at the March Family Breakfast. Our attendance for Febru-

ary was at 93.1% (yahoo!!!!) and the school year is at 91.3%. Please remember that we must remain above 91% for the school year. We can not stress how important it is to have the children at school.

We have implemented many strategies and incentives to get the students to school every day. In fact 96 students who were here 93% or more of the time last month were treated to Papa John's Pizza for lunch on Friday, March 5, 2004. Last month it was only 63 students. We're hoping to treat even MORE students next month. The 8th graders took the attendance trophy back from the 6th graders this month with a whopping 96.6% rate and Kindergarten took the attendance trophy from Mrs. Krabbenhoff's first graders with a 94.2% rate.

Thank you so much for helping TJES make our attendance go. Please contact the office at Ext. 1304 or 1305 if you have any questions/comments/suggestions concerning the attendance issue at TJES.

# Environmental Summer Internship Program

## - Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) of Northern Arizona University is offering the 2004 Environmental Student Summer Internships. With a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, ITEP offers Native American and other students an opportunity to assist government facilities (primarily the EPA) and Indian tribes with special projects.

Students have the opportunity to conduct hands-on research throughout the United States including these potential sites: Washington, D.C., San Francisco, CA, Anchorage, AK, Lapwai, ID, Las Vegas, NV, Pablo, MT, Research Triangle Park, NC, Chicago, IL, San Diego, CA, and Seattle, WA.

The 10-week internships will last from approximately June through August. Student interns will

be provided with a stipend, housing and travel allowances.

### As a summer intern, you can:

- Assist EPA/Tribal agencies with environmental issues
- Acquire ready-to-use skills and gain actual experience while contributing to a project

### Requirements:

- Full-time student with satisfactory academic standing
- Major in an environmental (science, engineering, planning, policy, law, management) or related (political science, anthropology, health) field.
- Good communication (verbal and written) and word processing skills

- An strong interest in working with Native American tribes

### To apply, submit:

- An online application: [www.4.nau.edu/itep/](http://www.4.nau.edu/itep/)
- A resume and three reference letters
- A letter describing your interests
- A one-page sample illustrating your writing skills
- Unofficial transcripts

Complete application packet must be received by March 31.

Submit required documents to:  
David Delmar, Program Coordinator  
Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals  
P.O. Box 5765, Flagstaff, AZ 86011  
Telephone: (928) 523-8785  
Fax: (928) 523-1280  
Email: [David.Delmar@nau.edu](mailto:David.Delmar@nau.edu)

# Men's Health Day

Thursday, March 18th

All Activities at Jack Barden Center



## 9:00 - 12 Noon - Informational Booths

Topics: Oral hygiene, Testicular cancer, Diabetes, Cholesterol & Blood Sugar Screening, Blood Pressure, Domestic Abuse, Health & Fitness, Nutrition, Custer Family Planning, Financial Literacy, Food Safety, Spirituality, Tobacco, Lean Machine, Body Fat BMI + Many More!!!

## DOOR PRIZES & SNACKS

1:00-3:00 p.m.

### "Health & Fitness as a Lifestyle"

#### Presenters from Optimum Fitness Center

Jamie Grismer - Former Bismarck Roughrider Football Player, Certified Personal Trainer, Exercise Science Degree from U. Of Mary  
Russ Drake - Fitness Instructor.

\$75 Scheels Gift Certificate to be given away after presentation!



# WITHIN OUR GRASP: BUILDING A BETTER BISMARCK THROUGH DIVERSITY

Tuesday, April 6, 2004 - 6:00-9:30 PM  
Radisson Hotel, 605 E. Broadway Avenue, Bismarck, ND

Join us at the first of a series of Mayor's Town Hall Meetings on diversity issues in the Bismarck community. This Meeting will focus on Race/National Origin/Religious Discrimination in Bismarck. A schedule of events follows:

**6:00-6:30 PM: Registration & Social**

Arrive early to register, enjoy information on diverse cultures and religions, review display tables and receive materials to educate yourself on diversity.

**6:30-6:45 PM: Opening Address and Welcome - Mayor John Warford, City of Bismarck**

**6:45-7:15 PM: Are We That Different?**

Feature presenters on Muslim and Jewish faiths. Learn about these faiths, common misconceptions of Islam and the growing tide of anti-Semitism.

**7:15-8:00 PM: What's Working/Not Working in Making Bismarck Diverse**

A panel will discuss Bismarck's diversity, post 9/11 discrimination, how discrimination feels through a victim's eyes, and examples of how Bismarck has positively welcomed diversity.

**8:00-8:15 PM: Break**

**8:15-8:45 PM: How Can We Overcome?**

Presenters will share their personal experiences and stories of living in Bismarck and identify how we can overcome discrimination as a community.

**8:45-9:10 PM: Audience Interaction**

Questions for panel members for discussion.

**9:10 PM-Close: Drum and Smudging Ceremony Sponsored by United Tribes Technical College**

Learn from and experience an American Indian ceremony which shows a way to pray and purify those gathered for good things.

Throughout the evening, there will also be vignettes on discrimination and diversity sponsored by community youth representatives. **Attendance is free but advance registration is required to ensure adequate seating and materials.** Materials available in alternative formats upon request. Please complete the form below to register.

## MEETING REGISTRATION – PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!!!

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your registration to: NDFHC, 533 Airport Road, Suite C, Bismarck, ND 58504 or FAX: 701-221-9597

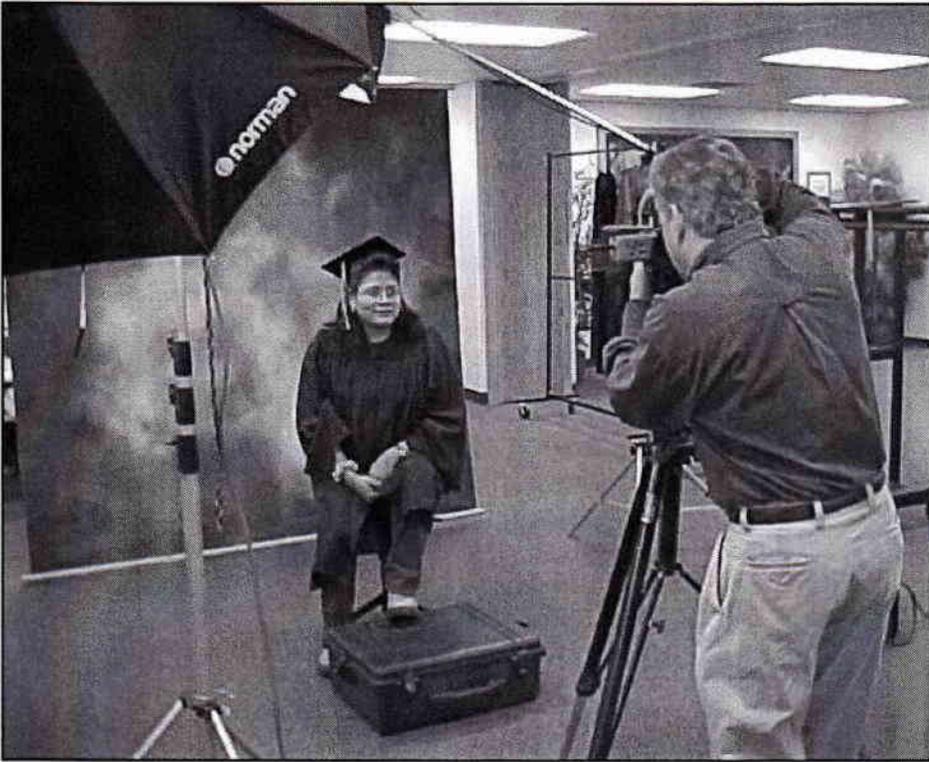
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**All Staff Professional Development Day**  
***Diversity: Improving Ourselves and Understanding Our Students***  
**Preliminary Schedule of Events**  
 March 15, 2004

8:00 Coffee / Continental Breakfast  
 8:30 Prayer  
 8:40 Opening Speaker

	Other Locations	JBC 209	JBC 210	JBC East	JBC West	JBC Commons Area	Small Gymnasium
9:00-10:15	School Improvement and Accreditation Activities (TJES Employees)	Annette Gefroh & Wanda Agnew <u>Financial Skills for Families</u>	Jeff McDowell <u>Linking Excel and Word</u>	Anthony Delorme <u>Rez Boy: Living in Two Worlds</u>	Aruna Seth <u>Diversity &amp; 21<sup>st</sup> Century America</u>	Royce Irwin <u>ACT/Compass and the Curriculum</u>	Recruitment Task Force <u>Jeopardy</u>
10:30-11:45		Carol Anderson <u>Curriculum for Recruiters</u>	Marla Trail <u>Pocket PCs – Part 2</u>	Rondeena Hamilton & Shawna Zastoupil <u>Student Input of Learning Assessment</u>	Aruna Seth <u>Diversity &amp; 21<sup>st</sup> Century America</u>	Mark Mindt <u>Worksite Wellness</u>	Bismarck Police Department or Fish Philosophy of Work
11:45-12:45	<b>Boxed Lunch (Sponsored by Student &amp; Campus Services)</b>						
1:00-2:15	Behavior and Discipline (CDC Employees)	Carol Anderson <u>Customer Service in the College Setting</u>	Jeff McDowell <u>Linking Excel and Word</u>	Anthony Delorme <u>Rez Boy: Living in Two Worlds</u>	Brian Palecek <u>Native American Movies and Books We All Need to Know</u>	Royce Irwin <u>ACT/Compass and the Curriculum</u>	Bismarck Police Department or Fish Philosophy of Work
2:30-3:45		Wanda Agnew <u>Grant Writing and Land Grant Institution</u>	Marla Trail <u>Pocket PCs – Part 2</u>	Rondeena Hamilton & Shawna Zastoupil <u>Student Input of Learning Assessment</u>	Brian Palecek <u>Native American Movies and Books We All Need to Know</u>	Mark Mindt <u>Worksite Wellness</u>	Recruitment Task Force <u>Jeopardy</u>
4:00-5:00	<b>Closing Activities</b> <b>(Collect Evaluations and Documentation Cards)</b> <b>Closing Prayer</b>						

# Can you believe it's almost that time again!



Bismarck photographer Robert Knutson is at it again – making portrait photographs of UTTC graduates. Beverly Clairmont (Lower Brule), who graduates with a two-year degree in Early Childhood Education, was photographed on March 5. Knutson will be on hand again on graduation day.

The UTTC Student Senate decided on the following motto for the 2003-04 graduating class: "For years we have tread a path, from dawn to setting sun. But now the path gets steeper, and the climb has just begun."

The next meeting of the graduation committee is set for Wednesday, March 24 at 4 p.m. in room 220 of the Education Building, where the planning will continue for such things as the drum group, honor guard, printed program and guest speaker.



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