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King holiday brings call for improved racial ties

By CARTER WOOD, Tribune Staff Writer

To build racial harmony North Dakotans should improve economic opportunities for American Indians, the president of United Tribes Technical College said Monday as the state observed its first official Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

President David Gipp was the keynote speaker during ceremonies at Bismarck's Radisson Inn. Organized by the North Dakota Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission, the day's theme was "building racial harmony: creating and preserving community."

"For the past several years we've seen more and more the growing worry among politicians that we have to rebuild and redo and remake North Dakota," Gipp said.

"I believe I'm all for that, particularly when we talk about it in the economic sense. But we need to build better and stronger bridges

among all our communities," said Gipp, who won the 1991 service award from the National Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission.

Congress declared the third Monday of January a federal holiday in 1986 to honor the murdered civil rights leader. Monday was the first time state employees got the day off with pay, thanks to a law passed by the 1991 Legislature.

North Dakota was the 48th state to create the state holiday, followed last year by New Hampshire. Only Arizona does not observe an official Martin Luther King holiday.

American Indian culture imbued

Monday's ceremonies; the Grey Wolf Drum group of Fort Yates Public School performed two songs.

Gipp said Indian population is growing on and off the reservation, and North Dakota must be ready to provide economic opportunities.

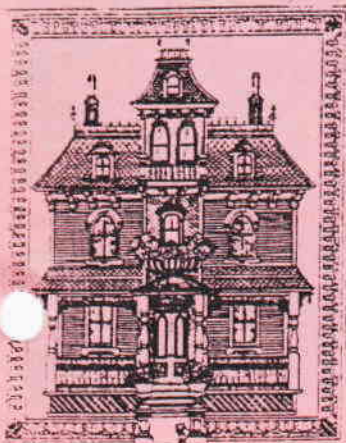
He called for a North Dakota version of the Marshall Plan, the post-World War II effort in which America helped Europe rebuild.

"It will take harmonious, peaceful ways in which our Indian and non-Indian leaders will work together when it comes to these challenges," Gipp said.

Honored were Bismarck legislators Rep. Bill Oban and Sen. Barbara Evanson, co-sponsors of the Martin Luther King legislation. An English teacher, Evanson brought along her class of Wachter Junior High seventh-graders.

In Grand Forks, Gov. George Sinner presented the Martin Luther King Jr. Award to Sen. Jack Ingstad and Rep. Roxanne Jensen for originally sponsoring the bill.

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*Winter Open House
Russell Hawkins
Conference Center (Bldg. 1A)
January 30, 1992
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Hosted by: Renee Becker and
2nd Quarter Food Service*

CAFETERIA MENU	
MONDAY to MONDAY	
DATE: JAN. 27 to JAN. 31	
MON.	- Tator Tot Hot Dish
TUES.	- McRib and Soup
WED.	- Turkey A La King
THURS.	- Bar-B-Que Beef
FRI.	- Fish Platter with Wild Rice
MON.	- Burritos



MR. DAVID GIPP, THE PRESIDENT OF UNITED TRIBES TECHNICAL COLLEGE, WILL BE TAKING PART IN A WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THE CONFERENCE IS ON INDIAN EDUCATION. REPRESENTATIVE BYRON DORGAN NOMINATED MR. GIPP AS ONE OF 235 DELEGATES TO THE THREE-DAY CONFERENCE IN JANUARY. SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE THOMAS FOLEY ANNOUNCED MR. GIPP'S APPOINTMENT ON EARLY JANUARY, 1992.

MR. DORGAN SAID OF MR. GIPP: "HIS KNOWLEDGE AND BACKGROUND WILL ALLOW HIM TO MAKE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS AS WE TRY TO IMPROVE EDUCATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS."

Reps hear tribal health care worries

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By MARC CONRAD, Tribune Business Writer

Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., chairman of the U.S. House Interior Committee, joined Rep. Byron Dorgan Thursday at United Tribes Technical College to discuss with state Indian tribal leaders about the need for more jobs and improved health care on reservations.

During the two-hour meeting, six Native American leaders said North Dakota's reservations suffer from inferior health care and high unemployment that ranges between 50 to 95 percent. Some of the tribal spokespersons also spook about the overwhelming number of social problems on reservations, including alcoholism, high crime rates, child abuse and domestic violence.

"Statistics show that poverty is the main cause of these social ills, and we don't have to tell you Congressman Dorgan, the poverty levels on North Dakota Reservations," said Wilbur Dale Wilkinson, chairman of the Three Affiliated Tribes at New Town.

Wilkinson and other leaders also voiced unhappiness over the federal government's unwillingness to boost funding for economic development and improve health care on reservations.

"Mr. Chairman, Congress cannot believe that it makes me feel good as a tribal leader to see billions of dollars going to foreign countries while my people on reservations, people in the state and across this great land, who are American citi-

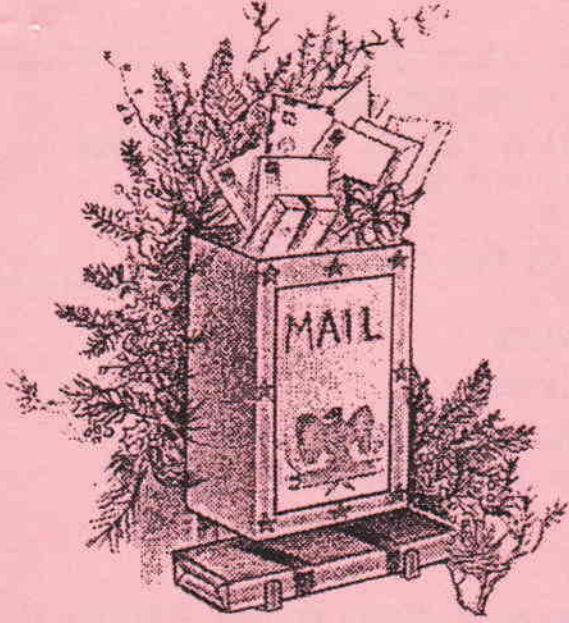
zens, are going without jobs, poverty stricken and lost," Wilkinson said. "We must think of our people first — generosity begins at home."

But Wilkinson and others also complimented Dorgan and Miller for introducing a bill that would give outside investors tax breaks for starting factories and businesses on Indian reservations, and for a bill that would attempt to improve Indian health care by increasing the number of Indians entering health care professions.

"The ability to bring in outside capital and create incentives for businesses to locate on Indian Reservation is our most critical need, employment for self-sufficiency," Wilkinson said.

Others commenting at the hearing included Twila Martin-Kekahbah, chairwoman of the Turtle Mountain Tribal Council, Belcourt; Peter Belgarde, Jr., chairman of the Devils Lake Sioux Tribal Council, Fort Totten; David Gipp, executive director of United Tribes, Bismarck; Kenneth Billingsly of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council, Fort Yates; and Duane Vermillion of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council.





THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR PHONE CALLS, THE FLOWERS, CARDS, WISHES, THOUGHTS, AND PRAYERS FROM ALL OF YOU WHILE I WAS SICK. I APPRECIATED EVERYTHING YOU DID VERY MUCH!

from MARGARET RED SHIRT

IN THE NEWSLETTER SPOTLIGHT

"In the Newsletter Spotlight" is a feature giving readers the opportunity to get to know new faculty and staff. The following article is about MR. DON RUSH, who is the LANGUAGE ARTS TUTOR. The article was written by Don.

My name is Don Rush. I come from New Town, North Dakota, which is about 155 miles north-west of Bismarck.

I am very glad to have the chance to work at United Tribes. I have enjoyed the work and meeting all the good people here.

My office is upstairs in the Education Building, Room 214. PLEASE COME BY TO VISIT... THE COFFEE'S ALWAYS ON!

A little bit about myself....I enjoy the summertime....and all the goes with it!




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VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THEODORE JAMERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

TJES will be having their second basketball on TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1992 against Twin Buttes. It will be an away game starting at 5:00 P.M. (CDT).

The "SAY NO" Club will meet JANUARY 30, 1992 from 6 P.M. - 9 P.M.

WHAT: PARENT LUNCH/VIDEO

WHERE: PRESCHOOL KITCHEN

WHEN: 12:00 NOON MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 1992

WHO: ALL PARENTS ARE INVITED FOR LUNCH AND VIDEO

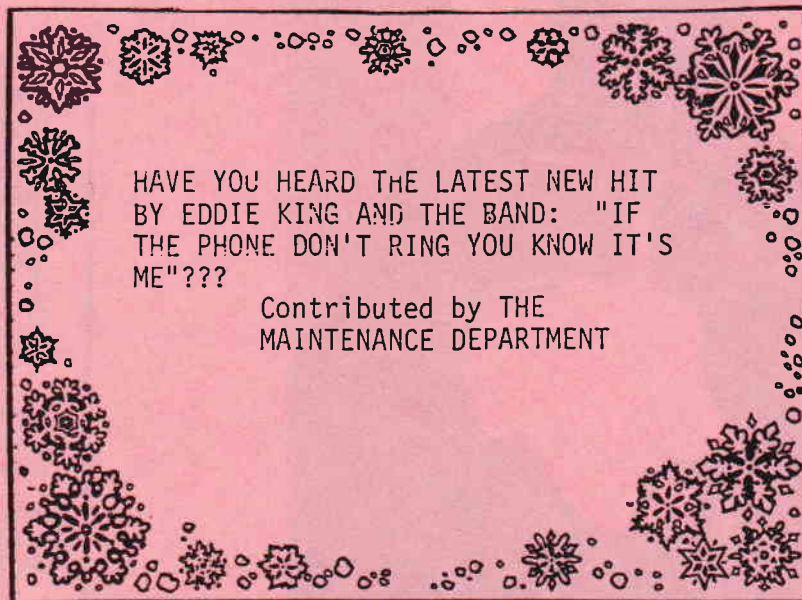
WANTED: Students and or Staff to teach elementary students crafts, dancing, singing, legends (storytelling), etc. ONE OR TWO EVENINGS PER WEEK, 2 hours per evening.....These will be PAID POSITIONS, through the Title V Program, at T.J.E.S. PLEASE CONTACT SAM AZURE AS SOON S POSSIBLE AT EXT. 304.

THANKS TO ALL PARENTS WHO ATTENDED CONFERENCES AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!!!

ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1992, CHAPTER I PARENT CHECK-OUT WILL BE OPEN FROM 4 - 5 P.M. THERE WILL BE NO PARENT MEETING.

To Parents/Staff: Title V/VII needs people to serve on the Title V/VII Board. This is your chance to HAVE INPUT ON SCHOOL PROGRAMS!

Please call the Elementary School and submit your name to the ballot! There are TWO positions open. CALL EXT. 304!



HAVE YOU HEARD THE LATEST NEW HIT BY EDDIE KING AND THE BAND: "IF THE PHONE DON'T RING YOU KNOW IT'S ME"???

Contributed by THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

VALENTINE'S DAY IS COMING!!!
Rose is now taking orders for decorated Valentine cakes and cookies!
CALL EXT. 311

