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Cafeteria Noon Menu:

Date: May 12 to May 15

Tues. - Cold Cuts

Wed. - Barbecue Chicken

Thurs. - German Style Sausage

Fri. - Grilled Cheese

Date: May 18

Mon. - Spaghetti and Meat Sauce

CONGRATULATIONS!!! DON MCKENZIE is the 9th winner of a six-pack of pop.

...SORRY for the error in last weeks winner, **Julie Rivers.**

ANSWERS to last week's TRIVIA QUIZ:

1. Sinclair
2. Comma
3. San Andreas Fault
4. Babe
5. Glaciation

This week's TRIVIA QUESTIONS:

1. What damsel-in-distress did Snidely Whiplash pursue and Dudley Do-Right rescue?
2. What is the flavor of a blue Popsicle?
3. What breed of horse was Mr. Ed?
4. What Hitchcock film contained the line: "A boy's best friend is his mother"?
5. What does Peppermint Patty continually do in class in Peanuts?

CONGRATULATIONS Food Service!!!UTETC's Most Trivial Vocation for month of May!!!

2nd Place: Business Clerical

3rd Place: Electrical

4th Place: L.P.N.

It was a sunny day at the bowery, everyone did a great job and a good time was had by all; especially **Food Service.** We wish to thank our readers: Mary Baker, Kathy Aller and Joey Mcleod. From the Trivia Committee: Glen Harris, Anne Kuyper and Anna Rubia.

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DAYS OF OUR TRIBES.....A continuing soup opera

Everyone gathered around the kidney shaped spacecraft in anticipation as the door lowered out it's first of many passengers.. It was the lost Garfield Plenty Hoops. A load cheer rumbled across the crowd and a sigh of relief was expressed on Cactus's face. But the people that followed out of the spacecraft brought on gasps and cheers by different students at UTETC. People missing all across the reservations of the Dakota's miraculously walked off the spacecraft looking no worse the wear from which would seem a very scary adventure. Couple of children missing since last winter, a grandma in her mid-70's believed to have been lost in a thunderstorm, several middle-aged people, a bronc-rider missing over a year all appeared happy at the sight of the crowd. As relatives were sought out and excitement filled the air, thoughts of the spacecraft and extra terrestrials disappeared. Only the slamming shut of the spacecraft door reminded the crowd that the last figure on the platform was not of an Indian skin color or hue...

All eyes gazed at a tall lanky, hautish figure that stood a foot above the tallest Sioux in the crowd of students. At first glance it almost looked like a very tall Indian; but as it came into the light of the bon-fire it became obvious that this figure wasn't of Indian heritage.

A peaceful aura was felt with it's presence however and there wasn't the scared atmosphere as was the first sighting of the spacecraft. There was a loud screech as of an eagle and then it's speech became perfect English. It told of his observation of the Indian people for many years. How it came to learn much about the planet Earth by watching its caretakers... It told of a time when there wouldn't be such a rich earth if it's people became greedy and didn't tend to the Earth. It also told of a time when OTHERS from another planet would then inhabit this planet when the old would die out.

In appreciation students came forward with gifts of tobacco and cigarettes to the space figure. Cactus and Turnip even brought out their best beaded buckle for the figure wondering what it would think or do with it...another loud screech of an eagle signaled a good sign as the All Nations drum beat out one of many 49's that would fill the night air. The long beam of light left a faint trail above the bowery grounds as it lifted its' way skyward. All the students seemed ever content as they danced around the bonfire that seemed to light up the sky...



FAVORABLE REVIEWS BY NCA FOCUS EVALUATION TEAM means that Licensed Practical Nurse and Medical Records will be recommended by the team for two year degree granting status. The team will file it's report with the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools Official action will be in last August. Thus, the recommendation is unofficial at this time. It's a pleasing step forward for more student opportunities.

Congratulations to LPN and Medical Records. Thanks to all those who helped on this successful effort!



About the feather and it's use, based on a story from Charles Alexander Eastman (OHIYESA) (1858-1939), a Dakota, from "Evening in the Lodge," **Indian Boyhood:**

"...I found this feather, grandmother, and I could not make out what tribe wear feathers in that shape."

"Ugh, I am not a man; you had better ask your uncle. Besides, you should know it yourself by this time. You are now old enough to think about eagle feathers."

I felt mortified by this reminder of my ignorance. It seemed a reflection on me that I was not ambitious enough to have found all such matters out before.

"Uncle, you will tell me, won't you?" I said, in an appealing tone.

"I am surprised, my boy that you should fail to recognize this feather. It is a Cree medicine feather, and not a warrior's."

"Then," I said, with much embarrassment, "you had better tell me again, uncle, the language of the feathers. I have really forgotten it all."

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The day was now gone; the moon had risen; but the cold had not lessened, for the trunks of the trees were still snapping all around our teepee which was lighted and warmed by the immense logs which Uncheedah's industry had provided. My uncle, White Foot-print, now undertook to explain to me the significance of the eagle's feather.

"The eagle is the most war-like bird," he began, "and the most kingly of all birds; besides, his feathers are unlike any others, and these are the reasons why they are used by our people to signify deeds of bravery.

"It is not true that when a man wears a feather bonnet, each one of the feathers represents the killing of a foe or even a **coup**. When a man wears an eagle feather upright upon his head, he is supposed to have counted one of four **coups** upon his enemy."

"Well, then, a **coup** does not mean the killing of an enemy?"

"No, it is the after-stroke or touching of the body after he falls. It is so ordered, because oftentimes the touching of an enemy is much more difficult to accomplish than the shooting of one from a distance. It requires a strong heart to face the whole body of the enemy, in order to count the **coup** on the fallen one, who lies under cover of his kinsmen's fire. Many a brave man has been lost in the attempt.

"When a warrior approaches his foe, dead or alive, he calls upon the other warriors to witness by saying: 'I, Fearless Bear, your brave, again perform the brave deed of counting the first (or second or third or fourth) **coup** upon the body of the bravest of your enemies.' Naturally, those who are present will see the act and be able to testify to it. When they return, the heralds, as you know, announce publicly all such deeds of valor, which then became a part of the man's war record. Any brave who would wear the eagle's feather must give proof of his right to do so.

"When a brave is wounded in the same battle where he counted his **coup**, he wears the feather hanging downward. When he is wounded, but makes no count, he trims his feather and in that case, it need not be an eagle feather. All other feathers are merely ornaments. When a warrior wears a feather with a round mark, it means that he slew his enemy. When the mark is cut into the feather and painted red, it means that he took the scalp.

"A brave who has been successful in ten battles is entitled to a warbonnet; and if he is a recognized leader, he is permitted to wear one with long, trailing plumes. Also those who have counted many **coups** may tip the ends of the feathers with bits of white or colored down. Sometimes the eagle feather is tipped with a strip of weasel skin; that means the wearer had the honor of killing, scalping and counting the first **coup** upon the enemy all at the same time.

"This feather you have found was worn by a Cree-it is indiscriminately painted. All other feathers worn by the common Indians mean nothing," he added.

"Tell me, uncle, whether it would be proper for me to wear any feathers at all if I have never gone upon the war-path."

"You could wear any other kind of feathers, but not an eagle's," replied my uncle, "although sometimes one is worn on great occasions by the child of a noted man, to indicate the father's dignity and position."



ELEMENTARY:

There will be a potluck dinner on Thursday, May 14 beginning at 5:30 at the Cafeteria for the elementary school families and school staff. We would like to invite others from the UTETC community to join us also.

Please bring something to add to the potluck dinner, ie., salad, dessert, bread, hot dish, etc.

For Sale: 1 pr. Sony speakers - excellent condition. \$20.00 call Joan Estes ext. 304

Dates to remember for T.J. parents:

Thursday, May 14 - Potluck supper at the Cafeteria - 5:30 P.M.

Thursday, May 21 - 1:30 P.M. - Awards day - 8th grade and kindergarten graduation - Cafeteria.

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SMOKE SIGNALS FROM THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT!!

* Tennis - It's a get game. Learn to play it, tonight at 6:00 PM. Also on Thursday. We'll have a beginners tourney if there is enuf interest.

* Softball Tournament this weekend. We have four teams ready for action now but we are in need of a few more. If you know a team let us know, maybe we can get them here.

* It appears that we are talentless! This being the case there will probably be no TALENT SHOW. However it can be salvaged if there are at least a few people wanting to do it. Would still like to hold it Monday evening at 7:00 PM. Let us know if there is anyone willing to do some entertaining.

* There will be no more aerobics classes for the rest of the year.

* Softball game with the Pen tonight.

* Graduation Dance at the Holiday this Friday night. Everybody is encouraged to attend and have some good fun while dancing. Once again the dance will be strictly monitored for disturbances. Anybody causing problems will be asked to leave.

The band will be the "Golden Warrior". They will begin at 9:00 PM. UTETC students are admitted free. There will be a \$3 charge for single and \$5 for a couple.

* United Tribes jackets are on sale for \$35. They will make a nice gift for graduation.

* Check with John T Hawk about scheduled events for this week at the recreation building.