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# NEWSLETTER

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## U.T.T.C. STUDENTS TRULY ARE LEADERS

On October 29, 1990, three United Tribes Technical College students represented the college at the V.I.C.A. (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) Fall Leadership Conference, held in Fargo at the Doublewood Inn. The students were: MAX SERAWOP, ROBERT HLAVINKA, and KEITH LONGIE.

The Conference consisted of 250-300 Secondary and Post-Secondary students from North Dakota high schools and colleges, who are involved in V.I.C.A. The competition was generated to develop leadership skills. Students competed in various leadership skills such as Prepared Speech, Extemporaneous Speech, Job Interviews, Job Skill Demonstration, Club Business Procedures, and the Statesman Award.

MAX SERAWOP placed FIRST in JOB INTERVIEW and he was also awarded the STATESMAN AWARD. ROBERT HLAVINKA placed SECOND in OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES and CLUB COORDINATION. He was also awarded the STATESMAN AWARD. KEITH LONGIE placed SECOND in DISPLAY.

JOE HELMER, Automotive Instructor, is the V.I.C.A. Advisor; he accompanied the students to Fargo.

MAX, ROBERT, and KEITH---along with other students from U.T.T.C.---are preparing for the State Skill Competition to be held in March in Bismarck.

UNDER PRESSURE, U.T.T.C. STUDENTS SUCCEED! WE ARE ALL VERY PROUD OF YOU!  
CONGRATULATIONS TO MAX, ROBERT, AND KEITH!



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### Cafeteria Noon Menu:

Dates: NOVEMBER 5 to NOVEMBER 9

Mon.- Scalloped Potatoes with Ham  
Tues.- Bar-B-Q MacRib on a French Bun  
Wed.- Swedish Meat Balls  
Thurs.- Hamburger-on-a-Bun  
Fri.- Chicken Strips

TRIVIA! TRIVIA! TRIVIA! TRIVIA! TRIVIA! TRIVIA! TRIVIA! TRIVIA! TRIVIA! TRIVIA!

Last week's Trivia Contest was won by MELODY SILK, Staff Winner, and ALFREDA LONGIE, Student Winner. Each of the ladies received a 6-pack of pop. They knew the answer; Lawrence Welk is the famous North Dakotan whose home in Strassburg is being re-built.

This week's Trivia Question is health-related. This past week, we celebrated Halloween, and we decorated the gym and our classrooms with pictures of the human skeleton---but how many of you, Dear Readers, know how many BONES---NOT COUNTING TEETH---THE HUMAN SKELETON HAS? If you know the answer, call Lois Lane at EXT. 227---BUT NOT UNLESS YOU CAN TELL HER HOW MANY OF THOSE BONES ARE PART OF THE TRUNK AND HOW MANY ARE PART OF THE LIMBS!!! Come on, now, not just the LPN students and Medical Records students should know this! We are all the proud owners of skeletons---OUR OWN!---so we should be able to account for what we own! The winner will receive a 6-pack of Coke (or Pepsi). Get out your encyclopedias.....!

NEWSLETTER CLASSIFIEDS! BARGAINS! FOR SALE! GIVE AWAYS! GOOD BUYS! CLASSIFIED! BARGAINS!

ROSE THE PIE LADY is now taking orders for holiday pies; you have your choices of (YUM!!!) pecan, pumpkin, blueberry, cherry, or apple! Better yet---why not order ONE OF EACH? They're only \$3.50 each, and you can call Rose at EXT. 311 or at her home: 258-0318. It's time to order for Thanksgiving.

FOR SALE: 1976 Chevy pickup---6 cylinder. Call EXT. 302 for Bud.

FREE! FREE! FREE! Note pads made from discarded paper are available at the UTTC Printing Shop. Stop in and pick some up. These are perfect for scratch paper or notes for the office or classroom.

WANTED: Ice cream pails with lids or margarine containers with lids. Contact Peggy at EXT. 311.

FOR SALE: Fine quality turquoise jewelry from the Southwest. Contact Bev Huber in the Education Building.

WANTED: JOKES AND FUNNY STORIES: Phil Baird is collecting humorous stories and jokes from UTTC students each week! If you have a good joke, tell it to Phil and you may win a Big Mac dinner! Call him or see him at the UTTC Resource Center, Building #35.

COMING SOON! RAFFLE FOR 50 GALLONS OF GAS! The Medical Records students are sponsoring a Raffle to be held after the Graduation Ceremony in the Skill Center the morning of November 21, 1990. Raffle tickets are being sold for the following prices: one for \$2.00 or three for \$5.00. If you win, you will receive a certificate that will allow you to get the gas as you need it. The Medical Records students are sponsoring this Raffle in order to buy jackets. Contact Mike or any Medical Records student if you have questions.

FOR SALE: T-shirts and bandanas, fringed, tied, and beaded. See at the Cafeteria or contact Rose at EXT. 311.

FOR SALE: Sturdy, well-constructed, wooden storage shed built by the carpentry students. Asking price is \$425; the unit is 8' X 10'. Contact MAX at EXT. 279 or EARL at EXT. 242.

FOR SALE: Storage shed with metal siding and roof, wooden floor, and wooden sliding doors with padlock. Must be dismantled. Can be seen in Mandan or call MARY at EXT. 227. Asking price is \$100.

FOR SALE: Formica-topped table good for hobby room or kitchen. Sturdy, large; priced at \$45. Call MARY at EXT. 227.

THE PERFECT PARTY SHOP on 16th and Broadway sells party goods to UTTC people at 10% off! They also sell new and used boxes for moving---and they have a UPS service too!



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 "IN THE NEWSLETTER SPOTLIGHT"  
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This week's "IN THE SPOTLIGHT" column features VERNES JOHNSON, the counselor who began working at U.T.T.C. in August, 1990.

A big heart and a big funny-bone are characteristics of VERNES JOHNSON, the new counselor who joined the UTTC staff this fall. She holds her M.S. Ed. in Counseling from Northern State College at Aberdeen, South Dakota, with numerous hours completed at the University of Mary. Her undergrad degree is from Moorhead State University, with a major in English and minors in Social Studies and Spanish.

"It took me fourteen years and five babies to get my under-grad degree," Mrs. Johnson quips, explaining that she quit college to marry. Later she and her husband studied Spanish intensively for a year in southern Texas, after which they moved to Venezuela, South America, where they lived a total of 12 years encompassing three terms of missionary service. Each time back in the U.S., they re-settled in Fargo, and Vernes returned to school, graduating shortly after the birth of their fifth child. Three of the Johnson's children were born in Caracas Venezuela. "Raising a large family is highly practical training for the job I now hold," insists Johnson. "Counseling, in order to be effective, must be practical. I'm very happy that three of my children are now college graduates, one with a Masters, and a fourth just entered college. That didn't just happen."

Mrs. Johnson recalls growing up on a small farm and later in a small town in Minnesota, until her senior year of high school, when she moved with her parents to the Turtle Mountain Reservation. "It was a whole new world for me, and initially I hated it," she confesses, adding, "But later I realized that year on the reservation gave me a deeper insight into life than I ever dreamed possible."

After the Johnsons moved to Bismarck in 1981, Vernes decided to pursue her dream...a masters degree in counseling. "I decided it was time to get paid for what I was doing all the time anyhow---helping people," she said. After taking an internship at West Center Human Services, she accepted employment at the Bismarck Adult Learning Center, later at the Abused Adult Resource Center, and then, in 1987, she opened New Hope Counseling, her own private practice.

"Starting a new business is touch, so I have worked other part-time positions, including teaching English at Interstate Business College, as well as other endeavors. Finally, I decided to make the counseling service officially part-time, and I applied at UTTC," she stated.

"I personally consider the wide variety of life experiences I've had as a tremendous asset," Mrs. Johnson insists. "Not only that...variety provides many humorous experiences. I try to keep my perspective by reminding myself that 'Humor is a great alternative to homicide'." Then she added more seriously, "I'm just thankful the people at UTTC found room on the staff for a Norwegian!"





The following article appeared in THE BISMARCK TRIBUNE of October 28, 1990. It is about BRIAN PALECEK, one of the English Instructors on the faculty at United Tribes Technical College. The article is re-printed with permission.

## Peace Coalition presents award to Bismarck man

Brian Palecek of Bismarck is the recipient of the fifth annual Prairie Peacemaker Award presented by the North Dakota Peace Coalition for distinguished work for peace and justice.

Palecek accepted the award at the organization's Fall Peace Congress Saturday at the Townhouse in Fargo.

A teacher, scholar, musician and performer, Palecek is currently an instructor at United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck. He is also program director for Bismarck's One World Coffee House and a guest host on Prairie Public Radio.

He has been active for many years in efforts to oppose nuclear weapons, the worldwide arms buildup, and promotion of racial justice, human rights, and a constructive U.S. foreign policy.

Don Morrisn, NDPC president, said Palecek was chosen because of his longterm commitment and his willingness to speak out for community choices that make peace more likely.

NDPC is a statewide alliance of individuals and organizations dedicated to non-violent solutions to conflict and just causes.

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On Wednesday, November 7, 1990, there will be an ADULT R.I.F. DAY at the TJES Library from 12:00 Noon until 2:00 PM. Free books and magazines will be available at that time. COME ONE---COME ALL!

The Burleigh County Bookmobile will also be at TJES that afternoon; the college students of UTTC and the students of TJES are encouraged to check out materials from the Bookmobile.

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### FIRST COMMUNION CLASS TO BEGIN FOR CATHOLIC STUDENTS

First Communion Classes will begin at the UTTC Interdenominational Chapel for Catholic students who are at least in the 2nd grade. The first class will be on November 29, 1990 at 7:00 PM. The instructor will be Darlena Gerving from the University of Mary.

You can sign up for your children by calling Rev. Ed Johnson, UTTC Chaplain, at EXT. 204, or by bringing the student to class and registering at that time.

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### ASSEMBLY OF GOD SERVICES TO START AT UTTC

Beginning Sunday, November 11, 1990, there will be Assembly of God Services at the UTTC Interdenominational Chapel at 12:00 Noon. Services will be conducted by Jackie Bearstail, who is a Senior at the Central Bible College of the Assemblies of God in Mobridge, South Dakota.

If you have any questions concerning the services, contact Rev. Ed Johnson at EXT, 204.