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March 12th, 7 pm • UTTC Gym

Player & Coaches' Clinic will follow! See page 18 for Tournament details

## Two selected for scholarship awards



Aja Baker (Three Affiliated) Mandan, ND, a UTTC student in Small Business Management and Herbert I. Red Horse (Standing Rock) Bismarck, ND, Health Information Technology, received the 2007 Marvin Family Scholarships. UTN photo

BISMARCK (UTN) – Two students who wrote descriptively about how they are motivated to succeed in college were named recipients of the 2007 Marvin Family Scholarships at United Tribes Technical College.

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Aja Baker (Three Affiliated) Mandan, ND, a student in Small Business Management and Herbert I. Red Horse (Standing Rock) Bismarck, a student in Health Information Technology, were selected in December by the college's scholarship committee.

The Marvin Scholarships honor the late Winifred and James Marvin, who had resided in the Washburn, ND area. The fund was endowed in 2004 by the generosity of their children: Darlene C. M. Lovell, Harbor City, CA; Danny W. Marvin, Ridgecrest, CA; and Ronald G. and Nancy J. Marvin, Bakersfield, CA.

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## **Spirituality is alive and well**

BY SCOTT DAVIS, Stengthening Lifestyles Program

Spirituality is one of the most important components in the mission of the Strengthening Lifestyles Program. We are learning that spirituality is alive and well at United Tribes and we are thankful!

This year a large number of students have discovered the freedom to pray and to conduct ceremonies at the college. Whether at the sweat lodge, the campus church, the healing room, or in private, students and staff members are

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# Senator says he will hold TC hearing



TRIBAL COLLEGE TOPICS: Senate Indian Affairs Committee Chairman Byron L. Dorgan says he hopes to schedule a hearing of the committee sometime in the first quarter of 2008 to focus on needs at the nation's Tribal Colleges. Dorgan met December 20 with North Dakota Tribal College leaders to discuss topics. At the meeting at United Tribes Technical College, from left: David M. Gipp, UTTC President; Koreen Ressler, Vice President of Academics, Sitting Bull College; Jim Davis, Turtle Mountain Community College President; Cynthia Lindquist, Cankdeska Cikana (Little Hoop) Community College President; Rusty Mason, Fort Berthold Community College President; Senator Dorgan; and Phyllis Howard, ND Association of Tribal Colleges Executive Director. UTN photo



#### **LeRoi Laundreaux's Lunch Menu**

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

Cafeteria Hours: Breakfast ~ 7:00 - 8:30 am • Lunch ~ 11:30 - 1:00 pm • Dinner ~ 5:00 - 6:30 pm

All Students Must Show ID - NO EXCEPTIONS!!

#### **Lunch Menu**

	February 4 - 8	<b>February 11 - 15</b>	<b>February 18 - 22</b>	<b>February 25 - 29</b>
M	Chicken Nuggets & Mac & Cheese	Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup	Chicken Nuggets & Rice	Sloppy Joe & French Fries
邨	Taco Salad w/ Assorted Toppings	Burrito, Spanish Rice & Refried Beans	Crispy Taco w/ Assorted Toppings	Soft Taco w/ Assorted Toppings
W	Roast Beef & Mashed Potatoes	Baked Ham & Au Gratin Potatoes 🤍	Baked Chicken & Mashed Potatoes	Beef Stew, Frybread & Wojapi
呃	Hamburger & French Fries	Pizza (Cook's Choice)	Hamburger & French Fries	Chili Dog & Mac & Cheese
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## **Native Science Resource Available**

#### BY DR. CHERYL LONG FEATHER, United Tribes Research Director

The United Tribes Office of Research is making available another resource for UTTC staff, faculty and students. Now available for check-out is a DVD of the "First Scientists" series. Produced, written and directed by Mark Sandiford for Exploration Production, Inc. in Canada, the series presents living examples of knowledge rooted in thousands of years of tradition on this continent.

The fascinating and professionally-pro-

duced series describes traditional Native knowledge and it's parallel to west-



ern science. The message throughout is firmly rooted in the real world in the belief that Native science – typically called Traditional Knowledge – has been honed through hypothesis-testing, trial and error. In many ways, however, Native Science it also fundamentally different, focusing on relationships rather than objects, how rather than why, the heart rather than the mind, observation rather than explanation, and prescription rather than description. "First Scientists" shows how western science

is now catching up to these ideas in areas like ecology, systems theory and artificial intelligence. It shows the efforts of scientists from both traditions working together toward a more complete understanding of our world.

The DVD series is also available with supplemental classroom activities. The activities – including short quizzes, discussion or essay questions, additional activities and key terms – were developed specifical-

ly for United Tribes Technical College use. There are five episodes in the series. Each

is approximately 10 minutes in length. The topics include living knowledge, marine engineering, architecture, agriculture and sustainable fishery, wildcrafting, forestry management, traditional medicine and the integration of Native and Western Science concepts in real-life projects.

For more information about the series or to preview, please contact Cheryl Long Feather, Research Director, at 701.255.3285, Ext. 1491.

## "Native Women Supporting Native Women"

#### BY DR. HARRIETT SKYE, Vice President of Intertribal Programs

In the early part of December several students from different reservations met at the Wellness Center to begin to talk about improvements in their lives, in school and in their interpersonal relationships. They met again on January 8 and decided to continue meeting throughout the year.

Their concerns include communication with staff, their FAFSA and tutoring. These women meet every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. and have selected as their motto: "Every woman has a voice and our goal is to listen to that voice and take action."

Their first priority is weight loss and they

want to do it in a healthy way with a M.D. and a dietician.

As a group they also will support each other while attending United Tribes. Very often they have found themselves in stressful situations because they lack information and they want to alleviate that by asking questions. Their concerns are their families, their homes, health, fitness and being a successful student.

At this time they are being assisted by Sheri Baker, Ruth Buffalo-Zarazua, Suzanne Shields and Harriett Skye.

# Student teaching is final degree requirement

#### BY LISA J. AZURE, Teacher Education Department Chair

Seven United Tribes Technical College students are student teaching in area schools during Spring Semester 2008.

They are: Tammy Kelsch (Three Affiliated) at Standing Rock Community School, Fort Yates, ND; Emmaline Fills Pipe (Pine Ridge) and Dawn Krein (Turtle Mountain) both in the Bismarck Public School district; Kelly Hosie (Three Affiliated) and Jennifer Vivier (Bismarck) both at Solen-Cannonball Schools; and Deanna Urbanec (Winnebago) in the Winnebago Public School district in Winnebago, Nebraska.

Through a partnership agreement, these students are completing the final requirement for their bachelor degrees in Elementary Education and Special Education from Sinte Gleska University in Mission, SD.

Upon completion, they will have met the requirements to become certified teachers in the state of South Dakota.

Congratulations on your success in reaching this goal!

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June 3-5, 2008

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701/255-3285 ext. 1436

# **'Safe School' Trainers**



INAUGURAL SESSION: United Tribes Technical College hosted the very first training session in the B-I-A Law Enforcement's "Safe School Initiative" on January 11. At left, Brent LaRocque (Turtle Mountain), Associate Director, B-I-A Division of Law Enforcement, and Lou G. Robertson (Sisseton-Wahpeton), Special Agent, B-I-A Central Office West, both Albuquerque, NM, prepared to fire up a Power Point for their presentation to an all staff assembly at the college in Bismarck. The training is based on criminal justice and law enforcement research. It was developed specifically for tribal educational institutions in Indian Country. UTN photo Dennis J. Neumann

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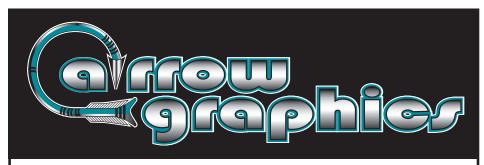
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# Starting the new term HR NEWS



ORIENTATION TALK: New and returning UTTC students listen with thoughtful attention to the experienced words of Russell Swagger during a student orientation brunch on January 3. Once in their shoes, Swagger (St. Croix Chippewa) was a former UTTC student in the early 1990s who pursued higher education as a career and is now the college's vice president of Student and Campus Services. UTTC classes began January 7 for the Spring 2008 Term. UTN photo Dennis J. Neumann



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A reminder that It is every staff member's responsibility to be on the lookout for possible hazards in your work area and on campus. If you spot one of the following conditions—or any other possible hazardous situation—please report it to your supervisor immediately:

- Slippery floors and walkways
- Tripping hazards, such as hose links, piping, etc.
- Poorly lighted stairs
- Loose handrails or guard rails
- Loose or broken windows
- Dangerously piled supplies or equip-
- Open or broken windows
- Unlocked doors and gates
- Electrical equipment left operating
- Open doors on electrical panels
- · Leaks of steam, water, oil, other liquids
- Blocked aisles
- Blocked fire extinguishers, hose sprinkler heads
- Blocked fire doors
- Evidence of any equipment running hot or overheating
- Oily rags
- Evidence of smoking in non-smoking
- Roof leaks
- Directional or warning signs not in
- Safety devices not operating properly
- Machine, power transmission, or drive guards missing, damaged, loose, or improperly placed

Thank You!



## **Healthy Mom, Healthy Baby**

BY JILL KEITH. LRD

If you are pregnant (or of childbearing age), it is important to think of your health and the health of your baby. Many nutrients needed for babies early on in pregnancy can be provided by a healthy diet.

Some tips for a healthy diet:

- Eat breakfast, lunch, and supper
- Choose a wide variety of foods
- Eat lots of fruits and vegetables
- Drink milk with your meals
- Eat snacks your baby can use to grow (not empty calorie foods like junk food!)
- Prepare and serve food safely

Folic acid is a nutrient that is especially important in the prevention of birth defects. Adequate folic acid intake before you are pregnant is important for the health of your baby. Foods that contain folic acid include leafy greens, enriched grains and citrus fruits and juices.

It's also important to avoid hazardous practices for your baby including: smoking, substance abuse, or inadequate nutrition.

Are you expecting a baby? Do you qualify to participate in the WIC program? WIC services provide healthy nutrition education and vouchers for nutritious foods for local grocery stores.

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& FEBRUARY 18
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# Apply Early For Tribal Funding!

In order for students to receive the best possible chance of obtaining tribal funding, we encourage you to Apply Early!

#### WHY APPLY EARLY:

- Deadline dates vary for every tribal funding agency
- Awards are based on availability of funds
- Priority for selection maybe awarded on a first come first serve basis

#### GENERAL REASONS FUNDING MAY BE DENIED:

- Missed deadline date
- Incomplete files
- Did not apply

## DOCUMENTS THAT ARE GENERALLY REQUIRED FOR AN APPLICATION TO BE COMPLETE:

- Acceptance letter from educational institute
- Financial needs analysis (budget) from financial aid officer
- Semester grades/mid-term grades
- Class schedule

Criteria submitted for tribal funding may vary for new and returning students

To ensure application completeness, contact and follow up with funding agency frequently

To be eligible for WIA classroom training assistance, ALL students MUST apply with home funding agency first

The WIA office is located in building 61 at United Tribes Technical College. For students who need assistance contacting agencies or completing tribal funding applications please call 701-255-3285 ext.



## **UNITED TRIBES CONTRIBUTORS 2007**

United Tribes Technical College is pleased to recognize the 175 individuals and organizations that made contributions totalling \$90,000 to the college's fund raising efforts in calendar year 2007. Thank you for your generosity in sharing your blessings for the advancement of American Indian students and their families.

-Brad Hawk, Director of Major Gifts and Alumni Relations

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The "Teeing Off for Success" UTTC Golf Tournament was held in September, at Apple Creek Country Club. Thank you to all who helped raise funds for student scholarships. The second annual event will be held in September 2008.

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A generous matching grant from the Johnson Scholarship Foundation was the spark for creating this endowment campaign. It will be used to provide future scholarships in business and entrepreneurial studies at UTTC. The campaign will take place over the next three years.

**Johnson Scholarship Foundation** 

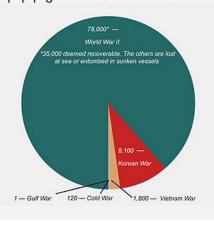
# ACCOUNTING FOR LOST AMERICANS

(From the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command website)

Located on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, the mission of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) is to achieve the fullest possible accounting of all Americans missing as a result of the nation's past conflicts. The highest priority is the return of living Americans. To date, the U.S. government has not found any evidence that there are still American POWs in captivity from past U.S. conflicts.

# HOW MANY ARE STILL MISSING?

Each year, JPAC conducts at least five recovery missions associated with the Korean War, 10 in Southeast Asia for Vietnam War cases, and 10 more in other areas of the world to search for MIAs associated with World War II and the Cold War. The Central Identification Laboratory identifies, on average, about six individuals a month. Learn more at http://www.jpac.pacom.mil/index.php?page=home&size=100&ind=0.



## Two selected... continued from page 1

Baker and Red Horse were selected on the basis of their GPA and their answers to the essay question: "How does your Native American heritage help you succeed in education?"

"I believe it's my responsibility as a young Native American woman to prove that...I can succeed in school or working," wrote Baker. She explained that "societal disadvantages" faced by Native Americans motivate her to set higher standards and goals.

"I can and will graduate with an Associate Degree in Small Business Management, move on and receive a Bachelor's Degree, and I will open my own successful business. I want to show my brothers and sisters that they can meet and exceed expectations for Native Americans."

Baker, 20, is the daughter of Jeff Baker and Sandra Gayton. Her extended family lives in and around New Town, ND. She began at UTTC one year ago. For the past seven months she's been putting the service part of her business training to practical use as a cashier at Bismarck's south WAL\*MART store. Her role model in business is her father, who owns a coffee shop in Belcourt, ND.

"I want my younger sisters and nieces to grow up independent and to become strong in the business world," she wrote. "Being Native American makes me strive that much more for my education."

Baker's ambition is to open her own hair salon; she went to cosmetology school prior to attending UTTC. She is on course to graduate at the end of fall term 2008. After that she expects to go for more schooling, perhaps at a college in South Dakota.

Members of the scholarship committee felt that both students "put forward very strong answers that demonstrated an awareness of the interplay of heritage and upbringing in education," said Nathan Stratton, UTTC Financial Aid director.

The admirable qualities they rewarded in Herbert Red Horse were his experience

and confidence.

"Since the first day of school, I was excited because I knew I could succeed," Red Horse wrote in his essay.

Red Horses' roots on Standing Rock are in the Rock Creek District at Bullhead, SD. However, he grew up in a non-native foster home and spent 16 years in the U. S. Air Force where he became a medic and earned the rank of Staff Sergeant.

"Out of high school I had no clue what to do. I had no confidence then but my time in the military changed that," he said. "I challenged myself. I volunteered, took lots of courses and training and soon realized that I could succeed."

His postings included stays in Texas, Alaska and South Dakota. Among his volunteer assignments was a one month recovery mission in Vietnam in 2000 to help search for the remains of a lost U. S. airman (see the item Accounting for Lost Americans).

Red Horse, 46, is married with four children; his wife is a student in teacher education at Bismarck State College. With his medical experience in direct care, he was interested in the nursing program when he started at UTTC in 2006. But he changed his mind when Health Information captured his attention. Following his almost certain graduation at the end of the current term in May, he expects to enroll in a four year college by first taking classes online.

"I think its fun here at United Tribes. I don't worry about failing. I know I'll do well." said Red Horse.

Both recipients authored handwritten 'thank you' notes to the scholarship's sponsors. Each received \$750, which they acknowledged as very helpful in meeting the costs of education.

For more information about the Marvin Scholarship and other awards to students, please contact Steven P. Walker, Student Financial Aid counselor, 701-255-3258 x 1355, swalker@uttc.edu.



### **Laducer donates to scholarship campaign**



PLEDGE IS GENEROSITY: James K. Laducer (left) once worked at United Tribes Technical College; now he is one of the colleges's leading benefactors. Laducer presented a \$10,000 contribution to UTTC President David M. Gipp January 14 on behalf of one of his businesses, Laducer and Associates, a computerized information management company, Mandan, ND. The gift is a portion of his pledge to the "Opportunities in the Making" student scholarship campaign. When at UTTC in the 1970s and 80s, Laducer (Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa) was a counselor and EEO specialist, and became director of the Indian Business Development Center, creating opportunities for minority businesses in the Dakotas. His success as an entrepreneur also includes businesses in hospitality, construction and banking. UTN photo Brad Hawk.

# Opportunities in the Making









#### Student Scholarship Campaign

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# **Leach Foundation Award**



**COMMUNITY SUPPORT:** Brad Hawk, Director of Major Gifts and Alumni Relations accepts a \$5,000 grant award from Delanis M. Eckroth, of the Tom and Frances Leach Foundation, Inc., Bismarck. United Tribes Technical College was one 62 community organizations that received support from the foundation, which was formed in 1955. The awards were presented at a December 17 luncheon. UTN photo

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# **Learning sign language**

BY SUZANNE SHIELDS, RN, Student Health Center Supervisor

I am involved in an interesting learning opportunity and I wanted to share my progress with others in the campus community. I have completed two courses of a four part series in American Sign Language.

The beginning course covered cultural values and rules of behavior in the Deaf community in the United States, receptive/expressive readiness, activity sign vocabulary, grammatical structure, receptive/expressive finger spelling and aspects of Deaf culture.

During the intermediate II course, the class used no verbal communication. The American Sign Language Advanced III class is through the University of Minnesota. I have notified our UTTC disability instructor that I must complete all classes before I can utilize my skills.

I have found this learning to be so much fun. I catch my self signing under the table at meetings or wherever I listen to conversation. I hope that when I complete the training I can be an interpreter in the educational, interview, workplace, conference, medical, school, or criminal interpretation setting.



United Tribes Technical College is currently conducting a self study evaluation. A written report of its findings will be produced for its NCA reaccreditation visit. The NCA comprehensive visit will take place in 2010-2011. If you have questions or comments regarding UTTC's self-study experience, please send them to: ncaaccreditation@uttc.edu. To learn more about the NCA accreditation process, visit the website: http://www.ncahlc.org



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Test your familiarity with the self-study process now underway at United Tribes.

Q: Through what year does the current United Tribes Technical College accreditation extend?

nswer Below

A: The year 2011

## Physical Therapy Offered at UTTC

### University of Mary Doctor of Physical Therapy Program

University of Mary students, under the leadership of Mary Dockter, P.T. Ph.D., Director of Clinical Education, are offering their skills on the UTTC campus.

The students are providing services that help restore function, improve mobility, relieve pain, and prevent or limit permanent physical disabilities of patients suffering from injuries or disease. They restore, maintain, and promote overall fitness and health.

The students examine patients' medical histories and then test and measure the patients' strength, range of motion, balance and coordination, posture, muscle performance, respiration and motor function.

This service is offered free of charge to any staff, faculty and students.

Services offered Tuesday and Thursday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lewis Goodhouse Wellness Center.

Appointments are preferred. Those without an appointment may take waiting appointments and they will do their best to see you.

For more information/appointments contact: Suzanne Shields RN, Supervisor, Student Health Center ext. 1332.

### **CALL FOR ARTICLES**

The Council for Resource Development, an affiliate of the American Association of Community Colleges, invites articles for its Spring/Summer 2008 issue of the Dispatch.

THEME:

Community Colleges of the Future Deadline: February 1 Information: http://crdnet.org/ Click on Publications

# The Business and Office Technology Club Holiday Party



Left: Dorvin Froseth, Patricia Red Fox, and Lynn Ketterling

# Accreditation PUBLIC Review Visit NOTIC

The Practical Nursing Program at United Tribes Technical College will host a site review for continuing accreditation for its Associate of Applied Science Degree program.

The site visit will be conducted by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.

You are invited to meet the site visit team and share your comments about the program at a meeting scheduled for Tuesday February 12 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the lack Barden Center on the college campus.

Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted directly to: Dr. Sharon Tanner, Executive Director

National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission

33 Broadway, 33rd Floor

New York, NY 10006

Or email: stanner@nlnac.org

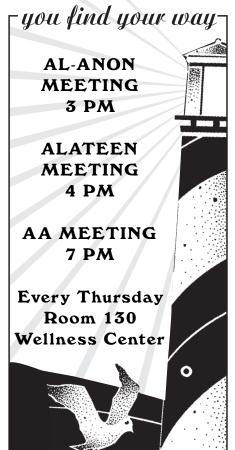


# STRENGTHENING LIFESTYLES PROGRAM PATHWAYS TO WELLNESS

## Music career saved by wellness Note of Thanks



## **WE CAN HELP**



efore he changed his ways, singer-songwriter Darren Geffre (Blackfeet Tribe) at left, used to drink a sixpack of sugary soft drinks daily. The photo behind him showed what he looked like in his mid 20s as a borderline diabetic weighting 305 pounds. After a change in diet and the loss of 125 pounds, his music career took off, earning him nominations for NAMMYs and GRAMMYs. Kicking off UTTC Wellness Week on January 14, Geffre said the transformation came by making a total commitment to health and fitness.



Jack Barden Center Room 130

#### The Nike Air Native N7 Shoes Are In!

🗑 United Tribes Technical College



The UTTC Wellness Services/Strengthening Lifestyles Program now has the new N7 Nike shoe. Place your order with the Wellness Staff for a pair of the new shoes for the price of \$47.80 (Checks payable to UTTC)

Receive a pair **FREE** by signing up for the STRENGTHENING LIFESTYLES **INCENTIVE PROGRAM** 

Get moving in the right direction towards Native Wellness!

For more information: call 255-3285 x1454

n behalf of the Strengthening Lifestyles Program, 'thank you' to the Arrow Graphics staff for their superior work ethic and the outstanding service they provide to the UTTC campus. Our program has to meet advance deadlines as we promote activities and events throughout the year. Arrow Graphics has always delivered posters and flyers on time with superior art work and design. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the success of United Tribes.

> —Scott Davis & the Strengthening Lifestyles Program Staff

## **Sweat Lodge**

The following is from students and employees who use the Sweat Lodge.

We are very thankful to able to do this. It is a big help in our lives as students and community members. We greatly appreciate the help from employees at maintenance, especially Frank Lohnes Jr., who always help with the needs that we have, like the wood, rocks, etc.

We thank members of the Culture and Activities Committees, and Wellness Director Sheri Baker, for the cooperation, support and time.

We are deeply appreciative of the support received from Dr. Gipp, Russell Swagger, TJ McLaughlin, Harriett Skye and security employees, for all that they do and all that they have done.

United Tribes school is the only one of its kind that we know of that allows students to observe traditional ceremonies in this way.

Once again thank you UTTC for all that you do.

-UTTC/TJES Students & Staff

TO PARENTS: Your cooperation is appreciated in reminding your youngsters that the Sweat Lodge area is not a place to play. Thank you.

## SPIRITUALITY... Continued from page 1

taking advantage of this fundamental opportunity.

In addition to greater numbers of students participating in spiritual activities, there is the clear presence of more meaningful relationships to the Creator or Higher Power.

The following comments are from students who are active with their own spirituality and agreed to share their views about how spirituality works in their everyday lives.



Jose Lopez

#### How important is spiritually to you?

JOSE LOPEZ: The importance depends on the use for the spirituality. If importance is equal to the word powerful, then to me spirituality or faith is extremely POW-ERFUL and important.

ROSE SADLER: Spiritually is the most important thing in my life because without spiritually you don't have guidance and everybody needs guidance to be on the right path. And I could honestly say I practice more than one spiritually.

STEVE RAINING BIRD: It's pretty important; it brought me a long way since my father passed away. I lost a lot of it since his passing, but I found it since being here at UTTC.

#### What does spiritually mean to you?

JOSE LOPEZ: Spirituality means one who has access to the spirit realm. For me, this is not enough to define spirituality. Like any-

thing important or powerful, the motive or reason of use of said power is more important than simply having it. One can be spiritual and deal with spirits that does not originate in God, evil spirits, lying spirits and still be seen as holy.

**ROSE SADLER:** To me it means there is a greater being than the human. And when you encounter spiritually within yourself you're at peace with yourself.

STEVE RAINING BIRD: It means you know yourself inside, spiritually, mentally and helps you get through life and makes life easier.

#### How has UTTC helped you in your spiritual growth?

JOSE LOPEZ: My growth here has given me confidence in my relationship with Jesus. I am a prime and living example of Psalms 27:1-3 (look it up).

ROSE SADLER: Allowing students to have the sweat lodge and ceremonies are a convenience that is the most important thing for me.

STEVE RAINING BIRD: A friend of mine that went to school before I was here told me about sweat, and about being in a good environment and being drug and alcohol free. I've been able to understand spirituality better since going to school here. I'm not Lakota, but I really respect their ways because it is open to all Tribes and are really sincere. I've also learned many songs and their ways, but not to misuse it. From the beginning it has brought my family a lot closer.

#### What do you hope spirituality will do for you?

**JOSE LOPEZ:** The purpose of my spirituality is that I can better introduce people to God by revelation of His Spirit having access to direct communication with Jesus Christ. Not to help people live better lives only, but to enable people to live lives worth living (while enduring hardships). Lives with not just a purpose, but to know exactly why they were created individually (God desires to tell us our purpose in life). I know why I was created and born, and because of that I am excited and expectant when I awake each morning to



Rose Sadler

see what God wants me to do each day. My heart is full.

**ROSE SADLER:** That it will keep guiding me and my family through life.

STEVE RAINING BIRD: I just hope it will continue with me and my family since we are all close and it provides good role models for the younger people and shows them the good ways before they see the drugs and alcohol. Since I've been at the sweat lodge it has grown and the word has spread about how good it is. I would like to see more people but it has tripled since I started. It's good to see those who only come once in awhile and it's a good way to pray.



Steve Raining Bird

# State Health Department Announces Fruits and Veggies "Tip Contest"

BISMARCK, N.D. –The Get Smart North Dakota! Fruits & Veggies – More Matters™ Tip Contest kicks off today, according to Deanna Askew, healthy weight coordinator for the North Dakota Department of Health.

The North Dakota 5 + 5 Communities Program and the North Dakota Department of Health are sponsoring the contest, which will award North Dakota families with prizes and recognition for sharing their original and creative ideas for serving fruits and vegetables.

According to the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, people who consume generous amounts of fruits and vegetables as part of a healthy diet are likely to have reduced risk of chronic diseases, including stroke and perhaps other cardiovascular diseases, type 2 diabetes, and certain types of cancer.

"No matter how many fruits and vegetables you and your family are eating now, everyone can benefit from eating just one more," Askew said. "We know there are a lot of creative ideas being used by families across the state, and we want to help build a Healthy North Dakota by sharing those ideas with each other."

Linda Inman of Grand Forks has made several changes to help increase her family's fruit and vegetable intake over the years. Linda serves a veggie tray and fruit tray whenever her children and grandchildren are over for a meal. "I think of it as a gift I give them," Inman said. For submitting her idea to the national Fruits & Veggies – More Matters Challenge last year, Linda was acknowledged as North Dakota's winner.

To enter the Tip Contest, visit www. health.state.nd.us/5plus5/ and click on

Get Smart North Dakota! Fruits & Veggies – More Matters™ Tip Contest. Using the form provided, complete your contact information and your idea for "Getting Smart About Fruits and Veggies."

- Share how you include MORE fruits and vegetables as you shop, in your family dinner, or as you eat "on the go."
- All forms of fruits and vegetables count!
   Use fresh, frozen, canned, dried, or 100 percent juice in your meal or snack idea.
- Any eating occasion is valid: breakfast, lunch, dinner or snack time.
- Tell us how you get your family involved in the process of healthy meal preparation with fruits and vegetables.

The contest runs through Feb. 15, 2008. Entries also may be faxed to 701.328.1412 or mailed to the North Dakota Department of Health; 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 301; Bismarck, ND 58505-0200. Be sure to include your name, address, phone number and e-mail address.

Winners of the Get Smart North Dakota! Fruits & Veggies – More Matters™ Tip Contest will be announced in March 2008, National Nutrition Month.

The 5 + 5 Communities Program is celebrating 10 years in 2008, and encourages and supports North Dakota communities in their quest to help their citizens lead healthier lives and build a Healthy North Dakota. Goals of the 5 + 5 Program are to encourage North Dakotans to eat fruits and vegetables five times a day and to encourage North Dakotans to be physically active for 30 minutes at least five days a week.

For more information, contact Deanna Askew, North Dakota Department of Health, at 701.328.4568 or Karen Ehrens, 5 + 5 Communities coordinator, at 701.223.2616.

#### **Chocolate: Make It Healthy**

### BY SUANN SCHMITZ, LRD Land Grant Extension Program

Chocolate contains phenolic compounds call flavonoids that act as potent antioxidants to lower the risk of heart disease and cancer. These phytochemicals are found in a greater concentration in cocoa powder than regular chocolate, which is higher in saturated fat, sugar and calories than cocoa powder. Eating one ounce of a chocolate candy bar is equal to eating: 1 Tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder, plus 4 teaspoons sugar, plus 2 1/3 teaspoons shortening. To get the maximum possible health benefit, look for chocolate made up of at least 70% cocoa. Other plant foods such as red wine, tea, onions and parsley also contain high levels of flavonoids.

The flavonoids in chocolate are thought to protect the heart in two ways: by inhibiting low-density lipoprotein (LDL) or "lousy" cholesterol oxidation and by stopping blood platelet aggregation – processes which contribute heart disease.

Here is a fun idea for celebrating Valentine's Day and President's Day that will be kind to your heart since this is also heart month. Enjoy!

#### **Chocolate Angel Cherry Bars**

A low-calorie and lowfat heart healthy treat to be enjoyed in moderation.

1 package of one-step angel food cake mix

2 Tablespoons unsweetened baking cocoa 1 22 ounce can of prepared cherry pie filling

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Combine cocoa with the dry cake mix. Add the pie filling and

with the dry cake mix. Add the pie filling and mix well. Pour batter into an ungreased 10 x 15 inch jelly roll pan. Bake for 20-25 minutes. Cool and cut into 24 bars. Cover loosely with waxed paper for storage.

Each bar: 99 calories, 0 g fat, 0 g saturated fat, 0 g trans fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 165 mg sodium, 23 g carbohydrate, 0.3 g fiber, 2 g protein.



### **Nutrition and Foodservice students receive national certification**

### BY ANNETTE E. BROYLES, Nutrition and Foodservice Instructor

Five students in the Nutrition and Foodservice Program at United Tribes Technical College have received National ServSafe Certification.

Students Cassandra Eagle, Sarabeth Eagle, Ron His Horse Is Thunder Jr., Whitney Hosie, and April Summers successfully passed the exam December 6 following training at the college in Bismarck.

ServSafe is a foodservice industry training and safety program of the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation. The training is recognized by more federal, state, and local jurisdictions than any other food safety certification. United Tribes provides the training to groups and individuals in the foodservice industry around the region.

UTTC students are eligible to take the exam after completing "Managing Food Protection," a course offered in the Nutrition and Foodservice Department. To be



**CERTIFIED STUDENTS:** From left Whitney Hoise, Cassandra Eagle and Sarabeth Eagle; not pictured April Summers and Ron His Horse Is Thunder Jr. UTN photo Annette E. Broyles

certified, students must pass the exam with a score of 75 percent or better, which all five did. The certification is good for five years. For more information about the Serv-Safe training contact Pat Aune, 701-255-3285 x 1399, or paune@uttc.edu.

# **Common Nutrition Mistakes**

#### SUBMITTED BY SUANN SCHMITZ, LRD Land Grant Extension Program

- Skipping breakfast is a good idea to save calories for weight loss. FALSE. Breakfast is one of the most important meals for your metabolism. Metabolism is the rate at which you burn calories or energy from food. When breakfast is skipped, your body will actually begin to conserve the calories and shifts into "starvation mode" where the metabolic rate is decreased. Always remember to eat breakfast, ideally within 1-2 hours of waking.
- Butter is a better choice than margarine. FALSE Butter is highly concentrated in saturated fat, the main dietary cause of high cholesterol. Margarine formerly was a source of trans fats, however many food companies have removed trans fats from their products since it was mandated to be on the food label in January of 2006. Better still; many choices are reduced in fat and calories. Choose soft margarine in tubes, ideally the light versions, and be sure they are trans-fat-free.
- Eating carbohydrates will make you fat. FALSE. Carbohydrates supply 4 calories per gram; whereas fat sources provide 9 calories per gram. Carbohydrates are the main source of fuel for the body and brain and therefore at least 50% of your calories should come from these sources. Complex carbohydrates, which consist of high fiber grains, starchy vegetables, beans and fruit, should be the majority of your carbohydrate intake. Limit the refined carbohydrates in your diet, such as white breads, snack foods, cake, cookies, etc. as these types of foods do not supply you with much nutrition benefit and are calorie dense.
- If you eat after 8 p.m. you will gain weight. FALSE. Your body does not have a biological "time clock" as to when it quits burning calories. It is best to try and space your meals and snacks out within 3-4 hours of each other for hunger control as well as keeping your metabolism steady. Howev-
- er, many people tend to snack in the evening out of boredom, or eat huge meals after skipping meals during the day. Often times these snacks consist of high fat, high sugar foods such as chips and ice cream. For these individuals, it is important to pay attention to your cues and triggers to eating and be sure to snack when you are hungry and to choose healthier snacks, such as fruit.
- It takes a lot of time to eat healthy. FALSE. Planning is the key to a healthy, well-balanced diet. Purchase foods that are prepreped or involve little preparation time. Examples would be pre-cut vegetables, frozen vegetables or fruit. Fish is a great food to grill or bake as the cooking time is quick. For lunch choose soup and a salad rather than a huge deli sandwich; or lowfat pasta and salad instead of fat-laden lasagna or pizza. Small steps every day can lead to a healthier you.

Source: Cooperative Extension Service, Iowa State University of Science and Technology, and the United States Department of Agriculture cooperating.

## UNITED TRIBES THUNDERBIRDS BASKETBALL





**OPEN SHOTS:** Attacking the basket creates opportunities. Above, Nevada Allen scores for the Lady Thunderbirds and, at left, Gavin Brisco used his quickness and leaping ability to get the close shot. Both moves were in games against the Dawson Community College Pioneers. UTN photos Dennis J. Neumann

# 27th Annual AIHEC Basketball Tournament

March 12th - 16th, 2008
United Tribes Technical College
Bismarck, North Dakota



- First 12 Men's & Women's Teams Entry Fee: \$750 •
- Deadline: Postmarked by Feb. 1 •
- Must submit roster, team photo, player eligibility and letter of intent to participate
- Pool Play format, NJCAA rules apply •

Opening Ceremony features "Tip Off Conversation" with legendary Coach Dale Brown

(retired, Louisiana State University)

March 12th, 7 pm • UTTC Gym Player & Coaches' Clinic will follow!

## **MON-DAK CONFERENCE PLAYER OF THE WEEK**



**UNSTOPPABLE:** Congratulations to Jarvis Bearstail of the United Tribes Thunderbirds for being named the Mon/Dak Conference Men's "Player of the Week" for December 9 – 15. In two games the 6' guard scored 60 points, had 8 rebounds, 10 assists, 1 steal, and 1 block. Bearstail is the Thunderbirds team captain.

THUNDERBIRDS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE						
JANUARY 2	2008	HOME GAMES IN BOLD				
24	Bismarck State College	M & W	6-8 pm			
27	Lake Region State College	M & W	2-4 pm			
30	University of Mary JV	M & W	6-8 pm			
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	RUARY 2008					
3	Lake Region State College	M & W	6-8 pm			
5	Trinity Bible College	M & W	6-8 pm			
7	Bismarck State College	M & W	6-8 pm			
10	MSU-Bottineau	M & W	2-4 pm			
11	Williston State College	M & W	6-8 pm			
16	Trinity Bible College	M & W	5-7 pm			
17	NDSCS-Wahpeton	M & W	2-4 pm			
19	MSU-Bottineau	M & W	6-8 pm			

# Fall Honoring 2007

ANNUAL CEREMONY: Twenty, mid-year graduates of United Tribes Technical College were honored December 14 at the college in Bismarck: one Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education; 15 Associate of Applied Science Degrees in 10 different programs of study; and four earned Certificates of Completion in the field of Medical Transcription.











# **Memorial Legacy will be books**



BOOKS FOR BOYS: The TJES library received a grant December 13 from the Bismarck Kiwanis Club in the form of memorial contributions in memory of the late Jim Anders, Bismarck. Anders wife Karen helped present a check for \$855. Anders was a former adjunct instructor in the UTTC Nursing Program. He was also a dedicated participant in the Children's Reading Program, which brings adult readers into the schools. The funds will be used mainly to increase the number of books that will be of interest to boys. The TJES Library has 4,500 volumes.

Young readers attending the presentation were, from left: Wyatt LaPointe, Dione D.J. Bellrock, Wambli RedBird, Justyce Houle, Spencer Seaton, and Wesley Jeanotte, all 5th graders; Mari Ferguson, TJES Librarian. Back row from left: Herb Wilson, Chuck Peterson, Bill Willis, Doug Wolf and Al Jaeger, all Kiwanis members; Karen Anders; Brent Kleinjan, Kiwanis Club Past President; David M. Gipp, UTTC President; and F. Sam Azure, TJES Principal. UTN photo Dennis J. Neumann

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