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FIRST CLASS OF LPN'S CAPPED AT UTETC



Standing l to r: Susan Grosz, instructor; Gerri Bear Stops, Eagle Butte, SD; Barbara Lafontaine, Belcourt; Cheryl Belgarde, Belcourt; Deborah

Bordeaux, Rosebud, SD; Sharon Martin, Belcourt; and Donnita Cutler, instructor

Seated l to r: Karen Chase, Newtown;

Margaret Eagle Chief, Pine Ridge, SD; Amelda Grant, Belcourt; Harlan Horned Eagle, Wagner, SD; and Hazel White Eagle, Ft. Yates

by Toni Jeannotte
NEWS Writer

BISMARCK--Governor Arthur Link declared April 16-20 Licensed Practical Nurses Week in North Dakota and the United Tribes Educational Technical Center in Bismarck had special reason to observe the occasion.

Capping ceremonies for the first class of licensed practical nursing students to attend UTETC were held in the United Tribes cafeteria Friday, April 20.

David Cox, an L.P.N. from Karpnapolis, North Carolina and chairman of the membership committee for the National Federation of Licensed Practical Nurses was the main speaker at the ceremony.

Cox told the 10 nursing students, "to believe in yourselves--no one else is going to believe you."

He also stressed that although professional nursing organizations and continuing education programs are important to LPN's, the number one priority in nursing is the patient.

"When we're sick and in pain, we think we're the most important person in the world and that we should have immediate attention," said Cox.

"Patients believe that and your job is to deliver that health care to them."

"In order to do that, you've got to believe in yourself, believe in those patients and put them first beyond all means," says Cox.

"They need you--they created you." Cox said he was impressed by UTETC's appearance and he expected the nursing class to grow within the

next ten years because, "the need for good health care will continue to grow also."

Cox also advised the students that because they had a full professional responsibility, "to undertake it with the greatest dignity, the greatest respect and the greatest of optimism."

The capping ceremony is a solemn occasion, "almost like a religious ceremony," says Susan Grosz, LPN instructor.

The capping recognition ceremony signifies that the student has been officially accepted into the nursing profession by successfully completing the first level of the nursing program.

Mrs. Grosz, a registered nurse, says a nurse usually wears the cap of the school from which she graduates throughout her nursing career.

However, not all the nursing students were "capped".

Harlan Horned Eagle from Wagner, SD, is the only male in his class. He received a pin indicating his acceptance into the nursing profession.

Horned Eagle says he's worked in a hospital in other capacities such as ambulance driver, pharmacy aide and nurse aide but likes LPN work the best.

Horned Eagle also said there is a need, "all over for male nurses," a sentiment that was echoed by Cox.

Another problem Harlan faced was the universal practice of nurses wearing "buns". When the class starts their clinical experience April 30 at the St. Alexis Hospital in Bismarck, Harlan's long, straight hair will be pulled back

into a neat pony-tail.

"No way was I going to wear a bun," he laughs.

In addition to their clinical experience, the LPN students spend 35 hours a week in the classroom.

Cheryl Belgarde from Belcourt, N.D., says the classes are, "tough, with tests every other day" but she is enjoying her newly-learned profession.

"I try to practice what we learn in class in my own personal life," says Belgarde.

Aside from knowledge about diet, exercise and rest, Cheryl says the child care and discipline areas have been especially helpful to her in working with her own child.

"The psychology part of nursing--treating a patient mentally as well as physically--is interesting to me," says Belgarde.

Future career plans for the nursing students include, "getting a job wherever we can" smiles Cheryl.

The LPN's will complete their course in October and then they have to take a State Nursing Board Examination in order to work in a public hospital.

Harlan Horned Eagle summed up the nursing students' goals by saying, "We've learned a lot, but we've still got a lot to learn."

David Cox gave the students another perspective on reaching your goals:

"If you shoot for the moon and miss, you've still got a lot of stars out there. But if you shoot for the barn door and miss, you know where you're gonna land."

FRIENDSHIP FORCE RECRUITS

BISMARCK, N.D.--Would you like to travel to another country -- stay with a foreign family -- or just generally experience a different culture?

If you answered yes, the Friendship Force is looking for you.

During September 14-25, 1979, a group of approximately 250 Bismarck-Mandan area residents will travel abroad to visit a host community. The same plane will immediately bring an equal number of people from that foreign city to stay in private homes and travel in this area.

Friendship Force organizers in the Bismarck area are seeking interested individuals, families and couples to participate in the exchange program.

The cost per person is \$335.00. There will be partial financial assistance for needy but qualified participants.

Interviews for the Bismarck-Mandan Friendship Flight will be conducted on Thursdays in May in Bismarck. At the two-hour interview meetings, interested persons will have the opportunity

to obtain more information about the program; make an application; and participate in a five minute interview.

The goal of the Friendship Force is to exchange a cross-section of people from each community which accurately represents occupations, race, age and sex. Native American people from the Bismarck-Mandan area and the Standing Rock Reservation are especially encouraged to participate in the exchange.

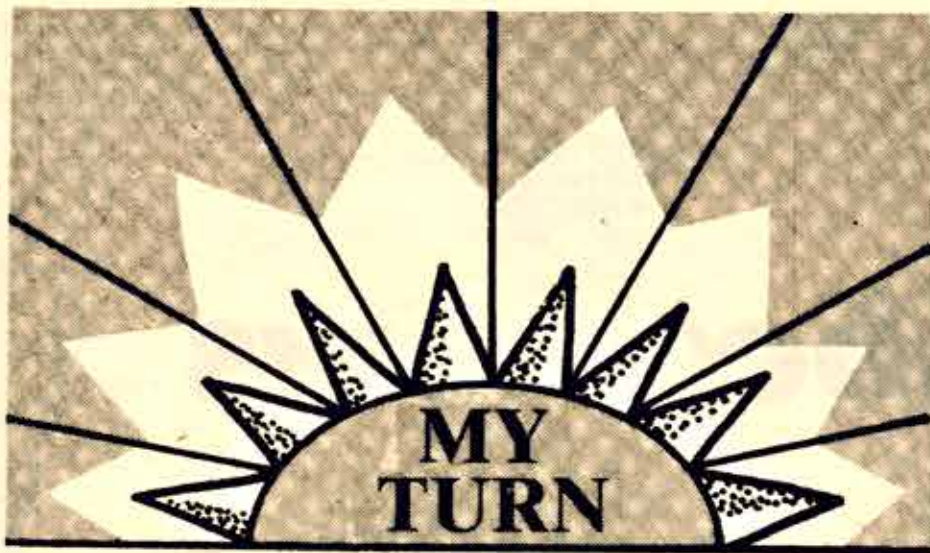
The exchange community for the Bismarck-Mandan area has been chosen but it will not be announced until ambassadors have been selected.

Some past successful exchanges are: Minneapolis with West Berlin; Des Moines with Dublin, Ireland; and two Montana cities with Korean communities.

If you are interested and would like more information, contact Patty Petrik at 222-1997 or Joe Satrom at 258-2374.

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BY Toni Jeannotte

April has been a busy, changing month for UTETC and the United Tribes News office,

I'd like to welcome Shirley Bordeaux to our staff and hope her experience here is a good, productive one.

Many other staff changes have taken place. Special Programs Administrator Duane Ostenson accepted a job with the Small Business Administration in Rapid City, SD. He is being replaced by Jim Laducer. Charlie Huber, long-time UTETC building trades instructor, retired and Prison Parole Coordinator Danny Seaboy resigned.

I want to wish them all luck in whatever comes next in their lives.

Meanwhile back at the newsroom, the UTN office finally received our "very own" typesetting machine. This is the first issue of the UTN that was produced entirely by this office. We apologize for its brevity but as our fingers get more agile, our issues should get longer and--hopefully--better.

And improving this newspaper is our main goal at hand.

We feel by making one Indian newspaper as successful as we can, the whole network of Indian media will be improved, strengthened and solidified.

And strength and solidarity are what the Indian media needs now.

The weekly Publishers Auxiliary reports that the boards of directors of the nation's 25 largest newspaper groups have no black or other well-defined minorities as members.

The story adds that according to a 1978 report by the American Society of Newspaper Editors, two-thirds of the nation's daily newspapers have no minorities--blacks, Hispanics, Asians or American Indians--working in their newsrooms.

At the same time, a study done by Bruce Baird at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion shows that Indian people are concerned about the current news events taking place.

In 1,668 interviews done among Indian people in South Dakota, the study showed that 95.5 percent of the interviewees owned TV sets; 94.5 percent owned radios; 79.3 percent subscribed to either a daily or weekly newspaper; and, 54.5 percent of the people interviewed subscribed to a major news or information magazine.

It would appear that although Indian people are active consumers of the news media they are largely ignored on the production end of things.

How can that gap be filled?

To start with, I sincerely believe in the right of all Americans to "freedom of speech, of the press and of the right to petition the government for a redress of grievances" as guaranteed in the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

And, given the circumstances we've lived under for the past 500 years, that

means I especially believe in the right of the Indian people to say and print what they feel needs to be said.

As valid as it may be for Indian people to get involved with the "outside media", I believe that the answer to filling the media gap lies in the hands and minds of the Indian people themselves.

All too often tribal newspapers fail because of lack of funding or disappearing tribal councils (they didn't like last week's editorial about themselves) or because there simply weren't enough interested people willing to work on the paper.

Again, as it's been said all too often before, the Indian people have to have self-determination in order to make themselves heard, read and seen by the non-Indian world.

The production of quality Indian newspapers, radio broadcasts, television productions and movies will have to fill that gap between what we as Indian people deserve and what we're getting now.

I hope the UTN will strive for that quality in Indian media that you, our readers, deserve. I also hope you get something here in these pages that you don't get in the Bismarck Tribune or any other daily newspaper in the country.

ED NOTE: Congratulations to the Turtle Mountain Echo II staff at Belcourt. Some people there believed in the spirit of a free Indian press, too, and in spite of many obstacles the Echo is back in print as of March, 1979. Keep up the good work.

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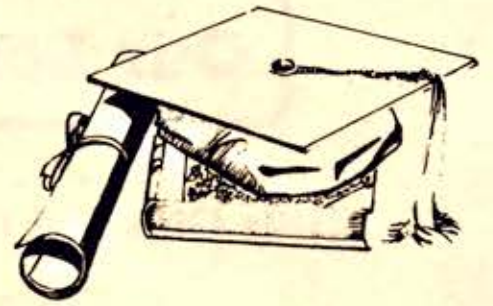
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STUDENT OF THE MONTH (tie)

Einar Bad Moccasin
Kenneth Leaf

ADULT EDUCATION (3-way tie - 1st place)

Sharon White
Judy McCloud
Archie Grant

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT (3-way tie - 1st place)

Arnold Jordon
Ted Lame
Cheryl Belgarde

ATTENDANCE AWARD - \$5.00

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Georgeanna Old Elk
Connie Cree
Sandra Red Dog
Eileen Two Bulls
Belinda Forschen
Vincent Grant
Judy McCloud
Myron Oka
Russell Smith
Judy Whiteman
Irv Afraid of Bear
Mike Gun Hammer
Norman Lilley
Wanda Moran

APRIL GRADUATES

Amos One Feather - Police Science
Sam Dorian - Building Trades
Marion Goings - Nurse Aide
Colleen Big Man - Nurse Aide
Colleen Poitra - Business Clerical
Margery Koster - Business Clerical
Carmelita Irons - Food Service
Richard Chase - Welding
Rodney Davis - Welding
Nora Crow Necklace - Business Clerical
Carol Meng - Food Service
Pete Bull Bear - Building Trades
Robert Poitra - Welding
Walter Moran - Welding (2 week brush up)
Patrick Martell - Welding (2 week brush up)

MEN'S DORM (tie)

Tony Knife
Kenneth Leaf

WOMEN'S DORM

Eileen Two Bulls

MEN'S HALFWAY HOUSE

Einar Bad Moccasin

VOCATIONS

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Paraprofessional Counseling ... Shirley Fool Bull
Photojournalism Einar Bad Moccasin
Plumbing Norman Lilley
Gerald Longie
Police Science Kenneth Leaf
Welding Rodney Davis

HOUSE OF THE MONTH

Archie & Belinda Grant - 1st place
Betty LaForge - 2nd place

ATTENDANCE AWARD - \$10.00

Cheryl Belgarde
Doreen Bull Chief
Benina Levato
Sharon White
Marion Zuck
Larry Forschen
Delmar Fool Bull
Archie Grant
Richard McCloud
Einar Bad Moccasin
Larry LaFromboise
Ken Leaf



April graduates listen to Prison Parole Director Steven Farmer sing at graduation.

SPORT shorts

by Peggy O'Neil

Basketball season drew to a close this month at United Tribes with a final showing by the women's team at the N.I.A.A. National Basketball tournament in Tahlequah Oklahoma, April 17-21. Teams were representing Indian people from all over North America; one team coming from as far as Alaska to compete in the well known tournament.

But the drive down to the sunny, green region had a hampering affect on the girls as they stumbled to an initial loss against Utah, 56-40. This placed them in the consolation bracket of the single elimination tournament. Their next game was a battling effort against the L.A. Jax and UTETC took another pounding, losing 77-63, eliminating the girls from further competition. L.A. went on

to take the consolation bracket, but the overall tournament winners were the defending champions from Tuba City, Arizona who won all of their four game challenges for first place. Other tournament winners were Oklahoma's Mr. Indian, second; the Oklahoma Reds, third; Colville Washington, fourth; the California War Ponies, sixth; Rosebud, S.D., seventh; and the Navajo Community College, Shiprock, eighth

In the men's division, 32 teams bounced their way to final defeat or victory with the two Oklahoma teams: Cherokee Nation and Oklahoma City, shooting their way to the championship game. Oklahoma City jumped higher and hit the boards, outscoring Cherokee Nation to become this year's National Men's Champions. Flagstaff, last year's victors took third. Standing Rock's Sioux Coup Counter placed fourth; Haskell, KA fifth; Vermillion, SD sixth and Browning, MT seventh.

As the tournament came to a close, bids were being opened for location sites for next year's Nationals. But no word on a definite site was disclosed.



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Our Lore



Little Girls and their Puppies

Taken from **MINOT DAILY NEWS**
(Tumbling Around These Prairies by Bob Cory)

Outsider's visiting Like-a-Fishhook village at old Fort Berthold usually remarked about "the innumerable dogs" and the noise they made. But from an insider's point of view, dogs had an important place in Hidatsa and Mandan life. From Dr. Gilbert L. Wilson's story, "Waheenee," to which one may return again and again for sympathetic understanding of how village tribes live, it is evident that dogs had their usefulness and that little girls were trained to take care of puppies.

Long after Fort Berthold people owned pack horses and saddle horses, Indian women, whose domestic duties were heavy, continued to harness dogs to draw tents and household supplies from place to place, as needed while traveling. The village dogs also hauled the firewood which women gathered.

It was the same when the tribes lived at the Knife River villages. Dogs had been the one domestic animal raised by the villagers before they had horses. Dogs figured in tribal legends. Both Mandans and Hidatsas had Little Dog societies and old Dog Societies as part of their social organization in the 19th century, if not earlier.

These dogs were not necessarily the wolfish types described by early travelers. In Wilson's book, first published in 1921, Waheenee says: "Our Hidatsa dogs - the breed we owned when I was a little girl - had broad faces, with gentle, knowing eyes; erect, pointed ears, and tails curling, never trailing like a wolf's tail. They had soft, silky hair, gray, black, or spotted red and white. They had stout, heavy legs. I think this sturdiness was because we saved only dogs of stout build to drag our travois."

Dogs were never used in the chase. But a few harnessed dogs might be taken along if small hunting parties were accompanied by womenfolk, as when foraging for roots and berries was part of the plan. When buffalo

were sighted in the vicinity of the villages, it was customary for an order to go out to the women to put all dogs inside the lodges, so as not to scare the herd away.

Caring for dogs and learning to handle them were part of the education of a preadolescent girl. Women of the family group were the instructors. Writing of this aspect of family life, Dr. A. W. Bowers said: "(The girls own) mother taught her to harness the dogs and took her to the forest for firewood."

"Some of my informants' most tender memories were of the times when they were young girls and their mothers had given them dogs with harnesses and had taken them along in gathering brush."

Raymond R. Schulenberg's monograph, "Indians of North Dakota," with special reference to Like-a-Fishhook village, points out that dogs also served to arouse the camp (or village) when enemies were about. Running loose among the lodges, they also functioned as village scavengers.

Wilson's book quotes Waheenee to the effect that almost every Like-a-Fishhook family owned two or more dogs and that every dog had an owner responsible for its behavior. As there were 70 lodges in the village at the time Waheenee was a young woman, "Our dogs," she said, "made quite a pack."

Not only did every dog have a home, but every dog was acquainted with every man, woman and child in the village. "Being well trained besides," she said, "they seldom bit anyone." A stranger, however, would do well to come with a big stick in hand.

The dogs had one habit, Waheenee said, that she as a little girl liked.

"Every evening about bedtime - and bedtime for a little Indian girl was early - some dog was sure to start up. 'Wu, wu, wu.' And all the others would join in, even the little puppies. I used to lie in my bed and listen to them.

"About midnight, the barking

Native Recipes

JUNIPER TEA

(Makes 2 Quarts)

20 tender young sprigs of juniper, washed
2 quarts water

1. Place the juniper sprigs and water in a large saucepan, bring to a boil, cover, reduce heat, and let simmer for 10 minutes.
2. Turn heat off and let tea steep for 10 minutes.
3. Strain and serve.

would start up again, especially if there was a moon, and again a little before daylight; but I was usually asleep at those hours."

Waheenee especially remembered a day when her grandmother, Turtle by name, took her out to look inside an improvised kennel outside the lodge and see four newborn puppies with their mother. This mother-dog was the family's favorite.

One of the pups, which had a bob-tail, Waheenee liked especially. It was given to her as her own, and she named him Blackie. The mother-dog was gentle and seemed to understand the little girl's possessive impulses.

Ten days passed and Grandmother Turtle brought some fresh sage into the lodge. She also brought in the four pups, but shut the door so that the mother-dog could not enter.

The grandmother told Waheenee that the pups now had teeth and were old enough to taste cooked meat. She then laid sage on the coals of the fireplace, thereby causing thick white smoke to rise. One by one, beginning with Blackie, she picked up the pups and held them in the aromatic smoke until they choked a little.

"The smoke," said the grandmother, "will make the puppy healthy." By the reaction of each to the choking experience she said she could tell which pups would grow up strong. Blackie was one.

She set before the pups a bowl of cornmeal mush with the fat of buffalo meat in it. The pups quickly lapped up the mush, especially Blackie. If they were to be big and strong and able to pull a travois, she said, they must be fed extra food when they were little. But the meat should be cooked and not raw.

This was Waheenee's first lesson on dog care. "It will be your work to feed them," the grandmother said. "See that they do not starve."

Grandmother helped, usually by cooking the mush, or showing the girl how to do it, and also how to boil the bits of meat. She also showed which pieces of buffalo meat should be saved for the growing pups.

So Waheenee took care of them, and especially of Blackie, until they were two years old. The day came when Grandmother Turtle showed her how to make a dog-sized travois; the frame fittings held together by leather thongs, and a "saddle" to rest on Blackie's shoulders, a basket to hold the load. A collar for the dog was fashioned and a breast thong to hold the saddle in place.

Next there was the matter of teaching the young dog to accept the harness and travois, and to pull the load, the same as older dogs did.

By this time Waheenee's own mother, Weahtee, was dead of smallpox, along with one of the mother's sisters, Red Blossom and Strikes-Many Woman, whom she now called Mother (both of them), performed the motherly duty of helping her give Blackie his first lesson in hauling wood.

It was a great day for Waheenee, she told Wilson. "I felt, in spite of my girlish years that I was almost a woman now."



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Campaign Trail for Indianpendents

FREEDOM, New Hampshire- A conflict between a journalist and a new politician is beginning to surface: my late night habits.

When a journalist, the bars can be a source of some of my best work. The people I question really feel like answering in bars.

As a politician, I am finding bars a new source of conflict.

Political journalists head for bars when the news well is dry, for here it is rarely dry. To the politician it means having someone watch you attempt escape.

A former source, L. Patrick Hoover, a special agent with the Bureau of Hops in Beer says that in a bar "all of my defenses are weak, and for you... poof a scoop". This is not the case for everyone, however, some sources require "major" purchases before they are ready to trade secrets of the day.

Now that I am a candidate for major office, the Secretary of the Interior, I am finding that my former colleagues actually expect me to "spill" something in the lounge. Fortunately, the only thing I have spilled was in their lap.

This now requires special participation on my part. I went into a bar and tried to drink coffee...they wouldn't even serve me that.

One good way to afford the luxury of the press, is to fabricate stories. This way, the press gets the "story" they want, I get a kick out of watching them print it, and maybe eventually I'll lose my credibility in the bar and they won't print my stories anymore.

Last week I had a writer for the Associated Press believing that if elected I would appoint no one in Interior. I would allow the career employees the latitude to make the changes they feel necessary. Since they are in the positions, they should have the authority not some schedule C in for a few weeks. He loved it.

Ah, the campaign trail.

Indian Health Said Improving

WASHINGTON, D.C.- A new statistical report by HEW's Indian Health Service measures the progress that has been made in reducing death and disease among American Indians and Alaska Natives since 1955, when the service first began to collect data.

In 1975, the latest year for which mortality data is published, the death rate for infants, for example, was 71 percent lower than it was 20 years earlier. Deaths due to gastroenteric causes declined by 88 percent in rate and deaths from influenza and pneumonia were reduced by 63 percent during that same period.

The report also shows, however, that the health status of American Indians and Alaska Natives continues to lag behind that of the general population. Among their special problems are alcoholism and death and injury from accidents.

The Indian Health Service operates hospitals and clinics in 25 States, as well as preventive health, environmental health, mental health and other special programs. This report describes the growth and increased utilization of IHS services which has contributed to improving the Indians' and Alaska Natives' health status.

Individual copies of Indian Health Trends and Services are available free to the public from the Indian Health Service, Health Services Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland, 20857

Attica Prisoner Granted Parole

NEW YORK--John Hill (Dacajeweah), the last man serving time on charges relating to the 1971 Attica Prison riots, was granted parole on March 21, 1979.

The INDIAN TRUTH newspaper in Philadelphia reports that Hill, a Mohawk-Sioux, will work for the Native American Treaty Council-- a provision set by the parole board. Hill has been held at both Sing-Sing in Ossining and at the Comstock Prison.

In April of 1975, Hill was convicted of the murder of an Attica correction officer killed in the 1971 uprising. Much of the trial testimony was later questioned and the New York Attorney General's office recommended clemency for the prisoners involved.

Gov. Hugh Carey commuted Hill's 20 year-to-life sentence in December of 1976, making him eligible for parole in January, 1977. However, parole was denied at that time because it "would probably promote disrespect for the law." A New York based organization, Rights for American Indians Now (R.A.I.N.), has been campaigning for Hill's release.

Tribe Allows No Picketing On Reservation

PARKER, ARIZ.--The Colorado Indian Tribes in Parker, Arizona will not permit United Farm Workers members to picket reservation lettuce fields.

Union leader Caesar Chavez met with the Colorado tribes' tribal council to request that the UFW be allowed to picket the reservation fields in order to force negotiations with leasees on the reservation.

The tribal council declared that it could not permit any kind of action that could lead to the destruction of or interference with the harvesting of any farm crops on the reservation.

The council also said that as representatives of the Indian people, they should let nothing bar tribal members from seeking employment in any form on their own reservation.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MAY 4-6, 1979
Annual Minneconjou Cultural Society Pow-wow; Eagle Butte, South Dakota
- Pow-wow, Las Vegas Indian Club; Las Vegas, Nevada
- MAY 5, 1979
North Dakota State Penitentiary Indian Culture Group Pow-wow; Bismarck, North Dakota
- MAY 5-6, 1979
Women's Volleyball Tournament; Blackhawk Community Center; Winnebago, Nebraska
- MAY 9-11, 1979
Minnesota Indian Education Conference; Minnesota Chippewa Tribe; Duluth Minnesota
- MAY 11-12, 1979
Indian Days; Montana State University; Bozeman, Montana
- MAY 11-13, 1979
Bowling Tournament; United Sioux Tribes Development Corporation of South Dakota, Pierre, South Dakota
- MAY 17-19, 1979
4th Annual American Indian Film Festival; San Francisco, California

- MAY 18-21, 1979
7th Annual Native American Bilingual Education Conference; Winnipeg, Manitoba
- MAY 19-20, 1979
Standing Rock Community College Graduation Celebration; Fort Yates, North Dakota
- MAY 25-27, 1979
Veterans Memorial Pow-wow; Hayes (Ft. Belknap), Montana
- Memorial Day Pow-wow, Lame Deer, Montana
- MAY 26-27, 1979
GPIRA Rodeo; White Horse, South Dakota
- Annual Native American Memorial Day Golf Tournament; Sunol, California
- North American Indian Tennis Tournament; Haskell Indian Junior College, Lawrence, Kansas
- MAY 27-30, 1979
3rd Annual National Urban Indian Council Convention; Albuquerque, New Mexico
- MAY 28, 1979
Warbonnet Dance; Mandaree, North Dakota
- Cannonball Rodeo, Cannonball, North Dakota



ROGER BUFFALOHEAD...Appointed Executive Director of the United Scholarship Service in Denver, Colorado.

Buffalohead, a Ponca, is the former director of Native American Studies and a history professor at the University of Minnesota at Duluth.

LARRY RUSH...of Whiteshield, dead at the age of 49.

At the time of his death, Rush was a member of the Fort Berthold Three Affiliated Tribes tribal council. He is a former member of the UTETC Board of Directors.

Rush is survived by his wife and ten daughters.

ROSA GRINNELL MARTIN...died March 26 in Joplin, Missouri at the age of 67.

Selected "Miss Original America" at Haskell in the 1920's, RoMere Darling (as she became known) became one of the first Indian women to ever appear in the movies.

Mrs. Martin is survived by two brothers and a nephew.

AROUND INDIAN COUNTRY STATE

Candidates Announced

FT. YATES--The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe will hold tribal elections in September, but three candidates have already announced their intentions to run for office.

Incumbent chairman Pat McLaughlin will seek reelection at the polls this fall. He is being challenged by Frank Lawrence, assistant general manager of the Standing Rock Housing Corporation.

Lawrence was the former executive director of the United Sioux Tribes of South Dakota Development Corporation.

McLaughlin and Lawrence will face Terry Yellow Fat, a tribal employee, in the chairman race. Yellow Fat has served as chairman of the Ft. Yates District Council from 1974 to 1976.

A tribal primary election will be held in July.

Tribe Declares Ban on Hunting

FT. YATES--In a move to rebuild wildlife populations on the Standing Rock Reservation, the tribal council has declared a one-year moratorium on all hunting on the reservation.

The action was taken after a BIA aerial wildlife

census showed game populations within the reservation to be "markedly below" those of land outside the reservation.

The council also has prohibited commercial fishing for an indefinite period, and is negotiating with a consultant to develop a program that will strengthen the tribal role in game and wildlife planning and management.

The moratorium is to be enforced by the North and South Dakotas Fish and Game Departments and by the BIA Law and Order Department.

The moratorium on hunting will be lifted when the reservation game and fish management code is finished and implemented.

Council resolutions blame the lack of a legal mechanism by the tribe to enforce and regulate reservation hunting as the reason for the low game population.

Tribe to Contract Judicial Positions

BELCOURT--The Turtle Mountain tribal council has voted to contract the tribal judges' positions on the reservation under Public Law 93-638.

Currently, the chief tribal judge and the assistant judges work for the Bureau of Indian Affairs three times a week and for the tribe two days a week.

The chief tribal judge is elected by the people and the assistant judges are appointed by the BIA.

Ella Mae LaRocque, tribal secretary, says the tribal council made the decision after studying court systems on other reservations.

"The tribe is looking at the future," says LaRocque, "At the present time we don't have a tribal court administrator or even a prosecuting attorney. These are some improvements we hope to attain by full tribal control of the court."

Another reason for contracting the judicial positions is accessibility of the judges.

"In the past, if there wasn't a judge available to hear a case, the case had to be postponed," says LaRocque. "We hope to get more associate judges from this reservation."

Currently, all the reservation associate judges are from out of town which has caused some problems with jurisdiction and is sometimes inconvenient for reservation people.

Earlier news reports stated that the tribe intended to take-over 30 other BIA Law Enforcement positions but LaRocque says that report is untrue.

Ft. Berthold holds Energy Resource Study Program

NEW TOWN--The Fort Berthold Community College will conduct an Energy Resources and Environmental Studies Program, April 24 through July 20, 1979.

The training program is designed to develop the North Dakota Indian tribes' human resources in the ever-expanding field of energy and environmental development and protection.

Through Mary College in Bismarck, tribal employees and administrators may earn 10 college credits for the course and students may earn 8 credits. Participants will be selected from Ft. Berthold and other tribes in North Dakota.

The program is sponsored by the Ft. Berthold Community College; the Three Affiliated Tribes Office of Natural Resources and Energy Development; Argonne National Laboratories (one of the U.S. Dept. of Energy's major research and development centers) and the Old West Regional Commission.

For more information contact: Neil Boozenny or Lydia Crandell, P.O. Box 490, New Town, North Dakota 58763 or call 627-4738, ext. 33.

AROUND INDIAN COUNTRY Letters / Opinions

The UNITED TRIBES NEWS would like to hear from you. If you have a letter to the editor; poetry; artwork; an upcoming event; or, any item of interest to Indian country, send it to us at:

UNITED TRIBES NEWS Newsroom
3315 South Airport Road
Bismarck, North Dakota 58501

All letters must be signed. Names will be withheld at the editor's discretion.--ED.

LETTER OF SUPPORT

To the Editor:

In behalf of the students and staff here at the United Tribes Educational Technical Center, I would like to offer my sincere appreciation and thanks to former staff member Harriett Skye for her work as the previous OPI Supervisor.

During the interim that Harriett left us, Ms. Toni Jeannotte, an editor and writer of the **United Tribes News**, deserves an appropriate "Thank You" for her editing and writing efforts in the **News**. Without question, her contributions to previous issues have been a valuable mainstay to the paper. Ms. Jeannotte continues with **United Tribes News** as a writer and assistant editor.

A special note of appreciation is also in order to our contributing writers and layout artist, Sandy Erickson, and staff compositor, Carol Uses Arrow.

But now it is in order to welcome Ms. Shirley Bordeaux to the OPI staff as the new director. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience, having been an Indian newspaper writer, artist and editor, on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation. In recent meetings with her, she has some excellent ideas in how to bring **United Tribes News** and information to you.

With best regards to you.

Sincerely,

David M. Gipp, Executive Director

UNITED TRIBES EDUCATIONAL
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GERMAN CORRESPONDENT

April 13, 1979

Dear Sir,

I'm living in the southern part of Germany and that means quite a distance from the western states of the U.S. But there is some sort of connection: my interest in Indian America.

After reading all kinds of literature available about this subject, after studying Americanistic in Tubingen (West Germany), after visiting museums containing Indian relics and crafts - an old dream may turn into reality. I'm saving every 'D-Mark' to visit someday the Dakotas, Montana, and Wyoming; to compare my literary knowledge to reality.

In the meantime I collect information about the historical sites, history, museums, arts and crafts of Indians - to provide my scholars (I'm a young teacher) with a vivid and true-to-life impression of Indian life and history. (I try to!)

I would be glad if you could supply me with a spare list of crafts which I may order, data or information about Agencies, old trails, camp sites, historic sites, problems, posters or patches (Custer had it Coming, etc.).

Perhaps an Indian would like to write and begin a pen-friendship with me - Thank You in advance, I'm looking forward to read from you.

Yours,
Walter Wiedemaun

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West Germany

JOGGERS UNITE!

April 25, 1979
UTETC
Recreation Department

Dear Editor:

Sometimes at UTETC it seems that the weather controls matters more than department supervisors.

But, if Spring ever does arrive and mud gives way to a little grass, there is an area on the North side of campus just waiting for limited development for joggers, walkers, bird and plane watchers.

With a small amount of effort, and an initial go ahead from the higher-ups, a jogging path could be established and maintained with exercise stations covering approximately a mile and a half area just north of staff housing.

This wooded and unpopulated area would be a runner's paradise and when added to the mile and a half circle around Tribes, would make distance running a more pleasurable experience.

So, JOGGERS UNITE!!!

With student and vocation support and a week or so of some physical effort we can put to good use a now idle area and encourage UTETCers to lose a winter pound or two.

Sincerely,
Peggy O'Neil,
Recreation Assistant



INDIAN POETRY

G. Jake Bordeaux is a twenty-one year old Lakota. The poems in this collection were written while he was imprisoned in the South Dakota State Penitentiary.

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PASSING THROUGH DEAF FINGERS

Deep in this blackened reservoir
I sit to watch night sip day.

My feet warm dead cement;
eyes quick to catch
scent of passing autumn
seeping through windows
mortered with iron bars;
a guard ushers security
around the corner.

I have remembered to forget
to remember her and all these
nights wasted to moon
and nothing more.

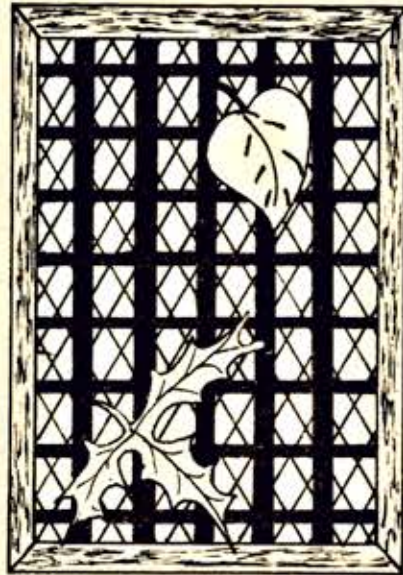
A year has washed her picture
gray in corners. Time does not
wait for rock walls and
men in somber, ice-cycled boxes.

Nor does it wait, she told me,
for a bruised ring finger.

I have gone now a year.

Dust does not brush easily
from parched skin and cracked eyes
fail to remember morning unbroken
by guard towers cutting into sky.

But this is for tomorrow night's dream
she told me. I agreed.



ONCE A STREAM CALLED

We catch moonlight in our pockets.
and water in the cracks of our toes.
The stream murmurs; he knows our names
and whispers fish to our ears.

Trees harangue, susurrant leaves request.
and a locust plays his harp. The night air
is watercress and moss; our lungs are full.

Time is but mere numbers
painted upon the clock;
how easily the stream washes them away,
leaving only the ripples behind us ...

STARS
WISHES
AND ...

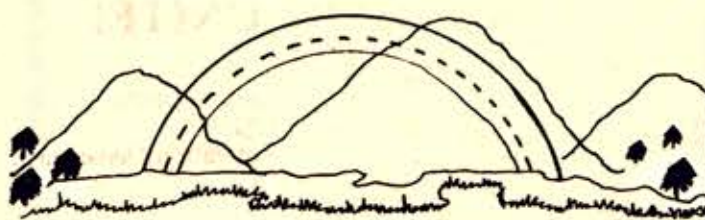
Take this night
A special night
I hold the stars
In the palm of my hand
And I toss them
Scattering
For someone's wish ...



RUSTED BRASS KEYS for Arlene

We have traveled many
penciled miles, you and I.
Manages somehow to span interludes
between woman and convict;
I caressing bars and cages
even in dreams;
wanting nothing ...
desiring everything.
And you:
You with your aged oak desk
covered like polished brocade
from months of ink
and many, many tears
for something
I could not possibly give you ...

Listen:
Even as dust settles
on rusted brass keys
know this:
I think of you'
My calendar wears your name,
it too, waits...
And somewhere an owl
whispers night into his tree ...



FORT THOMPSON GIRL for Estellene

I am at a loss to explain. I conquer not
nor do I wonder. I am the world at its fattest.
I stomp grass for it will grow again tomorrow;
I shy trees for they will be cut today

But wait:
That Fort Thompson girl is back!
I am slowed but the paces remain the same.
Carve it out of rock
Fort Thompson girl
and the rock shall bleed. I shall bleed.
And you shall slow.

My letters are dreams put to words;
my dreams are letters put to rest.
I am not at peace. I now can rest ...
Fort Thompson Girl.





My People

**My fathers ancestors are chiefs
Their horses ran free
Free to stride in the wind
Free to sleep in the fields
Now they are gone
The caves are shallow and cold
Here the wind blows
Where are they now?
Let us pray to the great chiefs
And ask forgiveness.**

Lisa White

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