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UTTC was part of huge tribal gathering

by Dennis J. Neumann, United Tribes News

WASHINGTON – It took a tiring 34-hour bus ride for a group from United Tribes Technical College to take part in what most believe was a once-in-a-lifetime tribal gathering. Fatigue mattered less than the excitement and honor of being involved in the grand opening here of the National Museum of the American Indian.

“It was powerful to see all the tribes together in one place,” said Steven P. Walker (Three Affiliated), a Computer Support Technology student. “It may never happen like that again.”

Two-dozen students and staff members, led by college president David M. Gipp, joined with 25,000 other tribal people – most in regalia – in a grand procession of Native Nations. An estimated 55,000 supportive onlookers welcomed them with applause.

“It was really a festive atmosphere,” said Karen Paetz (Three Affiliated), Tribal Tourism Director and trip co-coordinator. “And so warm



Washington Monument in the background, the UTTC delegation in the Native Nations Procession.

and friendly. People were glad to see us.”

“The people were up close all along the route,” said Louis “Buster” Landreaux, (Cheyenne River) a UTTC employee who carried the college flag. “People called out my name when we went past.”

“I saw all kinds of people I know,” said Reva Hayes (Standing Rock), a

Nursing student. “People from Oklahoma and Oregon, a friend who goes to school in Kansas, people from Standing Rock, others from South Dakota. It was so good I felt like crying.”

The September 21 walk down the National Mall, in the heart of the nation’s capitol, included representation from 500 tribes.

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Dennis Lucier's UTTC Cafeteria Menu

Includes 2% or Skim Milk, Coffee or Tea and Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, and Vegetables. Menu subject to change.

October 4-8

October 11-16

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BREAKFAST	LUNCH	DINNER	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	DINNER
Oatmeal & Raisin Toast	Chili & Garlic Toast	Roast Beef & Potatoes	Waffles & Sausage	Chicken Fried Steak & Potatoes	Meatloaf & Baked Potato
Pancakes & Sausage	Taco Salad	BBQ Chicken & Baked Potato	Eggs, Bacon & Hashbrowns	Chicken Stir Fry & Rice	Buffalo Sausage & Potatoes
Caramel Roll & Boiled Egg	Swedish Meatballs	Pizza	Frosted Roll & Cantaloupe	Baked Chicken & Potatoes	Swiss Steak & Noodles
Spanish Omelet & Muffin	French Dip, Au-Jus & Chips	Chicken Breast & Wild Rice	Scrambled Eggs & Bagel	Sloppy Joe & Tator Tot's	Roast Pork & Potatoes
Ham & Bagel	Knoephle Soup & Sandwich	Burritos & Spanish Rice	Eggs & Canadian Bacon	Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese	Shrimp & Wild Rice

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Helping Native Americans Vote



UTN photo by Dennis J. Neumann

North Dakota Secretary of State Al Jaeger, second from right, presented UTTC President David M. Gipp, left, a check for \$53 thousand to help fund the North Dakota Tribal Voter Education Project. The nonpartisan effort is aimed at raising the voter turnout among American Indian populations. Also pictured are Margaret Stevens, voter recruiter and Phil Baira, right, voter project coordinator. The presentation was September 27.

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HEY BENNY, WHAT'S "THE TERMANATIVE" SO PROUD OF?

HE JUST WON THE MR. INDIAN NATIONS PRIZE AGAIN.

HE THINKS HE WILL GET ALL THE GIRLS ON CAMPUS BY WORKING OUT AND HAVING BIG MUSCLES.

HE FORGETS HOW MUCH HEALTHIER HE IS JUST BY EXERCISING EVERYDAY.

WITH ALL THAT FRYBREAD OIL ON HIS MUSCLES, THE ONLY THINGS HE CAN ATTRACT ARE FLIES! AYE!!!

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College workplace is friendly to little ones

by Wanda Agnew

Little people are accompanying their mothers to work at United Tribes College. Those fresh, new newborns of college staff members – are appearing at work more frequently following a new “Family Friendly” policy signed by UTTC President David M. Gipp.

At least five infants have accompanied their mothers to the office. Among the first to take advantage of the policy earlier this year were Kim Hinnenkamp, Jesi

Silbernagel and Shannon Medicine Horse.

More recently, Sheyenne Haase and her daughter Asha Shanti Haase, born June 11, have come to work together, and Pebbles Red Fox and her son Roman Lawrence Whitehorn, born July 11. Both have found the policy fits nicely with their work duties. Sheyenne works in Student and Campus Services and Pebbles in Human Resources.

Breastfeeding infants up to age six months are allowed to accompany their mothers to work. The September 2003 policy emphasizes the nutritional importance and health benefits of mother’s milk. The policy was part of the nutrition education strategic plan of the college extension programs.

Only about 38 percent of Native American children in North Dakota are breastfed. One cause for this low rate is that more mothers are entering the workforce or attending college.

Research shows one of the benefits



Sheyenne Haase believes bringing her baby, Asha, to work was the main reason she was able to continue providing her baby the best nutrition possible.

to the employer are fewer sick days from the employee. Benefits to the employee are the big savings due to no childcare and formula expenses. Most important is the ability of mom to bond with baby during those formative months.

Staff members are applauding the so-called “Baby to work” and “Breastfeeding” policy as essential to a “family friendly,” campus wellness program.



Pebbles Red Fox says she very much appreciates the new policy and thanked Dr. Gipp for making it possible for her to bring her baby, Roman, to work.

Measure OK'd by committee for \$300,000 for UTTC housing



Senator Byron L. Dorgan, flanked by President David M. Gipp and UTTC Counselor Julie Cain in Washington, DC, marking the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian.

WASHINGTON – North Dakota US Senator Byron L. Dorgan has announced the approval of \$300,000 in funds for construction of family housing at United Tribes Technical College.

The announcement came September 23 following approval of the funding by the U. S. Senate Appropriations Committee, of which Dorgan is a member.

Family housing is a primary need for students with families who attend UTTC and one of the priorities in college expansion plans.

The housing funding is part of the Veteran’s Affairs - Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2005.

The bill goes next to the full Senate, which is expected to pass it soon.

UTV photo by Dennis J. Neumann

WINS Summer highlights

by Vince Schanandore

For summer 2004, our 12th program year, we hosted 78 students from 43 different tribal nations (including 6 from Alaska) and 60 different colleges/universities. Each student had a full scholarship that covered 6 credits, round trip airfare, housing, meals, daily commuting costs, books, and a small stipend for incidentals.

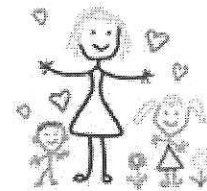
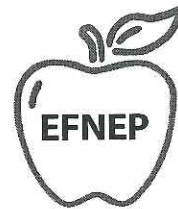
This year our WINS participants interned with the US Departments of Agriculture, Defense, Health and Human Services (including IHS), the Defense Intelligence Agency, Treasury, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Environmental Protection Agency, Food and Drug Administration, National Institutes of Health, and Veterans Affairs.

The variety of internships is astounding, offering students with majors from accounting to zoology an opportunity to gain impressive work experience in an academically and culturally supportive environment.

Highlights from Summer 2004 included:

- Welcoming picnic with internship sponsors and American Indian/Alaska Native Advisory Council members
- A special scholarship for Tribal College students majoring in business or with a goal to own or operate a small business on a reservation.
- Hard hat tour of the future site of the National Museum of the American Indian, and a question and answer session from staff of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee and the House Native American Caucus
- Invitations to special receptions and networking events
- Sunday night film series with Indigenous Issues Forum
- Calendars of weekly free and low cost events happening around Washington
- Trips to Baltimore with an option to see the Orioles a Major League baseball team, and New York City
- Powwow to honor the WINS participants
- Concluding banquet attended by staff, advisory council, intern supervisors and AU faculty

United Tribes EFNEP & WIC Program



WHAT: WIC offers healthy food for proper growth and development. EFNEP helps families choose healthier ways of eating.

WHO: Pregnant and breastfeeding women, infants, and children under the age of 5 years can participate with the WIC Program. All families with children regardless of age can participate with the EFNEP Program.

WHEN: Sign up for the UTTC EFNEP/WIC Program by filling out an application. Applications may be picked up and returned to the EFNEP/WIC Office or by calling for an appointment. 255-3285 ext. 1316

WHERE: Skills Center, Room 119-A

Need something to warm you up on these chilly days?

Menu featuring:

Tender Hot Roast Beef Sandwich
Creamy Mashed Potatoes Covered with Brown Gravy
No-Meat Chef Salad
Chocolate Mint
Orange Julius
Coffee and Water

Where: Land Grant Resource Room (Skills Center)

Date and Time: Friday October 15th, 11:30AM - 12:30 PM
Cost: \$5.00 per person

Meal Manager: Lynette Good Bird

"Fall in Tuscany" Quantity Foods Meal

Don't be stuck out in the cold, come to the Land Grant Room for a nice warm meal.

Where: Land Grant Resource Room (in the Skills Center)

Date and Time: Friday, October 8th from 11:30AM - 12:30PM.

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Meal Manager: Micheallynn Nanto
First come, First serve

Menu featuring:

Tossed salad with dressing
Lasagna

Corn bread muffin
Sherbet with mint leaf
Tea/coffee

EFNEP/WIC Lunch

WHO: Families with children and pregnant women

WHEN: October 12, 2004 at 12 noon

WHERE: Skill Center Food Lab

WHAT: Come for a FREE lunch and learn about the EFNEP/WIC Programs

If you are currently on WIC, you can receive your voucher then.

TO SIGN UP: Contact Kelly at ext. 1316 to reserve your spot. Space is limited to so call today!

Genevieve Azure

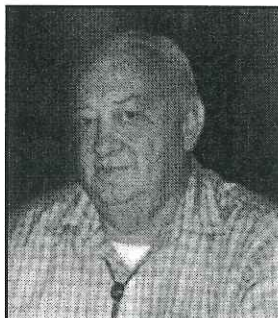


Services for Genevieve Azure, 70, one of the first students to attend and graduate from United Tribes Technical College, were held September 17 at Belcourt, ND. She passed away September 11 in the Belcourt Hospital.

Genevieve was born and raised at Turtle Mountain and, as a college student, was in the first class at UTTC in 1969 and later graduated. She also worked at the college and was director of the Peace Pipe Indian Center in Bismarck.

She is survived by daughters Melody Azure-Silk of Fort Yates, ND, Carol "Jeanie" Azure, Donna Rae Azure, and Lonnie Azure, all of Belcourt, ND; sisters Anna Houle, Dorothy Allick, both of Belcourt, ND, Margaret "Maggie" McGee of Rolla, ND, and Louise Peltier of Dunseith, ND; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren.

Leo Clooten



Services were held Friday, September 24 for Leo Clooten, 81, Bismarck, a former employee of United Tribes Technical College. Leo passed away September 21 after a long battle with cancer. His wife Evelyn was at his side.

Leo was born in Mandan, ND and lived his entire adult life in Bismarck. He was a painter. He worked at UTTC prior to retirement.

He is survived by his wife, four sons, Jerry (Nancy), Tom (Debbie), Gene and Glen, all of Bismarck, one daughter-in-law, Edna of Elmer City, WA; his brothers, Donald and Richard of Bismarck; his sister, Joanie (Joe) Winbauer of Bismarck; 12 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; and a great friend Bud Anderson.

Teddy Bear Challenge for all UTTC Vocations and Staff Departments

by Jackie Red Bird, TE VSO Secretary

The Teacher Education Vocational Student Organization (TE VSO) is challenging all UTTC vocations and staff departments in the collection of new/good condition teddy bears/stuffed animals or money donations.

The teddy bears are for a request of the 141st National Guard Unit. The teddy bears will be sent to the soldiers for them to deliver to the children in Iraq. The money donations will be used for postage to send the teddy bears overseas.

Each vocation will designate an area for their own collection. On Thursday October 7, bring the stuffed animals to Leah Hamann's office located in the Ed building. If you are not able to drop them off, call Leah Hamann at 255-3285 ext. 1380 and someone will pick them up. The winner will be announced on Friday October 8, 2004 and will also appear in the newsletter.

Homecoming week set for October 4 – 8

by Veronica Rodarte

UTTC Homecoming is scheduled for the week of October 4 – 8. The Student Senate has selected the theme: "Diversity, Moving Forward Through Education."

We will select a king and queen, so each vocation needs to nominate one male and one female.

Following is the Sprit Week schedule:

Monday, October 4 – Respect Day (Roses \$3 ea)

Tuesday, October 5 – Sport Day (dress as your favorite player)

Wednesday, October 6 – Eighties Day

7 p.m. Talent Show, JBC, prizes awarded

Thursday, October 7 – PJs and Teddy Bear Day (bring a Teddy Bear for soldiers in Iraq)

7 p.m. Obstacle Course (teams of 6 from vocations)

8:30 p.m. Bonfire/Storytelling/Marshmallows/Tipis (children must be accompanied by adults)

Friday, October 8 – UTTC Day (wear school colors)

12:45 p.m. Tailgate party, middle of campus

1 p.m. Parade

2:30 p.m. Flag Football game with SBC (crowning of King and Queen at halftime)

4 p.m. Photo Tour of the Opening of

the National Museum of the American Indian, JBC (Culture Committee presentation about the trip to Washington, DC)

7 p.m. Dance in small gym (Bring your CDs, put your name on them)

There will be prizes at lunchtime at JBC Tuesday through Thursday.

Football practice is at 5 p.m. in the middle of UTTC campus for anybody interested in being on the team. First game is this Friday, October 1, at Sitting Bull College, transportation provided.

More information Veronica Rodarte, v_rodarte@hotmail.com

UTTC part of tribal gathering...

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Set against the backdrop of the nation's Capitol building, the opening program featured talks by two U. S. Senators who helped win government approval for the museum, Ben Night Horse Campbell (Northern Cheyenne) at podium, and Daniel K. Inouye (Hawaii) seated.

"It was surprising to see all the different regalia of the other cultures," said Kayla Looking Horse (Standing Rock), a Nursing student, clad in her elegantly beaded jingle dress. "The reception we got was great. So many

people wanted to take photos. I really felt honored to be part of it."

"All those Indians in one place like that," said Donovan Abby (Three Affiliated), a Criminal Justice student. "It's something to tell your kids and

grandkids about."

A dozen jumbo TV monitors, propped high on metal scaffolds, showed delegations as they made their way from the Washington Monument toward the Capitol. Dozens of camera operators, photographers and reporters angled for the best locations to document what was clearly an unusual scene for inside the DC beltway.

"There was a shot of us on the monitors several times," said Hayes. "We were also on CNN and ABC later. I screamed, 'We're on TV!'"

"I was interviewed by the New York Times," said Alden Spoonhunter (Northern Arapaho), an Art/Art Marketing student who wore his



Leading the UTTC delegation, from left, President David M. Gipp, Tourism Director Karen Paetz, and Standing Rock/UTTC Board Chairman Charles W. Murphy

fancy dance regalia. "I said that I thought the new museum will widen the knowledge about First Americans and make others more aware of our culture and traditions."

During the program that followed the two-and-one-half-hour procession, speakers emphasized how the museum will help get across the message that Indians are still here.

"I think this opening event and the museum itself represents a significant step in the Indian renaissance in American life," said David M. Gipp, UTTC president. "This gathering celebrates the momentum we have in this new era. It was wonderful that



UTTC Counselor Julie Cain stands out in traditional Blackfeet dress during the procession.

our group was here to witness it.”

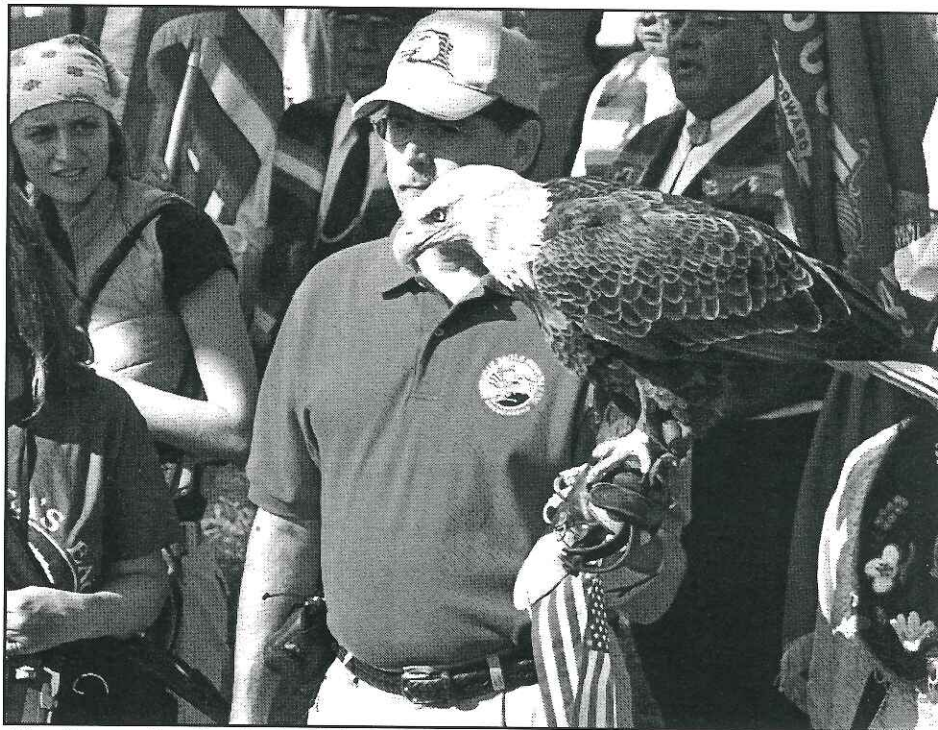
“All the attention this got was very good,” said Joe Many Bears, a UTTC employee who carried the North Dakota State flag. “It probably opened up the eyes of the world to Native Americans. It was a good start.”

When the formal program ended, the weary UTTC delegation drifted past the performance stages, vendors and food tents. Some later toured the museum and visited other sites in the city. For everyone it meant more walking.

“I don’t know how many miles I put on but I lost 10 pounds walking around,” said Hayes.

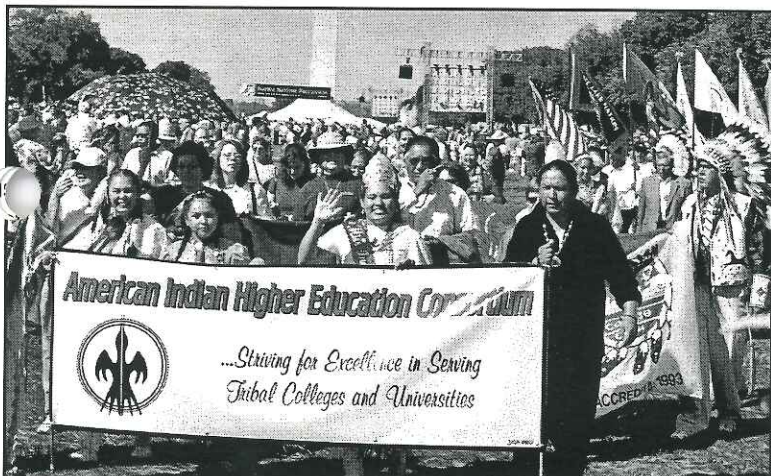
“I was tired,” said Waylon Good Left (Three Affiliated) a Criminal Justice student. “But it was the best trip. Sure, I’d do it again.”

The UTTC group’s return bus ride to Bismarck began the following day and lasted 31 hours.



Attracting considerable attention in the Procession of Native Nations was a live eagle.

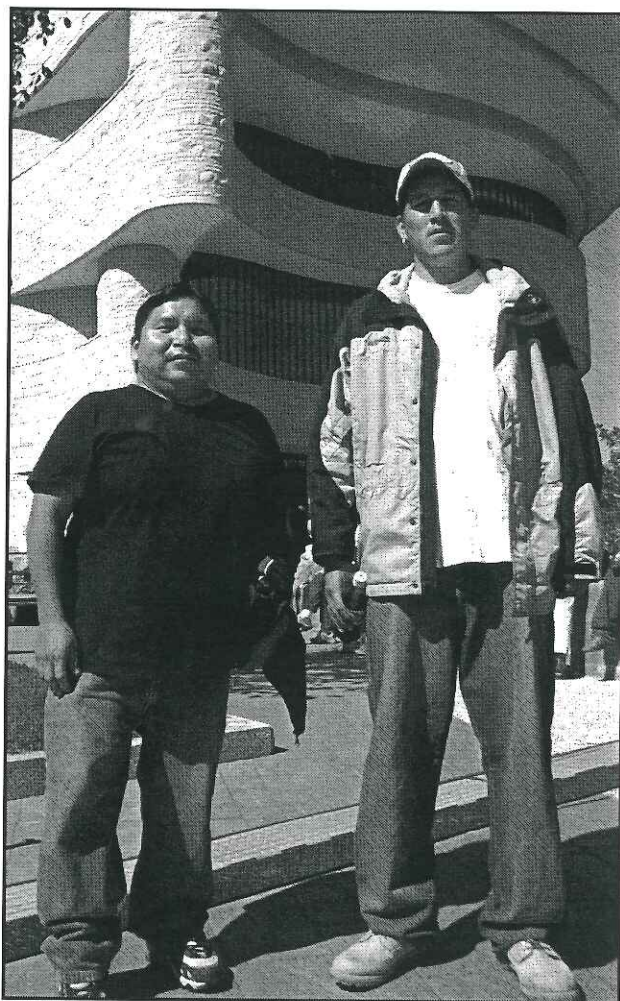
United Tribes News photos by Dennis J. Neumann



Miss Indian Nations XIII Bobbi Rae Sage, waving, participated in the procession with the delegation from the American Indian Higher Education Consortium.



Carrying the banner, from left, UTTC Nursing students Reva Hayes, Heather Shieldt and Kayla Looking Horse.



In front of the east entrance to the new museum building, UTTC Criminal Justice students Waylon Good Left and Donovan Abby.

Binge Drinking

by Sharlene Gjermundson, Health & Safety Officer

Today, while eating my lunch, I heard that another college freshman died due to alcohol poisoning at a college campus in Colorado.

College presidents agree that binge drinking is the most serious problem on campuses today. Many young people do not realize that alcohol poisoning can result in death.

Alcohol poisoning is a medical emergency. How can you tell if a friend is about to become a victim of alcohol poisoning? And if they are what you can do to help? A person who is ill from alcohol poisoning may:

- ★ be unconscious and cannot be awakened or semiconscious
- ★ have cold, clammy, unusually pale or bluish skin
- ★ be breathing slowly or irregularly – less than 8 times a minute or ten seconds or more between any two breaths
- ★ these symptoms will most likely be accompanied by a strong odor of alcohol

If you encounter a friend who is experiencing one or more of these symptoms:

- ★ **CALL 911.**
- ★ Do not leave the person alone.
- ★ Turn him/her on their side and prop them on their side with a pillow. This will prevent the person from choking if they should vomit.
- ★ Watch their breathing. If the person is not breathing and you know CPR, perform as needed.

Binge drinking not only interferes with a person's education, it carries with it a serious risk of death, disease and injury. Be careful if you drink and lookout for the safety of your friends!

Student Health Center Notes

by Sharlene Gjermundson, Health & Safety Officer

Dental Appointments

In the past, the Student Health Center had difficulty finding a dental clinic in the Bismarck/Mandan area that would provide services to our students. Many of the dental clinics were already treating a large patient load and were not able to provide services to new patients.

Recently, two dental clinics in town have agreed to provide emergency dental care and pain management for students with dental needs. The problem is... The Student Health Center has set up appointments with these clinics and students are "no shows" and are not rescheduling appointments 24 hours in advance of their scheduled appointment.

This causes problems because the dental clinics allow ½ to one hour per patient and if they have a "no show" time and money is wasted. As a result of the "no show", rapport with the dental clinic and SHC deteriorates and dental clinics are not willing to see our students.

So please, if a dental appointment has been made for you and you are not willing or able to keep the appointment, cancel or reschedule the appointment.

This will make it easier for the next student who comes along and needs dental care.

Headlice

Parents are encouraged to check their children's hair on a daily basis for symptoms of headlice. TJES and CDC has a "No Nit" or live louse policy.

If your children are found with headlice, they will be sent home from school. Parents are asked to pick their children up as soon as possible when they are notified.

Shampoo is available free of charge from the SHC. Parents must accompany children to the SHC for a re-check before the children are allowed to return to CDC or TJES.

Children who are not accompanied by a parent or guardian will not be examined. A referral will be made to Social Services for children with recurrent headlice.

Medical Excuses

Student Health Center nurses staff will not provide medical excuses for students. A log is kept of students who are seen at the Student Health Center.

At the student's request, a note or letter can be drafted to provide verification that a student was seen at the SHC. Only information that a student agrees to disclose will be written in the letter.

Quantity Food Meals Are Just Around the Corner

by Annette Broyles

Are you ready to experience fine dining without leaving campus? The Quantity Food's class is ready to kick off its first meal on October 8, with meals being served every Friday until December 3.

Meals are planned, advertised, prepared and served by the eight members of the Quantity Foods class in the Nutrition and Foodservice Department.

Upcoming menus include main dishes with beef, pork, fish, chicken and buffalo, with themes running from Mexican to Luau.

Anyone on campus is welcome to experience the meals for the cost of \$5.00. Meals will be served in the Land Grant Room located in the Skills center from 11:30 to 12. Come early as only 50 meals will be served.

Gandhi Peace Month events outlined

"Be the change you want to see in the world," Gandhi 1869-1948

BISMARCK – Bismarck Mayor John Warford has declared October Gandhi Peace Month in Bismarck. The month will be commemorated with a number of events including a dinner and other fundraisers for local charities, peace-related activities at area schools, and a peace walk.

Ten classrooms in the area will participate. As well as learning about Gandhi, human rights and non-violence, some students will be creating peace T-shirt designs; others will design peace-themed posters. The Gandhi Peace Network distributed grants to assist schools in purchasing materials encouraging non-violence.

A highlight of month is the 10th annual Gandhi Peace Dinner, Saturday, October 2 at 6 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church. Dinner guests will be treated to a full, authentic Indian dinner, featuring Chicken Vindaloo, prepared by Aruna Seth and a large crew of volunteers (see menu right). This popular event is traditionally sold out so those wanting to attend should make reservations by logging on to www.gandhipace.org or by calling 223-4234. The cost of the dinner is \$25. Carry-out is also available, with reservations, at 5 p.m.

Proceeds from the dinner will be donated to local charities. Food is also being collected at area grocery stores through the 3rd Annual "Pack the Pantry for Peace" campaign running through October 30. The food will be donated to the local food pantry, Ruth Meiers Hospitality House and the Abused Adult Resource Center.

This year the Gandhi Peace Network of North Dakota joins the Abused Adult Resource Center for the Peace Walk/Take Back the Night event at the North Dakota Capitol grounds starting at 6:30 p.m. on October 4. Walkers should meet at the capitol steps.

The North Dakota Peace

Coalition hosts its annual Peace Congress October 8-9.

Cinema 100 and Grand Theater are presenting the movie "Armandla!" described as a "revolution in four-part harmony," October 14 with showings at 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. The 2003 movie documents the role of music in the apartheid struggle in South Africa. A silent auction for Sherman Brunelle Scholarships for United Tribes Technical College will take place from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Grand Theater.

Other events still to be scheduled are Peace Songs at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship with Kristen Kitco and a Peace Pole Rededication at Pioneer School.

Menu for Gandhi Dinner

Appetizer:

Alookabhonda: boiled potato, mashed and mixed with pomegranate seeds and spices, covered with besan (graham flour) and fried. Served with mint chutney and concord grapes chutney

Soup:

Moongdal Soup

Entrée:

Chicken Vindaloo: boneless chicken cooked Goa-style with onion, ginger, garlic and malt vinegar

Vegetable:

Simlamirch Aloo Kisabgi: bell pepper & potato cooked with onion, tomato and ginger.

Rice:

Kesarwalla Chawal: balsamic rice with saffron.

Bread:

Whole wheat Tandoori Roti with clarified butter

Desert:

Rasmalaai: homemade cheese cooked in sugar syrup served with a sweet milk sauce and garnished with pistachios and nuts.

Chai:

Masala Chai: Darjeeling tea with Aruna's own Chai Masala

Child Find fair to be held at UTTC

BISMARCK – A Child Find fair will be held on Thursday, October 21 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the James Henry Community Building gymnasium for families on the United Tribes Technical College campus.

Early childhood service organizations will provide fun activities and important information about early childhood screening, development and nutrition. Admission is free.

Child Find T-shirts will be provided for all participants, and door prizes will be awarded. All campus-community families are invited to attend.

Child Find is a component of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) that requires states to identify, locate, evaluate, and refer all children with disabilities who are in need of intervention or special education services.

By coordinating infant and toddler screening, Child Find provides the earliest possible identification of young children and their families who may benefit from early intervention or education services.

For more information contact Brenda Jechort, UTTC Child Find Coordinator, 701-255-3285 x 1289, Fax 701-330-0601.

You're Invited!

Photo Tour

National Museum of the American Indian

Grand Opening

Friday, October, 8

4 pm Jack Barden Center

A presentation by the UTTC Culture Committee about the September 21 NMAI Opening in Washington, D.C.

University Center receives EDA funds



The individuals from left UTTC President David M. Gipp, Robert Olson, Denver EDA Regional Director, Barbara Schmitt, University Center Director, and Les Lafountain, Tribal Councilman, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa

by Barbara Schmitt

The United Tribes University Center received two grants from the U. S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration.

EDA Regional Director Robert Olson, Denver, CO, presented the awards on Thursday, September 9 during the United Tribes Intertribal Summit Conference at the Doublewood Inn in Bismarck.

The University Center received \$150,217 to serve tribes and tribal organizations in the Dakotas, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and Nebraska. The award is for first year of a three-year effort to stimulate and enhance economic development.

"Training and technical assistance are a critical need at the tribal level," said Barbara Schmitt, United Tribes University Center director. "Job development is part of this effort, along with enhancing the capabilities of tribal and individual entrepreneurs."

UTTC is one of six organizations selected to receive funds to operate an EDA funded university center. At present, it's the only tribal university center in the nation.

The second award, \$175,000, will

be used for Native American capacity building. The effort will assist tribal entities in developing sustainable economic development programs. The University Center will also provide enhanced entrepreneurial technical support in the Denver EDA Region.

The program is an outgrowth of a recent economic development training session at United Tribes specifically for tribal economic development planners.

One component of the grant will be to develop case studies on tribal enterprise development projects and reservation-based entrepreneurship support programs.

The grant will also provide for technical support in entrepreneurial training, consultation for business development assistance providers, and assistance for writing and executing business plans.

The programs will be delivered at tribal colleges and other selected economic development venues in tribal locations.

For more information contact Barbara Schmitt, United Tribes University Center, 701-255-3285 x 1436 or bschmitt@uttc.edu.

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*First Nations Day
North Dakota Heritage Center
Auditorium
Bismarck, ND
Friday, October 8, 2004*

9:30 a.m. Traditional Blessing/Prayer:

Welcome:

Cheryl M. Kulas,
Executive Director, ND Indian
Affairs Commission

Guest Speakers:

The Honorable John Hoeven,
Governor, State of North Dakota

First Nations Day Proclamation

Panel: A dialogue on acknowledging history and reconciliation: Senate Joint Resolution 37 – A bill asked for a federal acknowledgement and apology by the Federal Government

Invited Panelists:

The Honorable Tex G. Hall,
Chairman, Mandan, Hidatsa and
Arikara Nation
The Honorable J. C. Crawford,
Chairman, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate
The Honorable Leon Morin,
Chairman, Turtle Mt. Band
of Chippewa
The Honorable Charles Murphy,
Chairman, Standing Rock Nation
The Honorable Valentino White,
Chairman, Spirit Lake Nation

A Federal Response:

The Honorable Kent Conrad, U. S.
Senate, State of North Dakota
(invited)
The Honorable Byron Dorgan, State
of North Dakota (invited)
Honorable Earl Pomeroy, U.S. House
of Representative (invited)

Honor Song & Adjournment

**12:15 p.m. Reception – ND Heritage Center
Mezzanine**

Museum is topic for public discussion

by Dennis J. Neumann, United Tribes News

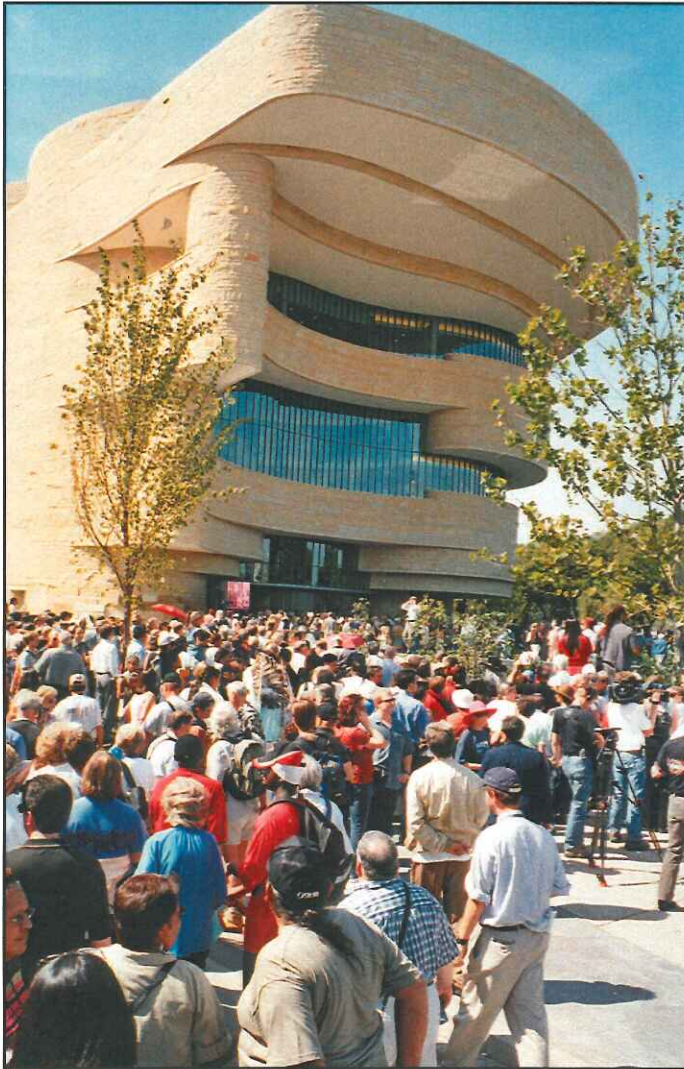
WASHINGTON – Even as Richard West was at the podium during the opening program describing his vision for the National Museum of the American Indian, the American Indian Movement was distributing a press release in the audience criticizing his work.

When the doors opened and people marched in, visitors and media reviewers began weighing in with their impressions. Those from United Tribes Technical College had their views.

"I think the museum has the most impressive exterior in the city," said Larry Laducer (Three Affiliated), a Construction Technology student. "Other buildings have beautiful architecture but the wind-blown

sandstone look of the museum is different. It stands out."

When nearly eighteen thousand



Entrances passes were at a premium – nearly 18,000 people toured the museum on opening day. UTN photos by Dennis J. Neumann

people entered on opening day September 21, three major exhibitions were ready: "Our Universes," an examination of how traditional knowledge shapes the world, "Our Peoples," historical events told from a native view, and "Our Lives," a look at contemporary life and tribal identity.

The UTTC visitors were not always successful when searching for evidence of their tribe in the major exhibits. Some found items or references in the displays. Nothing was presented about the renowned Lakota leader Sitting Bull.

On display was over 7,000 works from Native cultures throughout the western hemisphere, only a fraction of the 800,000 Native American objects

held by the Smithsonian.

"It's true that it displays only a small portion of the collections of Indian artifacts," said UTTC President David M. Gipp. "I'm sure that more will be displayed in time."

UTTC Counselor Julie Cain (Blackfeet) spent four hours touring on opening day.

"From a tribal artist's point of view, it's fantastic. It's like going to a spiritual source. It's so rich with our culture," said Cain enthusiastically. "Now I have to tell everyone at home about this place. I've been privileged to see it and they're waiting for me to tell them about it."

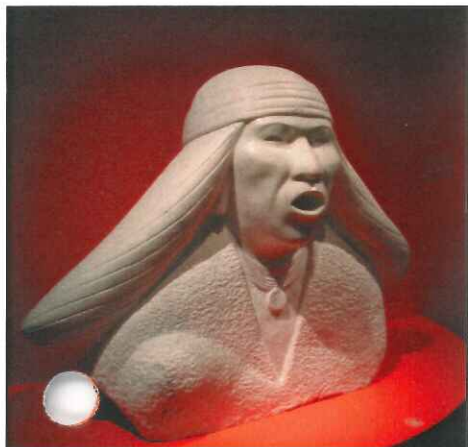
"There probably could have been more exhibits but this is just the beginning," said Julie's husband Don (Turtle Mountain) an artist. "I was looking especially at getting ideas of what to make. It was awesome."

The Cains, who paid for a membership to the museum years ago, collected up application forms, guidelines, and other information about how to get the work of native artists back home into the museum for display and sale.

Visitors who only had the stamina to tour the temporary exhibit hall could be forgiven for thinking the museum says nothing about the past. On display was a retrospective about *Native Modernism*, featuring the striking, contemporary works of George Morrison (1919-2000) and Allan Houser (1914-1994).

For out-of-town visitors it came down to what a person was capable of seeing and absorbing during a rushed and crowded tour.

"I'd like to come back when there are fewer people, and take some time going through it," said Karen Paetz, director of UTTC's Tribal Tourism Program, weary from a day of walking in Washington.



One of the contemporary works of Alan Houser on display in the *Native Modernism* exhibit.

More info about the museum at
<http://www.nmai.si.edu>

Students in step, graceful at Senate



Dancers from United Tribes Technical College were the main attraction during a reception at the Hart Senate Office Building September 20 in Washington, DC. Leading a round dance, from right, Art/Art Marketing student Alden Spoonhunter (Northern Arapaho), and Nursing students Heather Shieldt (Blackfeet), Reva Hayes (Standing Rock) and Kayla Looking Horse (Standing Rock). Members of the ND Congressional Delegation used the gathering to express their congratulations to North Dakota tribes on the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian. At rear powwow announcer Lawrence Baker (Three Affiliated), who emceed the event. UTN photo by Dennis J. Neumann

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