

Graduates have economic earning power

BISMARCK (UTN) – The largest graduating class in school history was honored during a commencement ceremony at United Tribes Technical College. Friends, relatives and college officials gathered May 6 on the campus in Bismarck to congratulate 114 students who earned degrees and certificates in different academic and vocational programs.

“Because of you, we can wipe out poverty in Indian Country in 10 years,” said keynote speaker Cecilia Fire Thunder, Oglala Sioux Tribal Chair. “As graduates you’re going to contribute to wiping out poverty with your skills and knowledge. You’ll be of service to your community and you’ll take care of yourself and your family. So, for every graduate in Indian Country we’re beginning the journey to ending poverty.”

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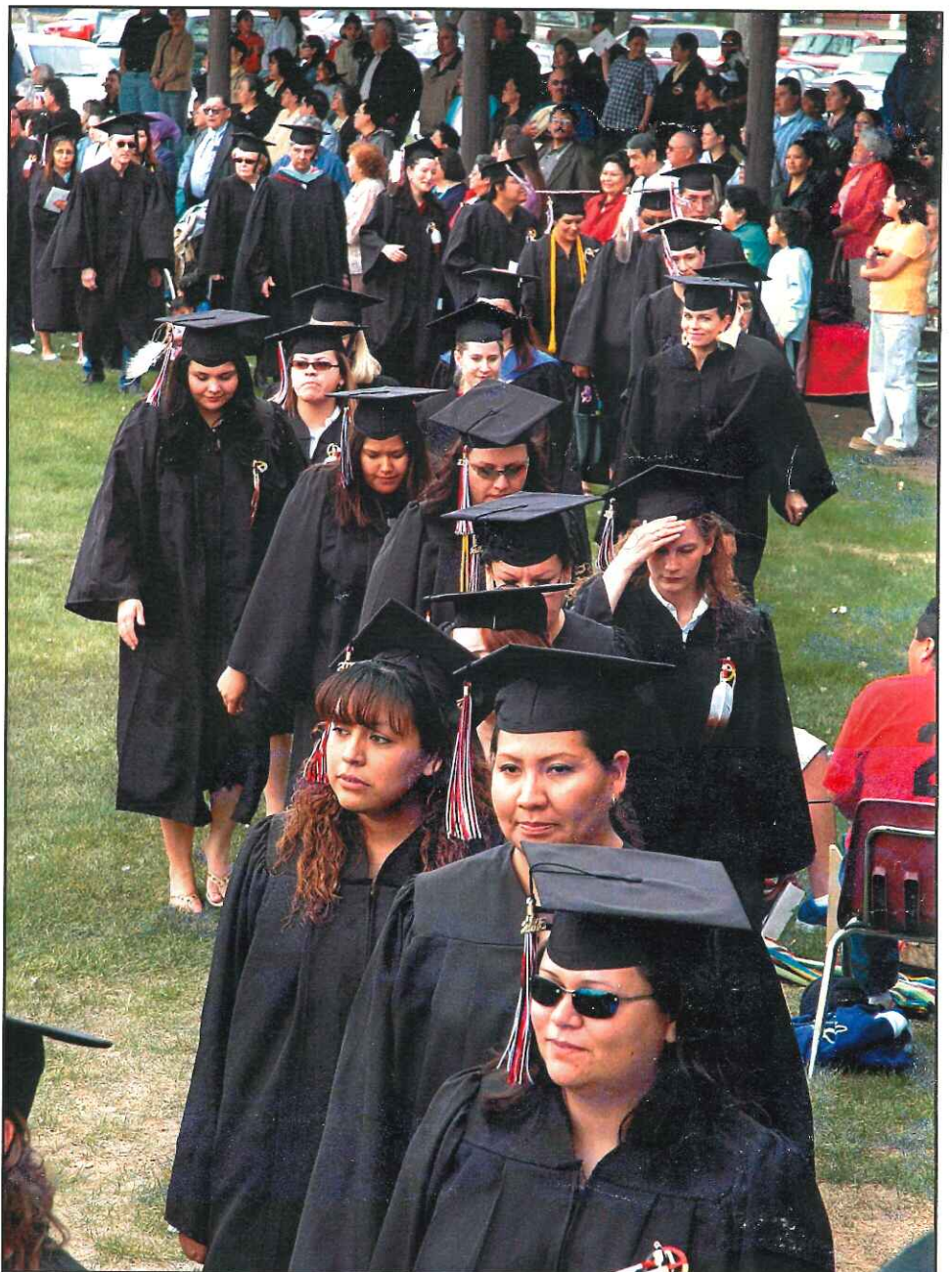
UTTC funding progress

UTTC is back in the Department Of Interior budget on the House side in Congress. House Appropriations reported the D-O-I budget out of committee May 10. The bill provides no increase but restores UTTC funding for FY 2006 to the level of the current fiscal year.

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UTTC Class of 2005 honored



Lined up by program with nursing students in the foreground, the largest UTTC graduating class stretched almost the entire way around the perimeter of Lone Star Arena dance arbor on the college campus. UTN photo Dennis J. Neumann



LeROI Laundreaux's Cafeteria Menu

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

Cafeteria is open all summer!

LUNCH		DINNER		LUNCH		DINNER	
M	Chili & Garlic Toast	M	Roast Beef Potatoes	M	Chicken Fried Steak	M	Meatloaf & Baked Potato
W	Taco Salad	W	Chicken & Baked Potato	W	Chicken Stir Fry	W	Swiss Steak & Potatoes
T	Swedish Meatballs	T	Individual Pizza	T	Baked Chicken & Potatoes	T	Swiss Steak & Noodles
F	French Dip & Sandwich	F	Chicken Breast & Wild Rice	F	Sloppy Joe & Tater Tots	F	Roast Pork & Potatoes
	Knepple Soup & Sandwich		Burrito & Spanish Rice		Chicken Nuggets		Shrimp & Wild Rice
							Roasted Pork & Potatoes
							Chili & Tater Roll
							Chicken & Baked Potato
							Chicken Burger & Soup
							Submarine Sandwich
							Tater Tot Hotdish

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They're talking openly about it now



UTN photo Dennis J. Neumann

With a broken heart, Jenny Eagle of Fort Yates shows North Dakota U. S. Senator Byron Dorgan photos of her son May 2 at a Senate Indian Affairs Committee field hearing in Bismarck. Ted Eagle Jr., age 16, took his own life in January. A reported 10 suicides occurred on Standing Rock in 2004; the origins of the cluster trace as far back as 1997. Knowing about Standing Rock and after learning about the prevalence of suicide clusters on reservations elsewhere, Dorgan convened the hearing. "We have to begin looking at this problem square in the eye and talk about solutions," Dorgan said during the hearing. "It's a very, very quiet about it." The suicide rate among American Indian teens in the Great Plains is 10 times higher than the national average. At Standing Rock, social stigma and fear of contagion have limited open discussions. Dorgan plans a follow-up hearing set for June 15 in Washington, DC.

KODA THE WARRIOR™ "End of the Semester"

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Exercise, playing, and reflecting on things we have done.

Well Benny, summer is almost here and we need to find things to do to keep busy. What could we do?

Oh yeah! We do need to travel and meet new, wonderful people on our journey. So this fall when school begins again, we have many new stories to tell everyone!

So get your seat belt buckled, we have to go, Benny!

See you all in August. Be Safe. Be Well. HOKA-HEY!!!

Thank you for reading KODA the Warrior.

Toolbox Training

BISMARCK (UTN) – “Clinical Evaluation Screening” in the field of addiction counseling is the topic of a training session Friday, May 27 for substance abuse counselors throughout North Dakota. The session is part of the “Toolbox Training Series,” presented by Prairielands Addiction Technology Transfer Centers.

Training covers crisis management, data gathering, screening instruments, motivation, drug therapies, treatment options and action plans. The presenter is Candace Peters, MA, CADC.

This training is geared for entry-level substance abuse counselors and for more experienced counselors seeking to “brush-up” on skills. The 12 module “toolbox” series began in March with monthly sessions; it concludes in 2006.

Toolbox Training is an addiction-counseling curriculum based on the SAMHSA TAP #21, “Addiction Counseling Competencies.”

Peters’ one-half-day session, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., originates in Iowa and is presented in Iowa and North Dakota over each state’s Interactive Video Network (IVN). The IVN site in room 210 of the Jack Barden Center at United Tribes Technical College will be used. Additional sites are sought. The training carries 4.5 CEUs per session and a registration fee.

To review a brochure and/or register online, visit the Prairielands Addiction Technology Transfer Center website, <http://www.patcc.org> or call Ros at 319-335-5368. Prairielands is a network of addiction technology centers.

For more information or to add a site in North Dakota, contact Julie Creed, Prairielands ND Coordinator, United Tribes Technical College, 3315 University Drive, Bismarck, ND 58504, 701-255-3285 x 1410, jcreed@uttc.edu.

UTTC Summer camp out set for July 12 - 13

BISMARCK (UTN) – United Tribes Technical College will host a summer campout Tuesday and Wednesday, July 12 – 13 on the college campus in Bismarck. The event features an evening around the campfire and a night in a Tipi or tent.

Young people from around the region are invited to attend. Meals will be served. Participants need only bring toiletries, a blanket roll and a pillow. UTTC dormitory rooms will be available for those who wish to sleep indoors.

The event is an opportunity for high school students to experience a fun-filled introduction to the college campus. School organized group visits are invited.

More information contact Kathy Johnson or Justin DeCoteau 701-255-3285 x 1266 or jdecoteau@uttc.edu.

Tuesday, July 12

8:00-12:00	Arrival/Set up
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:30	Welcome & Registration
1:30-2:00	Scholarship Presentation
	Bubble Gum Contest
2:30-4:30	Team Egg Toss
2:00-2:30	Ice Cream Break
4:30-5:00	Break
5:00-6:00	Cookout
6:00-7:00	Campus Tours
7:00-8:00	Volleyball/Softball/ Horseshoes
9:00-11:00	Movie and Popcorn
11:00-12:00	Campfire/Smores/spooky stories
1:00 a.m.	Lights out/Bed checks

Wednesday, July 13

10:00-12:00	Brunch
12:00-12:15	Evaluation
12:15-1:00	Departure

schedule subject to change

Contact: Kathy Johnson or Justin DeCoteau
255-3285 x1266

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Summer jobs available

by Bob Parisien, Financial Aid Director

The Financial Aid Office and the Leadership Through Experience Program have plenty of positions open during summer school. Please let us know if you know of any students that need funding or want to earn spending money. Have them stop by the Financial Aid office to see if they're eligible. Work Study pays \$6 per hour.

Visit with Shirley Iron Road about the leadership program, which pays \$4 toward school costs and \$4 to the student, for a total of \$8 per hour.

We would like to get the students started the first day of summer classes, May 16. Thanks!

More information: Financial Aid Office, 701-255-3285 x 1209, Fax 701-530-0611, bparisien@uttc.edu.

ATTENTION

The work-study program at the Financial Aid office along with the Leadership Through Experience Program will have plenty of positions available during the summer school program.

The work-study program pays \$6.00 per hour and applications can be obtained at the Financial Aid Office to determine eligibility.

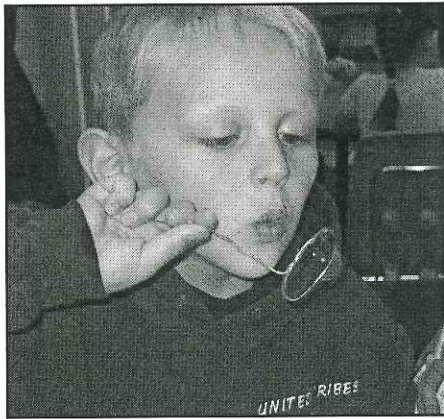
The Leadership Through Experience program pays \$4.00 toward school costs and \$4.00 to the student for a total of \$8.00 per hour. Applications for this program can be obtained in Shirley Iron Road's office located upstairs from the Financial Aid Office.

If any students are interested in either of these programs please complete the applications as soon as possible. We would like to have the students started the first day of summer classes.

TJES Tidbits: Literacy • Lyceum • Zoo • Powwow

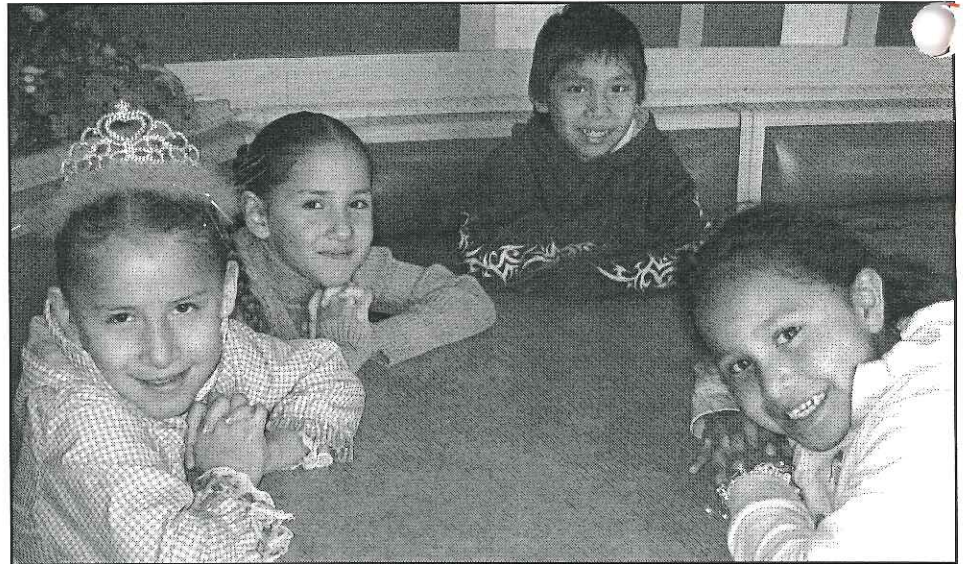
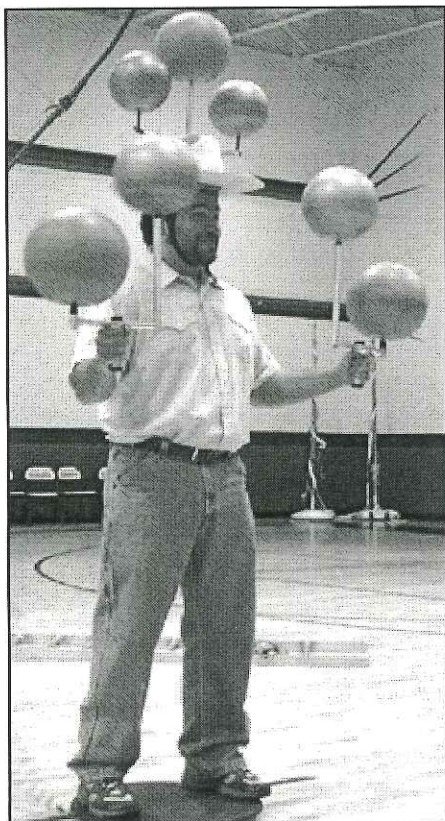
by Carol Melby

These last few weeks have been very busy at TJES. TJES students listened to and were very impressed by Chief Iron Bear's message on Wednesday, April 13. On Thursday, TJES students attended the Wellness Fair in the large gym on the UTTC Campus. Following the Fair, many TJES students were actually in the bus that Chief Iron Bear pulled. What a ride!



UTN photos Carol Melby

The last Saturday Literacy Club of the 04-05 school year was held April 16th. A special thank you to all the families who have participated in this program during the past year.



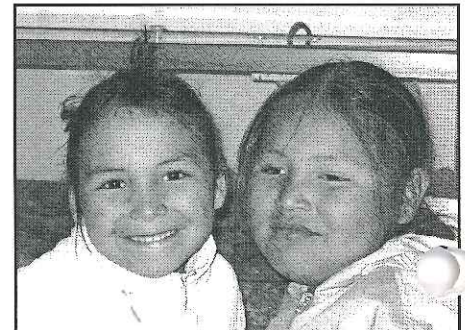
TJES students attended two lyceums recently. TJES teacher Mr. Mindt participated in the magic show "What's Up" as well as some TJES students. TJES students were excited to watch the magic show as well as the steel drum performance by Lord Echo.



The last Saturday Shake-up was held April 30. Students enjoyed a variety of events, including making and blowing bubbles, listening to stories, eating at McDonald's and going to the zoo. Even though it was rather cool riding the "train", students enjoyed seeing the animals and the "hands on" activities.

The TJES Track and Field Day was held Wednesday, May 4th at the BSC Bowl. Students participated in various activities—ask them which was their favorite activity.

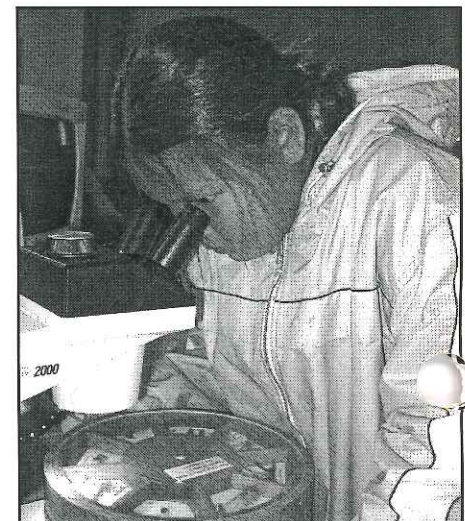
The TJES Pow Wow was held Thursday, May 5th at the Lone Star Area at UTTC. TJES students were encouraged to dress in regalia. The 8th grade graduating class students



were honored at that time and diplomas were presented.

The last TJES Parent Breakfast was held Wednesday, May 11. The TJES staff has enjoyed meeting and visiting with the TJES families.

Summer School will again be held at TJES. If you are interested in having your student attend, please call TJES (255-3285 ext 1304) for more detailed information.



Native American culture courses offered

BISMARCK (UTN) – United Tribes Technical College is offering a selection of Native American culture courses during Summer Semester beginning May 16.

Known collectively as the Native American Cultural Interest and Enrichment Program, the courses are designed to meet continuing education requirements for teachers and provide a cultural learning experience for first first-time college students.

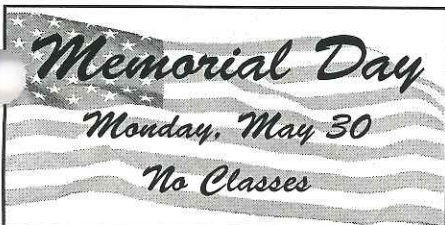
Native American Studies (SOC 275) is an introductory course that establishes a working knowledge of tribal nations by focusing on culture, history and pertinent issues. The course is taught by Leona White Hat (Rosebud Sioux Nation).

Leadership Development in Special Tribal Initiatives (TRM 120), instructor Bobbi Zueger (Mandan/Hidatsa/Arikara Nation), is a leadership preparation course about tribal governments and communities. The course focuses on leadership skills development, action research methods, community organizing, and networking and mentoring.

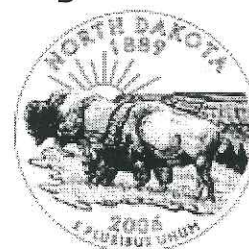
Tribal Interpretation (TRT 150) is an introductory course to develop skill at articulating and interpreting tribal culture and history at public visitation sites. The course is taught by Dakota Goodhouse (Standing Rock Sioux Nation).

The three are offered from May 16 to June 17. Classes run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

For more information contact Bobbi Zueger at 701-255-3285 x 1257, bzueger@uttc.edu. UTTC is an equal opportunity educational institution and does not discriminate in admissions or access to educational programs and activities.



Geese or Buffalo – make your choice



BISMARCK – The state is taking public input about the final design of the North Dakota quarter. The question for you is: Will it be bison in the Badlands or geese in flight? The North Dakota Quarter Commission has it narrowed down to two final designs that come from themes submitted by the public.

The commission asks that you

tell them which you prefer and why. Your comment must be received no later than May 24.

You may express your opinion online: <http://governor.state.nd.us/quarter/>

Or you can mail comments to: State Quarter Commission, Office of the Governor, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58505.

Graduate Early

Pick up a class over Summer
May 16 to July 6

Art/Art Marketing
Intro to Editing
Graphic Design Fundamentals
Animation/Sequential Art
Art Internship

Automotive Service Technology
Advanced Automotive Systems

Biology
Anatomy & Physiology II

Office Technology
Database Applications
Spreadsheet Applications

Computer Information Technology
Fundamentals of Web Design
Information Technology Essentials
Internship

Criminal Justice
Fitness & Firearms
Community Policing
Juvenile Justice

Communications
Speech

Computer Science
Introduction to Computers

Construction Technology
Carpentry III

Early Childhood Education
Child, Family & Community Relations

Elementary Education
Intro to Exceptional Education
Geography for Teachers
Computers in Education

English
English for Careers
Composition
English for Elementary Teachers
Foundations
Success Strategies for Online
Career Success

First Aid
First Aid/CPR

History
U.S. History since 1877

Health Information Technology
Health Care Stats
Professional Practice Experience I & II
HIT Applications

Injury Prevention

Intro to Public Health
Practicum in Injury Prevention

Math
General Math

Nursing
Drug Calculations
Basic Concepts of Nursing

Nutrition & Food Service
Food Service Practicum I
Nutrition Practicum II

Psychology
Introduction to Psychology

Small Business Management
Intro to Small Business Management

Sociology
Introduction to Sociology
Native American Studies

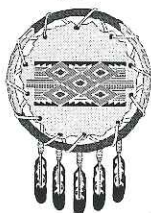
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Registration open through May 27

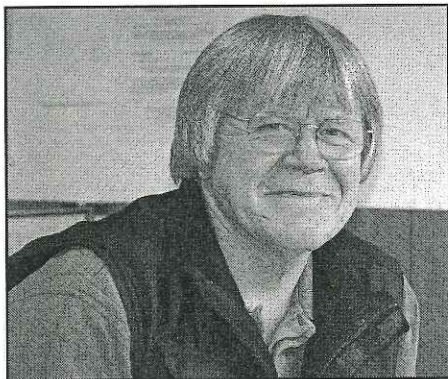


Raymo named UTTC Purchasing Agent

by Shirley A. Bordeaux, Dean of Finance

David L. Raymo, former supervisor of Property and Supply, has been named Purchasing Agent for United Tribes Technical College.

He assumed the position April 25 and will soon move to the Finance Department in the college administration building.



Dave Raymo, UTTC Purchasing Department

Dave will be responsible for purchasing all products and services for the college including Theodore Jamerson Elementary and the Intertribal Programs. He brings valuable experience to the selection of products or services based on all the important factors, such as price, quality, service support, availability, reliability, and selection. His work will include selection of suppliers, price negotiations, contract awards and delivery timing. Dave's new job is part of a restructuring prompted by institutional growth.

In FY 2004, UTTC spend more than \$5.8 million on goods and services, a 21% increase from a year earlier. An overhaul of government regulations has had a major impact on college purchasing.

Please join me in congratulating Dave. He'll be busy settling into the new position in the next few weeks. One of the innovations you can expect to see will be an automated purchase requisition system. By the end of December, we expect every department will be submitting purchase requisitions online.

Please give Dave your utmost cooperation to make this and other projects successful.

New hotel project moving forward

BISMARCK (UTN) – United Tribes Technical College is moving forward with plans for a new hotel in Bismarck-Mandan. College officials provided a progress report May 16 about plans for a full service hotel, with associated meeting/ conference center, that will also serve to train college students for jobs in the hospitality industry.

"We're moving forward on this project," said Barbara Schmitt, Director of the United Tribes University Center and chairperson of the college's hotel advisory committee. "After one year of planning, the hotel project is very much alive and well."

Planning began with a feasibility study in 2004, which concluded that demand is sufficient in the local market to support development of a new hotel.

The study examined information and data from sources in the market and community growth trends and patterns.

As envisioned, the project will be a 250-room hotel with 30,000 square feet of space for meeting and conference facilities. Three sites remain under consideration: a location on the United Tribes campus, a site on city property near the Bismarck Civic Center, and an undisclosed site in private ownership.

"We believe that the Bismarck/Mandan market is continuing to grow and will sustain additional properties," said Schmitt. "We're grateful to the City of Bismarck for the opportunity to examine further development at the Civic Center site."

Bismarck Mayor John Warford joined UTTC officials for release of the progress report.

"I'm very excited about the possibility of UTTC building a new hotel in the city," said Warford. "It's a great fit for UTTC's programs and would be a welcome addition to our growing

city. We look forward to working with UTTC as they complete their study and finalize a site."

According to planning estimates, when completed and operating, the new facility would have 129 full time employees and generate an annual impact of \$16 million, including the creation of 100 "induced jobs" in other businesses. City sales tax revenue is estimated at \$1.1 million annually during operations.

"It's our vision to create a top quality hotel to serve our community," said UTTC President David M. Gipp. "We also see this as an opportunity for education."

In the setting of a working hotel and conference center, college planners hope to fashion a "real-world" lab to train students for the hospitality industry – everything from front desk operations to maintenance, event planning, finance, food and nutrition, and the culinary arts. UTTC has approached Bismarck State College and University of Mary to assess their interest in an educational partnership.

"Hospitality certainly fits our mission to provide relevant vocational education and training," said Gipp. "Our students can become the trained workforce at reservation based hospitality organizations, like the casinos, or anywhere they choose to go. A training hotel could benefit the other colleges as well. We believe it would be the first of its kind in the region."

According to Schmitt, the hotel advisory committee is currently working on its business plan and details for investors. On the committee are representatives of the five tribes that govern the college: the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Spirit Lake Nation, Three Affiliated Tribes, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate.

TV game show format provides enjoyable “test”

Story and photos by Dennis J. Neumann, United Tribes News



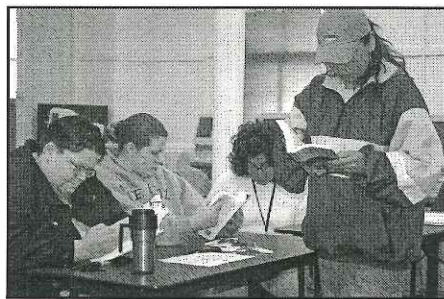
Lakota History Instructor Sheri Bear King Baker in the role of game show host.

The TV game show “Jeopardy” has long been a favorite of college students. A match of wits. A test of knowledge.

Hey, it’s a test! Playing “Jeopardy” is like taking a test. Isn’t it?

Sheri Baker thinks so.

That’s why she created “Lakota



Team Three scrambles for an answer in the textbook

Jeopardy” for her class in Lakota History.

“It’s a method of teaching,” said Baker. “And it’s an evaluation measure.”

She’d given the typical paper and pen quizzes. But does that really measure student learning?

“We know that students learn in different ways,” said Baker. “For educators, it requires measuring in different ways too.”

The UTTC faculty has had extensive experience learning about multiple forms of assessing student learning and reporting their findings,

according to Brian Palecek, UTTC Assessment Coordinator.

“Testing is only one way of assessing student learning and not a very revealing way at that,” said Palecek. “The really important part of student learning will not be found in tests. The human mind is too complex for it to be that easy.”

Baker’s students took the Jeopardy “test” near the end of spring term. In this version the contestants grouped together in three teams. Each taking turns, one member represented a group, honking a bicycle horn to ring in for the answer. If no one knew off the top, teams were allowed to collaborate and use the book.

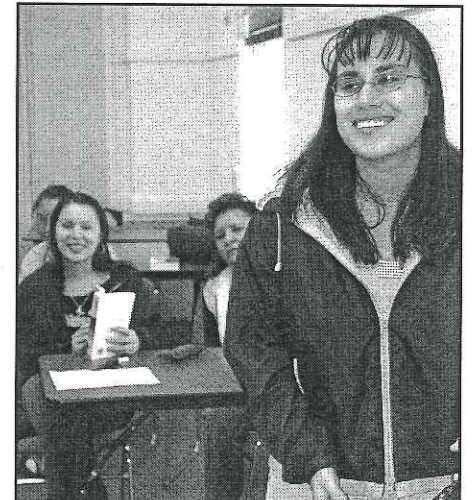
From readings in their textbook earlier in the term the students themselves had created the questions. One student, Tanya Mendoza, had designed the Jeopardy board.

“I learned more about Lakota History in this class than I ever knew,” said Janice St. Claire (Three Affiliated). “It’s interesting to learn about another culture other than your own.”

“I believe we retained a little more from the class because of it,” said Jennifer Vivier.

“It was a totally awesome learning tool,” said Kristi Dionne (Turtle Mountain). “Not only fun and educational but it brought the whole class together. Even the shy people came out of their shells.”

“The best part was that no one



Teri Upshaw ready to “honk” in for Team One.

was a loser,” said another student.

Watching the game sure was fun. But was it, in educational jargon, an “assessment of student learning?”

“I think it was successful,” said Baker.

In education-speak she called it “authentic and summative assessment.”

What’s more, the final course evaluations written by the students were great, she said.

By the way, Team Two, behind most of the way, squeaked out the win in Final Jeopardy.

OK Alex, er, I mean Sheri, I’ll take ‘The Lakota Family’ for \$200, and a creative dose of learning.



A light bulb of recognition comes on, too late, for Lakota Jeopardy Team Two.

NFS students leave lasting legacy on campus



Students graduating from the Nutrition and Food Service Program left behind a lasting legacy on campus north of the art gallery log cabin building. One of their final activities of the school term was to plant trees May 5 as a remembrance of their time learning at UTTC. From left Michaellynn R. Nanto (Crow Agency), Michael L. Cadotte (Standing Rock), Dawn M. Lambert (Turtle Mountain), Lynette Ellen Good Bird (Three Affiliated) and Eric Allen Flood (Yankton). Fredrick Medicine Stone (Three Affiliated), not pictured, planted his tree later. UTN photo Dennis J. Neumann

United Tribes Technical College Student Senate Annual Awards Banquet 2005 LIST OF AWARDS

Submitted by Jesi Silbernagel, Assistant Dean
Student & Campus Services

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| Recognition of the Current and Past Student Senate | Merit Awards |
| Steven P. Walker | HIT: |
| Reva Hayes | Wanda Fasthorse, Cheryl Danks |
| Waylon Oldman | CT: |
| Larry Laducer | Kenneth Brown, Rocky High Elk |
| Lydale Agard | TM: |
| Veronica Rodarte | Jason Pretty Boy, Daniel Stover |
| Jason Pretty Boy | IP: |
| Richard Rogers | Margaret McCormack |
| Everette Baxter | CIT: |
| Brandi Jo Canyon | Robert Bear, Christy Red Feather |
| Stacey Speedis | Nursing: |
| Lynette Uses Arrow | Jacqueline Cadotte; Jolinda Flaig |
| Chirsty Yellow Boy | Elem. Ed.: Kahnya Cornelius |
| Juanita Arellano | ART: |
| Kevin Mentz | Stacey Speedis, Todd Trottier |
| LaRae Laundreaux | OT: |
| Antonia Eagle Shield | Lynette Uses Arrow |
| Denise Four Horn | CJ: |
| Terrance Medicine Crow | Denise Four Horn, Tamara Hayes |
| Deb Davis | Auto: Richard White Jr. |
| | SBM: |
| | Shani Bordeaux, Brian Eagle |
| Certificates of Appreciation: | Tourism: |
| Mr. & Mrs. Vasquez | Tracey Brown |
| Omar Gmail | Food: |
| Early Childhood Education | Betsy Small Jumper, Aaron LaBlance |
| Carpentry Club | |
| Cafeteria Staff | Auto Cad Awards: |
| Transportation Staff | Kenneth Brown |
| Red Koch | Lawrance Laducer |
| Scott Davis | Kevin Mentz |
| Wellness Activities Staff | Ishta Two Bears |
| Lorraine Shepard | Harold Crow Ghost |
| Arrow Graphics Staff | Richard Rogers |
| Bobby Jo Zeuger | Michael Matheeny |
| Jeremy Agard | |
| Academic Awards: | New Beginning Awards: |
| Attendance | Vernon Washington |
| Anthony Ammann III | Tara Hernandez |
| Tracey Brown | Waylon Oldman |
| Darshmann Earring | Thomas Disselhorst |
| Jolinda Flaig | Carol Anderson |
| Linda Gipp | Kyle Wilkenson |
| Nilah Griffin | Carol Walker |
| Charlene Landrie | Russell Swagger |
| LeRae Laundreaux | Cheryl Wilkie |
| Betsy Small Jumper | Tom M Disselhorst |
| Todd Trottier | David M. Gipp- |
| | Student Senate Lifetime |
| | Achievement Award |
| | Jason Pretty Boy- Starquilt |

USDA Endowment Scholarships for Nutrition and Foodservice vocational students:

Dawn Lambert	\$500.00
Aaron La Blanc	\$250.00
Betsy Small Jumper	\$250.00
Luanne Perkins	\$250.00
Tonya Savior	\$250.00
Ivy Thunder Hawk	\$250.00

USDA ARS Human Nutrition Research Internship/scholarship:
(These scholarships are earned during a federal position internship in Grand Forks – UTTC will get the money and distribute it to pay housing, travel, stipends and 10.50/hour for an 8 week learning experience (internship))

Ivy Thunder Hawk	\$5,000.00
Tonya Savior	\$5,000.00

American Indian Art Council Scholarship

Todd Trottier	\$300.00
Christine Ross	\$250.00

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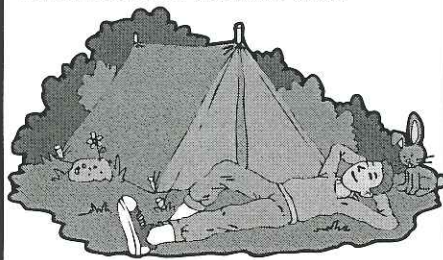
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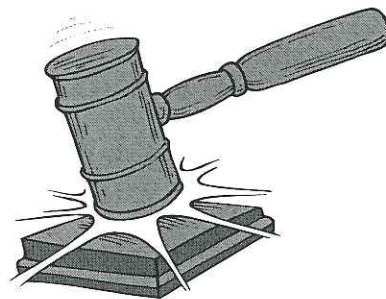
Have some fun and check out the campus!
Student recruitment event for interested students

More information:
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Little Shell Pembina Band

(1863 Treaty, 13 STAT .667)



We are receiving applications for Tribal Law School admissions for Spring 2005. No age limit. 18 months of intensive study including moot court trials. Call 701-319-0392 For Syllabus, Course Structure and Fee Schedule.

Class of 2005... Continued from page 1

According to a study prepared by the college, UTTC's 2005 American Indian graduates will earn a projected \$4.5 million over their working lifetimes.

The study identified the economic benefit of having American Indian students train for employment and graduate from college rather than drawing upon forms of assistance from the government. With reservation unemployment rates in the region hovering around 75 percent, job prospects are limited and earning power restricted for untrained workers.

"Earning this degree opens a pathway of accomplishment," said David M. Gipp, UTTC President. "In the lives of these graduates, American Indians are contributing to the revitalization of Indian Country and the economic growth of the nation."

UTTC's commencement ceremony marked the entry of students into new areas of academic achievement. Bachelors' Degrees were conferred for the first time on five students who completed a teacher-training curriculum in Elementary Education, offered in cooperation with Sinte Gleska University.

Sinte Gleska President Lionel Bordeaux, a pioneer in the tribal college movement, told how early efforts to establish tribal colleges were met with stereotypical suggestions that Indians should "stick with arts and crafts."

"UTTC has made tremendous strides in developing Indian education," said Bordeaux. "Our calling is to re-define and restructure tribal education according to who we are and what we want to become...you [graduates] are evidence right here of what took a long time."

For the last four years, UTTC's long-time federal funding has been deleted from the Department Of Interior budget. Gipp told the crowd of over 400 assembled at the school's powwow arena that Congress was already in the process of restoring the school's funding for 2006. The Interior Appropriations Committee reported the D-O-I budget out of committee May 10 with funding for UTTC, he said.

"The value of a higher education cannot be overstated," said Gipp. "What we, as a nation, invest to provide



Nursing graduate Sheila Crow Ghost congratulated by UTTC President David M. Gipp.

an education has the effect of launching a lifetime of benefits. We know we're making a great contribution to society through the students we educate."

Other honors during the ceremony included the first student to graduate in a newly created program, Elementary Education. The first crop of high-tech students graduated who earned their degrees by taking classes entirely on-line.

The graduates represented 28 different tribal nations; some had com-

pleted their course of study at the end of the Fall 2004 term.

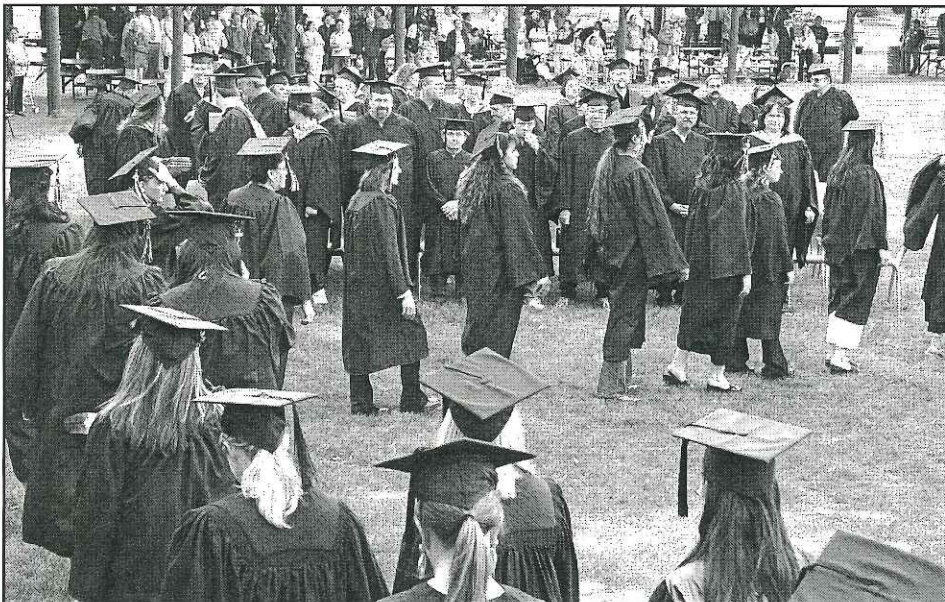
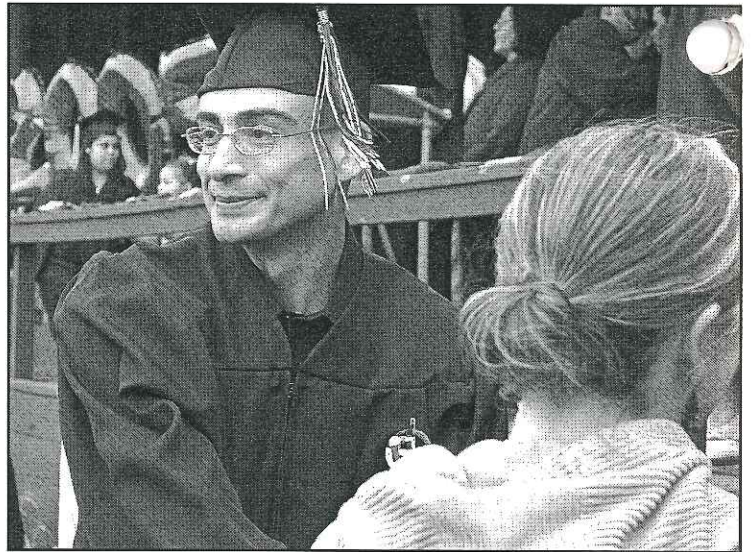
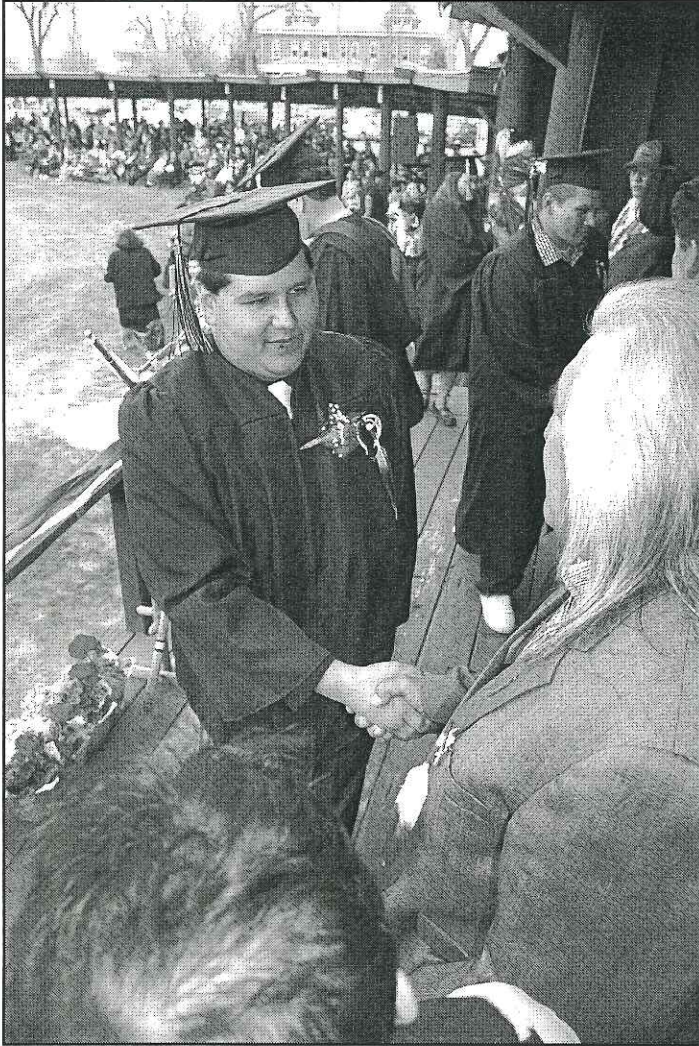
The event concluded the 2004-05 academic year, the college's 36th year serving American Indian students and their families. College officials have anticipated a growing demand in tribal areas for higher education by planning for the renovation and expansion of campus facilities. The college plans to grow student enrollment from the present 855 to 2,000 in the next five years.

United Tribes Technical College Honor Students

June Bachler
Misty Begay
Alice Bird Horse
Shani Bordeaux
Susan Brady
Teresa Brown
Nicole Bruguier
Dennisia Campbell
Mechelle Crazy Thunder
Cheryl Danks
Natalie Estenson
Wanda Fasthorse
Denise Fourhorn
Deno Fourhorn
Nicole Gipp

Tamara Hayes
Cassie Hindsley
Warren Horse Looking
Charlene Landrie
Margaret McCormack
Marilyn Pretends Eagle
Jason Pretty Boy
Debra Rhodes
Rebecca Riedinger
Shelley Selwyn
Stacey Speedis
Todd Trottier
Lynette Uses Arrow
Richard White

United Tribes Technical College Commencement



Clockwise from upper left: A handshake from Lionel Bordeaux for 2004-05 Student Senate President Steven P. Walker (Three Affiliated) . Tassel flying, Loren Kills Small, (Standing Rock) Automotive Service Technology. Graduate Margaret McCormack (Nez Perce), Injury Prevention, and Kate Eaglestaff share a moment connecting with a little one. Mechelle Crazy Thunder (Oglala Sioux Tribe) displays her Bachelor of Science Degree plaque in Elementary Education. Graduates file past members of the UTTC faculty, all clad in graduation robes. UTN photos Dennis J. Neumann



Clockwise from upper left: Smiles from Fred Gunn (Three Affiliated), Criminal Justice, and wife, Rae. UTTC President David M. Gipp and Miss Indian Nations XIII Bobbie Rae Sage lead the Grand Entry. Photographer Robert Knutson adjusts the tassel of Early Childhood Education graduate Joseph C. Strong Heart Jr. (Standing Rock). Passionate and inspirational – keynote speaker Cecelia Fire Thunder, Oglala Sioux Tribal Chairwoman. Graduates as a group – numbering the most ever at 114. The first Bachelor of Science degree awarded at UTTC went to Misty F. Begay (Sisseton/Wahpeton), who receives a warm, two-fisted handshake from Lionel Bordeaux, President of Sinte Gleska University – UTTC's partner institution for Elementary Education training.

Locks donated for loving purpose

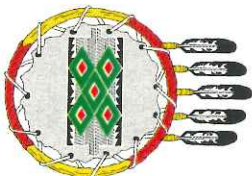


The missing 10 inches of Ayanna's hair, as seen 'before' and 'after' on April 27, is a generous and loving contribution to a good cause. It went to "Locks Of Love," a non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children suffering from long-term medical hair loss. It was the first substantial hair cut for Ayanna, age 6, a student at Theodore Jamerson Elementary School. "It was her idea to give it away," said her mother, Pebbles Red Fox, UTTC Payroll and Benefits Specialist. Ayanna's donated hair was collected at R-D Hairstyling College, Bismarck. Hairpieces help restore self-esteem and confidence enabling youngsters to face the world and their peers, according to the Florida based organization. Learn more at www.locksoflove.org.

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