

# UNITED TRIBES

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UNITED TRIBES TECHNICAL COLLEGE \* BISMARCK, ND

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### UTTC classes begin August 19



UTTC student registration was computerized in 2003. Memoree LeCompte Eagle (Standing Rock) being registered by Emmett Whiteman for classes last fall.

BISMARCK – Fall Semester classes at United Tribes Technical College are scheduled to begin Thursday, August 19. Three days of orientation precede the start of classes for students at the campus in Bismarck.

“We’re expecting another year of continued growth,” said Kathy Johnson, UTTC Enrollment Services Director. “Judging from our admissions contacts in July, the forecast is good both onsite and

online.”

Over the past two years the college experienced strong enrollment growth. The student count for the 2003-04 academic year was 862, an all time high. The school honored its largest class of campus-based graduates, 89 students, at a ceremony in May.

For the coming year, UTTC has three new associate degree

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### Funding awarded to help build campus wellness center

BISMARCK – United Tribes Technical College is slated to receive a grant to help construct a campus wellness center. The \$1.2 million award announced August 4 is a Title III Grant that UTTC submitted to the U. S. Department of Education earlier this year.

“This is a major contribution to the overall funding of the project,” said UTTC President David M. Gipp. “We also have funding commitments from HUD and USDA Rural Development. And we’re still continuing to raise funds.”

Constructing a wellness center is the brick-and-mortar part of a comprehensive campus wellness initiative launched in 2002 by Gipp and the UTTC Wellness Circle, a team of college health and wellness professionals.

The new construction is designed to attach to the east side of the James Henry Community Center, the college’s existing recreation and athletic building.

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**August 16 - 20**

**August 23 - 27**

LUNCH		DINNER		LUNCH		DINNER	
M	Goulash, Wax Beans	M	Hamb. Steak, Mashed Potatoes	M	Spaghetti, Garlic Toast	M	Baked Ham, Au-Gratin Potatoes
T	Ham Sandwich, Bean Soup	T	Pork Chop, Rice	T	Steak Sandwich, Oven Potatoes	T	New England Dinner, Breadsticks
W	Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes	W	Lasagna, Garlic Toast	W	Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes	W	Salisbury Steak, Boiled Potatoes
T	Bratwurst & Kraut, Beans	T	Grilled Steak, Baked Potato	T	Hamburger, Fries	T	Shish-Ka-Bob Casserole, Rice
F	Fishwich, Potato Salad	F	Hot Dog, Baked Beans	F	Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup	F	Fish Platter, Potato Wedges



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# CULTURE SHOCK

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# Cultures to mingle when Bismarck parades merge

BISMARCK, ND – Two parades, that have separately showcased ethnic pride, are merging into one cultural event this fall. Organizers of the United Tribes "Parade of Champions" and Bismarck-Mandan's "Folkfest Parade" announced an agreement today to combine their efforts on one parade.

"It's a great opportunity to work together and coordinate one parade in Bismarck in September," said David M. Gipp, UTTC President. "Having one event brings people together for cultural sharing and understanding. That's something we've been striving for."

For about 20 years the two parades took place independently of each other one week apart, following the same route.

The "Parade of Champions" features American Indian dancers, singers and tribal royalty attending the annual United Tribes International Powwow, while the "Folkfest Parade" was modeled on the fall harvest celebrations of northern European countries.

"Folkfest Parade" organizers from the Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce approached the college to join the two events on the day of UTTC's parade.

"We're very excited about our partnership with UTTC," said Chamber President Kelvin Hullet. "Bringing together our two parades reflects the mission of Folkfest, to promote civic pride and a spirit of goodwill and friendship among the residents of Bismarck-Mandan and surrounding communities."

The two groups have started meeting to blend the two events on Saturday, September 11. The "Parade of Champions" has been part of the United Tribes International Powwow, which celebrates 35 years of operation on the same weekend. Organizers have retained the title, "Parade of Champions," but have noted that United Tribes Technical



UTTC Tourism Director Karen Paetz announced at a July 8 press conference that the "Parade of Champions" will accept participation from participants in the Folkfest Parade. The request to join the UTTC parade came from the Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce. Chamber President Kelvin Hullet at left.

College and Folkfest present it.

"The powwow and parade emphasize the beauty, richness and diversity of cultures," said Karen Paetz, UTTC Tourism Director and parade coordinator. "We've had good participation from the community in the past. Now we'll have more of it. Bismarck will have much to celebrate."

KFYR-TV, a major sponsor, will broadcast the event live to western North Dakota's NBC television stations beginning at 10 a.m. (Central Time).

Organizers emphasize that all groups and organizations previously involved in either parade, and prospective new entrants, are invited to participate. Applications for those

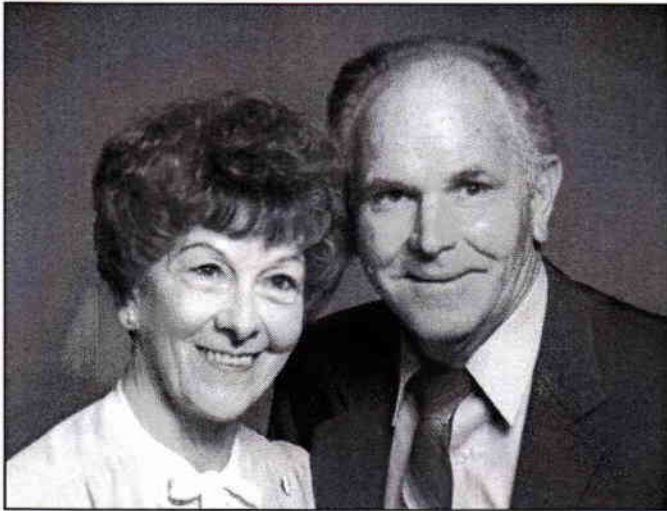
familiar with the "Folkfest Parade" are available from the Bismarck-Mandan Chamber. "Parade of Champions" participants may contact UTTC.

Staging takes place on the State Capitol grounds and the route follows the regular path of parades through downtown Bismarck.

"Because a parade is a participatory event, we hope the entire community, as well as people from surrounding areas, will embrace this new concept and take part either as participants or viewers," said Gipp.

For more information contact Karen Paetz 701-255-3285 x 1426, kpaetz@uttc.edu. or Stephanie Iwaniew 701-222-4349, stephi@bismarckmandan.com.

# Endowment gift creates new UTTC scholarship



A major gift to the United Tribes Technical College Endowment Fund has created a new scholarship and helped affirm a family's connection with its tribal heritage.

UTTC received a \$50,000 gift from the family of the late Winifred and James Marvin, pictured above left, who once lived in McLean County, North Dakota. Over the summer, their children, who reside

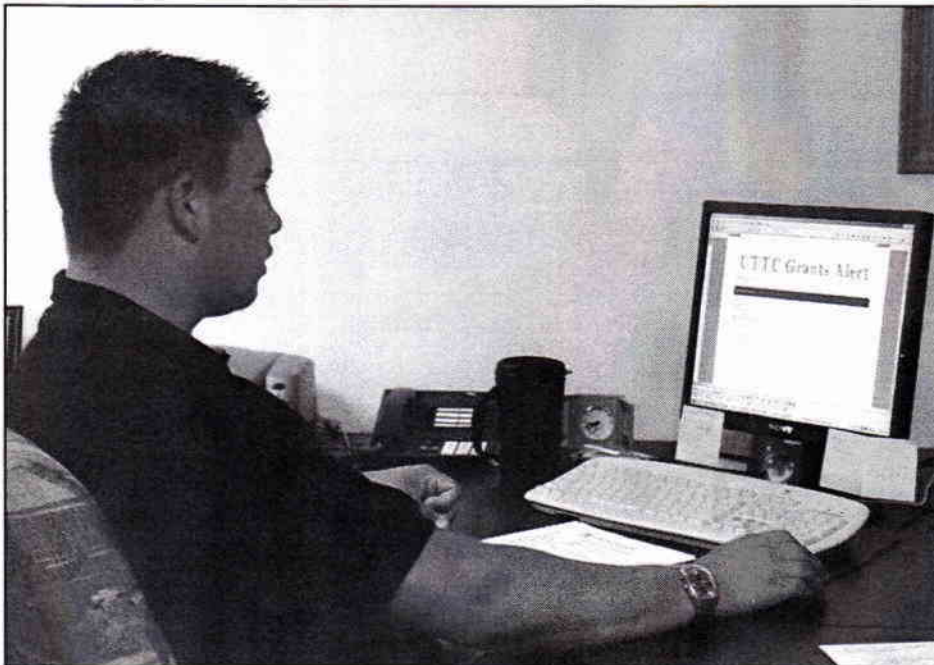
in California, made the donation creating the James and Winifred Marvin Scholarship Fund.

Having Cherokee ancestors, Mr. Marvin wished to support education for tribal people and strengthen family ties to tribal heritage. His children, above right, from left, Danny W. Marvin, Darlene C. M. Lovell, and Ronald G. Marvin, were honored by the college with

traditional gifts of thanks for their family's contribution.

"We're grateful for the friendship of the Marvin family," said UTTC President David M. Gipp. "Their generosity greatly assists us in serving Indian students and their families." The Marvin scholarship will be presented annually to a UTTC student.

## Grant tips and deadlines in e-news alert



UTTC Research Assistant, Brad Hawk, works on weekly e-mail.

UTTC Research Assistant Brad Hawk has created an alert system for finding grants.

Brad regularly scours the web and compiles a summary of grants that the college and its departments might be eligible to apply for. His weekly e-mail, titled "Grants Alert," contains hot-links to the grant websites. Among his main sources are the Federal Register, the Foundation Center, and the website grants.gov.

Grants Alert now goes to UTTC staff and faculty. If there's interest, Brad says the alert could be expanded to include grants available to tribal reservations.

For more information or to be put on the Grants Alert e-mail distribution list, contact Brad at [bhawk@uttc.edu](mailto:bhawk@uttc.edu).



# Tribal summit to focus on putting vision into action



Summit participants, including UTTC students, listen to a presentation by ND Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem during the 2003 Summit.

BISMARCK, ND – Tribal leaders and public officials will be talking about what it takes to go from ideas to action when they gather for the Eighth Annual United Tribes Intertribal Council Summit.

The conference is scheduled for September 7-9 in Bismarck with the theme "Putting Visions Into Action." United Tribes Technical College sponsors the event, held in conjunction with the United Tribes International Powwow.

"The act of visioning is important in tribal life and in the leadership functions of the mainstream," said UTTC President David M. Gipp. "Perhaps the more difficult step is to put our ideas into action. It's important to learn on how that occurs and hear from those who've been successful at it."

In the past, summit meetings have focused on economic issues for tribes, said Gipp. Presenters at these sessions will touch on a wide range of interests including tribal participation in the upcoming election, transportation, federal taxation in Indian Country, federal program assessment rating tools, economic

development, gaming, tourism, and other intertribal issues.

Scheduled keynote speakers include Norm DeWeaver, Indian and Native American Employment and Training Coalition, Anchorage, AK, Sandy K. Baruah, EDA Deputy Assistant Secretary of Programs Operation, Washington, DC, and Robert E. Olson, EDA Regional Director, Denver, CO.

North Dakota Governor John Hoeven, Indian Affairs Commission Director Cheryl Kulas and other state officials, along with Bismarck Mayor John Warford, Mandan Mayor Ken LaMont and members of the state's Congressional Delegation are scheduled for presentations on Tuesday afternoon, September 7.

Other presenters include Tex Hall, Chairman of the Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Nation and President of the National Congress of American Indians, and other tribal leaders including Chairman Charles Murphy, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Chairman Valentino White, Spirit Lake Tribe, Chairman James C. Crawford III, Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, and Chairman Leon Morin, Turtle

Mountain Band of Chippewa.

The 2004 summit begins one day earlier than last year, on Tuesday, September 7. Registration opens at 8 a.m. The conference opening ceremony is set for 1 p.m.

The summit concludes Thursday, September 9 with policy discussions and the formation of resolutions by the United Tribes of North Dakota Board.

Early bird registration is available at \$250 per person until August 20. Pre-paid registrations at \$300 will be taken until September 3. Onsite registration at the time of the conference is \$350.

Summit meetings take place at the Best Western Doublewood Inn, 1400 East Interchange Avenue, (exit 159 & I-94). A reception with gubernatorial candidate Joe Satrom as guest speaker is scheduled for Wednesday, September 8 at 6 p.m. at the North Dakota Heritage Center.

To obtain a copy of the agenda and other information, or to register, contact Wes Long Feather, 701-255-3285 Ext. 1218 or visit the college website at [www.uttcc.edu](http://www.uttcc.edu).

# Food safety institutes held at UTTC

by Pat Aune

The importance of food safety was the focus of institutes held at United Tribes Technical College June 1-4 and August 2-4. The training was designed for food service managers and staff, food vendors, daycare workers, private restaurant owners, public health workers, casino kitchen staff, and anyone seeking employment in the food service industry.

The UTTC Food Safety Program works with tribal members and others to "share food safely" in homes, at celebrations and powwows, and in businesses. During the institute, participants took the national ServSafe exam to receive formal certification of their food safety knowledge.

Training covers the importance of food safety, how to avoid health problems caused by poor food handling, food codes, hand washing and personal hygiene, improved food cleaning and sanitation procedures, and safe cooking times and temperatures.

UTTC Land Grant faculty and staff who organized and taught the Institutes: Pat Aune, Wanda Agnew, Kelly Archambault, Katy Churchill, Annette Gefroh, Kim Hinnenkamp, Mark Mindt, and Shelby Weist. Julie Cain provided the opening prayer.

This is part of a three-year program in food safety education, funded, in part, by the USDA National Integrated Food Safety Initiative. The program is the first of its kind at a tribal college.

June participants included: R.J. Young Bird, Four Bears Casino, New Town, Kayla Porras, Bear Soldier Day Care, Fort Yates, Arlene Hagen and James White Body, Fort Berthold Correctional Center, Charlotte Duarte and Belinda Decoteau, Quentin Burdick Health Care Facility in Belcourt, Mary Brunelle and Annette Gefroh, UTTC.

August participants included: K. Susan Eagle, Rock Creek Grant School, Bullhead, SD and Kimberly Eagle, Joan Church, Sandra Smith and Joleen Fox, Mandaree Public



School, William Summers and Greg White, Prairie Knights Casino & Lodge, Brother George Maufort, SDS, Catholic Indian Mission, Fort Yates, Thomas Wong, Fargo, and Cindy Shepherd, Sisseton-Wahpeten Elderly Nutrition Program.

Additional food safety institutes will be held in November 2004, March and June of 2005. For more information contact Pat Aune, UTTC Extension Food Safety at extension 1399 or e-mail [paune@uttc.edu](mailto:paune@uttc.edu).

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# Congratulations in order

by Lisa Azure

Two UTTC students have completed their courses of study and will be starting the final phase of becoming elementary education teachers!

Misty Begay (Sisseton) and Anita Green (Three Affiliated) will begin student teaching this month, the final requirement for a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education.

Misty is going to student teach at Enemy Swim Day School in Waubay, South Dakota. She will be spending eight weeks in Kindergarten and eight weeks in Grade Four. Anita will be student teaching in New Hope, Minnesota, a suburb of Minneapolis, MN. She will complete 16 weeks in

Grade Two.

These two students are the first UTTC students, in partnership with Sinte Gleska University in South Dakota, to student teach. They are placed with "master teachers" who will guide them in their classroom experiences, with supervision from UTTC faculty.

Upon completion of their student teaching, they will graduate with a Bachelor's Degree and be eligible to apply for teacher licensure in North Dakota or teacher certification in South Dakota.

Congratulations, ladies! We are very proud of you!

# Remember Vernon?

by Karla Baxter

Vernon Torralba graduated from the UTTC Health Information Technology Program in 2002 and transferred to St. Scholastica's 4-year Health Information Administration program in Duluth, Minnesota. He has stayed in touch with UTTC's HIT faculty, and he most recently sent this picture of himself with his peers and instructors (sitting across from him). They are enjoying their luncheon to celebrate graduating students. Vernon will complete his 4-year degree program in December. He says he

is anxious to begin working. He also plans to work for 2 or 3 years before returning to St. Scholastica to complete their HIT masters program. Vernon received the North Dakota Health Information Management Association (NDHIMA) scholarship in 2001. He is also an I.H.S. Scholarship recipient. Kathy LaTour, one of Vernon's instructors, has shared with Karla Baxter (UTTC-HIT Program) that Vernon has been very involved with activating the St. Scholastica Indian Club. We are all very proud of you, Vernon!



Vernon Torralba, at left, Class of 2002 UTTC, with students and instructors at St. Scholastica, Duluth, MN.

## UTTC Mailroom



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# The HIT Program Responds to Its Community

by Karla Baxter

The UTTC Health Information Technology Program recently completed a special training project in collaboration with the North Dakota Health Information Management Association (NDHIMA) and the North Dakota Health Care Review, Inc. (NDHCRI) organizations. This special training project was designed to help address the obvious need for educational opportunities for health information management personnel located in acute care facilities throughout North Dakota. Its target audience was coding and reimbursement staff. In about January of 2001, the NDHCRI invited NDHIMA to develop a project that would provide educational opportunities to health information professionals. NDHIMA was asked specifically to target rural facilities, NDHIMA members, and non-NDHIMA members. The NDHIMA Board, after much discussion, allocated funds to the United Tribes Technical College for the purposes of this course with its vocational specific software, WebLearning Management Systems, or EduCode®. A third party, McStrategies, owns the EduCode® courseware and licenses it use to United Tribes. McStrategies has granted special permission rights for purposes of this unique training opportunity.

The goals of this collaborative training program provide an avenue to address the significant coding and reimbursement needs in North Dakota. NDHIMA, specifically, addressed the inherent accessibility issues to rural facilities. Web-based, EduCode® courseware and online educational programs provide a means by which rural individuals may access educational resources from where they work or live. Every hospital in the state of North Dakota was provided the opportunity to designate one individual to participate in this coding education project, including

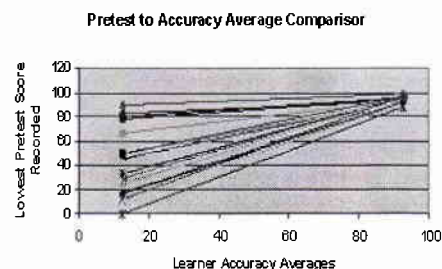
Indian Health Services facilities. This educational opportunity was offered to participants free of charge to them or their employer. A small number of facilities opted to pay an additional \$100 to allow training opportunities for additional staff. There were 43 participants in this project and 41 (of 48) North Dakota healthcare facilities represented.

This project served the NDHIMA/NDHCRI Collaboration Agreement's intent and purpose of providing health information management personnel with the knowledge they need in order to obtain correct reimbursement, comply with all of the regulations, and keep abreast of new developments. In the final evaluation of this training, every goal was met or exceeded.

Figure 1 illustrates learner's pretest and posttest outcomes given the 204 lessons completed in the training project. All learners increased their knowledge in the areas of ICD-9-CM code and DRG assignment. Despite the wide range of pretest scores, the learner accuracy scores grouped to a small variance.

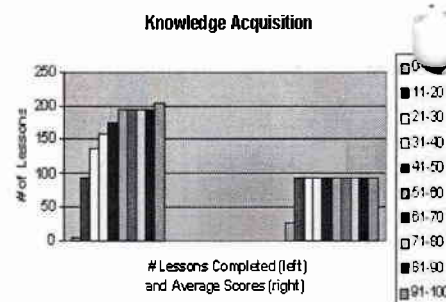
The second graph (Figure 2) shows the aggregate learning outcomes. It is also important to note that learning outcomes drastically increased in the beginning and then stabilized at no less than 90% accuracy.

The Health Information Technology Program expresses gratitude to the NDHIMA for allowing UTTC's accredited, HIT program the honor of providing a special training program. Appreciation is also expressed to NDHCRI for providing the necessary funds to allow this project to happen. The HIT program also thanks the United Tribes Technical College's Administration and Distance, and Continuing Education Department for the support of this unique opportunity.



**Figure 1:**  
**Pre-test Scores Compared to Post-test Scores**

The pre-test scores had a wide range from 0 to 82.5. The average pre-test score is calculated as 38.9%. The average accuracy rate is calculated as 94.08%.



**Figure 2:**  
**Lessons Completed and Knowledge Acquisition**

Note that learning outcomes drastically increased in the beginning and then stabilized at no less than 90% accuracy. Learners maintained stable, average, learning outcomes of greater than 90% as they successfully increased the number of lessons completed. Learners retained the knowledge gained from basic coding, to intermediate level coding, through the completion of advanced coding modules.



# NASA Pre-Service Teacher Institute

Lisa Azure

Seven UTTC students participated in the NASA Pre-Service Teacher Institute that was sponsored by Sitting Bull College in Fort Yates, North Dakota, the last two weeks of July, 2004. The institute focuses on Native culture, science and technology for students who are pursuing a teaching career. As a result of their participation, these students will be eligible to attend the

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programs: Elementary Education/Special Education, Office Technology - Medical, and Office Technology - Information Processing Specialist. The new offerings bring to 17 the number of vocational and academic programs. The college offers 11 certificate programs.

"In the past year, the most popular of the school's vocations was Licensed Practical Nursing," said Johnson. Seventy-two students were enrolled in nursing, followed by 58 in Computer Support Technology, and 53 in Criminal Justice.

Taking advantage of educational services from a distance, nearly 100 students in 2003-04 were located off campus, including 57 at the Owens Valley Career Development Center, a UTTC branch campus in Bishop, CA.

Last year the college became the first tribal college in the nation to receive accreditation to confer Associate of Applied Science degrees in two programs offered entirely online: Injury Prevention and Early Childhood Education. The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) accredits all UTTC course offerings.

Fall orientation starts Monday, August 16 at 9 a.m. with a mandatory pre-orientation for students with children. The college is committed to providing housing for students and their families. On campus services for children include

National NASA Teacher Institute that will be held in Arlington, Virginia, in February of 2005, all expenses paid. The UTTC students attending were:

- Tanya Mendoza • Turtle Mt.
- Catherine Still Day • Standing Rock
- Natalie Estenson • Bismarck, ND
- Deb Davis • Turtle Mt.
- Celeste Phelps • Rolla, ND
- Karen Little Wind • Spirit Lake
- Thomas Yellow Bird, Sr. • 3 Affiliated

an infant/toddler center, a pre-school, and the K-8 Theodore Jamerson Elementary School.

An orientation overview, including introduction of student ambassadors and the college deans, along with a welcome address from UTTC President David M. Gipp, is set for Tuesday, August 17 at 1 p.m.

Meeting with advisors, class registration and campus tours take place on Wednesday, August 18. Classes start the following day.

Entertainment during orientation includes a ride on a riverboat on the Missouri River, Monday, August 16 at 8 p.m. The cruise and pizza feed is offered to the first 125 new students to board. A picnic is scheduled for Tuesday, August 17 at 5 p.m. near the UTTC cafeteria, followed by an outdoor contemporary music jam called "Culture Shock," from 7 p.m. to midnight. Winners will be drawn for prizes during orientation wrap-up at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, August 18.

The start of school comes three weeks prior to the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual United Tribes International Powwow set for September 9 - 12. No classes are scheduled on the Labor Day, Monday Holiday or the Friday of powwow. For more information visit the college website at [www.uttc.edu](http://www.uttc.edu) or contact UTTC Enrollment Services 701-255-3285 x 1334 or [vgillette@uttc.edu](mailto:vgillette@uttc.edu).

# Bookstore News

**Welcome everyone, old & new!**

The campus bookstore is located in the lower level of The Jack Barden Student Life & Technology Center. The Bookstore sells the following items: textbooks, school & office supplies, backpacks, tote bags, and a wide variety of sportswear. We have jackets, sweatshirts, t-shirts, pants, hats, and a few kids' clothing items. We sell UTTC imprinted gift items and a line of gift items from the Leanin' Tree Co., which includes greeting cards, posters, mugs, journals, magnets, and stationery. Also available are \$5, \$10, & \$20 pre-paid phone cards and money orders for .50 cents each.

**New items this fall include:**

- Denim overall bibs for infants, sizes 3/6 through 24 months
- Fleece athletic pants in women's and men's sizes from our newest vendor- "Champion" Sportswear, as well as kid's t-shirts and a few adult hoods too.
- Red/black full zip fleece jacket
- Striped hood sweatshirt - 4 colors to choose from
- Black sweatshirt with contrasted red hood
- New sporty carry-all tote bag in black/white or red/white
- Check Newsletter for upcoming new arrivals

The Bookstore manager is Cathy Mastrud, assistant manager is Leah Fox. We can be reached at Ext. 1460. Bookstore hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday, conveniently open through the noon hour.

The Bookstore will be open extended hours on August 18th & 19th from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m., and August 20-27 from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Payment methods accepted include cash, check, credit cards, and payroll deduction to all staff and to students that receive stipends.

We are looking forward to another great year!

## Wellness center

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"Our concern is for the health and well-being of our entire campus community," said Gipp. "We're putting special emphasis on improving the overall health of our students and their families so they feel better and perform better academically."

The new building will provide up-to-date space, facilities, and a central location for health related programs and services on campus, including the student health center, chemical health center, and some USDA Land Grant Programs related to food and nutrition," said Gipp.

"We embrace all of the elements that go into wellness, including the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual aspects. We also intend to approach this holistically from a contemporary health care point of view and from that of traditional tribal healing practices as well."

In announcing the grant award from Washington, DC, U. S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige said the funding was aided because of the White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities.

"President Bush and I believe the nation's tribal colleges and universities play an important role in the rich traditions of the Indian people," said Paige. "These grants will help tribal colleges and universities open doors of opportunity for more students."

Nine other tribal colleges received funds for other purposes including new classrooms, new student facilities, new technology, and faculty and support services: Institute of American Indian Arts, New Mexico - \$500,000; Leech Lake Tribal College, Minnesota - \$1.2 million; Crownpoint Institute of Technology, New Mexico - \$1.4 million; Blackfeet Community College, Montana - \$3.1 million; Stone Child College, Montana - \$1.4 million; Fort Belknap College, Montana - \$1.2 million; Sitting Bull College, North Dakota - \$4 million; Sisseton Wahpeton College, South Dakota - \$861,722.

A groundbreaking for the UTTC wellness center could happen in September, said Gipp.

## A Discussion of the Indian Child Welfare Act and the Adoption and Safe Families Act

October 5, 2004  
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe  
Prairie Knights Casino & Lodge

October 12, 2004  
Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation  
Four Bears Casino & Lodge

October 19, 2004  
Spirit Lake Nation  
Spirit Lake Casino & Resort

October 26, 2004  
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa  
Sky Dancer Casino

### AGENDA

- |            |                                     |
|------------|-------------------------------------|
| 8:30 a.m.  | Registration                        |
| 9:00 a.m.  | Welcome & Introductions             |
| 10:00 a.m. | Review of Key Issues                |
|            | • 2003 Regional Forums              |
|            | • 2004 ICWA Conference              |
| 11:30 a.m. | Feedback & Clarification            |
| 12:00 p.m. | Lunch                               |
| 1:00 p.m.  | Building Tribal-State Relationships |
| 3:00 p.m.  | Creating Plans of Action            |
| 3:30 p.m.  | NDICWA.COM                          |
| 4:30 p.m.  | Wrap-up & Evaluation                |

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

State, County and Tribal Child Welfare Workers, County, State and Tribal Attorneys, State and Tribal Judges, ICWA Specialists, Human Service Center Workers, Court Personnel, Adoption Agencies, Foster Parents, Foster Care Workers, Residential Treatment Center Workers, Tribal leaders, State legislators and anyone working with Native American children and families.

You must register to attend. To register or for more information, please call the Native American Training Institute at 701-255-6374.



# United Tribes Technical College

## Fall Semester 2004 Orientation Schedule

### Monday, August 16

- Mandatory Pre-Orientation for Students with Children**
- 9 a.m. – noon Students enroll children in elementary school, pre-school, Infant/Toddler Center
- 1 p.m. Child services presentation, Sam Azure, UTTC Dean of Childhood Education, and staff (JBC lower level)
- 2 p.m. WIC/TANF/MA/Sick Child Daycare information
- 8 p.m. NEW STUDENTS – Riverboat Cruise and Pizza (125 students only, first come/first aboard)

### Tuesday, August 17

- 8:30 a.m. – noon ACT Compass Testing (JBC upper level)
- 1:15 p.m. Orientation Overview, Prayer/Song, Introduction of Ambassadors, Deans, and Welcome Address by UTTC President David M. Gipp (JBC lower level)
- 2 p.m. Vocational and Campus Services Fair (large gym)
- 3 p.m. Snacks (JBC lower level)
- 5 p.m. Picnic (near cafeteria)
- 6:30 p.m. Sobriety Fun Night (JBC)
- 7 p.m. – midnight “Culture Shock” outdoor music jam

### Wednesday, August 18

- 8 a.m. – noon Registration Process Checklist  
(Self-guided tours of campus)
- 1 p.m. Speed Bingo (JBC lower level)
- 2 p.m. Financial Aid, Student Health Center, Center for Student Success (JBC lower level)
- 3 p.m. Wrap-up, prize drawings (JBC lower level)
- 7 p.m. Movie night (Wopila Coffee Shop)

### Thursday, August 19 - Classes Begin

# Giant UTTC Thunderbird sculpture takes shape



Jamie L. Ducheneaux has nothing to fear from the giant beak behind her. The larger-than-life image is that of a Thunderbird, a powerful American Indian spirit in the form of a bird.

Over the summer, Jamie and five other UTTC Art/Art Marketing students have been carving life into the image. It's made from large blocks of structural foam, similar to the stuff used as cushion in shipping boxes.

But it isn't ready to spring to life just yet.

When completed in October it will depict four Thunderbirds emerging from a thundercloud with head and talons thrust forward. It'll measure over 20 feet wide by 14 feet tall and be located at Keelboat Park off Bismarck's River Road near the Grant Marsh Bridge.

According to research by the students, the Thunderbird is a spiritual messenger in tribal cultures, representing the sacred power that produces thunder and lightening.

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