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# ★★★★★ Minority contractors organize ★★★★★

by Tara Lynn Steck

After years of leg work, the efforts of the Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Office to realize a solid front for minority contractors in North Dakota have finally paid off. Representing 90 percent of the state's total, the some 40 minority contractors present at a conference in Mandan on February 1 voted unanimously on the formation of the North Dakota Minority Contractor's Association.

According to Jim Laducer, MBE technician and now acting chairman of the Association, "they want to show that they can stand on their own two legs and hold their own." The Association is also hoping to halt certain "rip-off" companies which falsely claim Indian ownership or operation in order to receive contracts set aside for minorities.

Under Federal law, all Economic Development Association (EDA) and Local Public Works (LPW) contracts, which in North Dakota total \$30 million, must go to minority business — a potential revenue of \$3 million.

In the past many general contractors found it difficult to locate minority contractors to do a particular job. They would then seek a waiver of the 10 percent minority participation clause, claiming there were no minority contractors in the area.

One of the duties of the newly-

formed Association will be to monitor all EDA/LPW projects in the State and match these with available minority contractors.

In addition, the association will try to steer more minority contractors into the highway industry. Under the state's affirmative action policy, the highway department has quotas for minority involvement which they need to fill. "Now that the big roads have been built — jobs which require equipment most minority contractors could not afford — there is a lot of maintenance-type work like resurfacing and bridge-building which many minority contractors in North Dakota are equipped to handle," Laducer stated.

At the minority contractor's conference on January 31 and February 1 interest and participation were high, according to Dwayne Ostenson, head of the MBE Office located at United Tribes.

"It's the third year for such seminars and the interest and participation by the members was much more prevalent than every before. Almost every minority contractor in the state attended, at their own expense. There were no instances of people walking out of meetings. It was definitely the most successful seminar we have ever put on."

Ostenson also feels that support

from various agencies and individuals like Cornelius Grant, head of the EDA in North Dakota, for the minority contractors was one reason the association was able to form when it did.

"The support of agencies like the EDA and the SBA (Small Business Association) has placed confidence in the minority contractors," Ostenson stated.



By Irby Hand

## Gipp's Update



Photo By Irby Hand

by Tara Lynn Steck

David Gipp, Executive Director of United Tribes Educational Technical Center, released on February 9 the first in a series of "Executive Director's

Updates." The purpose of the newsletter is to share "truthful tidbits," dispel "numerous rumors and little gossip" about UTETC, and "promote a

more candid relationship" between various offices and that of the Director's. Gipp also plans on including briefings on Board meetings from time to time and news of his own travel on behalf of United Tribes.

The first major topic Gipp discusses in the newsletter is the "national crisis in 'Indian Country.'" UTETC and most Indian tribes are suffering a shortage in the budget area referred to as "contract support" funds for building maintenance and certain services such as finance.

Gipp states that United Tribes could stay on its feet if an effort is made to conserve. Doing this would ensure that the last area to be affected would be staff services. Meanwhile UTETC and most tribes are applying for supplemental funds from the U.S. Congress to the tune of \$10 million. Were these funds not approved, the Center would then either continue to seek dollar assistance from the BIA, or "modify or change" the existing contract with the BIA to fewer services.

Gipp goes on to say that, "in any case, UTETC services and operations are being slowed down until we have assurances of our 'full funding level.'"

Concern over the quality of human and social services for students at UTETC prompted the appointment of an "Ad Hoc Committee" in late December to make recommendations on various subject areas. Some of the

comments range from staff attitudes towards students, to the need for a better orientation, to the establishment of a detoxification program. According to the newsletter, a permanent committee to develop and implement the balance of recommendations contained in the Ad Hoc Committee's 8-page report may be established and appointed by the Executive Director.

Also being considered is the establishment of an inclement weather policy for UTETC staff. The idea Gipp proposed in the update suggest having three types of leave based on severity of the weather.

The purpose of this revised policy, Gipp states, is to relieve "the burden on the employee — when justified and approved — of having to take annual or other leave. This type of leave would be with pay and would be an added employee benefit."

In an attempt to show that the doors to Administration are not locked to UTETC students and staff, suggestion boxes are to be placed in a few areas on campus. These suggestions will be delivered directly to the Executive Director.

Sharing the staff's and student's frustration at not being able to see one another enough, he says that "while I cannot promise that I have the answers, your comments are welcome."

It's not the White House Hot Line, but then David Gipp is probably a little busier than the President right now.





# skye's horizons

by HARRIETT SKYE

When Robert Sundance was referred to the Center For Law in the Public Interest at 10203 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, he had been a chronic, homeless alcoholic. He has been described in a recent issue of the Catholic Agitator as a "drunken prophet." If descriptions are in order, I would call him "Today's Warrior" . . . not that descriptions or labels are so important, but I believe it's positive. I have had occasion to talk with Robert Sundance, (Rupert Sibley McLaughlin) on the telephone and I could feel the excitement in his voice when he discusses the unsurmountable task that he has chosen to involve himself in.

For approximately three years, Robert Sundance has been fighting to decriminalize alcoholism in the City of Los Angeles courts. A class action lawsuit was filed by Center staff attorneys on July 10, 1975 in Los Angeles Superior Court launching a full-scale assault on the L.A. Municipal Court's "revolving door" and "assembly line" system of criminal justice for people arrested and charged with public intoxication (Penal Code 647) [f] on the streets of Los Angeles. (Sundance v. Municipal Court).

How does someone who has made more than 200 round trips from the streets, through the dehumanizing process of drunk tanks, mass arraignments, and automatic jail sentences, begin such a fight? And, more pointedly, where does it end?

Sundance grew up on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation, went to school at Fort Yates High School, and enlisted in the Air Force, saw action in the South Pacific during WW 2, and drifted away from home; he finally ended up in Los Angeles' "skidrow" in 1960 and, from all appearances, dropped off the face of the earth. Unknowingly, even to Robert Sundance, the real fight had just begun.

Robert Sundance served 226 days in jail while waiting for trials that never came. This is called doing life on the "installment plan" . . . he was arrested 80 times between 1972 and 1975, a fraction of his total lifetime inebriation arrests, which run in the hundreds. Of the 80 arrests, 24 ended when he was released because the jails were crowded; 18 led to 387 days in jail after he pleaded guilty to charges of public drunkenness and 38 led to 495 days in jail after he pleaded not guilty and asked for a trial. Not once in all those times did he actually get a trial, since the common practice was to dismiss cases as they came up releasing the person for time already served.

For seven years, Sundance filed handwritten habeas corpus petitions in every state and federal court which could conceivably exercise jurisdiction over his claims. Twenty five times he petitioned pro se for redress of systematic deprivations of his rights, and twenty five times courts denied his petitions without a hearing.

Along the way "Today's Warrior" studied everything available in the meager jail libraries, taught himself procedural and substantive law and picked up a high school degree.

When Judge Harry L. Hupp handed down his 70 page decision recently, Sundance was disappointed. "You mean after all this the judge is not going to abolish the reprehensible system?" Anything less than complete decriminalization of public drunkenness seemed a defeat to Sundance. According to Tim Flynn, lawyer from the Center for Law in the Public Interest, "We have won almost everything we asked for in our suit." In

fact, Judge Hupp did find that there were enormous social and financial advantages to the non-criminal handling of public drunkenness. This finding gives the attorneys a very strong case when they come before the California Court of Appeals.

There are other specific instances where Judge Hupp's ruling will have direct and immediate impact on the over 300,000 men arrested each year on L.A.'s "skidrow." The judge has ruled, and this by the way is a very significant decision, that alcoholism is not a crime; it is a disease. Unfortunately, he stopped short of saying that alcoholics therefore should not be arrested. Because it is not possible for non-professionals to determine the cause of intoxication, the police may still arrest public inebriates. If brought to trial, however, they may be acquitted if they are found to be public inebriates.

One of the main points of Sundance's suit is that alcoholics do not receive a trial. Judge Hupp ruled that public inebriates had indeed been effectively denied due process because the criminal justice system forces those who pleaded not guilty to wait 30 days for a trial while those who pleaded guilty were immediately sentenced and released within five days. "The same constitutional safeguards apply to alcoholics as apply to criminals." Alcoholics must now come to trial within five days. One of Sundance's attorneys said, "We are still negotiating with Judge Hupp to force the court to automatically appoint a lawyer for each public inebriate because the guys are so used to being victimized by the system they won't demand one themselves. Judge Hupp further ruled that if public inebriates are to be arrested the City of Los Angeles must provide adequate detoxification facilities at the jail. This means no more drunk tank. Beds and hot meals must be provided. Doctors and medical treatment must be available.

The effects of the Sundance case were being felt even before the trial had ended. Police began to release public inebriates after only four hours rather than try to press any charges. Many of the guys report less harrassment, fewer arrests and better treatment at the jail. But, according to Sundance, "The paddy wagons still haul guys off to jail. We must completely abolish this system." To him, there has been a partial victory, but Sundance and his lawyers hope to appeal their case all the way to the Supreme Court hoping to decriminalize alcoholism throughout the land, taking it completely out of the criminal justice system, and placing it under the health and welfare system. Even though it will take many years Robert Sundance says that he will not be satisfied "until this happens."

"Today's Warrior's" are still willing to fight; the key is patience. Sundance, instead of dully waiting for wrongs to end, waits alertly for a chance to put them right.

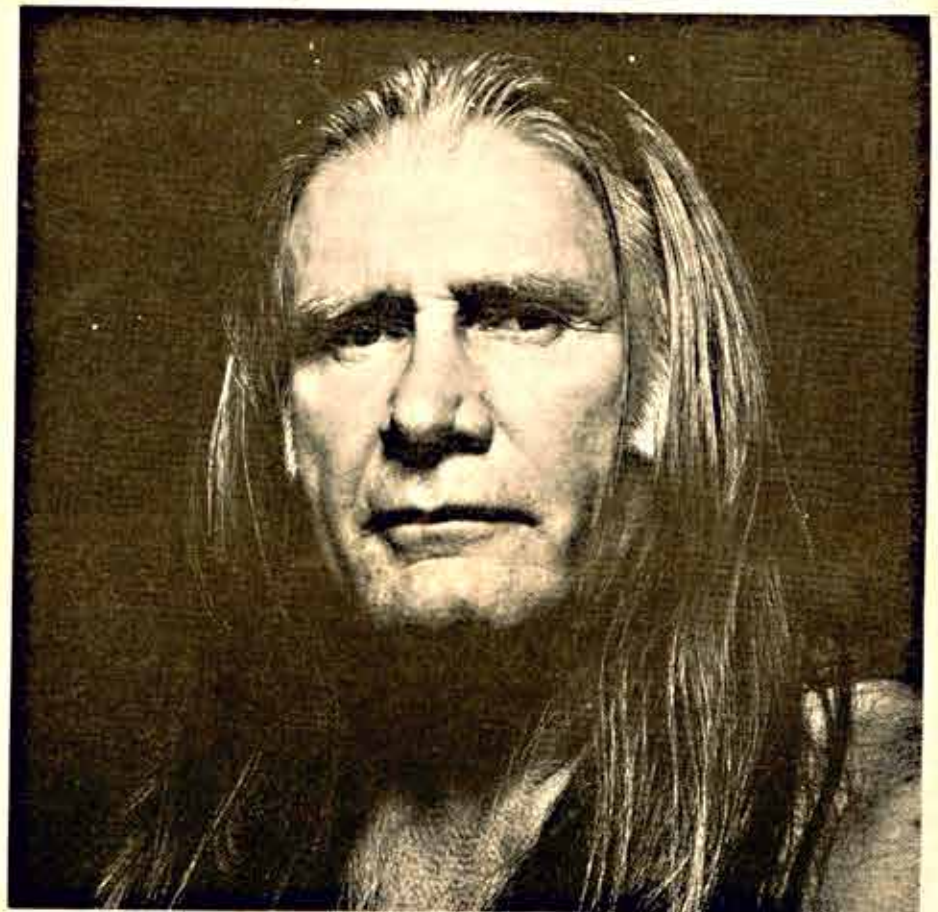
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The SBA has helped by giving out loans for working capital and equipment, and by helping with things like bookkeeping and bonding. Two SBA agencies, ACE (Active Corps of Executives) and SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives), have extended various forms of aid and advice.

To his own astonishment, Jim Laducer was nominated and elected the Association's Acting Chairman. The Board of Directors consists of three representatives from each of the three geographical regions in North Dakota, which was divided up in such a way to have 15 companies in each. In turn the representatives must come from building, municipal, and heavy equipment construction companies.

Favorable comments from non-minority contractors are received daily in the MBE Office.

The letter from a noted architect in Bismarck, Don D. Jiran, is perhaps most typical:

"If your group continues to be as enthusiastic, the Association of Minority Contractors will be instrumental in forming the future of Minority Business in North Dakota."

From all present indications, Mr. Jiran may be right.

Reservation divides city

Eighty acres of marshy scrubland in an uninhabited corner of the 300-year-old city of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan has touched off a furor between Indian and white citizens, according to the Chicago Tribune.

The U.S. Department of the Interior is holding the 80 acres in trust for the Chippewa Indian Tribe of Sault Ste. Marie. The tribe bought the land for \$5,500 about two years ago and now wants to build 65 low-income housing units on it. They received \$2.8 million two years ago from HUD for the housing.

If the houses ever go up, the Indians who live in them will enjoy the unique status of Indians everywhere who live on federal reservations. Many, however, feel that it would be like having an independent nation within the city and would cause various kinds of problems.

This opposition has postponed the start of the construction. A pending lawsuit filed by the city in Federal District Court in Washington, D.C., challenges the Department's right to put city land in federal trust without consulting the city.

If successful, this could threaten the existence of the entire Indian tribe. Under federal treaty laws, no tribe can be recognized unless it has a land base.

The tribe was reorganized into a formal tribe in 1972 by Joe Lumsden, now tribal chairman, and other



Chippewa leaders who thought that, with tribal status and the rights to special federal Indian benefits, they could help alleviate some of the chronic poverty of the 1,400 Chippewas in the city.

Belcourt school trail suspended

The trial in Burleigh County U.S. District Court of a law suit over a change of administration at Belcourt High School has been suspended pending the outcome of a petition to remove the case to federal court.

The suit, which was filed by George Schlager, a BIA teacher at the Belcourt School, is an attempt to stop the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Tribal Council and the Courtrue School Board at Belcourt from going ahead with a plan to take over the BIA's administrative functions at the school.

The trial had been scheduled to begin February 2, however the school board filed a petition to remove the case to federal court, according to Herbert Becker, assistant U.S. attorney in Fargo.

U.S. District Court Judge Paul Benson of Grand Forks will be hearing the case. Benson is now on vacation until February 21, at which time a trial date will be set.

Indians walk 3,000 miles in protest

A group of Indians began a 3,000 mile trek from Sacramento, Calif., to Washington, D.C., February 11 to publicize their protest against federal anti-Indian legislation.

Dennis Banks, national director of AIM and leader of "The Longest Walk," told reporters that the walk will last six months, at the conclusion of which he hopes for a meeting with President Carter.

Associated Press quoted Banks as saying that twenty-four people have pledged to walk the entire distance, but non-Indians may swell the ranks of walkers to 200 or 300 from time to time.

Most of their criticism centers on a bill by Rep. Cunningham, R-Wash., that would terminate all treaties with American Indian tribes and remove their reservations from federal trusteeship, subjecting the land to local taxes.

According to Elmer Sevilla, Chairman of the National Indian Coalition, there are currently 11 anti-Indian bills pending, the fight against which have unified the Indian people.

Bill to aid Indian community colleges

Representatives from the five tribally-controlled community colleges in North Dakota met at United Tribes on February 15 to discuss H.R. 9158, also titled the "Tribally Controlled Community Assistance Act of 1977."

Submitted by Representatives Blouin (D-Iowa) and Quie (R-Minn.), the primary purpose of the bill is to provide basic support grants for community colleges controlled by Indian tribes; to provide construction monies for those colleges; and to provide special funding for the Navajo Community College.

The amount of each grant would be \$125,000 plus \$3,500 per full-time Indian student, with the Navajo Community College receiving an additional \$60 million due to the size of the tribe, the potential size of its student enrollment, and the fact that the Navajo Tribe established the College itself and then sought, and obtained, separate congressional recognition and aid.

Carter refuses Indian headdress

Cherokee Chief William Redbird, 78, has undergone throat cancer surgery in a Detroit hospital. He hopes someday to deliver a headdress to President Carter, just as he has to 10 other presidents. His gift to Carter was mailed back because of the White House "no gifts from the public" policy. As a young man in Oklahoma territory, the chief learned the art of making feathered headdresses from a Sioux named Blue Cloud. Redbird's title of chief is an honorary one.

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# All Nations Band rocks UTETC



Photo by Irby Hand

Members of the All Nations Band are, from left to right, Victor Sandoval, John Azure, Jim Left Hand Thunder, Ed Morin, and Roger Parisien.

All his life Jim Left Hand Thunder wanted to get a band together and make music. So when he came to UTETC and saw how little music was being played, he found some musicians and trooped down to Guitarland in Bismarck. Using the per capita money he received as reimbursement for Devils Lake land, he plunked down \$2,382.32 and in return got three amplifiers, three guitars, a PA system, three mikes, and one drum set.

Jim only occasionally plays drums for the All Nations Band. His main role is manager of the rock group; his main interest is not in fortune or fame, but in making music.

"It's something I've always wanted to do, and I did it," he said. "There were no dances and it was just too quiet here at Tribes. I began talking to other students and found everything right for a group."

The five members of the band are Roger Parisien, from Deer Mountain, on bass and vocals, Edward Morin, also from Deer Mountain, on rhythm guitar and vocals, Jim Left Hand Thunder, from Fort Totten, on drums, John Azure, from Deer Mountain, on lead guitar and vocals, and Victor Sandoval, from San Felipe Pueblo, New Mexico, on drums. Parisien is in

automotive, Morin in mechanics, Sandoval in painting, and Left Hand Thunder and Azure in building trades.

They've only been playing together a little over two months and already have played at two UTETC dances and at various North and South Dakota reservations. Among their repertoire are songs by the Beatles, Creedence Clearwater, Moody Blues, Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, and early sixties music; however, they'll play pretty much of anything. The only requirement, says Parisien, is that "you put your heart, body and soul into it."

Most of the members of the group come from musical families and started playing at an early age. Azure, who learned how to play from his father, started when he was nine years old. Morin started at twelve and shortly thereafter bought a guitar. He learned by watching other people and figuring out what he could by ear. His father plays the fiddle and his mother the harmonica. Parisien began playing guitar at nine and picked up the bass later.

"All my family plays," he said, "even my mon. Whenever I go home, we all sit down and jam."

Bookings for the group may be made by contacting Ginny Eckstein at the Cultural Center at Tribes.



Photo by Irby Hand

UTETC student and artist, Roden Cheno, from Mescalero, New Mexico, conducted five evening workshops in sandpainting February 6-10 at the cultural center.



Photo by Joan Robinson

New auto mechanics instructor at UTETC is Lee Hendershott. Hendershott has taught auto mechanics at Mountain Plains Economic Development Program in Glasgow, Montana, and once owned and operated a foreign car repair shop in Bismarck.



Photo by Joan Robinson

Welding instructor, Ed Moore, has been nominated "Man of the Year" by the VFW for his contribution to Bismarck's Golden Glove Boxing Club. Moore is holding the plaque and trophy he received, donated by the VFW and KBOM respectively.

# UTETC

United Tribes Educational Technical school. It is a highly diverse community serving teaching welding to promoting Indian culture to helping Indian businesses stand on their

The necessity for such diversity in UTE. As the only Indian owned and operated vocational purpose is to serve the Indian student in a many opportunities as possible for personal

Thus, the staff at the Office of Public Information to United Tribes Educational Technical Center and activities students and staff are involved

## Blizzard wins

by Peggy O'Neil

Rolling across the frozen plains it occurred taking a turn for the worse. But the fearless Women's Basketball Tournament. The girls' night in Williston, and arrived in Poplar, M

The first game, scheduled for 2:00, was forfeiting team had only 25 miles to travel to UTETC used the time to warm up in anticipation night against Brockton, Montana. Never before, the game was a challenge. But Bro

tight defense abilities of United Tribes and t score, moving UTETC into the championship

That game, held Sunday night, was a contest which appeared to have left some of their ab were courted and then dumped 92-42, lea

UTETC's zone defense forced Belcourt to s field goals, except when the ball was fed to a scoring over half of Belcourt's final score. Fa Tribes put up one after another, making Belcourt.

Although team effort is always the most individual honors were awarded to some te within the team and for the overall tourna

Shanley, guard, won All-Star ratings. Janie E tournament's Most Valuable Player trophy, e ball playing. There were eight other All-Star Sportsmanship trophy was sportfully receive

Total individual scores by UTETC players Plume, 43, S. Ritter, 28, J. Bearstail, 26, J. Rak S. Sherman, 1.

The tournament wasn't over that Sun battle the incoming blizzard which had exp tage, catching the UTETC women off guard Sunday night and managed to struggle to Be fully snowbound until Thursday afternoon slowly homeward. While in Belfield the wo

play out their snowy frustrations, hoping the wind to die down and allow the snowplow laughed haughtily and the snowplows ren

## Economic study f

A three-man team of two survey special through CETA to conduct an eight-month economy of Bismarck.

The team will compile statistics of all m three years and will compare these yearly to r public school system including the junior col vant data from Bismarck's largest business o the Airport, Basin Electric, Mary College, No K-Mart, Northwestern Bell, and others.

The end result of this study will be to sh contributors to the economy of Bismarck. I ployment and percentage of contributions three year period.



# NEWS

Center is not just a vocational training serving Indians in many different ways, from re through pow-wows and craft workshops or own two feet.

UTETC's activities is not to be underestimated. National school in the United States, its main complete way and to provide for them as al growth and enrichment.

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## tournament

urred to some that the weather might be UTETC van slipped its way to the Ft. Peck is left Friday night, February 3, spent the Montana, by noon Saturday.

s won, effortlessly, by forfeit. Ironically, the o the tournament, coming from Wolf Point. ation of their second game to be played that r having confronted the Montana team Brockton wasn't ready for the fast-breaking,, they felt the "agony of defeat" with a 88-65 ship game.

ontest for first place against Belcourt, N.D., bilities back in the Turtle Mountains. They aving Tribes with the first place trophy. shoot from outside of the key, preventing Janelle Eller who snuck it in and put it up, ast break seemed the order of the day, and g victory more and more impossible for

t important winning factor in a tournament, eam members for their fine performances nament. Shelley Ritter, center, and Oney Plume, playing her best, was awarded the earned by her quick thinking, well handled trophies awarded in the tournament. The ved by the Brockton team.

ers for both games were: E. Shanley, 68, J. abbithead, 6, I. Fourbear, 6, M. Guimont, 2,

nday night however. The team still had to experience an unpredictability to its advan- d. They were left stranded in Watford City eliefed Monday, where they remained faith- on. Then, admitting defeat, they cruised omen made use of the high school gym to at each basket scored would convince the ws to make travel possible. But the wind mained hidden behind fifteen foot drifts.

## c impact funded

alists and one secretary have been funded h study of United Tribe's impact on the

money generated by UTETC over the past relative amounts from the entire Bismarck ollege. The specialists will also obtain rele- concerns such as the State Government, orth American Coal, the Kirkwood Corp.,

how UTETC's position among the largest It will also establish UTETC's rate of em- to the city's economic growth over the

## Indian club is on the move



Two dancers display their costumes at the Rapid City Pow-wow UTETC's Indian Club attended on February 10-12.

Indian Club has been active in February representing UTETC at pow-wows in Rapid City and Pine Ridge. Missing Friday's events in Rapid City eliminated their chance to place in the finals, but at the Oglala Pow-wow Wilma Hamilton placed in the finals for Men's Fancy Dancing and Theresa Ghost Dog made it to the finals in Little Girl's Traditional. Traditional.

After a period of trouble last year, the Indian Club is out to prove that they want to sing and dance. They went to the Rapid City Pow-wow knowing that, by arriving late, they would miss the chance for placing in the finals; but they danced with just as much enthusiasm anyway. And they went to the Oglala pow-wow in spite of the fact that they had no UTETC transportation to take them there, paying for gas, food, and lodging out of old Indian club funds and from what they earned from the Indian taco sale held February 15.

"Pow-wows," Coleen Left Hand Thunder said, "are part of our culture and I think we need to keep up our culture. We're trying to get the children interested in them so they don't lose these traditions. Children are really good dancers. From UTETC there were six kids."

Diana Martinez, a VISTA who works in program planning, went to the Rapid City Pow-wow as an observer. Both she and Ginny Eckstein, VISTA in the cultural center, were caught up in the spirit of the pow-wow and wished they could have participated.

"You'd sit down and listen to the drum beat and close your eyes and you really feel your body get into the rhythm of it," Martinez said. "You just want to get up and start dancing."

"I don't know much about pow-wow dancing, but it seems very creative. Each person dances according to what he or she feels; so the dance is part of that person and part of an established routine within which each is free to create his own dance. It seems like they almost become the song."

Yet, the appeal was due to more than just the singing and dancing "To me it was kind of like a family reunion," Martinez continued. "Everybody seemed to know each other. Even if you didn't know another person, it was like it was just one great big family getting together."

The dancers and singers from UTETC are Jim and Wilma

Hamilton and their three children, Pearl and Buggy Nation, Jim and Coleen Left Hand Thunder, Marilyn Ghost Dog, Goldie Star and Carlene White Bull.

According to Coleen Left Hand Thunder, there is always room for more people, especially singers. "We need all the help we can get, in any form."

Indian Club plans on attending the Denver Pow-wow the weekend of March 17-19. To help defray expenses they plan on having Indian taco sales every Wednesday, bake sales, and hopefully prize bingo occasionally.

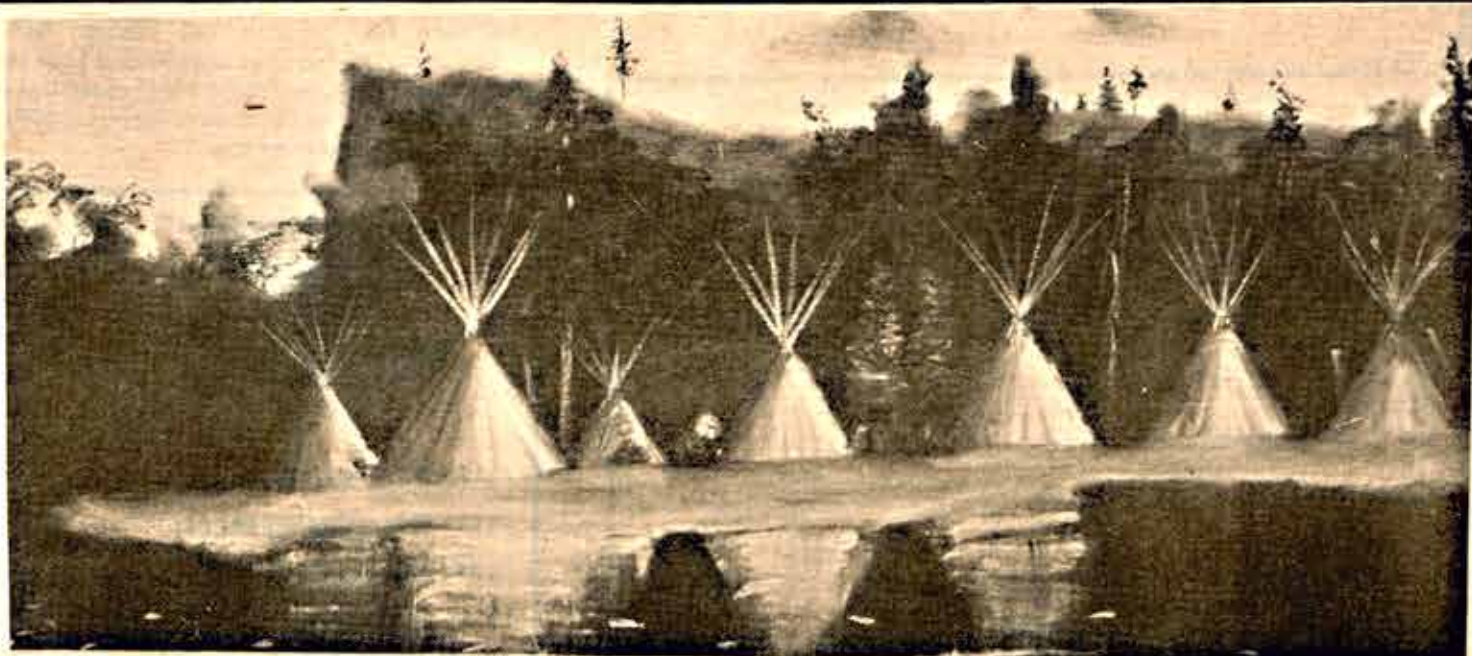
Indian club meets every Thursday night at 7:30 in the cultural center, after which they will practice singing and dancing in the gym.

## Bowling is rolling



Photo by Irby Hand

While bowling may seem to be a rather inactive sport, not requiring the topmost physical condition, it certainly requires steady wrists, a good eye, and tense concentration. One's body must twist and turn in a few timed steps to release a seemingly overweight ball with a mind and sense of direction all its own. But UTETC students are conquering this caveman's idea of fun as they participate weekly in the UTETC bowling league. Held every Wednesday at the Bismarck Bowling Center, the league is in its third month of action. Overall scores haven't increased a noticeable amount, but fun and interest seem to make annoying gutter-balls a little more tolerable.



A painting done by Kevin Greybull is now displayed in his father, Bill Greybull's office. Kevin is a practicing artist and resides in Bismarck.

Photo by Irby Hand



## Our Lore

This is the seventh part in a Series that will portray Indian leaders of the past. It is an excerpt from the "Feather to Each" booklet, developed by The American Indian Curriculum Development Program (AICDP) staff at United Tribes.



# INA HALL

## ARIKARA

Mrs. Ina Hall's life has been filled with many contributions and services to the communities of the Fort Berthold Reservation. Mrs. Hall was born on the Fort Berthold Reservation on March 4, 1905. She was the first Indian of that reservation to graduate from a public school.

Prior to her marriage to Edward Hall, she taught school. After her marriage, she helped manage a ranch with her husband while raising nine children. To help with expenses, she accepted a temporary teaching position. She improved this school, organized a 4-H Club and PTA, and made the school a center of community activities. At the age of 41, she started attending a teachers' college. After seven years of hard work and financial difficulties, she secured her teaching certificate from Dickinson State College.

She continued to teach, became a school principal, and made many improvements and advancements for the benefit of her pupils. She also worked as an extension agent for her reservation. She started thirteen 4-H clubs, four Homemakers Clubs and four Community Development Clubs. She worked towards establishing a community center and obtaining better reservation housing.

Mrs. Hall served three terms on the North Dakota Commission on Adult Education. She organized and wrote the curriculum for the first arts and crafts which served as models for other reservations. She also started an annual reservation fair.

Mrs. Hall contributed very much to her community and to her family. Perhaps her greatest honor was being chosen North Dakota "Mother of the Year" in 1966.

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## Native Recipes

From an Indian Recipe Book compiled by the staff of the United Tribes Educational Technical Center. Copies of books are available for .75¢ each from the OPI Office at the UTETC address.

### Venison Mincemeat

- 1 quart apple cider
- 2 cups seedless raisins
- 1 cup dried cooked currants
- 3 greening apples, peeled, cored and chopped
- 1 cup chopped suet
- 2 pounds ground venison
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons ginger
- 1 teaspoon cloves
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon allspice

1. Place in cider, raisins, currants, apples, and suet in a large, heavy kettle, cover, and simmer for hours.
2. Stir in remaining ingredients, and simmer, uncover, for 2 hours, stirring occasionally. Use as pie filling.

## Fast Walker

Submitted by Marquette M. Coleman

This is the true story of the Great grandfather of three UTETC students; Randy His Law, Marquette Coleman and Winfred Middletent.

He was a slender, wiry guy whose 130 pounds seemed to be made entirely of springy muscles, always in the best of condition. It was not coincidence that the only name he had among his people was Fast Walker. As a hiker he was the world champion of all time.

Since it was suicide for a man to walk the prairie alone in the winter time, Captain Grant Marsh, who was stationed on the Crow Creek agency in Fort Thompson, always took someone with him on his regular trips to Cul-de-Sac Island.

Jovial Jud Lamoure and the two other post traders secretly sent word around the frozen prairie for the best hiker they could find, to give the captain companionship, and incidently, a little competition. First they settled on an Indian, named Bad Moccasin, but his wind proved as bad as his footwear and Marsh soon left him behind, astonished and panting. Then there was Dutch Jake, an employee of Fort Thompson, but after a burst of speed for the first few miles he ended up a small Dutch speck two miles away behind Marsh on the shining Missouri River ice. In desperation the post traders sent to the hostile Brule Sioux camp. This was not normally done because the messenger might lose his scalp, but they had to have Fast Walker.

When friends of Captain Marsh approached Fast Walker about a race, the small Brule Sioux was quite willing. He had intended on visiting some relatives 130 miles upriver anyway.

The path that the Captain always followed after leaving the agency at Fort Thompson led straight up the river bottom for eight long miles along a beaten trawious track. It then crossed the river and went up a steep bluff at the narrow neck of the Great Bend, down the other side, and followed the middle of the frozen river to Cul-de-Sac Island. It was 32 miles all the way.

When the time came for the Captain's regular trip, there was unusual activity around the Fort. Indians had been silently dropping in all the previous day. There was even a small group from the Brule camp, avowed haters of the white man. They were silent and watchful, wrapped in their blankets and buffalo robes, their ponies close behind them. By the time Fast Walker and Captain Marsh departed, the crowd had grown to large proportions and there was rapid betting of horse, pipes, and bonnets.

The Captain was greatly surprised when the Indian began to trot and take the lead. Thinking the same thing would happen to Fast Walker as did to the others, he didn't try to keep up. But after the bluff had been climbed; some three hours after the race had begun, Fast Walker had disappeared over the horizon.

Captain Marsh later learned that Fast Walker had reached Chapelle Creek, sixty miles north, that night. He camped there that evening, and the next night he reached his relatives who were wintering at Fort Bennett, 130 miles away, over the rough prairie and river ice.

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# INDIAN POETRY

POEMS BY PATTY WHITE BUFFALO CHIEF

**CHIPPEWA WI**  
 (Dedicated to Adeana Michelle Bresatte)  
 Wanka Tanka gave her to us on a beautiful  
 spring day  
 She's lovely  
 She calls me "ma"  
 Though she doesn't know who I am  
 Yesterday she started walking  
 Yesterday her mother took her away from me  
 Where ever you may be Chippewa Wi,  
 I still love you.  
 The day your mother took you,  
 She also took a part of me.

**MOTHER**  
 IF I ONLY HAD YOU  
 I MIGHT BE TAME TODAY  
 INSTEAD OF THE WILD ANIMAL I'VE BECOME  
 ONLY YOU COULD HAVE BROKEN ME IN  
 ALONE, AND I RAN AWAY AND GOT LOST  
 NOW THAT I HAVE TO START OUT AGAIN,  
 I NEED YOU SO MUCH  
 IF I COULD ONLY FEEL YOU NEAR ME  
 BUT I ONLY FEEL EMPTINESS  
 I AM LEFT TO MYSELF,  
 FOR I CAN'T EXCEPT ANYONE ELSE.



**DAD**  
 Yesterday is gone.  
 I cannot reclaim it  
 tomorrow may never dawn for me  
 only today is mine.  
 As I cross the threshold,  
 into the familiar and the unknown.  
 I pray that I can make straight the crooked paths,  
 and that I may walk in your steps  
 with faith and courage.

**A FRIEND**  
 For the life I've spent  
 and the troubles I've been through  
 I think I am pretty lucky  
 just because I have you.  
 I hate to say where I'd be  
 if you never came along  
 You gave me courage when I was weak,  
 to feel strong.  
 You made each day quite the opposite of sad  
 You told me to try things I never tried  
 You showed me that once in a while  
 it didn't hurt to cry.



**MOUNTAIN BIG  
 CACTUS DRY  
 YOU CAN STAND ALONE**

**SEPARATION**  
 I wander alone  
 through the vastness of the earth  
 through the changing seasons of the years  
 They come and they go, they pass me by  
 I, who am alone once was with you.  
 But those were bygone days  
 the days of our happiness and laughter  
 the days of our togetherness  
 We once were so agreed upon a thing  
 We each decided that we will not separate  
 from each other  
 Then why am I alone?



