

# W UNITED TRIBES TECHNICAL COLLEGE WEEKLY NEWSLETTE R

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## White Eagle, Charter Board Member, dies



*Mr. Melvin White Eagle (Standing Rock Sioux) was an original signer to the United Tribes Charter. He will always be respected for his kind, and gentle leadership for those in need. He passed away at his home March 13, 1999.*

**ON CAMPUS:** A special prayer service will be held at 4:00 pm, March 16, 1999, at the United Tribes Interdenominational Chapel. Services for Mr. White Eagle will be held Wednesday, March 17, 1999, Solen Public School Gymnasium, Solen, ND: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm - Viewing and Public Remarks; 2:00 to 3:00 pm - Catholic Service; 4:00 - Transport to N.D. Veterans Memorial Cemetery followed by Memorial, Dinner at Solen School Gym.

Mr. Melvin White Eagle, an original 1968 signer of the United Tribes of North Dakota charter, the precursor to the College, when he was first a council delegate to the board and later the Chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (1970-1975) and the United Tribes board of directors, passed away peacefully at his Cannonball, North Dakota home, March 13, 1999.

Mr. White Eagle was a former staff member, working as tribal liaison and student placement officer (1975-1980 and 1984-1995).

Mr. White Eagle was charter signer and delegate to the United Tribes and was only one of two remaining signers to the first document.

Mr. White Eagle's tenure as chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux began as he completed his first year as a member of the council when the late Tribal Chairman Douglas Skye died of heart failure while in office. Mr. White Eagle, who had been elected vice chair of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council immediately assumed duties and was confirmed as Chairman in October, 1970. He was elected for two more terms as chairman.

During his term as tribal chairman, his administration developed a "Year 2000 comprehensive plan" for the tribe and developed economic development

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## Weekly Menu

### DINNER

#### March 15-19

- Mon.- Honey Roasted Turkey Sandwich, Soup, Salad Bar, 2% or Skim Milk
- Tue.- Mexican Rollup, Spanish Rice, Salad Bar, Assorted Fresh Fruit, 2% or Skim Milk
- Wed.- Oven Baked Chicken, Rice, Vegetable, Salad Bar, Assorted Fresh Fruit, 2% or Skim Milk
- Thu.- Hamburger on a Bun, Baked Fries, Salad Bar, Assorted Fresh Fruit, 2% or Skim Milk
- Fri.- Old Fashioned Tomato Soup, Egg Salad Sandwich on Whole Wheat, Salad Bar, Assorted Fresh Fruit, 2% or Skim Milk

#### March 22

- Mon.- Croissant Sandwich with Turkey or Ham, Potato Salad, Salad Bar, 2% or Skim Milk

### SUPPER

- Mon.- Baked Ham, Baked Potato Wedges, Vegetable, Salad Bar, 2% or Skim Milk
- Tue.- New England Dinner, Boiled Potatoes, Boiled Vegetable, Salad Bar, Dessert, 2% or Skim Milk
- Wed.- Salisbury Steak, Rice Pilaf, Salad Bar, Dessert, 2% or Skim Milk
- Thu.- Shish-ka-bob Casserole, Wild Rice, Salad Bar, Dessert, 2% or Skim Milk
- Fri.- Fish Platter, Oven Baked Potato Wedges, Salad Bar, Dessert, 2% or Skim Milk
- Mon.- Braised Beef over Noodles, Vegetable, Salad, Fresh Fruit, 2% or Skim Milk

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strategies.

The first "Treaty Council" meetings among the Sioux or Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota tribal bands were held at the Chief Gull Site on southern Standing Rock regarding the Laramie and related treaties.

In 1973 he was among tribal leaders who worked toward mediation and resolution among tribal leaders and occupants of the second Wounded Knee conflict and occupation.

Known for his personal quality of accepting and working with diverse points of view, he and other tribal leaders made a special trip to the edge of the Wounded Knee Site in an effort to bring resolution.

He, along with the late Moses Gill, Chairman of the Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux; then Chairman Louis LaRose, Winnebago Tribe; Leon Cook (Re Lake Chippewa) who was president of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), and others made the journey to the Oglala reservation but were stopped and held on the road by federal marshalls.

Mr. White Eagle was a veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict. He served for two years at the Panama Canal.

Mr. White Eagle is survived by his wife Blanche, a retired member of the UTTC staff, and their six daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchild, his brother Wesley, Cannonball, and sister Vicki Culbertson, Mandan. Mr. and Mrs. White Eagle's daughters are Carol, Lois, Renae, Pam, Juanita, Harriet and Annie.

Mr. White Eagle served with numerous Chairmen and delegates to the United Tribes board, and was among the first generation of United Tribes board members including the late James Henry, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, Louis Goodhouse, Spirit Lake Sioux, and Vincen Malnourie (Sr.), Three Affiliated Tribes of Fort Berthold.

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*Melvin White Eagle with his wife Blanche was honored in 1996 during the United Tribes International Powwow. They are accompanied by Felix Kidder and the White Eagle family and friends. (UTTC photo - David M. Gipp)*

## **From the Academic Dean** ***March Madness and Words of Wisdom***

As our Thunderbirds basketball team prepares to journey to Danville, Illinois this week to play in the National Junior College Athletic Association tournament, I recall some words of wisdom by the one of the best basketball coaches of all time, namely John Wooden of UCLA. During the 1979-80 academic year, I was finishing my doctoral dissertation at the University of North Dakota and I had the opportunity to hear John Wooden speak at the Chester Fritz Auditorium. His basketball team the UCLA Bruins won 7 consecutive national championships during the 1970's, an unprecedented feat that may never be matched in modern times. Certainly, he had good players as a TEAM unselfishly, utilize his bench as role players, assessing individual talent, and he was a master psychologist with the innate ability to inspire without a lot of fanfare. He talked about some of the talented players he coached including Lew Alcindor (Kareem Abdul Jabbar), Gail Goodrich, Sidney Wicks, Marquees Johnson, and a few others. However, the one thing he said as he was concluding his lecture left me with quite an impression and why he is a leader and in a class all by himself. During the halftime of

these national championship games and before his team reentered the arena for the 2nd half, he always told his players one final thing, "...no matter if we win or lose, I want all of you to keep your heads held high..." Truly, words of wisdom from a great coach, a gentleman, and a human being. These words should apply equally to our players, coaches, and students who will be attending the finals. We are all proud of you. Remember to keep you head held high this week in Danville, win or lose. Good Luck to our Thunderbirds!

Secondly, we are equally proud of our UTTC students who will be competing in the AIHEC Knowledge Bowl competition the following week, March 20-24th in Billings, Montana. The students have prepared themselves in the various categories of competition. The following students will be representing UTTC:

### Business Competition

Tanya Morris  
Melichi Four Bear  
Alan Spoonhunter  
Mary Ackerpont  
Francine Middletent

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## U.T.T.C. Handgame Team Wins at Fort Berthold

The members of the U.T.T.C. Handgame Team traveled to New Town on Friday, March 12, 1999, where they participated in the Fort Berthold Community College Handgame Tournament. The team came back with the First Place Prize of \$300.00, the Finders Team from Fort Berthold won the second place prize of \$200.00, and Sitting Bull College won the third place prize of \$100.00.

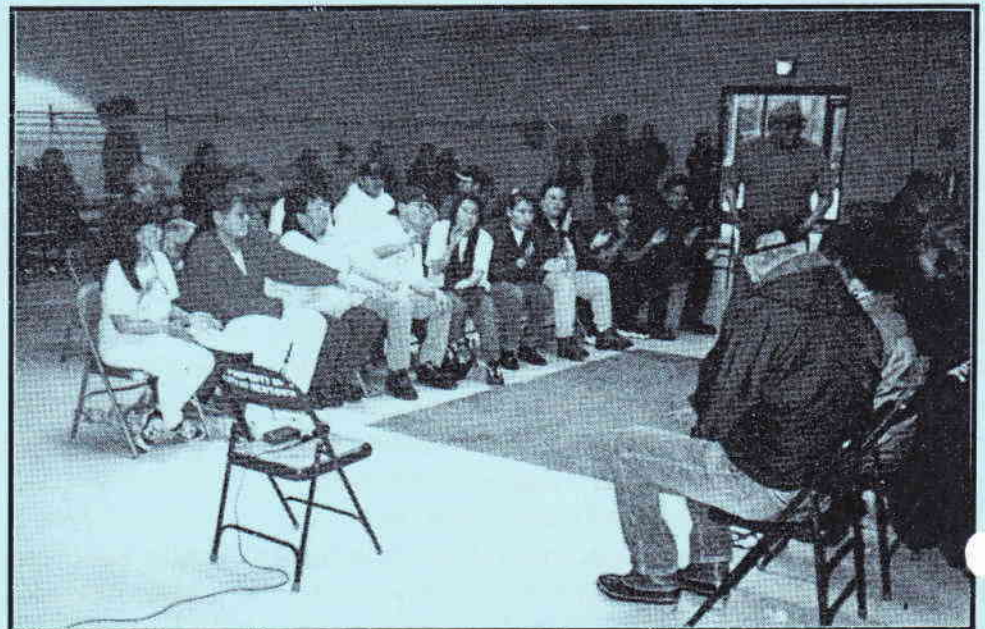
Members of the team are: Dave Strange Owl (Captain), Gerald Packineau, Virgil Chase, Jr., Harriet Broken Nose, Elena Beatus, Katie Beheler, Mary Otter Robe, and Tonya Morris.

The U.T.T.C. Handgame will be traveling to AIHEC to participate in the Handgame Tournament at Billings. They will also be going to a Handgame Tournament in April sponsored by Sitting Bull College.

The Team would like to thank all the people that helped them get to Fort Berthold: Dave M. Gipp, Russell Swagger, John Derby, Bob Feist, LeRoi Laundreaux, Red Koch, Duane and Pete.

Congratulations to the U.T.T.C. Handgame Team!

*by Cynthia Fox, Handgame Team Coach*



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Knowledge Bowl

David Strange Owl  
Rhondeena Hamilton  
Gerald Packineau  
Katie Beheler  
Madonna Knife

Art Competition

Nelson B. Gipp  
Maynard Iron Hawk

Speech Competition

Virgil Chase  
Gerald Packineau  
Stanley Long Tree  
Mary Otter Robe

Critical Inquiry

Sharon Clairmont  
Geri Whiteman  
Harriet Broken Nose  
Virgil Chase

Handgame Competition

Gerald Packineau  
Harriet Broken Nose  
Francine Middletent  
Dave Strange Owl  
Alan Spoonhunter  
Geri Whiteman  
Katie Beheler

Staff Participants

Dr. John Derby, Judge/Speech Contest  
Cynthia Fox, Business/Handgame Coach  
Royce Irwin, Critical Inquiry Coach  
Suzanne Cadotte, Knowledge Bowl Coach  
Vince Schanandore, Exhibit Booth  
Letitia Stewart, Student Senate Advisor

Again, if you have a chance to see any of our students please praise them for their individual efforts. I'm sure they will represent UTTC with their best effort.

## Yearbook

Our disposable cameras are all distributed out to our instructors and directors. We will be gathering them up the early part of the week.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Thank You,  
Deloris Diegel, Editor

## Reminder

To everyone on campus, if you are not using the Inter-Department Envelopes please return them to Supply because they are becoming very expensive.

*I would like to say Li La Pe Wa Kila to all my friends, relatives, staff and students for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers, for the phone calls, visits, cards and flowers while I was hospitalized.*

*Mitakuye Oyasin  
Tom Red Bird*

## Evening Child Care

Evening Child Care Service is available. We are open with extended evening hours from 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm for:

- Study time
- Research Time
- Work-Study
- Volunteer Time
- Job Responsibilities
- Social programs

Drop-in forms can be filled out at ITC or Pre-School.





## Graduates

A notice to all May 1999 Graduates, your 60 day interview to submit your Federal Application forms 171, 612, and a resume starts March 8, 1999, please make an appointment with Shirley Iron Road at extension 226 ASAP.

May 1999 Graduates will be required to get their Federal Application forms 171, 612, a resume and a Exiting form into the Placement Office before graduation. Students who do not submit these forms before the May deadline WILL NOT GRADUATE.

Remember that the Bismarck Tribune Employment Ads are posted on my door once a week. Jobs highlighted in the Tribune are related to all vocations offered at United Tribes. The national job announcements, just a few feet away, are in colored binders by room 120 in the Education Building. If binders are not updated, inquire in room 120 for the updated job announcements.

The new 1999 Career Ware software has been operational in my office since last fall. It is a excellent Career and Higher Education development tool, and would be a shame if you didn't come in and try it out. You are welcome to use it anytime. Please make an appointment with me if it is your first time using the software.

Thank you.

Vince Schanandore,  
Placement Counselor

## Internship Opportunities for Native American Students

The Department of Interiors hopes to increase diversity in their work force by providing internship opportunities to qualified American Indian students. The ten-week summer internship will provide a professional experience that will enable students to make education career choices.

A variety of intern placements within various disciplines are anticipated. Some internship areas include:

- \*Geology
- \*Engineering
- \*Computer Sciences
- \*Political Science

- \*Policy Development
- \*Business Mgmt.
- \*Pre-Law
- \*Natural Resources
- \*Accounting
- \*Earth Science
- \*Biology
- \*Ecology
- \*Many more...

All applicants must have the following:

- A minimum of 3.0 GPA
- Have completed their freshmen year of college by June 1999
- Be a currently enrolled student
- Be a member of a federally recognized Indian nation

Internship Period: May 31 to August 6, Travel: Round-trip travel is included, Stipend: Determined by academic status, Housing: Initial assistance in locating suitable housing within the interns budget will be available. Deadline: March 31, 1999.

For more information, please contact: Bill Welton or Barbara Cornelius, Natural Resources/Environmental Science, Haskell Indian Nations University, 155 Indian Avenue - Box 5018, Lawrence, Kansas 66046.

## Sitting Bull exhibit being shown at U-Mary

The University of Mary Welder Library is the temporary home to "Last Years of Sitting Bull", a traveling exhibit of the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

"Last Years of Sitting Bull" shows viewers his flight to Canada to avoid living on a reservation and surrender to his rise to celebrity status and eventual arrest and murder.

On display are reproductions of items from Sitting Bull's life: photographs of him and his family, a U.S. Census document detailing members of his family, a poster of an 1880s theatrical tour, pictographs and newspaper articles.

The exhibit is open to the public Monday through Thursday from 8 am to 10 pm, Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm, Saturday 1-5 pm, and Sunday 2-10 pm.

It runs through March 28.



## Raffle

Raising money for AIHEC 50/50  
Drawing winners: Melanie Thompson  
\$79.00 - Friday's Drawing 3-5-99, and  
Red Koch - Monday's Drawing 3-8-99.

**Don't Forget to say  
"Donate to Theodore  
Jamerson Elementary  
School", when you check out  
at all Super Valu's or  
Barlow's Econo Foods.**

## Chapel Schedule

### Sunday

Catholic Mass: 10:00 am - Rev. Fr. Victor  
Feser, OSB University of Mary, 255-7500.

All Nations Christian Fellowship: 1:00 pm -  
Pastor Colin LaBorde 223-4847, reserved  
for Men's, Women's Youth Fellowship,  
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Episcopal Services: 4:00 pm - Carol Dewall  
222-1875, reserved Wednesday nights.

Contact the following people for schedul-  
ing or information: Chapel Building - Bud  
Anderson 255-3285 ext. 302. Chapel  
Scheduling - Wenelle Veit 255-3285 ext.

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## Chemical Health Center

The Chemical Health Center staff would like to  
thank all the students and staff for coming to our Open  
House and making it a big success. A special thanks to  
the Cafeteria staff for the wonderful snacks.

Have a Happy St. Patrick's Day, and a safe and so-  
ber Spring Break!!!

### Alcohol and Prescription Drugs Don't Mix

- Sleeping Medications: Halcion, Dalmane
- Tranquilizers, Xanax: Valium, Ativan
- Anti-depressants: Elavil, Tofranil
- Pain relievers: Percodan, Codeine
- Some muscle relaxants: Robaxin, Soma
- Antihistamines: Chlor-Trimeton, Benadryl
- Some cough/cold products
- High-blood pressure medications: Aldomet,  
Minipress, Apresoline, Diuretics

**The above drugs taken with Alcohol can cause  
excessive drowsiness, impaired coordination, men-  
tal confusion, rapid intoxication, loss of conscious-  
ness, impaired breathing, and can be fatal.**

- Aspirin:
- Anti-arthritis medications: Feldene, Naprosyn,  
Potassium tablets
- Blood thinners: Coumadin

**The above drugs taken with Alcohol can increase  
stomach irritation, possible increase in stomach  
bleeding.**

- Blood thinners: Coumadin
- Anti-diabetic medications: Micronase, insulin
- Epilepsy medication: Dilantin
- Gout medication: Zylprim

**The above drugs taken with Alcohol interferes  
with control of certain medical conditions, and can  
cause change in effectiveness of drug treatment.**

**Information for the  
Next Newsletter must be  
submitted to Arrow Graphics  
no later than March 19  
Attn: Wanda Swagger**

# **POWWOW SOUVENIRS**

**Each week the Powwow Committee  
will be selling a 1998 Powwow  
Souvenir at a reduced price.  
In order to receive this item  
at the discounted price, it  
must be purchased the  
week that it is  
advertised!**

**THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL:**

**(March 15th - March 19th)**

**WINDSHIRTS - \$25.00**

**Regularly Priced at \$30.00.**

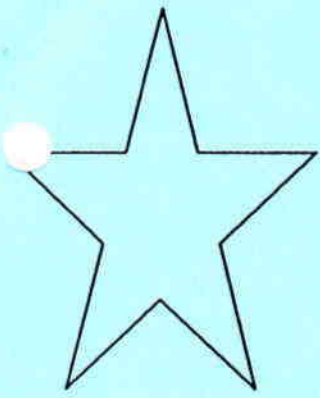
**SIZES: Large, X-Large, and 2X Large**

**COLORS: Navy or Black**

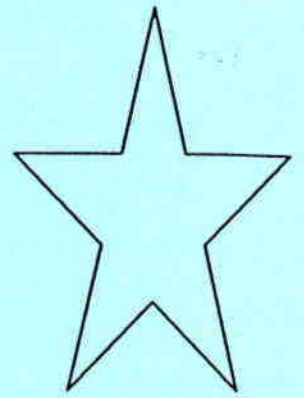
**STAFF & STUDENTS CAN DO PAYROLL DEDUCTION!**

**STOP BY ARROW GRAPHICS - BLDG. 51 - S. of GYM**





**ATTENTION ALL 1999  
GRADUATES**



**ONE: GO TO THE  
BOOKSTORE AND GET  
MEASURED FOR YOUR CAP  
AND GOWN  
9:00 TO 12:00  
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY**

**TWO: MANDATORY MEETING  
FOR GRADUATES**

**DATE: MARCH 16 – TUESDAY  
TIME: 3:30 P.M.  
ROOM: EDUCATION BLDG., ROOM 111**

**YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING  
IS MANDATORY!**

# Thank you

This is me, Bala; I would like to thank you everybody who responded to my survey. It was a **success**. I received 153 responses. The survey represented more than 10 different tribes and about 26 people with no tribal affiliation. The table below summarizes the result of this survey.

	DA %	A %	SA %	A+SA %
I am interested in working with computers	8	32	60	92
I am interested in installing software	16	37	47	84
I am interested in working with hardware	14	41	45	86
I am interested in developing world wide web page	16	39	45	84
I am interested in using WWW and internet to develop my own business.	26	41	33	74

DA: Disagree, A: Agree, SA: Strongly Agree

## SOME OF THE POSITIVE COMMENTS:

### Students

There is a need for a this type of service in the reservation, most businesses and schools usually have independent contractors come from off the reservation. (Fort Berthold)

Yes, I feel a computer technology program here at UTTC is greatly needed and would be in great demand both with students and economy. (Oglala Sioux)

This would be an excellent program for Native American. ( Standing Rock Sioux)

You can make a lot of money after graduating from this. I think you'd have many interested people and it would encourage more people to come to UTTC. (Turtle Mountain)



*Some of the Postive comments (continued)*

**Faculty**

I think this is a much needed program.

Very good assessment tool. (Standing Rock Sioux)

**Staff**

This will be good program for students to go into, a lot of businesses and employment are into computers nowadays. ( Standing Rock Sioux)

Need to keep up with new and emerging technology and comply with education initiatives of the president.

This would be an excellent program. It is something I would like to do. Go for it Bala.( Ute Mountain Tribe)

**Administration**

Bala, I applaud your efforts. I myself have mentioned this need for the last couple of years. Our local industries have 5 major companies that could and would use our graduates. ( Turtle Mountain)

This would be great. We really need a computer technology program, all other colleges do. We are already behind. I am personally interested in. ( Crow Indian )

This looks excellent. Let's do it ASAP. ( Standing Rock Sioux )

**ENDORSEMENT**

Dr. Kendall Nygard, chair of computer science department at NDSU and computer science professor Dr. Erickson will be working with us in this new endeavor. Their letter of support is attached to our original proposal and it is in printed in the next page.

Department of Computer Science and Operations Research

258 IACC Building

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Fargo, ND 58105-5164

February 27, 1999

Dr. Nagalingam Balarishnan  
United Tribes Technical College  
Bismarck, ND 58504

Dear Dr. Balarishnan:

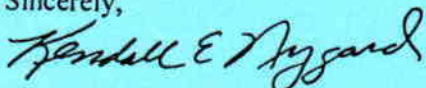
The Department of Computer Science at North Dakota State University is pleased to commit to a working relationship with you in developing a two-year program in computer technology/computer science at United Tribes Technical College. Your application for support under the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program (MSEIP) of the U. S. Department of Education is well articulated, and I am pleased to offer my endorsement.

The Department of Commerce and the Information Technology Association of America have called attention to the critical need to greatly expand the number of information technology workers nationwide. The Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics forecasts that jobs in computer science, computer engineering, and related information technology areas will more than double over the ten-year interval from 1996 to 2006. More specifically, I believe that information technology brings enormous opportunity to North Dakota, a state long disadvantaged by long distances to centers of population. I share the vision that you describe in your proposal for helping address problems of poverty and high unemployment on Indian reservations through computing education. Students who graduate from your program will be well-positioned to stimulate the creation of jobs and improve economic development among the American Indian people.

I am also enthusiastic about the prospect of coordinating your program with bachelareate degrees in Computer Science that we offer at NDSU. Our current offerings include Bachelor of Science (BS) and Bachelor of Arts (BA) degrees in computer science, and a Bachelor of Science in Management Information Systems (MIS). Our BS in computer science has been nationally accredited by the Computer Science Accrediation Board (CSAB) since 1986, the first year that such accreditation was available. The program was recently reaccredited for the maximum period of six years. We also have prominent programs at the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy levels. Under the plan you describe in your proposal, I would envision entering into articulation agreements that would ensure that graduates of your two-year program could readily transfer into our four-year programs and complete all requirements on time.

The NDSU Computer Science Department will arrange for professors to serve as consultants as described in your proposal. I would agree to serve in this capacity myself, and, in addition, Dr. Bruce Erickson has also agreed to serve as called upon. Dr. Erickson is Coordinator of our undergraduate programs, and is widely regarded as a master teaching of computer science at the post-secondary level. One-page vitae for each of us are enclosed. Your project is exciting, and is of high importance. I wish you every success.

Sincerely,



Kendall E. Nygard, Ph. D.  
Professor and Chair



## Satellite Teleconference

**While extreme incidents are still rare in college classrooms, milder instances of apathy and disrespect are evident almost everywhere. Some students aren't willing to work hard, yet feel entitled to good grades. Others make it clear they resent having to attend class. Bit by bit, rudeness and hostility erode opportunities for learning.**

**Most faculty-and many administrators-would love to learn some strategies for addressing inappropriate student behavior. Prevention, after all, is the best cure. That's exactly why your college personnel should participate in this live event! On Thursday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 1999 at 1:30-3pm in the Skill center RM 118, UTTC will be sponsoring this event. If you would like more information or a copy of the tape, call ext#316. This even should be promising, and give you some insight into how other colleges and universities are reclaiming civility in their classrooms!**