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THIS ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER IS DEDICATED TO UTTC'S CHILDREN
AND TO THE EXCEPTIONAL STAFF WHO WORK
WITH THEM.

In his book, *Roots*, Alex Haley describes
the ancient rite by which his ancestors
in Africa were named.

It took place eight days after birth
and made the child a member of the tribe.
The highpoint in the ceremony came
when the father took the child in his arms.

Roots
ALEX HALEY

*He lifted the infant, and as all watched,
whispered three times into his son's ear
the name he had chosen for him.
It was the first time the name
had ever been spoken as the child's name,
for Omorro's people felt that each human being
should be the first to know who he was.*

That night the father completed the ceremony.

*Out under the moon and the stars,
alone with his son that eighth night,
Omorro completed the naming ritual.
Carrying little Kunta in his strong arms,
he walked to the edge of the village,
lifted his baby up with his face to the heavens,
and said softly,
"Fend kiling dorong leh warrata ka iteh tee
(Behold—the only thing greater than yourself)."*

CAFETERIA MENU

MONDAY to MONDAY

DATE: FEB. 24 to MAR. 1

MON. - Pizza; Chocolate Milkshakes
TUES. - Ham Sandwiches
WED. - Roast Beef
THURS. - Chili Schooner
FRI. - Bratwurst

MON. - Spaghetti with Meat
Sauce

In the fall of 1991, United Tribes Technical College began offering a new program for degrees and for certificates in EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION. This is called: THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION/CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEGREE PROGRAM. The Director of this new program is SHARI OLSON. (EXT. 339)

There are several students enrolled in this new vocation, and several of them have made very important contributions to this NEWSLETTER. Some of their thoughts follow in this feature on the children at UTTC and the programs available for them at United Tribes.

Other articles incorporated into this feature of the NEWSLETTER are articles that Ms. Olson has contributed for the interest of the readers of the NEWSLETTER. The Editor wishes to thank Ms. Olson for her valuable contributions to this issue.

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At the beginning of this academic year (1991-92), Ms. Olson attended a conference at which MR. RAY MCGEE, MSW, ACSW, Lic. SW, was one of the featured presentors. Mr. McGee is a social worker in Minneapolis; he is an intervention therapist working with children, families, and their teachers. He has also been a classroom teacher. Mr. McGee's presentations focused on the importance of the development of self-esteem in children, and how self-perception can be changed within adults who are working with children, or who are parents, themselves. He did one full day session on developing the full potential of children and their families.

Ms. Olson says of the conference: "Mr. McGee shared his own life experience to reinforce the importance of positive life experiences in the development of a child's self-esteem. He advised us to build on the strengths of children, since it is 'virtually impossible to build on one's weaknesses'. Mr. McGee asked the audience, 'Who do we tell them they (our children) are?' He recommended that we 'catch them being good.... and convince them that they are....BRIGHT, LOVEABLE, STRONG, BEAUTIFUL, RESPONSIBLE, COURAGEOUS, SPECIAL, etc. Also, we must find ways to pass emotional messages to our children on a daily basis. Positive means to accomplish this by giving hugs, smiles, winks, handshakes, high-fives, and shoulder taps, accompanied with lots of love.'

Mr. McGee went on to say, 'Every time we enhance our children's self-esteem, we give them integrity. When we reinforce negative behaviors, we build on our children's weaknesses; therefore, try building on POSITIVE BEHAVIORS AND STRENGTHS. CATCH THEM BEING GOOD AND FLAUNT IT TO THEM UNTIL THEY BELIEVE IT!'"

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Small toys and small children

can be lethal mix

(This article from the BISMARCK TRIBUNE is continued on the next page.)

Dangerous toys:

Leahy's list of dangerous toys includes: pull-string Swimming Hippo and pull-string Swimming Frog, made by Masudaya; Busy Bumpkins Stroller, by Uneeda Doll Co.; Jeep Jr. 4X4, by Power Wheels-Kransco Group; Sesame Street Sewing Box, by Sandberg; Sesame Street Nursery Set, by Tara Toy Corp.; Play Cars, by Andresito; Vanilla Kitty Scented Ice Cream Pets, by Leader Toy Corp.; Sembl-eez Take Apart Put-Together Toy Car, by Irwin Toy Limited; and Battery Operated Symphony Loco, by Blue Box.

Hartford Courant

"Choking on small toy parts, balloons and small balls continues to be the leading cause of toy-related deaths," says James Leahy, executive director of the Connecticut Public Interest Research Group. Last week, he presented the group's third annual "Trouble in Toyland" report on dangerous toys.

"We do this because the (federal) Consumer Product Safety Commission and the state consumer protection department doesn't have the manpower to catch everything," Leahy said. "We're trying to make more parents aware of the dangers."

Leahy showed a Fisher-Price Little People toy responsible for the choking deaths of three children in 1990. The small figures have a ball-shaped head and cylindrical body.

"This has been pulled off the

market, but we were able to buy this toy yesterday," Leahy says. "Not all the inventory is gone."

He released a list of dangerous toys from studies done in September and October by public interest research groups visiting stores in 26 states. Most of them posed choking hazards to young children.

Nationwide in 1987, there were 131,000 emergency-room-treated injuries caused by toys. That figure increased to 164,500 in 1990, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the federal agency responsible for monitoring toys in the marketplace. In 1989 there were 13 choking deaths; in 1990 there were 14 such deaths; and through September of this year, there have been five deaths.

Since 1979, the safety commission has used a choke tube, a testing device that checks if a small toy is a

potential choking hazard. The device is a hollow cylinder with an interior diameter of 1½ inches and a slanted bottom with a depth of 1 to 2¼ inches. If the entire product or any part of the product that separates during play fits entirely within the cylinder, the product is banned.

"Parents can buy one of these testing devices from us for \$1," Leahy says. "We recommend they take it with them when toy shopping and actually test the parts."

The device can be purchased by calling (800) 542-8338. The kit includes the pamphlet "Tips for Toy Safety."

The Consumer Product Safety Commission doesn't compile a specific list of dangerous toys, but it recalled 165 toys this year, including certain teddy bears, dolls, trucks, trains, tools and cooking utensils. Last year, 252 toys were recalled.

from THE BISMARCK TRIBUNE

The following writings are by students and staff who are part of the Child Development aspect of United Tribes. Some of the authors of these writings have allowed us to use their names; some of the authors choose to remain anonymous. The topic of these compositions is CHILD ABUSE. Thank you to the authors of these compositions. What you have said is profoundly touching.....and not to be soon forgotten....

Editor

MY NAME IS CHILD ABUSE. I COME INTO THE HOME THROUGH ALCOHOLISM, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ABUSE, EMOTIONAL ABUSE, VERBAL ABUSE, ETC. I COULD USE THESE TO HURT YOU AND MAKE YOU FEEL UNLOVED. I CAN SAY THINGS TO YOU THAT MAKE YOU FEEL LIKE YOU DON'T AMOUNT TO ANYTHING. I CAN HURT YOU BY HITTING YOU OR BY HOLLERING AT YOU. I CAN ALSO KILL YOU IF I'M NOT STOPPED. I'M THIS WAY BECAUSE OF THE WAY I WAS TREATED AND THIS IS THE ONLY LIFE I KNOW. I CAN PASS THIS ON TO YOU AND, THEREFORE, YOU WILL PASS THIS ON TO YOUR CHILDREN.

Written by Ken Jewett

I CAN. I CAN'T

By Jody Last Star

I CAN RUN AND JUMP AND SOMETIMES I CAN FLY. I LOVE TO LOVE, HUG, AND FEEL, AND SOMETIMES I CAN CRY.

I CAN'T RUN AND JUMP AND I CAN'T FLY.
DADDY SAID SO!

WHAT IS LOVE? A HUG? HOW DO YOU FEEL?
DADDY DOESN'T SHOW ME!

HE HIT ME. IT WAS MY FAULT!
I CAN'T CRY!

EVERYDAY CHILD

by Ruby Cadotte

I'M A CHILD. I LIVE ANYWHERE.
 MY WORLD HAD SUNSHINE, LOVE AND WARMTH OF A MOTHER'S TOUCH.

DARKNESS APPEARS ON THE HORIZON.
 I FEEL ANGER LIKE A GUST OF WIND.

THERE IS PAIN AND HUNGER.
 WHY DOES IT HURT?

RAINDROPS FALL FROM MY EYES, WASHING ALL THE PAIN AWAY.
 THERE I LIE WITHOUT A SOUND, DRAWING PICTURES IN MY MIND.

IN THE SMALL WORLD I KNOW LITTLE ABOUT,
 I LIE HERE, WONDERING WHY DOES IT HURT?

JUST HOLD MY HAND
 AND WALK ME BACK TO THE WORLD I ONCE KNEW.

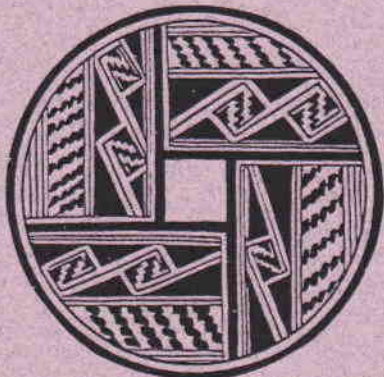
By an Anonymous writer:

THERE WAS AN OLD WOMAN
 WHO LIVED IN A SHOE.
 SHE HAD SO MANY CHILDREN
 SHE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.
 SHE FED THEM SOME BROTH
 WITHOUT ANY BREAD.
 SHE WHIPPED THEM ALL SOUNDLY
 AND PUT THEM ALL TO BED.

IN MY SMALL WORLD

IN MY SMALL WORLD
 WILL I EVER HAVE SUNSHINE INSTEAD OF DARKNESS?
 WILL I EVER HAVE HAPPINESS, INSTEAD OF PAIN?
 WILL I EVER HAVE PRAISE, INSTEAD OF SHAME?
 WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE TO HAVE THE WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT, SECURITY, AND LOVE OF OTHERS?
 WHERE IS THE FAIRNESS, JUSTICE, AND ACCEPTANCE OF THIS WORLD?

Anonymous



I AM JUST A CHILD, SO SMALL AND FRAGILE.
 GOD SENT ME TO YOU TO LOVE FOR A WHILE.
 I DON'T ASK FOR MUCH....A LITTLE LOVE AND ATTENTION,
 AND SOMETIMES HUGS AND A LITTLE AFFECTION.
 I KNOW SOMETIMES THINGS MAY GET A LITTLE DIFFICULT.
 BUT PLEASE! DON'T PUNCH ME, SLAP ME, OR BRING OUT THE BELT!
 AT TIMES, I KNOW YOU MAY GET A LITTLE BUSY.
 JUST DON'T FORGET TO COMB OUT MY HAIR WHEN IT GETS TO BE FRIZZY.
 I LIKE TO BE CLEAN, LOOK NICE, AND SMELL GOOD....JUST THE WAY
 THAT YOU WOULD.
 SO, EVEN THOUGH I'M SMALLER THAN YOU
 YOU DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO VIOLATE ME.
 BECAUSE I'M A PERSON, JUST LIKE YOU.

Anonymous

From another Anonymous writer:

AS YOU SIT AND WATCH THE KIDS
 FROM YOUR BEDROOM WINDOW
 YOU WISH THAT YOU WERE JUST AS HAPPY,
 BUT YOU'RE FEELING LOW.
 YOUR EYES ARE SWOLLEN AND FULL OF TEARS.
 IT'S BECAUSE OF ALL YOUR FEARS:

NOW THAT HE IS GONE AWAY
 MAYBE YOU COULD GO AND PLAY.
 NO MORE PULLING OF THE ARM
 AND NO MORE RUNNING FROM THE HARM.

WHAT IS LOVE? YOU ASK ME NOW...
 JUST GIVE ME TIME AND I'LL SHOW YOU HOW.

Until next time, take good care of your children. Remember they are our future.

Shari Olson

Shari

WINTER QUARTER GRADUATION WAS HELD AT UNITED TRIBES TECHNICAL COLLEGE ON FEBRUARY 21, 1992.

Receiving Two-Year Associate of Applied Science Degrees were the following graduates:

LOUELLA MELBOURNE, BUSINESS CLERICAL - Ft. Peck
 GREG BAD HAWK, CRIMINAL JUSTICE - Ft. Peck
 FRED BENNETT, CRIMINAL JUSTICE - Rosebud
 TERRIE TREE TOP, CRIMINAL JUSTICE - Standing Rock
 JULIE HEIN, MEDICAL RECORDS - Rosebud

Receiving One-Year Certificates were the following graduates:

NORMA PELTIER, AUTO MECHANICS -Turtle Mountain
 TONY BREWER, CARPENTRY - Pine Ridge
 WAYLON YOUNG BIRD, CARPENTRY - Fort Berthold
 JENNIFER STARR, FOOD SERVICE - Pine Ridge
 HAROLD CROW, WELDING - Pine Ridge



MR. THOMAS CONDON, DIRECTOR OF PROJECT BASIC, from the Standing Rock Community College, Ft. Yates, North Dakota, was the GUEST SPEAKER.

Mr. Condon was one of the subjects of an article that appeared in THE BISMARCK TRIBUNE, September 18, 1991. The article is below.

Education on wheels gears up

By DENEEN GILMOUR
Tribune Staff Writer

FORT YATES — Nearly half the native population on Standing Rock Indian Reservation lacks a high school diploma, estimates a college administrator there.

To change that, Standing Rock College has equipped a huge recreational vehicle with a teacher, books, laptop computers, TV and instructional videotapes.

"If they can't come to the classroom, we'll come to them," said Tom Condon, director of adult basic education and the RV project at the college.

Condon says three reservation towns — Fort Yates, Little Eagle and McLaughlin — have college centers where people can study for their high school equivalency exams.

But many reservation residents live in remote, isolated areas and don't have reliable cars. And many can't afford baby sitters while they're away at a full day of school.



By MIKE McCLEARY of the Tribune

Thomas Condon and Cheryl Red Eagle head the project.

Basic skills instructor Cheryl Red Eagle will use the RV to offer tutoring in Porcupine, Wakpala, Bullhead, Kenel and Cannon Ball.

Already 120 people between the ages of 18 and 60 have enrolled in the RV tutoring program. Students will be tested to determine what areas they need to concentrate on before taking the high school equivalency exam.

Once that's determined, Red Eagle will work individually with students to prepare them for the exam. She has a communications degree from the University of Mary.

Condon and Red Eagle also will offer career counseling in the RV.

"Our ultimate goal is not just to get the GED but to do something with it by gaining employment," Condon said.

The RV should be ready to roll Oct 1. Instruction will be offered year-round at no charge to students. The program is paid for by a \$130,000 grant to the college. Students can take as much time as they need to prepare for the test.

Condon said the program will even pay a student's mileage to and from the high school equivalency test site. Condon said the roving educational concept is novel and he knows of no other reservation that is taking learning on the road in the same fashion.



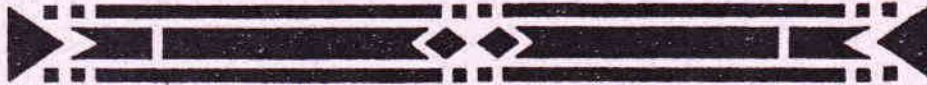
THOMAS CONDON, Director of Project Basic, Standing Rock Community College, Ft. Yates, North Dakota - Seated to left is Mr. Bennett Yellow Bird, Vice-President of UTTC.



CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTRUCTOR, KASS HEWSON, flanked by Criminal Justice Graduates, TERRIE TREE TOP and FRED BENNETT

The Grand Opening of the NEW STUDENT BANK on the campus of the United Tribes Technical College was held on February 21, 1992.

The new bank is located in BUILDING 5-A.



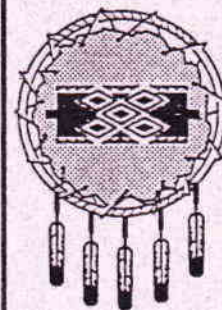
THE ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS OF UNITED TRIBES TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND THE THEODORE JAMERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEND THEIR HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO VAL AND ANN FINLEY UPON THE BIRTH OF THEIR SON, JALEN SCOTT! VAL FINLEY IS THE REGISTRAR AT UTTC. MRS. FINLEY IS AN ELEMENTARY TEACHER AT SOLEN.

CLASSIFIED ADS! FOR SALE! SERVICES! BARGAINS! GIFTS!

ANDERSON TAX SERVICE provides an efficient, fast, and reasonable tax-preparation service that you can depend on. Avoid the April 15th headache and call 222-0800.

FOR SALE: 14' X 70' mobile home in Skyway Village, Lot #305. Asking price is \$5,000 -- in good shape, has central air. Contact GARY OLSON at the above address. Bud Anderson knows this man, and may be able to answer questions about the home.

SPRING WILL BE SPRINGING FORTH ANY DAY NOW....AND POW WOW SEASON IS ON ITS WAY! Spice up your wardrobe with beautiful sweat shirts made by Sherri Snyder (EXT. 239) and Shari Olson (EXT. 33) - or have a ribbon shirt made for yourself or someone who needs a new one -Call Mary at EXT. 227.



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Children Learn What They Live

If a child lives with criticism
He learns to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility
He learns to fight.

If a child lives with ridicule
He learns to be shy.

If a child lives with shame
He learns to feel guilty.

If a child lives with tolerance
He learns to be patient.

If a child lives with encouragement
He learns confidence.

If a child lives with praise
He learns to appreciate.

If a child lives with fairness
He learns justice.

If a child lives with security
He learns to have faith.

If a child lives with approval
He learns to like himself

If a child lives with acceptance
and friendship.

He learns to find love in the world.