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AIHEC Basketball Tourney



EXHAUSTED RUNNER-UP: Coach Dr. John Derby, Erik Abbey, Jon Derby, Lee Logg, Aaron Abbey, Thurlo Tidzump

United Tribes Technical College was the host site for the Annual American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) basketball tournament. The tournament is sponsored by the AIHEC Student Congress as part of the overall AIHEC competitions.

United Tribes had their work cut out for them with only five players on the entire roster. The team was made up of both varsity and non-varsity players. The Championship game, played Saturday night, followed two games that were played earlier in the day. With only four players and a twelve point lead at the start of the

second half, the fresh Turtle Mountain Community College team capitalized on the tired UTTC team, taking first place with an 101-89 score and leaving the exhausted UTTC team with second.

With ten minutes remaining in the game, the UTTC team dwindled to just three players and gave up the lead. The courageous Lee Logg, who left the game with severe cramps after the first half of play, mustered up enough energy to re-enter the game only to be carried off the court by team mates after a few minutes of play.

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Weekly Menu

DINNER

March 29 - April 1

- Mon.- Chuckwagon Stew, Baking Powder Biscuit, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Relish Tray, 2% or Skim Milk
- Tue.- Ham Sandwich, Soup, Salad Bar, Dessert, 2% or Skim Milk
- Wed.- Chicken Stir-Fry w/Oriental Noodles, Rice, Cranberry Sauce, Salad Bar, Pumpkin Bars, 2% or Skim Milk
- Thu.- Bar-B-Que Beef on a Bun, Soup, Salad Bar, Assorted Fresh Fruit, 2% or Skim Milk
- Fri.- BRUNCH

April 5

- Mon.- BRUNCH - HAPPY EASTER

SUPPER

- Mon.- Bar-B-Que Ribs, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Salad, Dessert, 2% or Skim Milk
- Tue.- New England Dinner, Boiled Potatoes, Boiled Vegetables, Salad Bar, Dessert, 2% or Skim Milk
- Wed.- Pepper Steak, Rice Pilaf, Salad Bar, Dessert, 2% or Skim Milk
- Thu.- Chicken Breasts, Rice, Tossed Salad, Garlic Toast, 2% or Skim Milk
- Mon.- HAPPY EASTER

From the Academic Dean Taking Care of Business

We are entering the home stretch of the 1998-99 academic year and this takes on special meaning for all of our students especially those intending to graduate on May 7th. In the remaining 7 weeks I implore you to maintain your focus by really putting yourself into your classes, homework, and becoming involved in worthwhile activities on and off campus. There are many things to do in this short time; however, I must caution you that there are common pitfalls that may prevent you from achieving your goals as follows:

- Laziness (sleeping in, not getting to class)
- Watching too much TV
- Procrastination (putting off homework)
- Excessive talking (not getting to class or doing homework)
- Alcohol abuse (drinking to excess)
- Drug abuse (use of illegal drugs)
- Self-righteousness (blaming others, never admitting own mistake)
- Selfishness (lack of outgoing concern for others)
- Self-pity (feeling sorry for yourself, woe is me attitude)
- Health problems (need to consult a physician, et. al.)
- Financial (misuse of money, no budget plan)
- Listless (lack of drive, energy, enthusiasm and purpose)
- Spiritual problems (need to seek counseling, minister, et. al.)
- Other (101 alibis for being absent, tardy, et. al.)

It has been said that there are three kinds of people 1) those who watch things happen, 2) those who make things happen, and 3) those who wonder what happened. With a right attitude you can make things happen.

In closing, it is our hope that the UTTC students who are scheduled to graduate (66) and those who plan to continue their education at UTTC or elsewhere will continue to strive for excellence. Let's not be satisfied with a D or C. Let's raise the mid-term grade to a B or A. Please contact your counselor or vocational advisor if you need assistance with your field of study or related problems. Don't be too proud or afraid to ask for help. Just as the song "Taking Care of Business" was made popular a few generations ago, it's important that we maintain our focus on our career and professional goals.

John Derby
Academic Dean



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Our congratulations goes to the AIHEC Champions, Turtle Mountain Community College Men's BB Team, the Oglala Lakota College Women's BB Team, and the courageous effort and sportsmanship of all the teams participating in this years AIHEC Tournament.

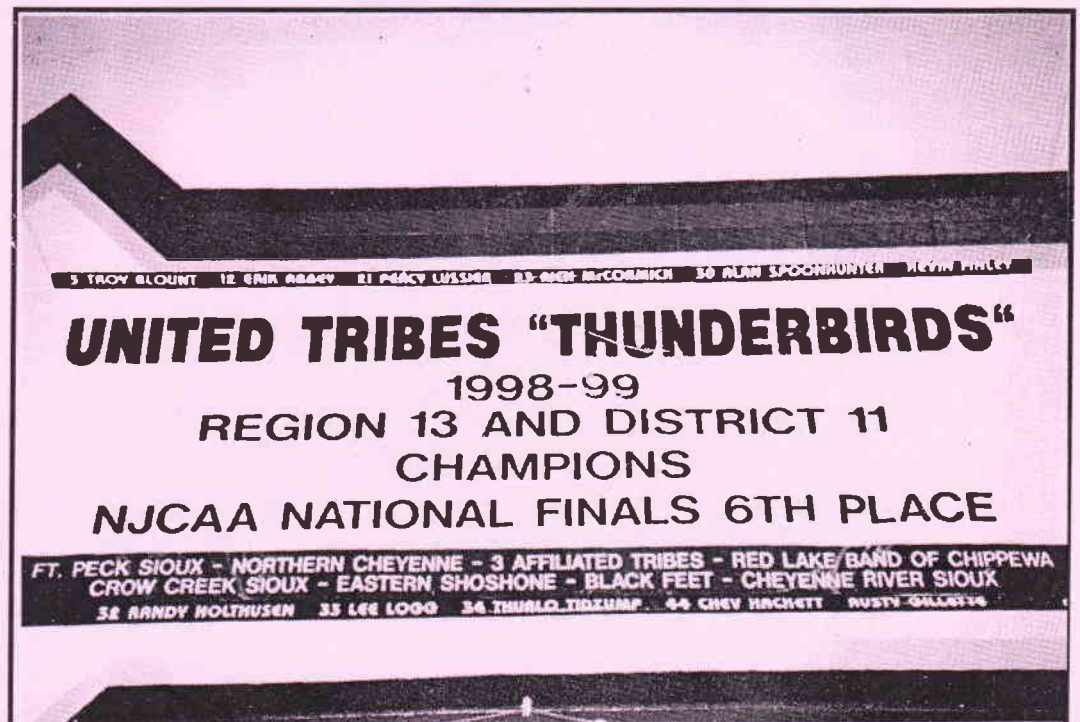
A second commemorative UTTC Thunderbird ban-

ner was unveiled at halftime of the championship game. The AIHEC tournament was held amidst the State Amateur Basketball Tourney also held in Bismarck. Thanks to the efforts of the local UTTC planning committee, the referees, coaches and players, the tournament was a success.



*AIHEC Men's
Tourney Champions
Turtle Mountain
Community College*

*James Henry
Banner Proclaiming
Another
Successful Year*



AIHEC Conference

Billings, MT. - United Tribes students represented UTTC in grand fashion during the annual AIHEC Conference held in Billings, Montana. Students participated in Knowledge Bowl, Speech, Critical Inquiry, Art, and Hand-game competition. Several students were active in student elections, running for AIHEC Student Congress President, Vice-President Treasurer positions.

"More important than winning at the competitive level, is the manner in which our students represented the College. They were very well-behaved, supportive of each other and by and large, had a lot of fun," stated Dr. David Gipp, UTTC President. A total of twenty-one students, staff, faculty and administration attended the annual conference, representing the largest delegation from any of the thirty-one AIHEC tribal colleges.

The AIHEC planning committee scaled-down the competitive edge on events held during the conference, but if first place were awarded, we're confident that our students would have come out on top in the Knowledge Bowl competition. The UTTC team defeated SIPI, Sinte Gleska University and Sitting Bull College.

Gerald Packineau, a UTTC Office Technology student, made it to the semi-finals in Speech competition as well. The UTTC Handgame Team (the "Seekers"), were looking fashionable in their new airbrushed threads, but were defeated early in the competition. Candidates for Student Congress gave great speeches but were nosed-out by students representing other colleges.

A hearty congratulations is extended to all students and coaches that put forth their best effort, thank you for all your hard work. To A.V. Firethunder, our bus driver (and mechanic), a special thank you for taking the time to transport students and secure a safe return trip. The trip would not have been complete with a first class birthday party staged for Virgil Chase, Jr., the delegation shared supper at C.J.'s Restaurant where "the choir" chimed in on a Happy Birthday song for Virgil.

During an Awards Brunch, the UTTC Thunderbirds were recognized, for their sixth place victory in the JUCO National Basketball Tournament, held in Danville, Illinois.



L to R: Nelson Gipp, Virgil Chase, Jr., David Strange Owl, Rhondeena Hamilton carrying the banner at opening day.



*Knowledge Bowl:
Gerald Packineau,
Katie Beheler,
Rhondeena Hamilton,
David Strange Owl,*

*Critical Inquiry:
Harriette Broken Nose,
Virgil Chase, Jr.,
Geri Whiteman*



Geri Whiteman ran for President but didn't get it.



Gerald Packineau ran for Vice-President but didn't get it.



Katie Beheler ran for Treasurer but didn't get it.



Top L to R: Dr. John Derby, A.V. Firethunder, David Strange Owl, Nelson Gipp, Stan Lone Tree, Gerald Packineau, Royce Irwin, Cynthia Fox, Vince Schanandore, Rhondeena Hamilton, Alan Spoonhunter, Geri Whiteman, Harriette Broken Nose, Suzanne Cadotte, Dr. David Gipp, Mary Otter Robe, Katie Beheler, John Beheler



Gerald Packineau, Semi-Finals in Speech





Sister Kathryn conducts NLN Site-Visit in Albuquerque

March 17-19, Sister Kathryn Zimmer served as chair for the National League for Nursing Evaluation Team that assessed the strengths and weaknesses of the Albuquerque Public School Practical Nurse program. It is an interesting arrangement whereby 50 students during their sophomore year from the 11 public schools in Albuquerque are accepted into the nursing program that goes on at the Career Enrichment Center for their junior and senior years. At the same time they complete their high school requirements.

Obviously this is a challenging situation for students and faculty. They have clinical experiences in top-notch health care facilities and do well on the NCLES Examinations.

The Nursing Department wishes each of you an Easter of joy and peace!

Submitted by Sister Kathryn Zimmer,
Director, AASPN Program

Chemical Health Center Youth and Alcohol

Alcohol is the leading killer of younger people:

- Some 10,000 people between the ages of 16 and 24 die each year in alcohol related accidents of various kinds.
- In the 13-to-24 age group, more than 8,000 people a year are killed in alcohol-related automobile accidents.
- One study of teenage suicides found that 46 percent of them had been drinking before taking their lives.
- Young people who drink are introduced to drinking around the age of 12, often by parents.
- Four of 10 sixth-graders say they have been pressured by other students to use alcohol or some other drug.

Meeting the challenge to help our children:

- Children and young adult learn well. They emulate the adults they know and follow the example of the heroes they have chosen.
- As a parent be a hero to your children, don't use alcohol and drugs set a good example.
- Come to the Chemical Health Center for help we are open 8:00 to 5:00 weekdays.
- Have safe and Happy Easter from the Chemical Health Center Staff.

Native American Mentors Needed

The Casey Family Program is Bismarck, ND is in need of Native American Mentors. These Mentors will be considered Division Aides. In addition to the Mentorship roles with youth that they will develop, their duties and responsibilities will also include, but not be limited to:

* Transportation of youth to various locations as needed.

* Assist with birth family work as needed.

Division Aides will team with social work staff to provide an array of services to children, youth and families.

Supervision of this position is under a Case Assistant in the Bismarck Office. Rate of pay is hourly and based on established criteria. Applicants are required to supply proof of vehicle insurance and sign release of information for child abuse and neglect, driver's record, and criminal investigation reports.

Interested persons may call 222-8193 or 1-800-213-9422 and ask for Anita.

**Information for the
Next Newsletter must be
submitted to Arrow Graphics
no later then March 25
Attn: Wanda Swagger**



Women's History Month Program Featured at North Dakota Heritage Center

Bismarck - A bag lunch program featuring a panel of women writers will be held Wednesday, March 31 at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck from 12:15 to 12:50 p.m. The program, held in conjunction with Women's History Month, will be repeated at 7 p.m. the same day, also at the Heritage Center.

The program is free and open to the public.

The "Plainswomen" program is held annually by the State Historical Society of North Dakota during Women's History Month in March. A national celebration sponsored by the Women's History Project, Women's History Month was begun in 1980.

This year's program, "Plainswomen: Leaning into the Wind," will feature a panel of women writers who contributed to a book titled, *Learning into the Wind*. They will discuss their experiences with the book and read their writings about the Northern Plains. The panelists are moderator Janelle Masters of Mandan; Margaret Barnhart of Dickinson; Erla K. Werner of Flasher; and Mavis Bucholz of Bismarck. For the evening session, women who have written about their experiences on the Northern Plains are encouraged to attend and read short segments of their writing to the audience.

For more information about the program, contact the Education and Interpretation Division of the State Historical Society of North Dakota at 701-328-2666. For more information about Women's History Month, visit the National Women's History Project web site at www.nwhp.org

Bookstore News

Students

The last day to charge for Spring Semester is April 16.

Book Buy Back Dates: May 5 & 6 - 9:00 to 3:00

Graduates The order forms for caps and gowns have arrived. Please come in as soon as possible. Mon. - Fri. - 9:00 - 12:00

Everyone

Come in and check out our sportswear. We have a good selection of colors and sizes available.

Items: Jackets, Polo Shirts, Denim Shirts, Hooded Sweatshirts, Sweatshirts, and T-Shirts.

Sizes: L - 3X

Designs: 4

Bookstore Hours: Monday thru Friday - 8:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 5:00

Thank You

I would like to thank all the staff members that helped me out at the Education Building while my boss Rick Mascarenas has been sick. I really appreciate your help

Katie Beheler

Have a Happy Easter Holiday

Attention Staff, Students and Faculty: the following policy will become effective April 7, 1999. Should you have any comments or suggestions regarding this policy please submit them in writing to Russell Swagger, Support Service Manager by April 6, 1999.

United Tribes Technical College
No Smoking Policy
1999

The United Tribes Technical College Administration and Governing Student Body recognize the need for a No Smoking Policy. Smoking has been found to be the cause of disease in smokers and nonsmokers alike. In addition, smoking has a negative economic impact on the organization because of health associated costs. Foremost, the use of tobacco by Native Americans was traditionally used for ceremonial and medicinal purposes not abuse.

Policy

The No Smoking Policy is applicable to all United Tribes Employees, Students and visitors to the campus. All are expected to comply.

Smoking, including the use of cigarettes, cigars and pipes, will not be permitted within any building on the United Tribes campus, including student dormitories, with the exception of single family housing units and certain religious ceremonies. If smoking is desired to be a part of any religious ceremony to be conducted inside a building, permission must be obtained from the President's office.

United Tribes will make such effort to accommodate smokers in winter months as it deems appropriate."

Persons in direct violation

Students and employees who violate the No Smoking policy are subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Handbook and the Employee Personnel Policies and Procedures Handbook, respectively. Any other person who violates the policy may be asked to leave the campus and will in any case be requested to comply with the policy during future visits to United Tribes. Repeated violations of the policy may subject a student to suspension from school and may subject an employee to suspension without pay or termination.

One of the many art pieces that were at the Art Show. Jay Laber from Salish Kootenai College People's Choice Award.

The Billings Gazette

City/State

Sculpture shows Indian culture in motion, artist says

By JENNIFER McKEE
Of The Gazette Staff

You need more than a 1951 GMC oil pan.

Or the hood from a '57 Chrysler.

You need more than rusty barbed wire and old combine parts.

No, says sculptor Jay Laber, you need to see the culture behind common things and feel the slow momentum of a society in flux.

"I wanted to call it 'Reborn Reservation Wrecks,'" Laber said, squinting at the hulking body of his larger-than-life bison sculpture — welded over several days from rusted out cars and abandoned equipment the artist found on the Flathead Reservation where he attends the Salish Kootenai College.

"The skeleton inside comes from the old Mission Creek Bridge," Laber said.

The statue, hauled to Billings this week for the 18th Annual American Indian Higher Education Consortium Conference, drew spectators and won awards as much for what it looks like as for what it is and what it says.

"My friend used to have an auto salvage," Laber said. "We decided to clean it up."

So the statue, its legs bent in a step, its giant head bowed, is a 1951 GMC oil pan, it's a the hood from a '57 Chrysler and the trunk from a '59 Volkswagen Beetle. It's rusted barbed wire coiled into horns and combine parts for hair. Chrome disks engraved with a stylized "VS" round out the face.

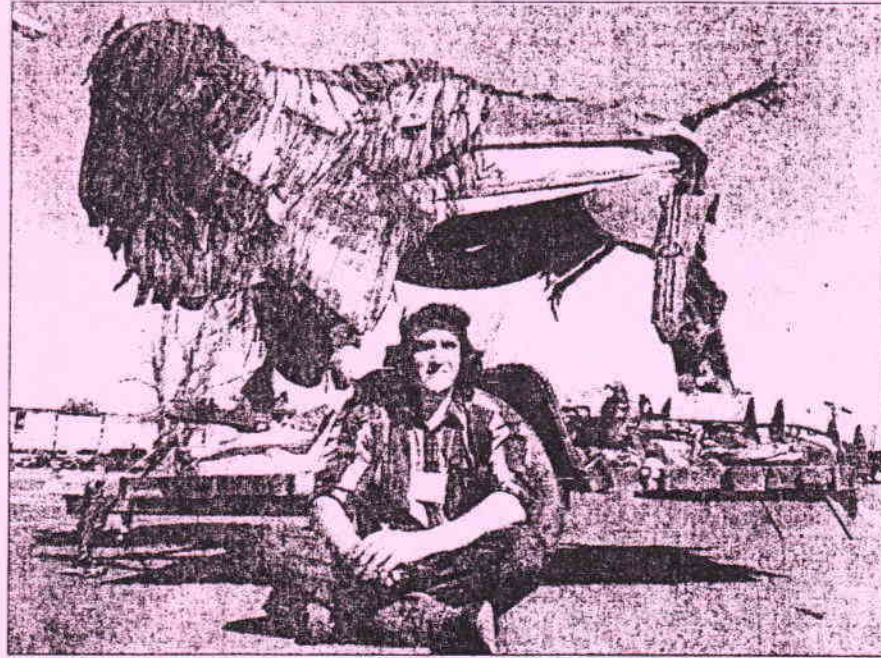
"We repossessed it from the prairie," Laber said.

Indeed, Laber taped a "Recipe for Bison" on the trailer the bison is attached to. It's written on the back of an old repossession notice.

But what this bison really is, Laber said, is the story of the reservation.

These cars used to haul kids around. The barbed wire tells the cattleman's story, the combine parts reflect the white farmer.

"It's every aspect of reservation life," he said.



Gazette photo by Ken Blackford

Jay Laber earned an artistic award of excellence during the 18th Annual American Indian Higher Education Consortium Conference held at the Holiday Inn on Monday.

This bison is reality, he said, it's not the romantic vision of a noble Native American, his chest bared and hair blowing in the wind.

"Open your eyes and look around," Laber said.

He didn't comb the prairies and foothills looking for specific scrap metal. Laber just found it. It was already a part of the reservation landscape — both physically and culturally.

But Laber points out something else on the sculpture.

"It has no eyes," he said. "It can't see where it's going, but it'll get there."

Indian country is the same way, he said. It's not a static culture, bound indefinitely to the past. And it's not a defeated culture, either, he said. It's in flux and it may surprise you.

"Things that you think are dead can still come back," Laber said.

Onlookers at an AIHEC artist reception whispered and clapped as Laber walked through the room. For the 37-year-old part-time art student and carpenter, getting applause as he walks by is a new thing.

Laber spent his school years in rural New Hampshire and his summers on the Blackfoot Reservation in northwestern Montana. He worked various jobs from Alaska to Florida and even when he went back to college, never set out to be an artist.

"I was in forestry," Laber said. "I just took a couple of art classes to fill credits."

The bison sculpture, Laber's second in the recycled junk vehicle genre, follows his "figure-it-out-as-you-go-along" philosophy. The artwork may have ended up as a statement on Indian country, but it started out as an assignment.

He'd never even welded before.

"It's every aspect of reservation life. Open your eyes and look around."

Jay Laber
artist talking about
buffalo sculpture

West Rosebud

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