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Humorist to entertain at UTTC awards banquet

by Wes Long Feather

A university student/beauty queen/comedienne is the featured entertainer for the annual United Tribes Technical College Awards Banquet. Vanessa Short Bull, 23,

Rapid City, SD will entertain Friday, April 30 during the college's recognition event at the Doublewood Inn Best Western at I-94 and State Street in Bismarck.

Short Bull has become popular for her lighthearted comedy routine that draws on her upbringing on the Oglala Sioux Reservation at Pine Ridge, SD.

Her other talents include ballet and beauty pageants, which helped finance her

college education at the University of South Dakota

in Vermillion. The political science major has won numerous pageant

titles including Miss South Dakota USA, Miss South Dakota State Fair and Miss South Dakota 2002. She is now pursuing a Master's degree in Public Administration.



Vanessa Short Bull being crowned Miss South Dakota 2002.

present a program for students on the UTTC campus the day of her visit.

UTTC offering special teacher training program

BISMARCK, ND – United Tribes Technical College has received a grant from the U. S. Department of Education to increase the number of qualified American Indian teachers in the fields of Elementary Education and Special Education. The award will be used to create the Plains Alliance for Special Education (PASE) program.

"There simply aren't enough American Indian teachers in the Special Education field," said Lisa Azure, PASE Director and head of UTTC's Teacher Education program. "The number of American Indian teachers in the field is nearly non-existent."

According to the 2000 Census, North Dakota had only two Native American special education instructors. As one of 15 award recipients from the Education Department's Office of Special Education, UTTC will focus on preparing American Indian teachers for licensure.

The PASE program will involve 20 full-time students who

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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.

February 2-6

February 9-13

DINNER		SUPPER		DINNER		SUPPER	
M	Chili, Garlic Toast	M	Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes	M	Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes	M	Meat Loaf, Baked Potato
T	Taco Salad, Chips	T	Bar-B-Que Chicken, Baked Potato	T	Oriental Chicken Stir Fry	T	Buffalo Sausage, Fried Potatoes
W	Swedish Meatballs, Noodles	W	Individual Pizza	W	Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes	W	Swiss Steak, Buttered Noodles
T	French Dip w/ Au-Jus, Chips	T	Chicken Breast, Wild Rice	T	Sloppy Joe, Tator Tots	T	Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes
F	Knoephle Soup, Chicken Sandwich	F	Burrrios, Spanish Rice	F	Chicken Nuggets, Mac-n-Cheese	F	Shrimp, Wild Rice



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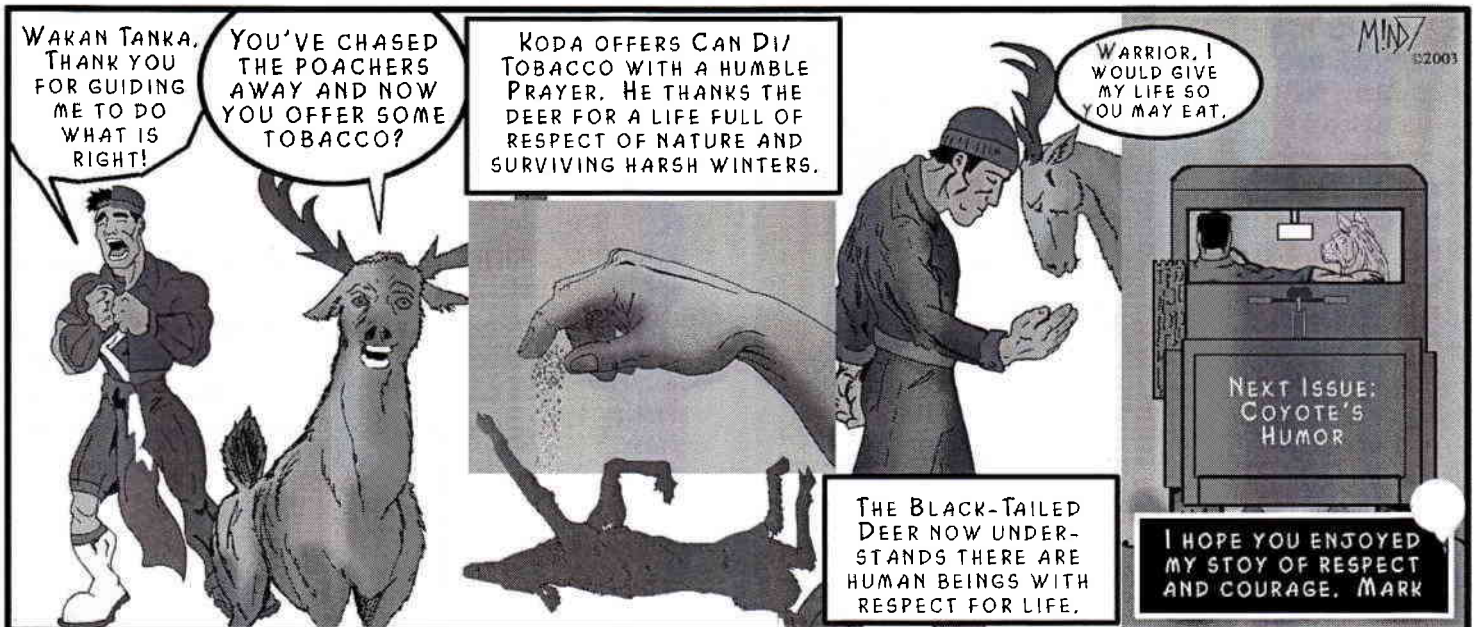
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 SPIRIT LAKE NATION



Early planner/supporter of United Tribes passes away

by David M. Gipp

A former Bureau of Indian Affairs employee who was instrumental in the successful establishment of United Tribes as an employment training facility has passed away. Shirley A. Plume, 83, died of natural causes January 27 in Rapid City, S.D. She was a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

At the time of her close association with the start of United Tribes, Shirley was an employment assistance officer at the Standing Rock Sioux BIA Agency at Fort Yates, ND. At the request of the late Aljo Agard, then Standing Rock Tribal Chairman, Councilwoman Alvina Greybear, and former Standing Rock leader Theodore "Tiny Bud" Jamerson, she was assigned by the agency superintendent to help work on developing United Tribes as an employment training facility.

Shirley assisted the United Tribes of North Dakota Development Corporation in the late 1960s by attending board meetings and planning sessions, and helping with administration when United Tribes Employment Training Center opened on July 1, 1969. She also served as

liaison with the training group, Bendix Engineering Field Corporation.

Shirley was a strong advocate for training and education of

strategies and decisions for and by Indian people.

Shirley has two sons, Paul "Randy" Plume and David "Talley" Plume, both of Manderson, daughters Paulette Green, Santa Fe, NM, and Emma "Pinky" Clifford, Manderson, SD, brother Charles E. Trimble, Omaha, NE, sister Grace Montgomery, Warm Springs, OR, 9 Grandchildren and 5 Great-Grandchildren. Her husband Paul preceded her in death.

A one-night wake service begins 2 p.m. Sunday, February 1 at Wounded Knee District School, Manderson, SD. A Rosary Vigil Service will begin at 4 p.m. The funeral service is 9:30 a.m. Monday, February 2 at Wounded Knee

District School, Rev. Bill Pauly, SJ and Rev. Peter Klink, SJ officiating. Traditional Lakota Services with Mr. Rick Two Dogs. Interment 2:30 PM, Monday at Black Hills National Cemetery, Sturgis, SD.

The UTTC campus community will miss her; we offer our prayers for her and all her family and relatives.



Shirley Plume served as BIA Standing Rock Agency Superintendent from September 1973 to August 1979.

"grass roots people" from the tribes. She later became the first Indian woman superintendent in the Bureau of Indian Affairs when named to that post at the Standing Rock Agency in September 1973. She is remembered for being an honest and direct advisor to tribal and government officials on what she believed were the best

Shirley was a strong advocate for training and education of "grass roots people" from the tribes. She later became the first Indian woman superintendent in the Bureau of Indian Affairs when named to that post at the Standing Rock Agency in September 1973.

Internship deadline extended to Feb. 28

by Vince Schanandore,
Career Development Counselor

The deadline has been extended to February 28th to apply for an internship with the Student Diversity Partnership Program (SDPP).

SDPP is a 10-week summer internship program for undergraduate and graduate students majoring in science, engineering, or technology. Interns will be given the opportunity to work on cutting edge research projects, side-by-side with leading scientists, engineers, and experts at the Department of Energy. In addition to receiving a generous stipend, interns will receive 10-

weeks of hands on, practical work experience, while exploring possible career opportunities with the U.S. Department of Energy.

For program description, qualifications, information on the application process, and most importantly, the deadline date to apply, please visit the McKenzie Group website at www.mckenziegroup.com/doeinterns.

The McKenzie Group, Inc., an education consulting firm located in Washington, DC, has partnered with the U.S. Department of Energy to administer the program.

CULTURAL ARTS EVENTS

One of the foremost challenges of UTTC is its commitment to the needs of Native Americans in the preservation of their heritage. The United Tribes Cultural Arts Program has two internationally recognized arts events, the United Tribes International Powwow and the National Miss Indian Nations Pageant, and other cultural events. The Powwow is held the first Thursday through Sunday after Labor Day. Students attending UTTC are encouraged to participate in these prestigious events that exemplify the culture of American Indian people.

This year the 35th Annual United Tribes International Powwow and Miss Indian Nations Pageant will be held from September 9 to the 12th. The following year 2005, the powwow and pageant will be held on September 8 to the 11th. We hope to see you all enjoy yourself and your heritage at this great event.

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Wellness Winner



UTTC Librarian Charlene Weis was the incentive winner for completing the UTTC Wellness Survey in early January. UTTC Extension provided the incentive prize as part of the Wellness Circle effort. The prize was a \$25 gift certificate at the UTTC Wopila Coffee Shop. Congratulations Charlene! Pictured with Charlene is survey administrator Mark Mindt.

Presenters Sought for Assessment Institute

The Collaboration has issued a call for presenters for its 15th annual summer institute June 6-9 in Northfield, MN. The title is "Creating a Culture of Assessment."

If you have a project to present then please consider doing so.

UTTC presenters have reported it to be a wonderful experience.

Proposals are due March 10. For more information visit www.collab.org. **Go for it :-)**

IMMUNIZATION CLINICS:

Immunization clinics will be held at the Student Health Center on the following dates and times:

February 12 & 13th from 1-4 pm daily
March 18 & 19th from 1-4 pm daily
April 15 & 16th from 1-4 pm daily

Effective January 1, 2004, all North Dakota children attending early childhood facilities are required to be vaccinated against chicken pox disease. Early childhood facilities will have until April 2004 to have all of the children's immunization records updated.

Effective 2004-2005 school year all North Dakota Children entering kindergarten or first grade will be required to be vaccinated

against chicken pox disease. Then, each school year after that, the next higher grade will be included in the requirement.

The Student Health Center will be offering Chicken pox (Varicella) vaccinations ONLY on February 25 & 26th from 1-4 p.m. daily.

Children with a reliable history of chicken pox disease are exempt from the requirement. Physicians and/or parents/guardians may sign an exemption form for a history of chickenpox or "beliefs" exemption. A parent or guardian must accompany the child any time a vaccination is given. Please bring a copy of your child's current immunization record with you. Tylenol is available at the

Student Career Experience with the US Fish and Wildlife Service

by Vince Schanandore

If you wish to be considered for the Student Career Experience Program (SCEP), send the following documents to:

**SCEP Manager, Region 1
U.S Fish and Wildlife Service
Division of Diversity & Civil Rights
911 NE 11th Avenue, 6th Floor West
Portland, Oregon 97232
Phone 503-231-2260
Fax 503-231-2322
Phone 503-231-6263
<http://pacific.fws.gov>**

Documents to send:

A resume or a completed Federal application (form of-612). Copies of your most recent college transcripts. A letter from the college in which you are enrolled stating that you are in good standing. Letters of recommendation (if any)

After application materials are received by the Regional SCEP Manager, they are distributed to the field offices within the region. Employment in the SCEP depends upon several factors, including whether there are any vacancies in the student's field of study, budget constraints, and numbers of graduating students, among other factors.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact the SCEP Manager at (503) 231-2260

www.students.gov Information on summer, Part-time, and temporary federal jobs as well as information on scholarships and internships.

www.usajobs.opm.gov This is the website you need to go to if you want to work for other federal agencies and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

<http://jobs.fws.gov> This is the website you need to go to if you want to work for the US Fish & Wildlife Service.

STUDENTS ASSIGNED TO A COUNSELOR ACCORDING TO VOCATION 2004

HELEN LINDGREN Ext. 277
ART/ART MARKETING
HEALTH INFORMATION
LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING

KAREN SIEGFRIED Ext. 291
CRIMINAL JUSTICE
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
OFFICE TECHNOLOGY
TRIBAL Mgt./SMALL BUS. Mgt.

KYLE WILKINSON ext. 398
AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY
CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY
COMPUTER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN
INJURY PREVENTION
FOOD & NUTRITION

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Diversity welcomed on UTTC campus

BISMARCK, ND – Celebration of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday on January 19 was a starting point, of sorts, for a renewed commitment to diversity on the United Tribes Technical College campus. The college has a reputation as a welcome location for diverse groups. As the campus enters a period of growth and expansion, UTTC President David M. Gipp underscores the importance of diversity.



Dr. David M. Gipp

“Record enrollments are increasing the number of opportunities for our community to embrace diversity,” said Gipp. “Our student population is comprised of 77 different tribes throughout the nation. On any given day our campus community has over 1,000 persons ranging in age from birth to 80. There are many nationalities and religious groups represented. We need to be proactive and supportive.”

The emphasis on diversity will take the form of education, awareness and policy issues, according to Gipp. You’ll see the college take positions on diversity internally on campus and in the community, he said.

“There are lifestyle issues among members of the student body. We can’t assume that everyone coming here knows how to deal with them,” Gipp said. “Everyone has a responsibility to honor and respect the cultural and religious preferences, and lifestyle orientations of other people.”

Gipp urges everyone at UTTC to embrace the opportunity to learn about and accept the rich variety present in the campus family.

“People can be adversely affected because of their unique

differences,” said Gipp. “Unless we lead and teach, there’s a chance for misunderstanding, lack of understanding and ignorance. People can be hurt physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually.”

Gipp noted that instances of harmful behavior would not be tolerated. Further information about the renewed commitment to diversity will be forthcoming from Student and Campus Services and the administration, he said.



About 150 people, including members of the public, UTTC staff and faculty, and college students attended the King Day program.



Presenters at UTTC’s celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, from left, Culture Committee Chair Julie Cain, guest speaker Aruna Seth of the Gandhi Peace Network, Student Senate Treasurer Carla Fleury, Student Senate President Natasha Old Elk, and UTTC President David M. Gipp.



Youngsters from Theodore Jamerson Elementary School also attended the King Day program, seen here front and center for the talk by Aruna Seth of the Gandhi Peace Network.

Student Senate gearing up for AIHEC competition

by Jesi Silbernagel

The Student Senate, along with other members of the student body at United Tribes Technical College is gearing up for AIHEC. The Student Senate wants to make a favorable impression on the rest of the Tribal Colleges in the various competitions. The students want to be competitive in each category they choose to compete. Students understand they can be strong competitors by practicing and being super prepared.

Here's the plan.

Along with the Recreation Department, the Student Senate will open the Jack Barden Center lower level from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday for students to practice Hand Games and the other categories. The idea is that these meetings might turn into culture club gatherings, where students can participate in drumming, singing, hand games, arts, and other cultural pursuits.

The Student Senate has hired a tribal government consultant

to teach about organizing and running Student Government from a native culture perspective.

Jesse "Jay" Taken Alive from McLaughlin, SD is the consultant. He's a member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. He is currently an elected member of the Standing Rock Tribal Council; he is also a former Chairman of the Tribe. He has a lot of experience in Tribal Government and has been a member of the UTTC Board of Directors for four years.

The Student Senate met with Jesse and they were very receptive to the suggestions he made. The Student Senate wants to serve the student body the best way possible, so they're learning how to accomplish that.

The Student Senate has made suggestion boxes available at the Library, Cafeteria, Wopila, and the Skill Center. If you have a problem or suggestion, please use the boxes or the following e-mail address: ssenate@uttc.edu

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begin coursework in August 2004 for the Bachelor's degree program of study. An additional 20 part-time students will be selected to begin coursework in the two-year AAS degree in Special Education, which will be offered online. Selection for either program will be done competitively by application. Some students have already expressed an interest, said Azure.

Upon completion, graduates will be eligible for licensure in Elementary Education with a minor in Special Education. Each will be required to teach in a school district with a high number of American Indian students.

Potential candidates for the PASE program must have a complete application packet before they will be considered. Selection criteria include a personal interview. Preference for the Bachelor's degree program will be given to applicants who have already completed a two-year degree and are enrolled in a federally recognized American Indian tribe.

According to Azure, PASE allows for a stipend that could be used for tuition, books, fees and/or living expenses. Participants are encouraged to seek other sources of funding, as well. In order to continue to receive the stipend, participants must maintain a minimum grade point average, as well as fulfill other project requirements.

Due to the increased enrollment at UTTC, students in Bachelor's degree programs (such as this one) are not able to live on campus unless their spouse is enrolled in one of the two-year vocations. Because of this policy, it's important that participants accepted into this program make arrangements for housing in Bismarck-Mandan, said Azure.

For more information contact Lisa Azure, Project Director, 701-255-3285 ext. 407, or lazure@uttc.edu, or Dr. Ramona Klein, Project Coordinator, 701-223-8253 or klein@bis.midco.net.



From left, Student Senator Steven White Mountain (Construction Technology), Student Senate President Natasha Old Elk, Consultant Jesse Taken Alive, and Alternate Student Senator Robyn Pepion (Injury Prevention).

Campus sprouts another new building

BISMARCK, ND – The number of buildings at United Tribes Technical College grew by one in January with the addition of a college-built, wood frame office building to house the UTTC Human Resources Department.

Students in the college's Construction Technology Program built the 26 by 48 foot structure indoors at the UTTC Skill Center over the past year. Twenty-five students were involved since Spring Semester 2003, according to Construction Technology Instructor Terry Anderson.

The building has capacity for four offices on the main floor and storage in the basement. UTTC students also constructed the foundation, said Anderson.

The new building is immediately east of the college's Cultural Interpretive Center, the so-called "log cabin" building. With log siding, the new building will now make it necessary to explain "which log cabin building," when giving directions on campus.



Below zero wind chill temperatures on January 23 tested UTTC students and workers from House Movers of Minot, ND when moving the 1,248 square foot building from the Skill Center onto its foundation on the north side of campus.



Carpentry student Richard Scott, Fort Mojave, CA, sits atop the foundation wall to chisel room for anchor bolts in the sill plate before the building is moved into position.



Students in Terry Anderson's Carpentry II class were on site for the move. Carpentry student J. C. Gillette (Three Affiliated Tribes) at right.

Following the Money

- Scholarships and Student Financial Information

Bob Parisien, Student Financial Aid Director

The deadlines are just ahead for several important funding opportunities that could mean support for your education. Check them out and see if you qualify. Find more information by using the phone numbers or web site addresses listed, or contact my office at extension 209. ALL STUDENTS should be filing their FAFSA or renewal FAFSA for the 2004-2005 school year, starting the tax season of 2004. Apply for a (PIN) Personal Identification Number because it makes applying so much easier for you in regards to your financial aid application and corrections. If you are a returning student from this past fall semester, your PELL is good for the entire Fall 2003 and Spring 2004 school year. ALL NEW STUDENTS need to set up an appointment with the financial aid office to complete your file and we will give you a breakdown of cost and funding. RETURNING STUDENTS will start receiving refunds (if eligible) the week of February 2nd, 2004. AICF American Indian College Fund Scholarship Applications are in; you can pick one up at the Financial Aid Office. Deadline is February 13, 2004. Please visit the Financial aid Office

for other Scholarship Opportunities.
NAME: American University's Washington Internship for Native Students (WINS). The WINS Program is a unique experience for American Indian Students to work and study in Washington, D.C.
D-LINE: Summer 2004 Semester applications are due by March 1, 2004
ELIGIBILITY: For more information and eligibility requirements, or to complete an application, please visit the website at www.american.edu/wins
CONTACT: call 1-800-853-3076 for details.

NAME: Morris K Udall Native American Congressional Internship Program
D-LINE: February 3, 2004
ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to learning about the Federal Government. They must be self-motivated and interested in taking advantage of the rich and diverse resources available to them in Washington, D.C.
AWARD: Students receive support for a 10 week, intensive internship in Washington, D.C.
CONTACT: Program Manager

Kristin Kelling, at (520) 670-5609 or (520) 670-5529, or via e-mail at kelling@udall.gov

NAME: Sallie Mae Fund/ Unmet Need Scholarship Program to help low income students overcome financial barriers and meet the cost of college.
D-LINE: Visit web-site below.
ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must meet all of the following criteria: be able to demonstrate unmet financial need of more than \$1000. Before loans and have a combined family income of \$30,000. Or less; and have a cumulative grade point average between 2.5 and 3.0 or the equivalent.
AWARD: up to \$3,800.
CONTACT: visit www.thesalliemaefund.org/.

NAME: Indian Health Service (HIS) Scholarship Program. (NURSING, INJURY PREVENTION STUDENTS)
D-LINE: February 28, 2004
ELIGIBILITY: Must be enrolled in a Health Professions Program
AWARD: Tuition, Books, Fees, and living allowance
CONTACT: Brenda Miller (301) 443-6197 or e-mail at bmiller@na.his.gov

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ABOUT INFANT TODDLER, AND DAYCARE CLOSINGS FOR EMERGENCIES OR INCLEMENT WEATHER.

PLEASE LISTEN TO THE FOLLOWING TV STATIONS:

- WITH CABLE, CHANNELS 7 & 11
- WITHOUT CABLE, CHANNELS 5, 12, & 17

PLEASE LISTEN TO THE FOLLOWING RADIO STATIONS:

- (AM) KFYZ 550
- (FM) Y93 (92.9)
 - (FM) 94.5
 - (FM) 97.5
 - (FM) 98.7

TJES Tidbits #7

by Carol Melby

TJES welcomes back old and new students. TJES enrollment is at 180, which is an all time high! Exciting things are happening at TJES. Our first parent breakfast of the New Year was held on Wednesday, January 14th. Parent breakfasts are held the second Wednesday of every month and are a wonderful opportunity for TJES staff, students, and parents to mingle. The UTTC cafeteria always serves a delicious breakfast. We hope to see all parents and students at the next Parent Breakfast.

TJES announcements and attendance awards are presented at the Parent Breakfast. Congratulations to all students receiving awards. Parents are to

be commended for their efforts to have their children in school on time. TJES is required to meet the BIA goals for No Child Left Behind. Many of our students are not meeting the attendance goal of 91% set by the BIA. Please help us improve the average daily attendance at TJES. If students aren't in school, they don't learn!

There was lots of excitement on the last day of school before Christmas break! Excitement not only because of Christmas break, but because the school board decided to give away a Play Station 2 to one girl and one boy in Grades K-3 and Grades 4-8. Only students who had no tardies or absences for a selected time frame were eligible. The school board has stated they will do this again, only this time the students will not be made aware of the selected time frame. I wonder when it will be?

Saturday Shake-Ups are occurring at TJES that involve Science and Math activities, lunch and bowling. January 17th scheduled for K-3 students and January 31st will be for grades 4-8. This month's activity is making T-shirts. Pre-registration is required and there is a limit of 35 students per Saturday activity.

TJES students from grades 4-8 skied at Huff Hills in January. The students look forward to this yearly ski trip. The UTTC Cafeteria packed delicious sack lunches for the students and it was reported a good time was had by all. Saturday Literacy Club is scheduled for February 7th at TJES.

If you don't have a current family picture or a neat book bag with your family picture on it, be sure and come. A light breakfast is served along with literacy tips and a book drawing. It's a great time and we hope all parents and children take advantage of this wonderful program.

The North Dakota Native American Science Fair was held on January 19, 2004 at the Ramkota in Bismarck, ND. Fifteen students from TJES participated in the State Science Fair. Four of these were awarded medals. Of these 4, two placed first and will advance to The National American Indian Science and Engineering Fair (NAISEF) held in Albuquerque, New Mexico on March 25-27, 2004. Congratulations to Ethan LaRocque-1st place, Gina White 1st place, James DuBois 2nd and Alex Cadotte 3rd for their winning science fair projects.



Participation encouraged for strategic planning

by Russell Swagger
Dean of Student and Campus Services

The College Administrative Council has scheduled a strategic plan review and update session for Friday, February 27, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., in the Jack Barden Center.

This is your opportunity to provide input and make suggestions about progress UTTC has made toward its goals and the direction you believe the college needs to go in the future. Your attendance is of the utmost importance to the success of this effort. Let your voice be heard.

Also, students are welcome to attend. For a copy of the plan, please contact the Student and Campus Services office. Refreshments will be served at the session. Thank you.

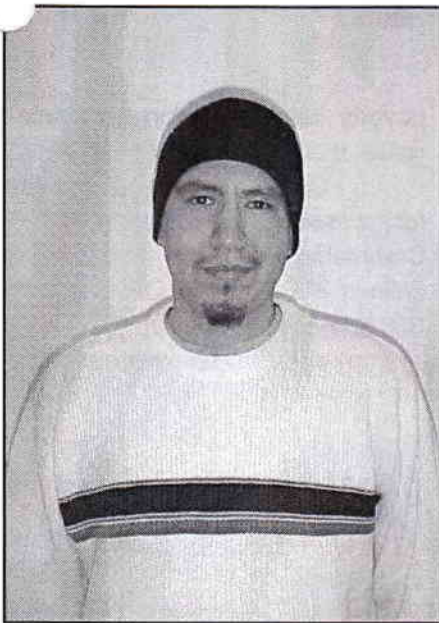
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Faces in the Crowd



Student Profile

Name: Aaron Turns Plenty

Home: Pryor, MT

Tribe: Crow

Curriculum: Automotive Technology

Goal: To make enough money to support my family

Interests: Basketball of all types, movies, going to pow-wows

Likes: Mexican food, gym hopping, and his wife's cavatini

Best advice heard: Everyone says to make it to class every day and be on time.

Aaron is a first time college student and is also a full time husband and father of five children.

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Do Nester employees take a coffee break?

The fact that nobody understands you does not mean you're an artist.

Some days you're the dog and some days you're the hydrant.

Even a dumb steer knows when he's grazing in the wrong pasture.

Thunderbirds Basketball

Cheer Them On at the UTTC Gymnasium
(first game Lady T-Birds, second game Men T-Birds)

HOME Game Schedule

Wednesday, Jan. 28 MSU Bottineau 6 p.m./8 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 29 Trinity Bible 6 p.m./8p.m.
Friday, Feb. 6 Lake Region State 6 p.m./8p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 14 Dawson Community College 6 p.m./8 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 25 Bismarck State College 6 p.m./8p.m.

Watch Them on TV

Bismarck-Mandan Community Access TV
Cable Channel 12

Thunderbirds 10/10 TV Schedule

Taped replay of Lady Thunderbirds games at 10 a.m.
Taped replay of Men Thunderbirds games at 10 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 29 ... UTTC vs. MSU Bottineau ... 10 a.m./10 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 30 ... UTTC vs. Trinity Bible ... 10 a.m./10 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 9 ... UTTC vs. Lake Region State ... 10 a.m./10 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 16 ... UTTC vs. Dawson CC ... 10 a.m./10 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 26 ... UTTC vs. BSC ... 10 a.m./10 p.m.

Youth, Elders collaboration to continue on Feb. 4

BISMARCK, ND – American Indian young people are talking with American Indian adults and elders in Bismarck-Mandan about how to form a collaboration. Several discussions have taken place since the fall at United Tribes Technical College and another is scheduled for Wednesday, February 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level of the Barden Center.

The Community Ventures Program of the Northwest Area Foundation has spawned the meetings. Bismarck-Mandan has been identified as one of five urban locations for a possible, long-term effort backed by the foundation to reduce poverty among American Indians.

Taking a fresh thinking approach, this program allows young people – the ones who stand to inherit current poverty situations – to lead the way.

“We are like briefcase warriors,” said Steven P. Walker, a UTTC student. “And we’re going to be aided by the wisdom and experience of adults and elders.”

Walker and elder Justine Parker of Bismarck were selected by the group last fall to travel to St. Paul, MN to learn about the program during a series of foundation-led meetings. The sessions were described as “very intense,” yet enlightening and stimulating. The two passed their enthusiasm along to the Bismarck-Mandan group when they returned.

The group has named 10 members to a youth/elder coalition, including students DeLayne Long Feather, Adrian Eagle, Tracie Packineau, Jennifer Snider and Fawn Packineau, and adults Tom Red Bird, Warren “Red” Koch, Ella Big Crow, Ruth Snider and Margaret Red Shirt. Walker and Parker will also be

involved.

Next for the coalition is to work on a mission statement and work plan. Young people will be running the meetings.

At one of the sessions, UTTC President David M. Gipp referred to

poverty as a “common denominator issue” that unifies tribal people.

Other cities identified for possible participation in the Community Ventures Program are Billings, MT, Portland, OR, Rapid City, SD, and Seattle WA.



Ruth Snider, a former instructor at United Tribes Technical College, has been selected to be an adviser in the coalition.



Justine Parker at left, and Steven P. Walker received training from the Northwest Area Foundation about forming a collaboration group in Bismarck-Mandan.

Indian Superhero fights negativity in second volume

BISMARCK, ND – The vibrant red and blue inks jump from the pulpy pages, as KODA the Warrior is ready to tackle a new adventure. The American Indian Superhero, star and role model in a series of educational comic books, is fighting negativity in his second volume.

KODA, which means “friend” in the Dakota language, springs from the imagination of writer/illustrator Mark L. Mindt, an enrolled member of the Spirit Lake Nation and educator at United Tribes Technical College. Mindt introduced the action hero to school audiences with a premier edition last year.

“KODA is on a journey in this volume,”

said Mindt. “He travels into northern Montana and learns about the diversity of Native Cultures there. Of course it isn’t just a vacation, it’s a journey of discovery.”

In the latest volume, titled “Fighting Negativity,” KODA confronts the forces of negativity by alternating between his warrior mode and his secret identity as KODA Two Hearts,

a member of the Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe.

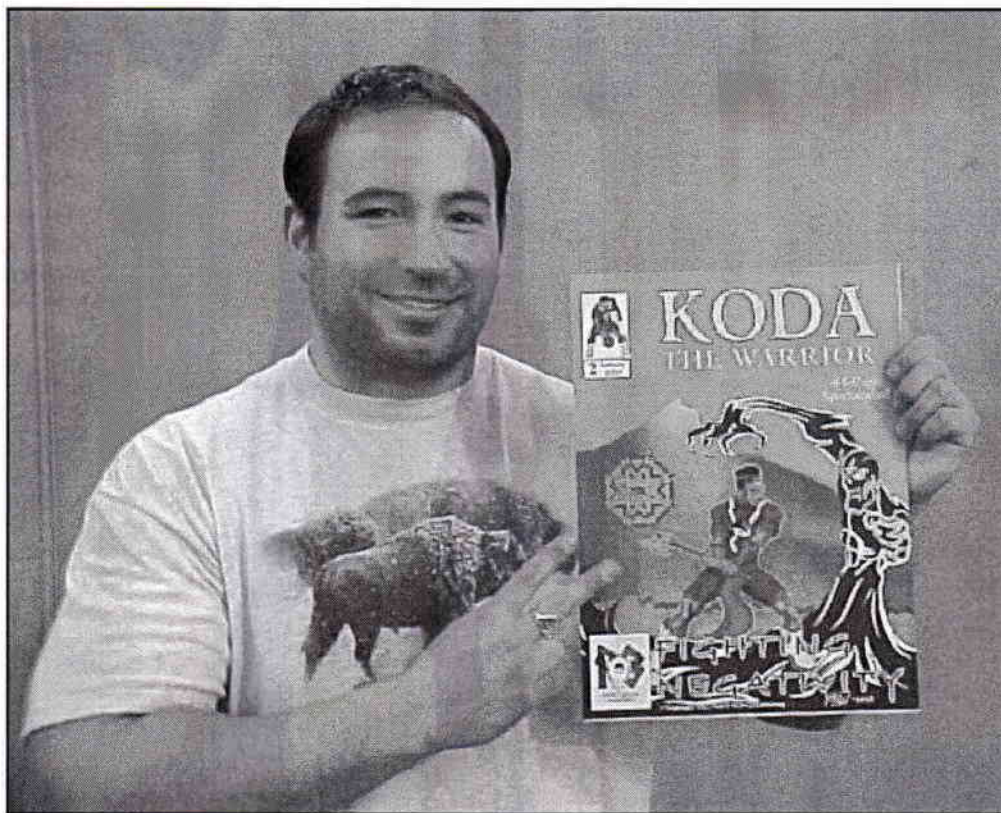
“Understanding negative influences is the first step in confronting cycles that keep attacking our lives,” says Mindt. “KODA learns that negativity can’t be entirely destroyed, but we can be prepared

part of my life at such an early age, but my father had saved so many of my drawings from as early as age four.”

With a degree in Elementary and Early Childhood Education, Mindt knows the importance of traditional values and culture to young people.

“Everyone has a right to know their heritage. Sometimes adults begin later in life to learn of their ancestors. I think young people should have the same experience.”

At United Tribes Technical College Mindt is the college’s Physical Fitness Specialist and 3-D Animation Instructor. He spreads the “Warrior Code” exhibited in his comic books by speaking to school groups



“Fighting Negativity” is the title of volume two of the American Indian Superhero comic book series, KODA The Warrior, ready now for distribution courtesy of writer/illustrator Mark L. Mindt.

for its next visit.”

Mindt bills the latest issue as a “44-page spectacular.” He developed the comic book from childhood drawings and conceived the action hero with the idea of modeling positive American Indian values. The books have been distributed around the region.

“I never realized KODA was

and other organizations. He likes to show others how to tell their own stories in the comic book format.

KODA The Warrior comic books are available through Mindt’s publishing company, Pony Gulch Publishing, PO Box 276, Harvey, ND 58341, phone 701-471-6257. Book one sells for \$4.50 each and book two for \$5.50.

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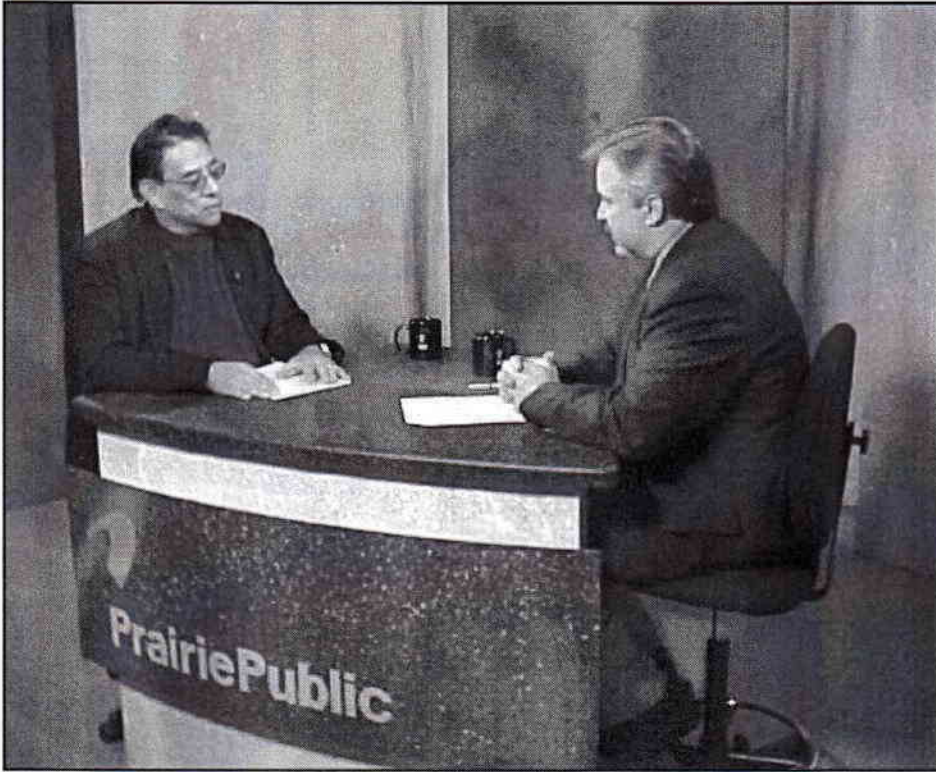
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Tribal College President interview to air on Public TV



United Tribes Technical College President David M. Gipp is the featured interview guest on a new public affairs program on Prairie Public TV. The program "Prairie Pulse," hosted by John E. Harris III, Prairie Public's new President and CEO, premiered in January. The program is described as a showcase of state and community events and organizations. In the interview taped in January, Dr. Gipp described UTTC's five-year growth and development plan and the school's recent, dramatic increases in enrollment. The program containing the interview is scheduled to air Thursday, February 5, at 9 p.m. on channel 13 on cable and channel 3 over the air.



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