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Ballots cast in student election



Small Business Management student Autumn Elm (Oneida Nation) drops her ballot into the voting box during the UTTC student government election February 1. Injury Prevention student Tina McGhee (Yankton Sioux Tribe) ponders her ballot. Six Student Senate officers were elected (see photo back page) and polling continues on campus for ratification of a new Student Constitution.

UTTC funding deleted again from DOI budget

UTN – Federal funding for United Tribes Technical College has been left out of the Department Of Interior budget for fiscal year 2006, which begins in October.

Funding for the school was absent from the Bush Administration budget released February 7, according to North Dakota Congressman Earl Pomeroy. The Administration had zeroed out funding for UTTC in three previous annual budgets. During the appropriations process, North Dakota's Congressional delegation

and other supporters, restored \$3.5 million in DOI funding for the current fiscal year.

"We've been able to get funding restored because this college does an excellent job providing students with the career skills they need," said UTTC President David M. Gipp. "If the administration was so concerned about supporting family values they'd take a closer look at what we do. We educate and support the entire family here."

Gipp said he is optimistic that funding will be restored.

Gipp presents talk at Institute Of Medicine workshop

UTN – United Tribes Technical College President David M. Gipp presented remarks Thursday, January 27 at a workshop sponsored by the Institute Of Medicine in Washington, DC.

Gipp presented a perspective concerning the health of American Indian young people to the Committee on Food Marketing and the Diets of Children and Youth. He was the only American Indian presenter invited.

The committee is gathering information for a National Academies study about the science-based effects of food marketing on the diets and health of children and youth in the United States. The work is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in response to a Congressional directive.

Gipp focused on the health impacts of food and beverage marketing on children and youth in American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

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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.

February 14 - 18

February 21 - 25

Feb. 28 - Mar. 4

LUNCH	DINNER	LUNCH	DINNER	LUNCH	DINNER
Spaghetti & Garlic Toast	Baked Ham & Potatoes	Chili & Garlic Toast	Roast Beef & Potatoes	Chicken Fried Steak	Meatloaf & Baked Potato
Steak Sandwich	New England Dinner	Taco Salad	BBQ Chicken & Baked Potato	Chicken Stir Fry	Buffalo Sausage & Potatoes
Baked Chicken & Dressing	Salisbury Steak & Potatoes	Swedish Meatballs	Individual Pizza	Baked Chicken & Potatoes	Swiss Steak & Noodles
Burger & Fries	Braised Beef & Noodles	French Dip & Chips	Chicken Breast & Wild Rice	Sloppy Joe & Tator Tots	Roast Pork & Potatoes
Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup	Fish Filet & Potatoes	Knoephle Soup & Sandwich	Burritos	Chicken Nuggets	Shrimp & Wild Rice

Testimony supports UTTC funding resolution

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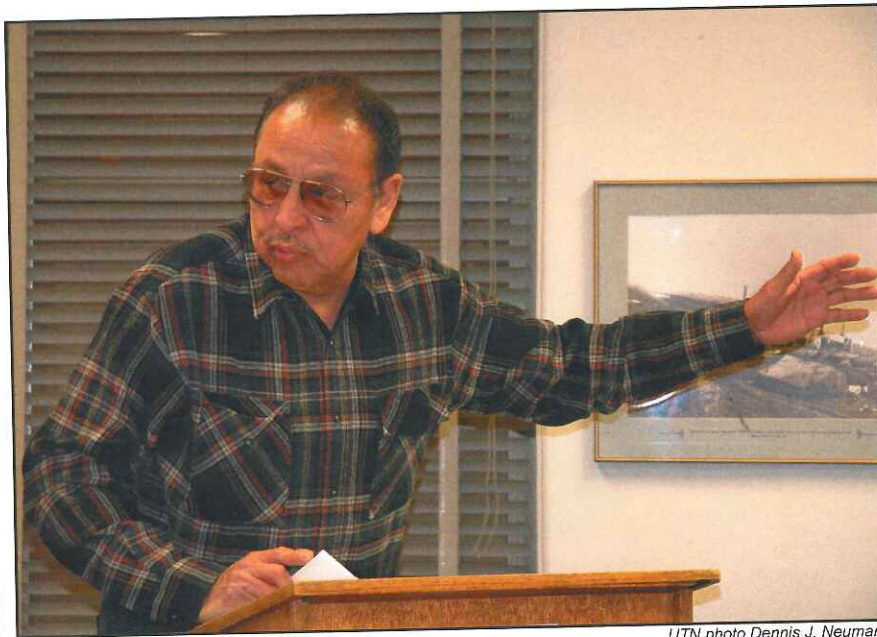
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Wayne White Eagle, education specialist with the MHA Nation (Three Affiliated Tribes), Newtown, ND, emphasizes his point with a gesture during a hearing February 7 at the State Capitol in Bismarck. White Eagle was among those who testified in favor of a resolution urging Federal funding for United Tribes Technical College. The North Dakota Senate Education Committee passed the measure, which expresses the support of state lawmakers for the college's \$4.5 million funding request in FY 2006.

KODA THE WARRIOR™ "Caverns of Mystery Part 4 of 4"

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KODA learned he could not defeat such a spirit as "Negativity" with any man-made weapon.

So he took the advice learned from the Elders many years ago.

He practiced Good Medicine.

He knew Sage was the right Medicine.

After chasing "Negativity" away, KODA found the precious item which was taken from the woman.

Finally he reached the surface.

HOKA-HEY!

He was thanked by the woman...

For returning her precious Cellular Phone! AYE, NEXT!!!

Caverns of Mystery

Baxter to serve on national advisory task force

The American Health Information Management Association's President, Ms. Mervat Abdelhak, recently invited Karla Baxter to serve on the Component State Association (CSA) Advisory Task Force for the January 1 to December 31, 2005 term. Karla is the UTTC Health Information Technology program chair, instructor, and vocational advisor. She is also the outgoing President of the North Dakota Health Information Management Association.

The 2005 charge of the CSA Advisory Task Force is tentatively

drafted to be: strengthen the federation model, ensure succession of volunteer leadership, and implement CSA Profiles.

Baxter says she has found involvement in the volunteer leadership of AHIMA a very rewarding experience. The value of networking, sharing experiences, making a difference and giving back to the profession and community is worthwhile. She hopes her contributions will help the CSA Advisory Task Force to accomplish its charges for 2005.

Webcast symposium: Racial Inequity in Education

The Challenge of Racial Inequity in Education

February 24 and 25

Hosted by the Kirwan Institute, the Ohio State Law Journal, and the Center for Law, Policy and Social Science.

Originating from the Michael E. Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University

Purpose: to discuss the challenge and opportunity set forth in the recent Supreme Court case, *Gutter v. Bolinger*

In this landmark case, the right to use race as a plus factor to achieve diversity in education was upheld, but the opinion also stated that the use of race should remain necessary only for another 25 years. The 25-year goal represents both a challenge and an opportunity to address the many legal, policy, and social issues raised by inequities present in K-12 and higher education.

The conference seeks to facilitate discussions and generate a framework to address these inequities.

Viewing and participating in the webcast is free; however, registration is required. www.moritzlaw.osu.edu/lawjournal/symposium.html.

Wilhelmina "Buddine" Fredericks Stewart (Maacu-Da-Baash)

Wilhelmina "Buddine" Fredericks Stewart entered the spirit world January 29, 2005 at St. Joseph's hospital, Dickinson, ND. Burial was February 2 at Twin Buttes, ND.

Buddine was involved in the development of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC). She was among the first generation of staff members, working for the organization from October 1, 1973 until the early 80's when AIHEC closed its Denver offices. She was the director of AIHEC curriculum and training and assisted in developing Tribal Colleges throughout the nation.

Buddine worked with UTTC President David M. Gipp when he was AIHEC executive director, and later for Dr. Perry G. Horse and Leroy Clifford.

To be included on the UTN mailing list please email: Distribution and Circulation at jwhiteman@uttc.edu

Good turnout for Welcome Back Powwow



Dancing Spirit was one of eight drum groups that provided music for dancers and over 100 spectators during the Welcome Back Powwow January 8. More than 30 Tiny Tots dancers participated. Thanks to the Student Senate, Chemical Health, USDA Extension, NDATG, Center for Student Success and Wellness Activities. Photo by Scott Davis

Welcome Back Powwow results

Jr. Teen Girls

- 1st Alyssa Howling Wolf
- 2nd Shanice Lambert
- 3rd Kelsey Tortalita

Jr Teen Boys

- 1st Brooks Reynolds
- 2nd Donovan Lambert

Womens

- 1st Karen Paetz
- 2nd Delores Hayes
- 3rd Leona White Hat

Mens

- 1st Frank Bullhead
- 2nd Steven White Mountain
- 3rd Addison Baker

Drums

- Standing Sioux, Ft. Yates
- New Town
- Running Antelope, Little Eagle, SD
- Little Shell, New Town, ND
- 3 Nations
- Tatanka Nagi
- Dancing Spirit
- Rock Bottom

4th Annual Indian Child Welfare Conference

February 16 -18
Seven Seas Inn &
Conference Center
Mandan, ND

www.nativeinstitute.org



Announcing the Morris K. Udall Scholarship Program

Submitted by Vince Schanadore

\$5K scholarships in environment, health, or tribal public policy

Deadline is March 3, 2005

(internal institutional deadlines may be earlier)

Eighty \$5,000 scholarships available for sophomore and junior undergraduate students in two categories:

- 1) Native American and Alaska Native students studying fields related to the environment, health care, or tribal public policy are eligible for the scholarship. Native American and Alaska Native scholars have come from such backgrounds as American Indian studies, political science, sociology, geography, anthropology, tribal policy, economic development, government, health care, health sciences, and health policy.
- 2) Any college sophomore or junior studying fields related to the environment. Majors have included environmental engineering, agriculture, biology and other natural sciences, natural resource management, political science, soci-

ology, anthropology, geography, cultural studies, history, public policy, and pre-law. It is anticipated that the candidate's plan of study will include coursework in ethics and public policy and/or public or community service experience in the area of the candidate's career field.

The Udall Scholarship is by nomination only - students must be nominated by the Udall Faculty Representative on campus. Faculty Representative contact information and the application materials are available on our website at http://www.udall.gov/p_sch_reps.asp. Deadline for applications is March 3, 2005. Please contact Foundation Staff with any questions:

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www.udall.gov/p_scholarship.asp

Fargo powwow is February 12

MOORHEAD – The 16th Annual Woodlands and High Plains Powwow, sponsored by Concordia College, Minnesota State University Moorhead and North Dakota State University, is set for Saturday, Feb. 12 on the Concordia College campus, Moorhead, MN.

For the first time, the event will be a contest powwow. Grand entries are scheduled for 1 and 7 p.m. The event is open to the public. Admission is \$3 per person, children under six, senior citizens ages 55 and above are admitted free.

The event takes place at Concordia's Memorial Auditorium. Parking is free and spots will be designated for handicapped, vendors, and elders.

The theme of the powwow is "Where the Woodlands Meet the Plains" and the poster features original artwork by Frank Shorty Rusty Gillette.

More information: Sharon Eagleman, 218-299-4171; Gus Claymore, 218-477-2601; or Jaclynn Walette, 701-231-1029, or visit www4.cord.edu/student/native.

Internship Announcement

Submitted by Vince Schanadore

American University Washington Semester American Indian Program (WINS)

Summer Application Deadline: First Friday of February for priority, accepting students on a rolling basis until March 4.

Intern in Washington, DC in the largest experiential learning program for Native American students, the Washington Semester American Indian Program (WINS). For over 13 years, American University has been hosting American Indian and Alaska Native students in this nationally recognized, academically, professionally, and socially enriching program.

Students work full time in a federal government agency or select pri-

vate internship site, take classes and earn academic credit. Most students receive a full scholarship to cover all program expenses (airfare, housing, meals, tuition, commute) plus a small stipend.

Admission is competitive, so we encourage students to apply early for your best possible placement options. American Indian and Alaska Native students who are enrolled in a college or university as a second semester sophomore, junior, senior, or graduate student with at least a 2.5 and in good academic standing are eligible to apply to participate in WINS.

The program will be May 31-July 30. Go to www.american.edu/wins.

David M. Gipp presentation...

Continued from page 1

Rates of obesity in American Indian children and adolescents are higher than those in all races combined in the United States, he said.

The workshop was titled: "Marketing Strategies that Foster Healthy Food and Beverage Choices in Children and Youth." Representatives of major food and beverage companies also made presentations, as well as media and marketing experts and researchers.

The full text of Gipp's rem. can be seen at the United Tribes website, www.uttc.edu.

Pretty Boy to attend Harvard conference

UTN – United Tribes Technical College student Jason Pretty Boy has been invited to a conference at Harvard University. Pretty Boy is a second year student from Standing Rock studying Tribal Management.



UTN photo Dennis J. Neumann

Jason Pretty Boy testifying February 7 before a committee of the North Dakota State Legislature in Bismarck.

He will attend the fifth Annual Public Policy and Leadership Conference sponsored by Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

In a letter of invitation, Pretty Boy was commended for his leadership and interest in pursuing a career in public service. Pretty Boy is a member of the UTTC Student Senate. He was recently awarded the NIEA Student Scholarship of the Year. He serves on the Student Congress Board of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium. He has been involved in numerous student and community leadership activities, including the recent North Dakota Tribal Voter Education Project.

Pretty Boy will join 50 other students from around the nation attending the three-day conference February 24 – 27 in Cambridge, MA.

New allied health accrediting agency

by Karla Baxter

During 2004, the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) Council on Accreditation and staff has been actively engaged in the development of the Commission on Accreditation For Health Informatics and Information Management Education. CAHIIM is AHIMA's own accreditation organization as established by the House of Delegates in a unanimous vote in summer 2004.

Effective March 1, 2005, the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) Council on Accreditation will separate from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) and will become a free-standing accreditation body as the Commission on Accreditation For Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM). Beginning March 1, 2005, the evaluation and accreditation of all health information management educational programs will be the responsibility of CAHIIM. New CAHIIM accreditation certificates will be issued to all accredited health information management programs by March 2005.

CAHIIM is the newest accrediting organization. They launched their new website on January 3, 2005 (www.cahiim.org). The new Stan-

dards for HIM Program Accreditation will be posted to this site in the near future. You are encouraged to monitor this website and provide comments regarding the new standards during the upcoming public response period. The AHIMA House of Delegates will hear the public response comments and vote on the Standards on or about March 1, 2005.

Students enrolled in an accredited HIM program will not experience any change in their student membership benefits, resource reference opportunities, or graduate eligibility for the credentials examination. The transition to CAHIIM provides accredited HIM programs with great opportunities to improve upon the educational experience, in fact. AHIMA, CAHIIM leadership, and the House of Delegates members are excited about the future of HIM higher education and the ability to offer a new array of resources as well as the formalized accreditation agency CAHIIM represents.

Karla Baxter, RHIA
Health Information Technology Program Chair
North Dakota HIM Association President 2004-05
House of Delegates Member 2004-05

Leadership Through Experience Program Work for Educational Cost UTTC Pilot Project

by Jesi Silbernagel

The Leadership through Experience Program is designed to promote student leadership development while helping students pay for an education. This opportunity will enhance the student's total educational experience through the learning of skills, responsibility, habits, attitudes, and processes associated with employment. It will also create a sense of independence, freedom and accomplishment. Not only will students be able to pay for their educational costs, they will earn income for per-

sonal living expenses as well.

Interested students are asked to meet with Shirley Iron Road at Enrollment Services, ext. 1226. She has the applications and will help students with their resumes. The students have to have explored all other funding before applying. Students will be selected based on need and effort put forth in the interviewing process. If you have any questions about the program, please give Kathy Johnson a call at ext. 1266.

Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community donates over \$10 Million

PRIOR LAKE, MN - The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) has released a report showing the tribe issued over \$10 million in donations last year.

The 24-page report, *Indian Gaming: Working for Indian People and Minnesota*, describes the \$10,278,792 in charitable giving made in fiscal year 2004.

"As Dakota people, we have a long tradition of sharing with others in need so it is important for us to give back to the larger community," said SMSC Chairman Stanley R. Crooks. "Before Indian gaming, our Community lived on dirt roads and many of us struggled to survive. Now we are able to help others."

SMSC donations funded a multi-year housing project for the Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe, and a feasibility study and bed license for elder care for the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa.

The grants included \$1 million in donations for education and youth programs and more than \$1 million to Native American and charitable organizations.

To support and encourage traditional cultural values, the SMSC sponsored 56 cultural events throughout Indian Country. They also funded a number of health care initiatives including two free health care conferences for Native Americans. During the holidays the Community made donations to 33 organizations, which provide food and gifts for families in need.

"When our needs are met, we have the good fortune to assist others," wrote Crooks. "The Business Council is grateful the Tribal membership has authorized sharing financial assistance with others in need."

SMSC is a federally recognized Tribe in Minnesota, which owns and operates Mystic Lake Casino & Hotel, Little Six Casino, Playworks, Dakota! Sport and Fitness, and other enterprises on the reservation south of the Twin Cities.

UTTC Teacher Education Students to participate in NASA conference

by Lisa Azure, Faculty Early Childhood
Director

Five UTTC students have been invited to attend a conference sponsored by NASA February 16-20 in Alexandria, Virginia.

The NASA Langley Pre-Service Teacher Program (PSTP) is a partnership between the Langley Office of Education and Norfolk State University's School of Science & Technology. The goal of the program is to provide Pre-Service teachers opportunities to enhance their knowledge and skill in teaching mathematics and science using technology at the elementary and middle school levels.

The Pre-Service Teacher Conference is held each spring and hosts 600 to 700 elementary & middle school prospective teachers from selected higher education institutions. Students are exposed to invigorating general sessions and hands-on workshops. The PSTC culminates with a Career Day where students have the opportunity to interview with recruiters from public schools and graduate schools from across the country.

UTTC students attending are Tanya Mendoza (Turtle Mountain), Deb Davis (Turtle Mountain), Karen Little Wind (Spirit Lake), Celeste Phelps (Bismarck), and Melissa LaFontaine (Turtle Mountain) as Ambassador. Peggy Kauffmann, UTTC faculty, will be accompanying the students as their advisor.

The Pre-Service Teacher Conference and the Pre-Service Teacher Institutes are made possible through funding from the Office of Equal Opportunity Programs, Minority University Research and Education Division, NASA Headquarters.

President's Day!

Monday, February 21
No Classes/No Work

Grant Announcements

Submitted by Vince Schanandore

☆ American Indian Health Professions Grants:

• Indian Health Professions Pregraduate Scholarship Program
<http://www.raconline.org>

• Indian Health Professions Preparatory Scholarship

<http://www.raconline.org>

• Indian Health Professions Scholarship Program

<http://www.raconline.org>

Application deadline: Mar 28, 2005

☆ HIV/AIDS grants

Foundation Funding Guide: HIV/AIDS Lists state and national foundations with an interest in HIV/AIDS.

Organization: National Association of County and City Health

Officials <http://www.naccho.org>

Thunderbirds Basketball Schedule



Feb. 18

Dawson Community College*

M/W 6 p.m. 8 p.m.

Feb. 23

Bismarck State College

M/W 6 p.m. 8 p.m.

* Home Game

Building Bridges for Smarter Communities, Safer Students

Thursday, March 3

7:30 am - 5 pm

Radisson Inn Downtown

- United Tribes Technical College
- Bismarck State University
- University of Mary

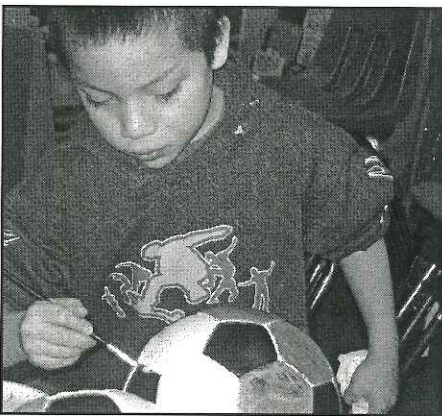
TJES Tidbits: Science Fair • Ski Trip • Shake Up • Speaker

by Carol Melby

The North Dakota Native American Science Fair was held on Monday, January 17. TJES sent fifteen students from grade 4-8 to compete. Students competing were: Grade 4-Amy LaBlanc, Byron Everett, Marissa Crazy Thunder; Grade 5-Michael Cooley, Preston Smith, Cole Carl-



son; Grade 6-Alysha Crazy Thunder, Michelle Cooley; Grade 7-Shanese Parisien, Alyssa Elk Shoulder, Casancra Saucedo; and Grade 8-Joshua Mountain, Francis Cubois, James Ducois, Jaron Noisy Hawk. Judges evaluated each project according to: 1) Creative Ability; 2) Scientific Approach, 3) Thoroughness, 4) Skill and 5) Clarity. Four TJES students were awarded medals: Michael Cooley-



3rd place in Engineering; Joshua Mountain-3rd place in Earth & Space Science; Jaron Noisy Hawk-3rd place in Engineering and James Dubois-1st place in Earth & Space Science. Gold medalist James Dubois will ad-

vance to compete in the National American Indian Science & Engineering Fair, held in Albuquerque, New Mexico in March. Congratulations to all!

Every year TJES has a local science fair, and it's never too early for students and parents to be planning for the next Science Fair. TJES staff has access to books about Science Fair projects, ask if you'd like ideas for the TJES 2005 Science Fair.

On February, 21, Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8 traveled to Huff Hills for their annual TJES ski trip. We understand a good time was had by all as indicated by the pictures. Ask our students about their experiences with skiing!

We encourage all TJES stu-



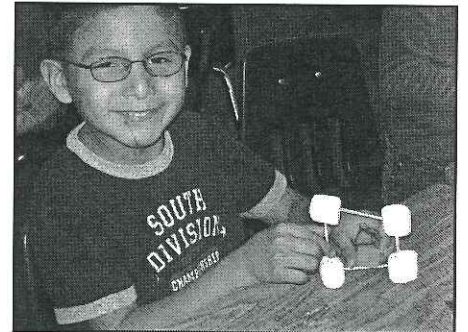
dents and their families to attend the February Parent Breakfast to be held February 9th from 7:45 to 8:15 at the UTTC Cafeteria. We hope to see you there.

Saturday Shake-Up was held on January 29th. Students meet at the TJES Elementary School at 10:00 AM for a fun filled day. The younger students began activities by listening to The Greedy Triangle, which was



UTN photos by Mark Anderson & Carol Melby

about shapes and designs. Students then made their own shapes and designs with marshmallows, straws, and pretzels. Ask our students about



some of the designs they made. After students made designs on paper, they then began painting their designs onto their very own soccer balls! While the paint dried, students had a sack lunch and then traveled to Midway Lanes to bowl. It was reported a good time was had by all!

On Monday, January 24, Faith Spotted Eagle was on campus and spoke to TJES staff and others that were interested. Faith is from Yankton, SD and speaks about oppression and how it equates to "Red Rage". She has addressed groups across the United States on this important subject. Faith's schedule is very busy for the remainder of the year, so watch for her at your next conference. If anyone would like a handout we have extras at the elementary.

'Spring Break' offered for tribal vocational training personnel

BISMARCK, ND – Personnel involved in adult vocational training for American Indians can attend a "spring break" gathering this year. The three-day event, sponsored by United Tribes Technical College, is set for March 14 –16 at Mystic Lake Casino and Hotel, Prior Lake, MN.

"We think that adult vocational trainers need a little break at spring time too," said Kathy Johnson, UTTC director of Enrollment Services. "It's open to anyone from around the region or the country who can take a break to brush up on the latest developments."

The conference theme is "Supporting Student Success." The focus will be job training and placement for American Indian adult learners. Participants will learn about vocational funding, and how to operate an effective vocational training and placement office.

One of the daily keynote presenters will be Tex G. Hall, President of the National Congress of American Indians. Hall's talk will provide the most recent perspective on funding for American Indian higher education and vocational training programs.

The conference will feature daily wellness and social activities.

The conference registration fee is \$300. The hotel rate is \$59. For more information or to register, contact Wes Long Feather, 701-255-3285 x 1218 or wlongfeather@uttc.edu.

For room reservations contact Mystic Lake Hotel, 200 Mystic Lake Boulevard, Prior Lake, MN, 55372, 1-800-813-7349.

Men's Health Day Wednesday, March 17

Department informational booths welcome on a topic related to men's health
Please contact Sharlene, x 1409

SPRING BREAK 2005 Annual AVT & Higher Education Conference "Supporting Student Success"

March 14th

- 7 am Yoga/ Light Walk-UTTC Wellness Center
- 8-9 am Registration- (Full Breakfast provided)
- 9-9:15 am **Prayer and Welcome**
Russell Swagger, Dean of Student and Campus Services, United Tribes Technical College
- 9:15-10 am **Opening Remarks**
Dr. David M. Gipp, President of United Tribes Technical College
Chairman Stanley R. Crooks, Shokopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (invited)
- 10-11 am **"P.L. 102-477"**
Lynn Forcia, Chief, Division of Workforce, Department of Interior, Office of the Assistant Secretary Indian Affairs
- 11-12 pm **"Employment & Training Updates"**
Brenda Davis, Director, AVT Turtle Mountain
- 12-1 pm Lunch on your own
- 1-2 pm **"P.L. 638 Contracts"**
Thomas Disslehorst, Legal Council, United Tribes Technical College
- 2-3 pm **"Innovation in Education"**
Leah Woodke, Director, On-Line Distant Education, United Tribes Technical College Tribes
- 3-3:30 pm Break (provided)
- 3:30-4:30 pm **"Impact of GPRA/PART on AVT"**
Twila Martin-Kekahbah, Director of Research and Development, United Tribes Technical College

March 15th

- 7 am Yoga/ Light Walk-UTTC Wellness Center
- 8-8:45 am Coffee/Juice Registration (provided)
- 8:45-9 am **Opening Remarks-Agenda Overview**
Russell Swagger, Dean of Student and Campus Services, United Tribes Technical College
- 9-10:30 am **"Federal Updates on Employment & Training Programs"**
Athena Brown, Division Chief, US Department of Labor, Employment & Training, Division of Indian & Native American Programs
- 10:30-10:45 am Break (provided)
- 10:45-12 pm **"Tribal P.L. 477"**
Leo Cummings, Director, P.L. 477, Three Affiliated Tribes
- 12-1 pm Lunch on your own
- 1-2 pm **"Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Rules & Regulations"**
Lorenda Sanchez, Executive Director, California Indian Manpower Consortium (CIMC), Sacramento, CA
- 2-3 pm **"Legislation & section 166 – WIA Reauthorization"**
Carol Sample, Executive Director, Spotted Eagle, Inc. Milwaukee, WI
- 3-3:15 pm Break (provided)
- 3:15-4 pm **"Updates in Higher Education"**
Deanne Lawrence, Director, Education Services, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
- 4-6 pm Break
- 6 pm **SPRING BREAK 2005 Social and Supper (provided)**

March 16th

- 7 am Yoga/ Light Walk-UTTC Wellness Center
- 8:30-9 am Coffee/Juice; Opening Remarks
- 9-10 am **National Perspective on Funding"**
Tex G. Hall, NCAI President
- 10-11 am **"Model Office"**
Jolene Cross White, Director, 477 Program, Spirit Lake Nation, North Dakota
- 11-12 pm **"Making Lemonade from Fry Bread Oil"**
Mark Mindt, Positivity Consultant
- 12-1 pm **Lunch (provided) Evaluations and wrap up Q&A**
Kathy Johnson, Enrollment Services Director, UTTC
Robert Parisien, Financial Aid Director, UTTC

Hall describes Indian agenda

Submitted by Tiffany R. Johnson

The leader of the National Congress of American Indians has laid out a broad agenda aimed at improving the lives of the first Americans.



"We call upon Congress to fund Indian education programs at least at the same level as other education programs," said Tex Hall, President of the National Congress of American Indians. Hall delivered the third annual State of Indian Nations Address on February 3 at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. The full text of his remarks is posted at the NCAI website www.ncai.org, along with a detailed explanation and analysis of the FY 2006 tribal budget request.

In the third annual State of Indian Nations address February 3, NCAI President Tex G. Hall cited a Harvard University study showing dramatic gains in the economic well being of tribal people. Income levels rose by 33 percent in the 1990s and the poverty rate dropped by seven percent, he said.

But Hall, who is also chairman of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation of North Dakota, pointed out

there's much to be accomplished.

"The glass is only half full," he told the audience at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. "Income average of Indians living on reservations is still less than half of the national average. Indian unemployment is still double the rest of the country."

Hall identified areas where he said changes are needed. From economic development to housing to trust reform, he called on the United States government to fulfill its responsibilities to American Indians and Alaska Natives, and to ensure tribes continue moving forward.

"If tribes are to continue to be successful, we must have access to all tools that are also available to other governments," he said.

As the Bush administration enters its second term and the 109th Congress moves forward under a greater Republican majority, Hall said NCAI would work with members of both parties to advance a pro-tribal agenda.

"It is a negative trend that we're seeing" in funding for Indian programs, he said during a question and answer period after the speech.

To coincide with the address, NCAI released its own proposed budget covering various agencies and includes specific dollar amounts for key programs.

IT News

E-mail rumor true

by Marla Trail

In an effort to keep the campus up to date on our current and ongoing projects, the IT Department will be sharing our goals and timelines as well as some tips that we think may be helpful to you, the user.

You may have heard some buzz around campus that UTTC will be providing students with e-mail accounts. This rumor is true and we plan to have this service available for the summer semester. We will be setting up accounts for students during registration on May 16. This should prove useful in improving communications between the student body and UTTC faculty and staff.

News from the world of Jenzabar includes four modules of JICS, (Jenzabar Internet Campus Solutions,) going live March 1 through 4: Faculty, Student, Candidate and Staff. JICS will make some of the features of Jenzabar available to the user through the use of the Internet Explorer Web Browser.

Faculty module connects faculty and advisors with the vital student information they need. It provides a place to view class lists and input grades as well. This allows faculty and advisors to interact more responsively with their students.

Student module gives the students the ability to review personal data, class schedules, grades, course work history and graduation progress.

Candidate module offers the ability to simplify the admissions process by providing the interface needed to stay connected and interact with prospective students throughout the application process.

Staff module provides UTTC with the ability to route purchase requests, enter timesheet information and do budget inquiries.

Also, on March 29 the campus will upgrade to Jenzabar Version 2. More information will be available in the next newsletter on this.

Organizing underway for science group

UTN – Students interested in technology and science are invited to join and help organize a newly formed UTTC chapter of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES).

Environmental Science Instructor Mike Collins and Tutor/Instructor



Mike Collins is co-advisor for the campus science group.

Leona White Hat will be the group's co-advisors.

The group has begun organizing by working on AISES governing guidelines and codes, selecting officers and a UTTC chapter name, and considering attending upcoming science conferences. The group is already involved in fundraising by operating the concession stand at Thunderbirds basketball games.

For more information contact Mike Collins at extension 1322 or Leona White Hat 1467.

Food Safety Certification Course

by Pat Aune

Experienced food service workers and managers, daycare workers, food vendors, and private restaurant owners are encouraged to attend the nationally recognized ServSafe course that will be held at United Tribes Technical College, March 7, 8 and 9.

This "Hands-On" Food Safety Institute is an active approach to learning safe food handling procedures. Participants will take the national ServSafe exam. The exam documents knowledge of health problems caused by poor food handling, hand-washing and personal hygiene, food codes and business issues, cleaning and sanitation procedures and times and temperatures for cooking, serving and storing foods.

UTTC instructor, Pat Aune will teach the course. The \$125 fee includes the ServSafe Coursebook, Third Edition, printed resources and UTTC's Together, Sharing Food Safety CD. For registration information contact Aune at 701-255-3285 x 1399 or e-mail paune@uttc.edu.

The institute is sponsored by UTTC's Land Grant Extension Program with funding from the USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES) National Integrated Food Safety Initiative.

UTTC Professional Development Day

Friday, March 18



Sponsored by Professional Development Committee, UTTC Administration, and Continuing Education Division
More information Leah Woodke, Jen Janecek, Karla Baxter

Slopes provide winter fun



A handful of UTTC students braved the slopes at Tom O'Leary Golf Course in Bismarck January 9 for some winter fun. Rosy cheeks and runny noses were restored with some hot coco and cookies. The outing was sponsored by the UTTC Wellness Center and the Center for Student Success. Photo by Scott Davis

Scholarships

AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

The American Chemical Society Scholars Program will award scholarships to undergraduate students interested in four-year degrees in the chemical sciences; those interested in transferring from two-year colleges to four-year colleges to pursue chemical science degrees; and two-year students intending to pursue degrees in chemical technology. High school seniors who will be entering college are also eligible. The scholarship is valued at up to \$2500 per academic year for freshmen, and up to \$3000 per academic year for sophomores, juniors, and seniors. All awards must be received no later than March 1, 2005. Applications can be picked up at the financial aid office or visit <http://chemistsrv.org/scholarships> for more information.

NORTH DAKOTA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

The North Dakota Education Association announces the following two scholarships

- The Minority Affairs Scholarships are offered by the NDEA Minority Affairs Commission to encourage and assist minority students to enter the profession of teaching.
- The NDEA Foundation Scholarships will be awarded to outstanding education students by the foundation, which is a separate non-profit corporation. The foundation scholarships will include the Bill Oban Special Education Scholarship. The requirements are listed on the application forms, which can be found on the NDEA website www.ndea.org; -- go to Teaching/Learning. Deadline is March 15, 2005

THE SALLIE MAE FUND

The Sallie Mae Fund Unmet Need Scholarship Program: The Unmet Need Scholarship Program is intended to help financial aid officers meet the needs of full-time, undergraduate students whose financial aid packages fall short by \$1000 or more. Unmet Need Scholarships provide a "Last Dollar" resource when no other funds are available. Applications are now available online at www.salliemae.org. Deadline is April 15, 2005

MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Native American and Alaska Native students studying fields related to the environment, health care, or tribal policy are eligible for the scholarship. Native American and Alaska Native scholars have come from such backgrounds as American Indian Studies, political science, sociology, geography, anthropology, tribal policy, economic development, government, health care, health science, health science, and health policy. Any college sophomore or junior studying fields related to the environment. Majors have included environmental engineering, agriculture, biology and other natural sciences, natural resource management, political science, sociology, anthropology, geography, cultural studies, history, public policy, and pre-law. It is anticipated that the candidate's plan of study will include coursework in ethics and public policy and/or public or community service experience in the area of the candidate's career field. The Udall Scholarship is by nomination only. Please visit the financial aid office for details. Deadline is February 28, 2005

VFW Post #1326 War Veterans Scholarship

The Bismarck Veterans of Foreign Wars Post # 1326 will sponsor a scholarship for a veteran or a family member (spouse, children, step-child, grand-child, step-grand child) that have a financial need, outstanding academic performance, and from the Burleigh/Morton Counties with a North Dakota resident preferred. The one scholarship is for \$1000 for the next academic school year. The deadline is May 1, 2005. Contact the financial aid office for the application and criteria.

MICHAEL CALDWELL, JOSEPH EVE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Native Americans with an interest in Information Technology will be given preference. Applicants must be children of need. Applicants may be either high school seniors, high school graduates or first year college undergraduates enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time course of study at an accredited two-year and/or four-year college or university. Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of need, academic achievement, leadership, and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, statement of educational and career goals, and recommendation by an adult. Students must complete an application (requested from Joseph Eve) and mail it along with a complete high school or college transcript of grades to Michael Caldwell Scholarship Committee, postmarked no earlier than March 1, and no later than May 15, 2005. Contact: Michael Caldwell, Joseph Eve Scholarship Fund, 410 Central Avenue, Suite 414, Great Falls, MT. 59401, Telephone: 406-727-1798

(HHS) INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Health Professions Scholarship awards are made to American Indian (state recognized tribal members, federally recognized tribal members, and first and second degree descendants of tribal members), or Alaska Natives who: • Have successfully completed high school education or high school equivalency; and • Have been accepted for enrollment in a accredited two-year or four-year college or university; and • Must be pursuing a course of study in a health profession as defined in section 4(n) of the IHCSA. Approximately 200 awards will be made with the average award at approximately \$23,000. Application Deadline is March 28, 2005. Applications have been requested to be sent to the financial aid office, and the office of Dennis Renville. Please check checking for the applications arrival, or contact: Ms. Kim Lawrence, HIS Co., Aberdeen Area HIS, 115 4th Avenue, SE, Aberdeen, SD 57401, Telephone: 605-226-7535

THE LEONARD BEAR KING SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. Biron Baker and Wife Sheri Baker have contributed funding to start this scholarship as well as an endowment in the name of the late Mr. Leonard Bear King. Students enrolled in the Office Technology or Early Childhood Education vocations are eligible. Students can be enrolled in either the two-year or four-year program. To be eligible for the scholarship, the student must be enrolled in a federally recognized tribe, or be able to verify she/he is a descendant of a federally recognized tribe, or have Native American dependents, or be able to provide evidence of strong cultural ties to a Native American Community. The scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$500 for the spring 2005 semester. Deadline is March 1, 2005, applications can be picked up at the financial aid office.

Companion characters emerge in new edition of Indian Superhero comic book

by Dennis J. Neumann

UTN – When last we left our hero, he was getting to know his new companion, Benny the Rez Dog. Now, in the colorful pages of a new edition of the comic book series, KODA The Warrior, Benny is along for adventure right from the start and other companions join the battle too.

Illustrator Mark L. Mindt has grown the cast of characters who join KODA, an American Indian Superhero, in the third edition of the educational comic book series. KODA means “friend” in the Dakota language. Mindt introduced the action hero to school audiences in two previous volumes.

This story, Healing Time, begins on the Couer D’ Alene Reservation in Idaho and leads through Wyoming, Montana and North Dakota.

“Benny the Rez Dog is now the traveling companion,” said Mindt. “Like KODA, when the need arises, he assumes the shape of another creature with super powers. He shifts into his secret identity as The Coyote.”

In this adventure, KODA and Benny face an abusive husband, grocery store robbers and a drunk driver, touching on the themes of domestic violence, law enforcement, and personal



Fourth grade student Mercedes Gourneau discusses an idea for her comic strip with illustrator Mark L. Mindt, creator of the KODA The Warrior comic books.

choices. The ever-present character, Negativity, representing the dark side of human nature, threatens to destroy the heroes throughout.

Along the way Mindt introduces readers to four new companion characters, The Strong Hearts.

“They come directly from tribal culture,” said Mindt, an enrolled member of the Spirit Lake Nation. “Tribes have

Strong Heart societies that provide a positive influence. And that’s the basis of these new characters. They’re going to help KODA and Benny in their adventures and become role models for young readers.”

Mindt uses the KODA comic books in his work as an instructor at Theodore Jamerson Elementary School on the campus of United Tribes Technical College.

“This idea of modeling positive American Indian values is so important,” said Mindt. “Using the comic book format has proved to be a good way to reach youngsters of any background.”

The books have been distributed throughout the Midwest. Mindt speaks to school groups and other organizations, spreading a positive message and good character values. Part of his presentation shows young people how to tell their own stories. He demonstrates tips and techniques for how to draw in the comic book format.

All three KODA The Warrior comic books, The Beginning, Fighting Negativity, and Healing Time, are available from Pony Gulch Publishing, PO Box 276, Harvey, ND 58341, phone 701-471-6257, kodathewarrior@yahoo.com



Illustrator Mark L. Mindt shares drawing tips and techniques with students at Theodore Jamerson Elementary School in Bismarck using his KODA The Warrior comic books. The newest edition of the American Indian Superhero comic book series is titled Healing Time. UTN photos Dennis J. Neumann.

Newly elected student leaders take office



UTTC photo Dennis J. Neumann

The newly elected leaders of UTTC student government are, from Treasurer LaRae Landreaux (Cheyenne River) Art/Art Marketing, President Kevin Mentz (Standing Rock) Construction Technology, Secretary Antonia Eagle Shield (Standing Rock) Criminal Justice, and Parliamentarian Christy Yellow Boy (Yankton Sioux Tribe) Office Technology. Not pictured Vice President Terrance Medicine Crow (Standing Rock) Tribal Management and Historian Juanita Arellano (Three Affiliated) Early Childhood Education. All were elected to a one-year term.

The February 1 student election is timed to provide student officers with an opportunity to gain experience and confidence in office prior to Fall Semester, when effective student leadership is so important to the start the school year.

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