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# NEWSLETTER

— NOON MENU —

Tues. — Roast beef  
Wed. — Steak sandwich  
Thurs. — Scalloped potatoes & ham  
Fri. — Grilled cheese

Closed C U at McDonalds

## To the students of U.T.T.C. from Mary Lemcke

Several weeks ago, Dr. DeLong asked me to write an article for the NEWSLETTER about my feelings about students at UTTC and drinking. I've waited until now to do that for two reasons: the first reason is because that's been a hard thing for me to do. Because I'm at a loss for words????? No!!!! My students that I have English classes know better...I'm **seldom** at a loss for words about ANYTHING!!! They would probably **prefer** that I **would be** at a loss for words at times, especially when lectures get long! NO...the reason why the article has been hard to do is because this is a very emotional topic for me...and the students who have me in class **KNOW** that because they've heard it before.

The second reason why I've waited until now to write this is because I wanted to put the "article" into a letter TO THE STUDENTS just before they all go home for the summer. Okay, so this letter may seem "corny" to some. People who know me know that I AM CORNY...I wear my emotions on my sleeve...and it's no secret around here that really do love my students. Yes, "love" is a strong word, but if that word means "wanting the best for someone else", then "love" IS the word I want.

Dear Students,

Teachers, other staff, and all of you students are probably counting the days until summer vacation begins...I know I am because I want to spend the nice days outside instead of being "cooped up" correcting workbooks and tests in the basement. For about three weeks after school is out, I'll feel a great sense of freedom, not having to follow routine...I'll actually be able to read a few books I've wanted to and go for long walks. But eventually, the sense of freedom will give way to loneliness for "my" students. It always does. YES!!!! **HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT I ACTUALLY DO MISS YOU DURING THE SUMMER!!!!** I don't think most students realize how much a teacher **INVESTS** mentally and emotionally in his or her students. I see so much **promise** in my students...really I see it in all the students at UTTC. It's exciting to see your minds' potentials and it's fun to enjoy your personalities. But sometimes I also see that your potentials and your personalities are **undermined** by the chemicals that some of you put into yourselves. It bothers me to see any of you living **HALFWAY LIVES... halfway...**because the liquor or wend or pills dull you senses, limit your potential, and lesson you options. Drinking sometimes replaces reading a good book--or going on a trip to see something new and different. Drinking may cause trouble between friends because neglect sets in when drinking is more important.....or even worse, drinking can set off arguments and fights with friends or family.

**BUT MORE THAN ANYTHING, I AM DEVASTATED** when a student or former student gets killed in an accident or a fight because of drinking.....thus depriving the people who loved seeing their faces of their company.....forever. Death is a heavy subject.....but it happens.....the brother of one of my former students caused the death of one of his children because he was drunk and driving. One of my former students shot himself to death while he was drunk. One of my former students tried to hang himself in a detox lockup one summer. And a couple summers ago, one of the brightest students I've ever had was killed in a car accident while he was drunk.

Do you know what's that's like for a teacher to see so much potential in a student, and to have such high hopes for that student's mental development and happiness and long life.....and then to just see it all go to waste.....under such tragic circumstances?

In a matter of days, we'll all be on summer vacation. We'll all be driving more, socializing more, and relaxing more. Summer nights and parties seem to go together.....but **please.....PLEASE** think about it.....it only takes one foolish move when judgement is clouded by chemicals to die tragically.....or maybe even worse.....to be brain-

damaged or paralyzed and stuck in a wheelchair or a facility bed for 20 years.....with family and friends having to look at you and remember how you used to be.

I care about you. That's why I'm at Tribes. If I didn't want to be here, I'd be somewhere else. But if **YOU** don't care about yourselves and have enough respect for your bodies and minds and spirits to keep straight (especially behind the wheel of a car) and **alive**, think about those people who **DO** care about you and wish you only the best things in life.

I want, at this point, to congratulate the graduates. I hope I see you all again sometimes. And I hope I see all the returning students back again in August.....**ALIVE AND IN ONE PIECE.**

Have a good summer!

Love,  
Mary

### **go my son**

Long ago an Indian war chief counseled his people.  
He wisely told them, "Education is a ladder  
to help us reach happiness.  
Go, and climb that ladder."

Go, my son. Go and climb the ladder.  
Go, my son. Go and earn your feather.  
Go, my son. Make your people proud of you.

Work, my son. Get an education.  
Work, my son. Learn a good vocation.  
Then climb, my son. Go and take a lofty view.

From on the ladder of an education.  
You can see to help your Indian nation.  
Then reach, my son,  
and lift your people up with you.

Based on the true story of an Indian war chief who once told his people that education was ladder to help them reach success and happiness, the song "Go My Son" was written by Arlene Nofchissey, a Navajo, and Carnes Burson, a Ute. In it is found a message for all Indians — men and women — to progress, to help their Indian nation.

### **LURKING AROUND the UTTC Campus:**

The question for this week is: "How are you going to spend your summer vacation?"

"I'll be going to Rosebude to work.....hopefully to make a few bucks!"

Billy Joe Falcon

"After graduating, I'm going to Oregon where my sister is, and then go on to school."

Brian Starr

"I'm going to spend my summer at home and then I'll be ready to go to work!"

Julia Rivers

"I'm going to do a lot of travelling.....between planets!!!"

Pam Carlascio  
Food Service Instructor

"I'll look for a job.....and just see what happens."

Delvin Uses Arrow

"I'll probably spend it working.....and also spend time in the Black Hills."

Roger Yellow Cloud

### **Graduation Time Table**

#### **Thursday, May 5**

9:00 - Gym setup with bleachers, chairs, stage.

1:00 - Rehearsal in gym. Followed by group pictures - wear cap & gown.

2:20 - Rehearsal for TJ singers in Gym.

2:30 - Set up for Banquet in Cafeteria.

6:30 - Banquet.

#### **Friday, May 6**

8:00 - Set up lighting system in Gym & decorate.

11:00 - Single Students eat.

12:00 - Graduates meet upstairs in Gym, corsages. Individual pictures.

1:00 - Graduation reception in cafeteria.

All events will start on time.

## **American Indian Higher Education Consortium**

The American Indian Higher Education Consortium Conference was held at Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, April 25-29, 1988. At that time United Tribes sent light students to compete in the Business Competition and the College Trivia Contest which are held annually as part of the conference.

Congratulations are extended to all the students who competed in those events. They are Julie Red Eye, Delores Veo, Janice Cadotte, Juanita White Eagle, Shirley High Rock, Murphy Herrera, and Alice Haukuss.

Special congratulations are extended to Murphy Herrera who took 1st place for typing in the Business Competitions; Alice Haukuss who placed 2nd in Accounting; and Larry Granbois who was chosen as "Outstanding Student of the Year".

We are all very proud of you for representing U.T.T.C. so well.  
Dr. Loretta DeLong

## **Marshall Parisien**

Marshall Parisien came on board at United Tribes as the new Building Trades instructor in September of 1987. Marshall instructs his students in making estimates in carpentry jobs, reading of blueprints, drafting, landscaping, concrete block work and building from different materials. The carpentry students have been working for the last 2½ months, building a house. It will be finished, according to Marshall, around November.

Marshall has had a lot of experience that makes him the right man for this job. He attended Lake Region Jr. College in Devils Lake as a Building Trades student from 1976 to 1978. He had 10 years of experience constructing commercial and residential buildings. He was the foreman of a crew that built 300 houses at the Turtle Mountain Reservation, which is Marshall's home agency. He has worked on Commercial buildings at the Minot Air Force Base. He has worked at Kyle, South Dakota where his crew built an 8-plex housing unit. He has served as the foreman of a crew that makes improvements and straighten out problems on buildings that fall short of building standards.

Turtle Mountain is Marshall's home base. He enjoys raising cattle and horses on his family's ranch in the area. In the summer he works on the ranch making hay. He likes hobby roping in the summer and also hunting and fishing. Now he lives in Bismarck with his wife Dr. Loretta DeLong, the Vice-President for Student Affairs here at United Tribes. They are parents of three children.

Marshall hopes that he can offer more drafting training to Carpentry students here. He enjoys the variety of building work and likes to do a little bite of everything. Marshall says, "Carpentry has been good to me. I have

always been able to find a job. It hasn't just been seasonal''.

It's great to have someone with Marshall's experience working with our students.

No picture available of Marshall.

**Congraduation** to Loretta DeLong & Jolene Whiting for walking 19 miles representing UTTC for the March of Dimes.

## **ENGLISH AWARDS FOR TIME AND ATTENDANCE**

There are three students who deserve special recognition for attendance and punctuality in their English classes this semester.

Two of these students were **ALWAYS** on time and had **PERFECT** attendance. These students are: Feryl Conklin, Carpentry, and George Young Bear, Electrical.

Pat Two Bears, Food Service, was also **ALWAYS** on time and he had a perfect attendance record in my classes until he had to be excused one morning for a doctor's appointment.

There are several other students who also did very well but they had to be excused for family business, funerals, or doctor's appointments.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all the students who made such a good effort, especially to the students who have a perfect record. If I were a potential employer, I would hire any one of you immediately!

Mary Lemcke  
English Instructor

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Several weeks ago, I started spending a little more time working on the UTTC NEWSLETTER so that there would be more to read for faculty, staff, and students. Many staff people and students also got involved and did much to add to everyone's interest in the NEWSLETTER. I'd like to thank several people who did so much to help out just during the short time I got involved in this "project". Ann Kuyper made Mary creative suggestions and contributed material. Brian Palecek did the interviews of faculty and staff for the weekly biographies of new people, and he typed all the articles about them. Wanda Thomas did all the work at OPI to set up the NEWSLETTER and pictures when the material was submitted...and let me just say now, she did an excellent job trying to interpret my outrageous typing and periodically unreadable handwriting! Glenn Harris wrote an entertaining article about **HIS** brainchild, the TRIVIAL VOCATION CONTESTS. Students wrote articles that were great. Now, Next Year, Let's Keep Up The Momentum!

Mary

## **ELEMENTARY:**

### **Notice to TJ parents:**

Please take note of these dates -

**May 3 (today)** Awards Day and kindergarten promotion at **3:00 PM** in the Cafeteria.

**May 3 (today)** Luncheon recognizing the students who participated in sports this year.

**May 6** - TJ kids sing at UTTC graduation.

**May 13** - **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR TJ. DISMISSAL AT 1:00 PM**

CAT testing was completed last week and we are very proud of the effort put forth by the students!. The attendance was the best ever during test week. Thanks to the parents. The results will be back in June and your parent letter will be mailed if we have a summer address for you.

Please leave a summer address at the school.