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BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

# NEWS



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## Powwow Week: "Parade of Champions"



UTN photo Dennis J. Neumann

**PLACE OF HONOR:** One of the highlights of United Tribes Powwow Week (September 3 – 7) will be the "Parade of Champions." Tribal veterans groups are expected to be well represented when the parade marches through downtown Bismarck on Saturday, September 6. They have been invited to take part in a special honoring for Master Sgt. Woodrow Keeble (Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota) who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor earlier this year for his heroism during the Korean War. Parade staging begins at the State Capitol at 8 a.m. The parade starts at 10 a.m. The Keeble honoring is scheduled for 3 p.m. at Lone Star Arena on the United Tribes campus. See powwow schedule on page 14

## Dorgan and Brown are keynoters for tribal summit Leaders from region meet in Bismarck

BISMARCK (UTN) – North Dakota U. S. Senator Byron L. Dorgan and former college basketball coach Dale Brown are the two keynote speakers for the Twelfth Annual Tribal Leaders Summit in Bis-

marck. The event is hosted by United Tribes Technical College and attended by representatives of tribes around the region.

Dorgan's talk is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3 during a noon luncheon

at the Bismarck Civic Center. Dorgan has chaired the U. S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs since 2007. He has conducted field hearings and sponsored legislation

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39th ANNUAL

### UNITED TRIBES INTERNATIONAL POWWOW

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**POWOW POSTER INSIDE!**



# Elders respond during forum at UTTC



United Tribes News photo

**ADVICE SOLICITED:** Sheri Baker (at left) Director of Community Wellness Services, respectfully asked for the advice of elders during a forum June 18 in the Healing Room of the Lewis GoodHouse Wellness Center at United Tribes Technical College. The main purpose was to learn the practices and protocols observed with sweat lodges. The Wellness Center staff maintains a sweat lodge on campus for the use of students and staff. Among those who came to the college and provided their observations were, from left, Clark and Leslie Peltier (both Turtle Mountain); Anna and Ambrose Little Ghost (Spirit Lake); Chaske Hill (Sisseton-Wahpeton); and George Iron Shield (Standing Rock).



## 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

	September 1-5	September 8-12	September 15-19	September 22-26
<b>M</b>	Spaghetti & Garlic Toast	BBQ Rib Sandwich & Potatoes	<b>M</b> Beef Tips Over Noodles	Brat & Mashed Potatoes
<b>T</b>	Indian Taco w/ Assorted Toppings	Chicken Nuggets & Mac & Cheese	<b>T</b> Taco Salad w/ Assorted Toppings	Chicken Sandwich & French Fries
<b>W</b>	Hot Dish (Cook's Choice)	Roast Beef & Mashed Potatoes	<b>W</b> Baked Chicken & Rice	Beef Stew & Frybread
<b>T</b>	Salisbury Steak & Mashed Potatoes	Burrito, Spanish Rice & Refried Beans	<b>T</b> Tator Tot Hot Dish	Chicken Fried Steak & Potatoes
<b>F</b>	Pizza (Cook's Choice)	Hamburger Gravy & Mashed Potatoes	<b>F</b> Pizza (Cook's Choice)	Hot Dish (Cook's Choice)

## KODA THE WARRIOR

CREATED BY MARK L. MINDT  
 SPIRIT LAKE NATION

Benny, can you believe it is almost time for classes to begin?

I can't wait. We have been to some cool places this summer. My favorite was Utah. Hey, do you remember when you flirted with the wife of the mormon?

Which wife? Aaaaye!

Yeah, yeah...It was all fun and games, but wake me up when the UTTC Pow-wow begins. That's when I will start going to class.

Wait one second! Isn't there going to be nearly 1,000 students coming to UTTC this fall? You know what that means, KODA?

Lots and lots of babes!

Welcome back and get ready for a new year full of exciting stories to be told.

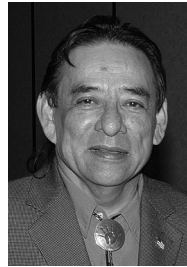
# Good news to start fall term

## Message From The College President

BY DAVID M. GIPP, President, United Tribes Technical College

**Y**es, I do have good news to report at the outset of the Fall 2008 term. In years past things have been anything but rosy. Each year for the past seven years we have had to battle federal budget cuts that, if successful, could have put us out of business. With the help of good friends in the Congress, such as Byron Dorgan, Earl Pomeroy and Kent Conrad, and friends in North Dakota, throughout Indian Country and around the nation, our funding was restored each time it was left out of the President's executive budget.

We are grateful for the kind of support that values the contribution of United Tribes Technical College to the rebuilding of Indian America and allows us to keep educating students for a better future.



David M. Gipp

Here is what we have accomplished and what is underway that lifts our spirits and propels us forward on our educational mission:

- Congress has restored the college's FY 2009 vocational funding, one of two main sources we need for basic operations.
- Congress has included United Tribes in legislation that supports the nation's other tribal colleges. For the first time, we

(and Navajo Technical College) will be part of the "Tribal College Act," recognizing and supporting our "career and technical" education role in higher education and removing us as targets for budget cuts.

- Construction is underway on the college's new campus. A dedication program is scheduled for Friday, September 5, at 2:30 p.m. to mark the start of what will likely top \$200 million in capital improvements, providing United Tribes with its first opportunity in 40 years to design the setting and build facilities specifically for educating college students.
- Student enrollment continues to be strong, taxing our physical plant infrastructure and our staff, and underscoring the demand for access to higher education.

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## Ceremony will dedicate new campus

BISMARCK (UTN) – A ceremony is scheduled for Friday, September 5 at 2:30 p.m. to dedicate the new campus at United Tribes Technical College. The public is invited to attend. The event takes place at a site along Burleigh Avenue overlooking a 135 acre tract of land located immediately south of the college's current campus.

Construction began in April on infrastructure, including earthwork and the installation of water, sewer and electric facilities. The expansion will be done in phases and is expected to top \$200 million when completed.

The new campus offers the college its first opportunity in 40 years to design the setting and build facilities specifically for educating college students. The current 105 acre campus was acquired by United Tribes as surplus property from the government. The current 100 year old buildings were originally built for the military and were used as a training center during WWI, a detention center during WWII, and as a planning base for the construction of dams on the Missouri River in the post WWII era.



Construction work began in April along University Drive on the infrastructure for the new campus at United Tribes Technical College. A dedication ceremony is scheduled for September 5.

Engineering and design plans for the new campus feature a circular concept with vehicle traffic kept on the perimeter. The first educational facility to be constructed will be a science and technology center. Work on that building is expected

to begin in 2009.

To find the dedication site, visitors are advised to go east from University Drive on Burleigh Avenue, the college's south entrance.

# Ready for powwow



**CAMPUS MANICURE:** High up in the aerial basket, groundskeeper James Carry Moccasin makes the wood chips fly under the watchful eye of foreman Bernard Strikes Enemy during removal of a dead tree on the UTTC campus. Plentiful summer rains and the dedicated work of the college's maintenance department, under the direction of Bud Anderson, have the campus looking good for the annual powwow. UTN photo Dennis J. Neumann

## Dawn (Lambert) Krein selected for scholarship

### TEACHING PROFESSION:

The American Association of School Personnel Administrators (AASPA) has selected Dawn (Lambert) Krein to receive the 2008 Leon Bradley Scholarship. Dawn is in her final year at United Tribes Technical College double majoring in Elementary Education and Special Education through Sinte Gleska University. The Bradley Scholarship was established to encourage minorities and persons of color to enter the teaching profession. The AASPA believes that it is beneficial for all students to experience diversity among the teachers who, in turn, serve as role models for students. The AASPA annually awards two scholarships to assist a minority college student seeking their initial teaching certification and/or endorsement. Dawn received a \$1,000 award for her final year, which includes student teaching. She is an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa; her hometown is Williston, ND. Congratulations Dawn!



## FREE Service for Parents

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UTTC Childhood Development Center  
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## What's Happening in Health Information Technology



- 06-07 - UTTC HIT Graduate employed at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN and becomes RHIT. (Registered Health Information Technologist)
- 07-08 - UTTC HIT Graduate is employed by a Radiology Clinic in Texas.
- Lynelle Lawler earns her RMT. (Registered Medical Transcriptionist)
- HIT Dept. looking for student leadership for HIT Vocational Club and UTTC Student Senate.
- Transcription program goes campus-based.

## Health Information Vocational Club

If you're looking for a way to make your UTTC experience fun and to network with other HIT students, then why not join the HIT Vocational Club!

As with any other UTTC student organization, you can plan activities throughout the school year. Activities, to name a few, can include building a float for the powwow, homecoming, fundraising, pot-lucks, selling concessions for basketball, and planning week long activities for Health Information Week. Working as a group, you can be as creative as you want.

It can also be a great networking tool to make friends, start study groups, mentor one another, network with other UTTC student organizations, share information on health information and build on leadership qualities by serving as an officer of the organization.

The HIT Vocational Club under good quality, student leadership, can accomplish many things throughout the year. For more information stop by the Health Information Department on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Jack Barden Center and visit with one of the staff.

## Makwa to sign books

Niizh Makwa will sign copies of his book of poetry, "Red Man's Diaries," on Saturday, September 6. The author will be at Barnes and Nobel bookstore, 565 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Bismarck, between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Makwa, a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, resides in Bismarck. He is currently working on a play and another book.



## UTTC SELF-STUDY

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@uttcc.edu](mailto:ncaaccreditation@uttcc.edu). To learn more about the NCA accreditation process, visit the website: <http://www.ncahlc.org>

# New school term underway



UTN photo Dennis J. Neumann

**GETTING ACQUAINTED:** From a comfortable perch, one year old Talon A. Morin checks out the surroundings in the multi-purpose room of the United Tribes Wellness Center. Talon accompanied his mother, Linzi Morin (Turtle Mountain), August 18 during a student orientation program. Linzi is a new UTTC student in the college's Criminal Justice Program. Talon will be enrolled in the college's Childhood Development Center. United Tribes classes began August 21.

## Honoring Ceremony

For **MASTER SGT. WOODROW KEEBLE** (Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota)



**Saturday  
September 6  
3 pm  
Lone Star Arena  
United Tribes Technical College**

**Public Invited to Attend • Tribal Veteran Groups Especially Welcome!**

**M**aster Sgt. Keeble was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor earlier this year for heroism during the Korean War.

# Earn money while attending college

BY SHANNAN NADEAU, UTTC Work Programs Coordinator

## College Work Programs

**C**ampus College Work Programs help students earn money while attending school to help pay off school debt or increase their personal income. The Leadership Through Experience (LTE) Program allows students, who have any amount of debt with the school, to work and earn \$8/hour, with half, \$4, going toward their campus bill. You must be a current student and have a current UTTC bill to be eligible.

This semester will see changes in the LTE program, as staff works to encourage all campus supervisors and students to improve their workplace skills and knowledge. Students will be encouraged to attend interviews, work with their resumes, and assess their own abilities in computers, workplace skills and commonly used software programs.

Several workshops throughout the semester will be offered to engage students in topics useful in succeeding in today's workforce, such as financial literacy, self-esteem and integrity, and public speaking.

It is our goal in College Work Programs to help students receive a hands-on work experience and the work skills knowledge needed to succeed in today's workforce.

During one-on-one visits with College Work Programs Coordinator Shannan Nadeau, students will review the occupation information for their job such as tools, tasks, skills, and education used in their jobsite. They will also have the opportunity to complete tutorials and lessons to improve their abilities in computer software, typing, or basic worksite skills. Student incentive gifts will be distributed as they are available.

College Work Programs is a part of the Financial Aid office on campus. Students or prospective supervisors are encouraged to phone Work Programs Coordinator Shannan Nadeau at x 1377 or Financial Aid Director Nathan Stratton, x 1209, with any questions. We welcome comments or suggestions for other workplace skill opportunities for students. Student Work Programs applications can be picked up at Financial Aid Building 5B.

# Jack Barden computer lab hours

**W**elcome back students! We ask for your cooperation in helping us monitor the computer lab after hours. The Health Information Technology Department would like to inform student/faculty that the Jack Barden Computer Lab is open after hours from 5-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday. It will also be open the Saturday before Mid-Terms and Finals week. There will be one staff from the HIT and Transcription Program to supervise after hours. On occasion the computer lab will be closed due to weather, holidays, meetings, etc. Notice will also be posted on the main doors.

Students are asked to show respect and be responsible using computers, printers, furniture, and restrooms in the Barden Center as well as cooperating with staff/faculty. The computers are for use by UTTC College Students only. Elementary, junior high and high school students under the age of 18 must be accompanied by their parent(s) and monitored at all times or they will be asked to leave.

Alcohol or drugs are not allowed. Inappropriate websites and any disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated. Security will be contacted immediately.

Again, we welcome you back and we wish you a successful and enjoyable school year. Thank you for your cooperation.

— **HITIEM Staff and custodian Frank Lohnes Sr.**

## LEADERSHIP THROUGH EXPERIENCE

*Leadership Through Experience has been a positive experience for many campus students.*

### JACQUELINE ARCHAMBAULT

Jacqueline Archambault is an enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Tribe, Eagle Butte, South Dakota. Her major is Business Office Technology and she plans to graduate in December, 2008. Jackie started her LTE work experience this summer at the Financial Aid Department as an Office Assistant. She has enjoyed learning new skills and gaining experience in office reception work and filing. She has been able to meet new people each day and works her best to be helpful to all students and staff. She enjoys the opportunity to work and pay her UTTC college bill.



### MIKELYN TEEMAN

Mikelyn Teeman is an enrolled member of the Paiute / Shoshone Tribe, McDermitt, Nevada. Her major is Administrative Assistant-Medical. She began the LTE work experience in Disability Support Services, during the Spring school term, where she helped students get started with their services. This Summer, Mikelyn worked in the Financial Aid office helping students apply for Financial Aid, guiding students through the Financial Aid Budget process, and helping establish a new Financial Aid filing system. The work experience has been exciting, busy, and fun. Mikelyn is grateful that students have the LTE Program to help with UTTC bills, in cases where their tribe has no available funding. It has been a rewarding and exciting opportunity.



## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 1.....Labor Day Holiday
- 4 - 7 ..... International Powwow
- 4 ..... Last Day to Register for Fall Semester
- 5 .....No Classes
- 8 ..... Professional Development Day  
No classes
- 12.....Last Day to Add a UTTC Class



Brandon Stevens at graduation 2004

**C**ongratulations to Brandon Stevens, a 2004 UTTC graduate. Stevens was elected in balloting July 5 to the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin Tribal Council and sworn into office August 7. Brandon was the starting point guard for the UTTC Thunderbirds and excelled athletically and academically. He later played and graduated from Haskell Indian Nations University.

# On Top of Things



**STUDENT POWER:** Students Jose Lopez, left, and Labon Red Owl used power tools and their construction skills on a summer building project on the UTTC campus. The two helped renovate the porch on one of the campuses' 100 year old buildings. Both students are in the college's Construction Technology Program, where hands-on learning is put into practice. The renovation project was supervised by Al Houn, instructor, and Bruce Benson, Construction Technology Program director. United Tribes News photo

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**IMPORTANT:**

## INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR STUDENT BILL.



On January 18, 2008, United Tribes Technical College instituted a policy that limits the maximum debt from previous semesters that a student can have while enrolled at UTTC.

Students who had over \$2,500 of debt at the end of the Summer 2008 semester are placed on suspension and are not allowed to attend classes for the Fall 2008 semester until the debt is paid.

The threshold for allowable debt will decline by year end. Students with a bill over \$1,000 at the end of the Fall term will not be able to register for Spring 2009 classes.

If you have questions about your bill please stop in at the Student Accounts office. If you need to apply for funding please visit the Financial Aid office.

Thank you.

# Community Wellness Fun Day



UTN photos by Suzanne Shields & Dennis J. Neumann

**FAMILY FUN:** The campus community turned out enthusiastically for a Community Wellness Fun day held July 31. UTTC students and their families and the college staff and faculty attended the afternoon activities west of the powwow dance arbor on campus. Over 300 participated in activities that included lawn games, an inflatable fun house, balloon toss, round dance, and a watermelon eating contest. The main events were "Tug-Of-War" contests. Healthy foods were served for snacks and a meal. The event was sponsored by the UTTC/USDA Land Grant Program in cooperation with the Healthy Lifestyles Program of the Wellness Center.



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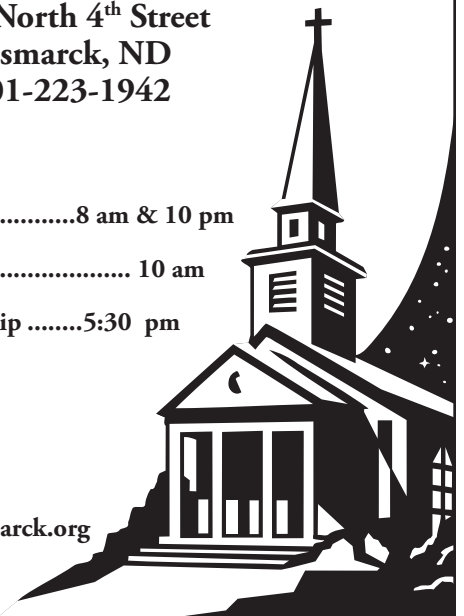
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Sunday Worship .....8 am & 10 pm

Sunday School ..... 10 am

Wednesday Worship .....5:30 pm

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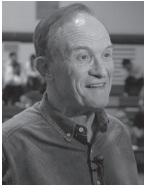
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ND US Senator  
Byron L. Dorgan

concerning issues affecting American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Most recently he introduced the Tribal Law and Order Act, a bill that addresses crime in Indian Country. The measure would provide tools to tribal justice officials to fight crime in their own communities, improve coordination between law enforcement agencies, and increase accountability standards.



Coach Dale  
Brown

Coach Dale Brown is scheduled to address the summit during a noon luncheon on Thursday, September 4, also at the Civic Center. Brown is an author, motivational speaker and media basketball analyst. He is the former head coach of Louisiana State University, where he assembled one of the best winning records in college basketball coaching. He discovered and coached Shaquille O'Neal and other NBA first-round selections. He is a former high school coach, teacher and principal in North Dakota.

All events of the two-day summit will be held at the Bismarck Civic Center Exhibit Hall. The opening ceremony begins at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 3. The theme is: "Leadership in a New Era."

Tribal leaders in the region use the annual gathering to exchange information about current issues. Past meetings have been attended by federal, state and lo-

cal officials. Tribal leaders from the five tribes located in North Dakota – members of the United Tribes Technical College governing board – will preside over the sessions.

Former Oglala Tribal Chairperson Cecilia Fire Thunder will appear Wednesday, September 3 at 2:30 p.m. and speak on the topic of tribal leaders and their role in addressing domestic violence on reservations.

The Director of Law Enforcement for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pat Ragsdale, will address the summit about law enforcement issues in Indian Country. His talk is set for 11 a.m. Thursday, September 4.

Also on the schedule is an official consultation meeting between the BIA, representatives of the Federal Highway Administration, and tribal leaders.

Other topics include: State legislative issues, Indian gaming, education, and a report from the office of the special trustee.

The event includes a trade show open to vendors that have an active North Dakota Sales and Use Tax Permit.

UTTC sponsors the meetings, which precede the United Tribes International Powwow. To see a detailed agenda and to register, visit the United Tribes website: [www.uttc.edu](http://www.uttc.edu), or contact Tiffany Hodge 701-255-3285 x 1482, [thodge@uttc.edu](mailto:thodge@uttc.edu). For the trade fair contact Debbie Painte 701-255-3285, x 1232, [dpainte@uttc.edu](mailto:dpainte@uttc.edu).



SEPTEMBER 3 – 4, 2008

BISMARCK, ND

CIVIC CENTER

EXHIBITION HALL

After last year's record breaking attendance we are hoping that this year will also be another remarkable year. This year's event will have Coach Dale Brown as Thursday's Keynote luncheon speaker. Coach Brown is known for his inspirational and motivational speaking in addition to his legendary coaching career. The Trade Show will include a variety of different vendors from across the region and country. It will be a good opportunity to see what various companies have to offer. The Speakers for this year's Summit will be addressing a variety of different issues that currently affect Indian Country.

## TRIBAL TOPICS

- Assessing Violence
- Law Enforcement
- Trust Relations
- Indian Gaming
- State/Tribal Relations
- Legislation

## MORE INFORMATION

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## "Leadership in a New Era"

TRIBAL LEADERS SUMMIT • SEPTEMBER 3-4, 2008 • BISMARCK CIVIC CENTER EXHIBIT HALL

# TOPIC AGENDA

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

1 pm.....Registration Opens

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:15 am.....Registration Opens

8:30 am.....Opening Ceremony

10:25 am.....BIA/Federal Highway Administration Indian Reservation Roads Consultation

NOON.....Luncheon-Keynote Speaker U.S. Senator Byron L. Dorgan

1:30 pm.....State Legislative Issues & Updates

2:30 pm.....Tribal Leaders Role in Addressing Domestic Violence – Cecelia Fire Thunder

3:30 pm.....The Role of Education & Safety

5 pm.....Networking Event Miss Indian Nations Candidates

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9 am.....General Session: Law Enforcement Issues in Indian Country

10:15 am.....Education & Law Enforcement

11:00 am.....2008 Candidates for Public Office

NOON.....Luncheon-Keynote Speaker Coach Dale Brown

1:30 pm.....Office of Special Trustee/Region III Update

2:45 pm.....Indian Gaming Issues & Updates

3:30 pm.....UTTC/UTND Board review & approval of resolutions

4 pm.....Powwow Ground Blessing – United Tribes Powwow Arbor

7 pm.....Grand Entry – 39th Annual United Tribes International Powwow

# Long Feather named Chief of Staff

**A WELCOMED RETURN:**

Wes Long Feather (Standing Rock) received a warm round of applause August 15 during the all staff orientation program. Long Feather became the administration's Chief of Staff in late July. He had previously served five years in that department before transferring to Human Resources over the past year. His capable work in administration is widely recognized and appreciated by the campus community and friends of the college. He invited people to contact him in the administration building. He can be reached at x 1218 or wlongfeather@uttc.edu.



# A Word About Safety

BY SUZANNE SHIELDS, RN, Student Health Center Director

United Tribes Technical College pursues every reasonable effort to provide a safe and healthy environment for employees, students and visitors. UTTC has a Health and Safety Officer and Assistant. Along with UTTC Security Department, they coordinate the day to day safety management of the college.

In the college organizational structure, Health and Safety is under the direction of the Vice President of Student and Campus Services, Russell Swager.

While UTTC is ultimately responsible for the safety of everyone, safety should be foremost in the routines of everyone, especially including department heads, supervisors and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Employees, students, and visitors are urged to make safe performance an essential element of every task.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact: Suzanne Shields, Health and Safety Officer: x 1332 or Charmelle Fuchs, Assistant Health and Safety Officer: x 1331.

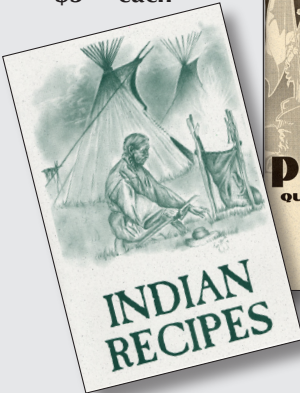
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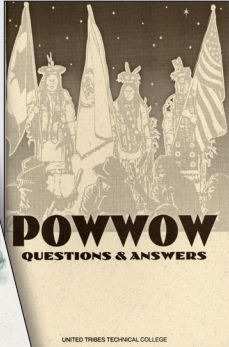
- cation by American Indian students and their families
  - We have signed a memorandum of understanding with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for tribal law enforcement training. The agreement will result in stationing a BIA officer on campus to teach and work with tribal communities in the region.
  - We are making remarkable progress on our private sector fundraising. Contributors continue to meet their pledges toward the "Opportunities in the Making" student scholarship campaign initiated in 2005. And we are off to a quick start gaining contributors to the Coach Dale Brown Scholarship Challenge Program that is supported by the Coach, who we are proud to call our friend.
  - The college's mission statement has been revised and updated to reflect the new challenges and opportunities that face us.
  - We are very well prepared for the college's self-study process, now underway. We have added new expertise in this area to our staff, the committees are organized and working, and our leaders are focused and inspirational on the process of re-accreditation for the next decade.
  - United Tribes will reach a celebratory milestone in the coming year. The college will mark 40 years of educational service on July 1, 2009. That is something to look forward to, and plan for, and celebrate – for the vision it took at the outset and as a measure of the perseverance and achievement of Indian People.
- Yes, we do have good news. The challenge ahead is to continue to provide the highest quality educational services that help our students and their families succeed. Right now we have plenty of wind under our wings to help us.
- Pilamayelo!

## UNITED TRIBES TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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## Daughters and Sons of the Sun



## Powwow Featured Cultural Group

The 2008 featured performers are from the Sami culture. Ante Mikkel Gaup and his daughters Sara Marielle and Lena Susanne represent the culture of indigenous European people. Like Native Americans, they were pushed to the margins of their society and now live in the northern part of Norway, Sweden, Finland and western Russia where they continue to live close to nature cultivating herds of Reindeer.

Sami performances are set for 9:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, September 5 and 6 and a 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 7 in Lone Star Arena, the powwow dance arbor in the center of the college campus. The group will also perform during Youth Day on Friday morning, September 5 and will appear in the powwow grand entries.

# Parade theme honors leadership

BISMARCK (UTN) – The United Tribes “Parade of Champions” will provide an opportunity to honor those who demonstrate leadership.

“Celebrating Community Through Leadership” is the theme selected for the 2008 parade, set for Saturday, September 6.

The event is open to the public as showcase for community spirit and unity during the United Tribes International Powwow.

Registration is open for the parade’s 150 places. Past entries have come from community groups and tribal organizations, including American Indian dancers and singers from the powwow, tribal leaders, Miss Indian Nations participants, and from the state’s five tribes.

The United Tribes Parade Committee encourages participants to prepare an entry that honors the spirit of community through those who provide leadership. Participants are free to choose their own way of honoring leadership on the entry they submit.

The parade’s Grand Marshall is Sister Thomas Welder, University of Mary president. Sister Thomas has emphasized the Benedictine value of servant leadership at the university and promoted unity among

diverse groups in the community.

The parade entry fee is \$35, the same as in previous years. Entries that wish to be judged are \$50.

Entry forms are available from parade coordinators Lorraine and Scott Davis at United Tribes Technical College, 701-255-3285 x 1260 or 1454, ldavis@uttc.edu, or sdavis@uttc.edu.

Judging takes place and cash awards are presented in four categories: Best Overall Theme Entry; Best Horse Group; Best Dance Group; and Best Youth/Cultural Entry.

Staging for the “Parade of Champions” begins at 8 a.m. at the State Capitol grounds. Wheels roll at 10 a.m. along a route from Boulevard Avenue down Sixth Street to Avenue C, west one block to Fifth Street, and south on Fifth Street through downtown to Kirkwood Mall, where participants disperse in the mall parking lot.

The International Powwow begins September 4 on the campus of United Tribes Technical College. It attracts over 10,000 visitors to the community for the weekend and was recognized with the North Dakota Governor’s International Award for Tourism in 2008.

## AA Conference scheduled

BISMARCK (UTN) – A three day conference is scheduled for September 4 – 6 for the Native American Indian General Service Organization of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The gathering coincides with the United Tribes International Powwow and takes place in the Lewis Goodhouse Wellness Center at United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck.

On the agenda are ceremonies, talking circles, speakers and panels. There is no registration fee but pre-registration is encouraged to help with planning. Donations will be accepted. Free tent camping is available on the United Tribes campus.

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# UNITED TRIBES INTERNATIONAL POWWOW

## POWWOW PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### ★ THURSDAY ★

• September 4, 2008 •

10:00 am	Powwow Drum & Dance Contest Registration Opens Parade Registration Opens Powwow Vendor Setup	Education Building Education Building Lone Star Arena
4:00 pm	Ground Blessing	Lone Star Arena
6:30 pm	DRUM ROLL CALL	Lone Star Arena
7:00 pm	POWWOW Welcome, Prayer, and Introductions	Lone Star Arena
7:00 pm	FIRST GRAND ENTRY <i>(In Honor of Don Rush)</i>	Lone Star Arena
8:00 pm	DRUM & DANCE COMPETITION, INTERTRIBAL DANCING	Lone Star Arena

### ★ FRIDAY ★

• September 5, 2008 •

9:00 am	YOUTH DAY	North Side of Campus
10:00 am	Powwow Drum & Dance Contest Registration Open	Education Building
12:30 pm	DRUM ROLL CALL	Lone Star Arena
1:00 pm	SECOND GRAND ENTRY	Lone Star Arena
2:00 pm	DRUM & DANCE COMPETITION, INTERTRIBAL DANCING	Lone Star Arena
6:30 pm	DRUM ROLL CALL	Lone Star Arena
7:00 pm	THIRD GRAND ENTRY	Lone Star Arena
8:00 pm	DRUM & DANCE COMPETITION, INTERTRIBAL DANCING	Lone Star Arena
9:30 pm	SPECIAL CULTURAL PERFORMANCE	Lone Star Arena
12:00 am	Parade Registration Closes	Education Building

### ★ SATURDAY ★

• September 6, 2008 •

8:00 am	PARADE OF CHAMPIONS STAGING	State Capitol Grounds
10:00 am	PARADE OF CHAMPIONS START	State Capitol Grounds
10:00 am	WOMEN & MEN SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS	Clem Kelly Diamonds
11:00 am	"SHOW-N-SHINE" CAR SHOW (Classic Cars from Parade)	UTTC Skill Center
12:00 pm	Dance Contest Registration Closes	Education Building
1:30 pm	DRUM ROLL CALL	Lone Star Arena
2:00 pm	FOURTH GRAND ENTRY	Lone Star Arena
	DRUM & DANCE COMPETITION, INTERTRIBAL DANCING	Lone Star Arena
3:00 pm	Woodrow Keeble Honoring	Lone Star Arena
5:00 pm	Outgoing Miss Indian Nations honoring	Lone Star Arena
6:00 pm	New Miss Indian Nations Awards Program and Coronation	Lone Star Arena
6:30 pm	DRUM ROLL CALL	UTTC Gym
7:00 pm	FIFTH GRAND ENTRY	Lone Star Arena
	DRUM & DANCE COMPETITION, INTERTRIBAL DANCING	Lone Star Arena
	New Miss Indian Nations presented to powwow audience	Lone Star Arena
9:30 pm	SPECIAL CULTURAL PERFORMANCE	Lone Star Arena

### ★ SUNDAY ★

• September 7, 2008 •

10:00 am	WOMEN & MEN SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS	Clem Kelly Diamonds
10:45 am	DRUM ROLL CALL	Lone Star Arena
11:00 am	SIXTH AND FINAL GRAND ENTRY	Lone Star Arena
Noon	DRUM & DANCE COMPETITION, INTERTRIBAL DANCING	Lone Star Arena
3:30 pm	SPECIAL CULTURAL PERFORMANCE	Lone Star Arena
4:00 pm	FREE BUFFALO FEED: Standing Rock Tribe/Turtle Mt. Tribe TIE BREAKERS	UTTC Cafeteria
	INTERTRIBAL DANCING	Lone Star Arena
	ANNOUNCEMENT OF TOURNAMENT WINNERS	Lone Star Arena
	DANCE & DRUM CONTEST AWARDS	Lone Star Arena
<b>CLOSING</b>	WINNING DRUM HONOR SONG	Lone Star Arena

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## Powwow Youth Day is Friday, September 5



Youth Day 2007. UTN photo Doug Quinn

BISMARCK (UTN) – School classes and youth groups are invited to Youth Day at the United Tribes International Powwow on Friday, September 5 on the college campus in Bismarck.

The music and cultural event is offered as an educational experience for young people and visitors interested in Native American culture.

Included are cultural presentations, flute music, hoop dancing, and a performance by the powwow's featured cultural group.

This is the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Youth Day. During past events, school groups from Bismarck-Mandan, surrounding towns and outlying reservation communities have attended as part of organized outings. Major funding for Youth Day is provided by the Bismarck Public Schools.

Youth Day begins with at 9 a.m. and runs through the morning near the college administration building on Sisseton Road. The event will be held in the gymnasium in case of rain. The schedule concludes with the 1 p.m. Grand Entry of powwow dancers at Lone Star Arena.

Groups are advised to bring lunches or plan to purchase lunch at the food court. Vendor stands will also be open. There is no admission fee for students, teachers or escorts.

Teachers are encouraged to register in advance by contacting coordinators Julie M. Cain 701-255-3285 x 1276 or Bernadette Dauenhauer x 1248.



## UNITED TRIBES POWWOW WEEK September 3 – 7, 2008 • Bismarck, North Dakota

### EVENTS-AT-A-GLANCE

#### SEPTEMBER 3-4

12th Annual Tribal Leaders Summit • Bismarck Civic Center Exhibit Hall  
Senator Byron L. Dorgan keynote • 2 Noon, Wednesday, September 3 • Exhibit Hall

#### Thursday

#### • September 4, 2008 •

- Coach Dale Brown keynote • 12 Noon • Civic Center Exhibit Hall—
- UTTC Golf Tournament • Apple Creek Country Club  
Noon registration • 1 pm shotgun start —
- Eagle Sculpture Dedication Ceremony • 2 pm • Sertoma Park—

#### SEPTEMBER 4-7

39th Annual International Powwow • Lone Star Arena • UTTC Campus

#### Friday

#### • September 5, 2008 •

- Youth Day • 9 am • North side of UTTC campus—
- New Campus Dedication Ceremony • 2:30 pm • UTTC south campus—

#### Saturday

#### • September 6, 2008 •

- Parade of Champions • 8 am staging at Capital grounds • 10 am start—
- John Thunderhawk Softball Tournament • 10 am • Clem Kelley Softball Diamonds—
- Woodrow Keeble Honoring • 3 pm • Lone Star Arena • UTTC Campus—

#### Sunday

#### • September 7, 2008 •

- John Thunderhawk Softball Tournament • 10 am • Clem Kelley Softball Diamonds—
- Free Buffalo Feed • 4 pm • UTTC Cafeteria—

## Teeing Off for Academic Excellence



Thursday, September 4

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5:30 p. m. ....Awards/Meal

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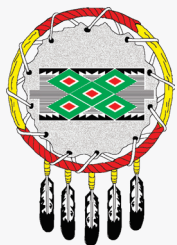
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## Diabetes Summit scheduled at UTTC

BY SUZANNE SHIELDS, RN, UTTC Student Health Center Director

The Dakota Diabetes Coalition and United Tribes Technical College will host the Dakota Diabetes Coalition State-wide Summit set for September 18-19 on the UTTC campus in Bismarck.

The event will be an opportunity to address current issues that are crucial in handling this chronic illness. Participants will be able to network and share ideas about best practices and resources. Work will also be done on the state plan regarding diabetes prevention, diagnosis, treatment and patient-centered care.

Featured presenters will be: Dr. Eric Johnson, North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Science's Department of Family and Community Medicine; Dr. Terry Dwelle, State Health Officer; and Phyllis Howard, Office for the Elimination of Health Disparities.

Information about diabetes among students will be provided by the UTTC Student Health Center. Ruth Buffalo-Zarazua of Strengthening Lifestyles will present information about exercise for a healthy lifestyle.

The summit will be coordinated at UTTC by the staff of the Lewis Goodhouse Wellness Center, Sheri Baker, Director.

For more information contact Suzanne Shields 701-255-3285 x 1332 or Kim Ressler, 701-425-3545.

## Correction: On the Vice President's List

The name of Shiela Netterville, a student in Early Childhood Education, was inadvertently omitted from the list of honor students for Spring 2008 in the last edition of *UNITED TRIBES NEWS*. Please join us in recognizing and congratulating her on her academic achievement.

— Editor

## Accreditation renewed for UTTC nursing program

BY EVELYN ORTH, UTTC Nursing Director

The National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) has awarded eight years of continued accreditation to the United Tribes Nursing Program. The college received official notification in July.

The UTTC Nursing Program received initial accreditation from the NLNAC in 1995. The national accreditation means that UTTC's program meets and exceeds the normal standards for nursing education. Eight years is the maximum amount of accreditation time awarded to a program.

The NLNAC conducted a site visit to the UTTC campus in February 2008. Site visitors recommended to the NLNAC that all seven standards were met. They also identified program strengths in three of the standards: they were very impressed with the support services students receive from the college, the credentials of UTTC's nursing faculty, and the nursing program's organizational structure.

Prior to the on-site visit, nursing faculty submitted a comprehensive Self-Study document. During the accreditation visit, site visitors met with college administration, nursing students and faculty, campus staff, alumni, and community mem-

bers. Their process also included a thorough review of program materials and files. Following the site visit, the findings were reviewed by an evaluation review panel in May and the commission in July.



Evelyn Orth, UTTC Nursing Program Director

Graduates of the UTTC Nursing Program have been successful with their licensure exam and in obtaining employment as Licensed Practical Nurses. Employers of UTTC's nursing graduates are very complementary of their nursing skills and performance. The success of UTTC graduates reflects favorably on the education, support, and experiences they receive as students, and the support of the program's advisory board and community practice sites.

Thank you to all who were involved in helping to achieve the accreditation renewal and to all who make the UTTC Nursing Program the success that it is.

## Grant awarded to assist head injury victims

GRAND FORKS, ND – The federal Health Resources and Services Administration has awarded the North Dakota Department of Human Services (DHS) a grant to strengthen the coordination of services for individuals with traumatic brain injuries. The \$118,000 award is for year two of a three-year project designed to help North Dakota better address the needs of military veterans, American In-

dians, and others with traumatic brain injuries.

The DHS has partnered with the Center for Rural Health at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences to administer the project.

For more information contact: Wendy Opsahl, Communications Coordinator, Center for Rural Health, (701) 777-0871, wopsahl@medicine.nodak.edu.

# Thunderbird Profile

**Barry Big Horn Jr.**  
Chippewa Cree/Sioux  
Fort Kipp, Montana



**All state:**  
basketball, football,  
track

**State track meet:**  
3rd team overall (6  
medals during state  
meet; three gold)

**All conference:**  
basketball, football

**Treasure state games:**  
Football, mvp offensive blue  
team at Butte, MT

- 2 school records at Culbertson HS, MT
- Last year ran at University of Texas-El Paso
- Enrolled at UTTC for academic achievement and to continue athletics

**EDUCATIONAL GOAL:**  
to major in engineering

## UTTC CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE



September 5  
Minot State Invitational; Minot, ND

September 12  
Roy Pynn Invitational; Grand Forks, ND

September 27  
Roy Griak Invitational; Minneapolis, MN

October 3  
Jimmie Invitational; Jamestown, ND

October 10  
Concordia Invitational; Moorhead, MN

November 8  
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Championship; Spartanburg, SC



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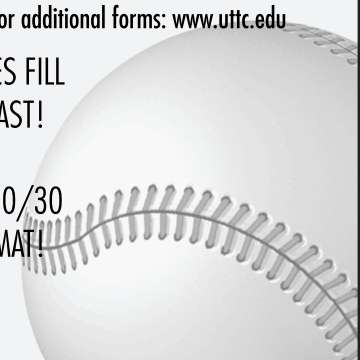
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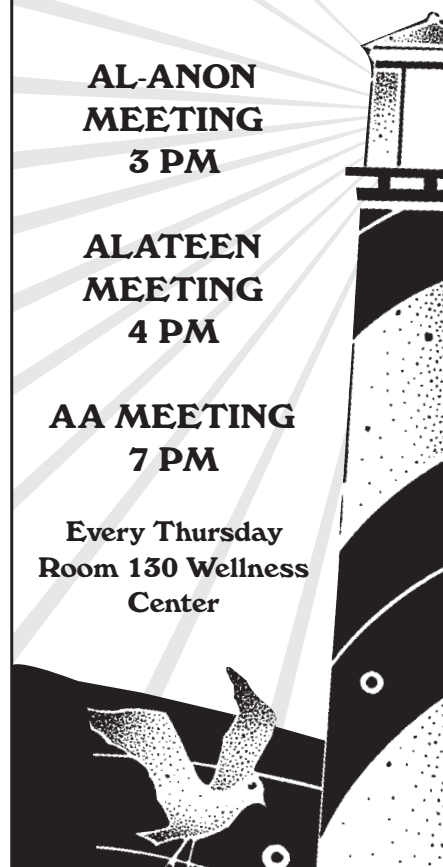
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#### DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED:

- Applicant **MUST** apply with home funding agency **FIRST**
- Upon receiving an award / denial notification, documentation must be provided to the WIA office
- Copy of certificate of tribal enrollment
- Copy of class schedule
- Student **MUST** have a 2.0 GPA
- Copy of needs analysis / budget from the financial aid office
- Copy of income verification

#### APPOINTMENTS / QUESTIONS:

The Workforce Investment Act office (WIA) is located in building # 61. The office is open Monday-Friday from 8 - 5 pm. Call (701) 255-3285 ext.1229 / 1232 for assistance.



# Lawmakers pass higher education bill

## Measure includes authorization for two tribal technical colleges

BISMARCK (UTN) – Two technical colleges that serve American Indian students are now included in legislation that supports the nation's 37 tribal colleges.

For the first time United Tribes Technical College, Bismarck, ND, and Navajo Technical College, Crownpoint, NM, are part of the Tribal College or University Assistance Act. The two are included, with an amendment covering tribally controlled postsecondary career and technical institutions, in legislation passed in late July by both chambers of Congress. The measure is contained in the Higher Education Reauthorization and College Opportunity Act of 2008.

As technical colleges, neither school had been part of the tribal college act, which was established to support tribal community colleges located on reservations and governed by individual tribes.

The founding of United Tribes, at the outset of the tribal college movement, pre-

dates passage of the act in 1978. UTTC is one of the oldest tribal colleges in the nation having opened for classes on July 1, 1969. It is the first tribal college that was formed with an inter-tribal governing board made up of the tribes of North Dakota.

Basic operational funding for UTTC and NTC has previously been contained in line item appropriations from the Department of Interior – Bureau of Indian Affairs.

North Dakota U. S. Senator L. Dorgan worked to have the two colleges included in the tribal college legislation.

The bill represents the first reauthorization of the Higher Education Act in 10 years. It nearly doubles the maximum Pell Grant. The award, which is available to low-income undergraduate students, will increase from \$4,800 to reach \$8,000 by 2014. The legislation also moves to simplify the process of applying for financial aid.

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# Contributors respond to Dale Brown matching grant campaign

BY SCOTT DAVIS, Development Officer, Office of Institutional Advancement

## First award recipient selected

The initial response has been very encouraging for the Coach Dale Brown Scholarship Challenge at United Tribes Technical College.

Coach Brown is the former head basketball coach of Louisiana State University, where he coached Shaquille O'Neil and other outstanding athletes.



Tex Hall

In March, the Coach initiated the Dale Brown Scholarship Challenge for students of United Tribes. The objective is to raise scholarship funds from business, organizations and individuals locally, around the region and from throughout the nation. Every dollar pledged will be match dollar for dollar by the Coach.

Although it's very early in the game, as the Coach would say, the score is up to \$24,000 in the campaign.

Two individuals made the lead off pledges. Responding to the challenge are Tex

Hall, CEO of Red Tipped Arrow, LLC (former chair of the Mandan-Hidatsa-Arikara nation), Mandaree ND; and Brad Miller, CEO of Miller Insulation, Bismarck, ND.

United Tribes is grateful for their generous pledges! And we are excited that they have started the campaign off with a strong scoring blitz.

The campaign is coordinated by the staff of the college's Office of Institutional Advancement: Brad Hawk, Director of Major Gifts and Alumni Relations, and myself.

### SUMMIT & POWWOW APPEARANCES

On Thursday, September 4 at 12 Noon, Coach Brown will be the keynote speaker during the United Tribes Tribal Leaders Summit luncheon. Also on September 4 at 7 p.m. the Coach, along with North Dakota Public Service Commissioner Kevin Cramer and NIGA Spirit of Sovereignty Director Andi Ebona will be special guests during the First Grand Entry of the United Tribes International Powwow.

### FIRST RECIPIENT

We are pleased to announce that the first recipient of a Coach Dale Brown Scholarship is Nevada Allen, (Lakota) Cannonball, ND. According to UTTC Athletic Director Daryl Bearstail, Nevada is an excellent student, with a GPA of 3.1. She brings leadership on and off the court to her teammates and classmates. Ne-

vada has overcome challenges early in her life that have not stopped her from having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic. Congratulations to Nevada!



Nevada Allen, Scholarship Recipient

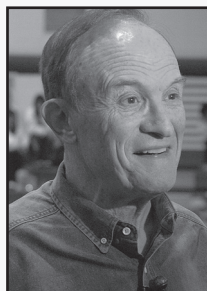
Coach Brown Scholarships will be awarded annually to any student-athlete who comes from challenging circumstances and exhibits leadership and volunteerism to the UTTC campus community. Each recipient must have a minimum 2.75 GPA.

For more information, please contact Brad Hawk, 701-255-3285 x 1387, bhawk@uttc.edu, or Scott Davis x 1454, sdavis@uttc.edu.

## COACH DALE BROWN SCHOLARSHIP CHALLENGE

Recently we have come to know former LSU Basketball Coach Dale Brown. He has sought to learn about American Indians and we consider him our friend. His passion for justice and support for education have led him to champion a student scholarship matching grant program.

Coach Brown has generously offered to match, dollar-for-dollar, every contribution we receive for student scholarships at United Tribes Technical College! Businesses, organizations and individuals are accepting his challenge.



**Won't you join Coach Brown and make a generous gift, which he will match, to further the opportunities of current and future students?**

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Gifts from North Dakota organizations qualify for a special tax credit on the state corporate income tax return under gifts made to North Dakota private colleges. Ask to receive a DVD video of Coach Brown Brown's work with United Tribes Technical College.

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David M. Gipp, President  
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# White Buffalo Have Returned:

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**I**wonder if very many people know that there are three white buffalo walking the earth at this very time. They live in North Dakota.

For tribal people, the very existence of these beings is an amazing occurrence. To understand why, is to connect with the spiritual foundations of our lives as tribal people.

Most people who are familiar with Lakota culture have heard about the White Buffalo Calf Woman. She was the spirit person who appeared long ago when the People were experiencing very difficult times. The truth about her has been handed down the generations. It forms the basis for the belief system that is central to our traditional culture and highlights the sacredness of the white buffalo. During her unexpected visit, the White Buffalo Calf Woman introduced the “cannunpa” (prayer pipe) and the seven sacred ceremonies that would guide the values and lives of Lakota People.

Other Tribes may have their own perspectives about the white buffalo. As for Lakota People, we continue to practice the ceremonies today – including the sundance in summer – just as we offer the utmost respect for the cannunpa. The original pipe is cared for by Arvol Looking Horse, the 19th Generation Keeper of the Sacred White Buffalo Calf Pipe, who resides on South Dakota’s Cheyenne River Reservation.

According to our belief, after sharing her gifts, the White Buffalo Calf Woman said she would return when the people needed her. She began walking away as a two-legged (human being) but then rolled on the ground and changed into a buffalo. Her hide turned different colors each time she rolled. After the fourth time, she disappeared into the horizon as a white buffalo. Ever since, the white buffalo has been embraced as a sacred being and treated



*The albino buffalo calf Dakota Miracle feeding from his albino mother, White Cloud, in September 2007, after its birth on August 31.*

accordingly.

By any measure, a white colored buffalo is a rare event in nature. If one is inclined to look to science for answers, the appearance of a white buffalo becomes a question of genetics in the species, North

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American Bison. My college study of animal husbandry offered the explanation that albinism is caused by the appearance of a recessive gene in the DNA. Considering that millions upon millions of bison roamed the Great Plains, the huge population numbers were bound to produce animals of this type, so it was reasoned.

But the large herds didn’t last. In an effort to destroy the lifestyles and economic foundations of Indian tribes, the buffalo herds were purposely exterminated in the

late 1800s, and their numbers greatly diminished. Some sources say there were fewer than 1,000 buffalo by the start of the 20th century. Depopulating the herds impacted the gene pool leading to fewer chances for albino bison, making them even rarer, perhaps even non-existent.

In the process of rebuilding bison herds over the past 100 years, a number of white buffalo have appeared. Here are the ones I know about.

During the depression years, in May 1933, a white buffalo bull was born on the National Bison Range on the Flathead Reservation near Pablo, Montana and named “Big Medicine.” Big Medicine turned out to be a non-albino animal. But within a few years, in May 1937, he sired an albino calf. That calf was raised at the National Zoological Gardens in Washington, D.C. and later died there in the 1950s. Big Medicine died in August 1959 at the age of 26 years and for many years his pre-



*Phil Baird was formerly the director of the Northern Plains Bison Education Network, an intercollegiate group of ten Tribal colleges collaborating to offer educational resources about the restoration and preservation of Tribal bison herds.*

# Are we considering the message?

served body was on display at the Montana State Capitol in Helena, and maybe still is.

In North Dakota, an albino bison calf was born in the spring of 1955 at the C.C. Koltjes farm six miles north of Fargo. Another white buffalo calf had been previously born in the same herd in December 1953 but died a month later.

fanfare and public support.

White Cloud is still at Jamestown and her presence continues to bring forth new gifts. Until last year, none of her first four calves were albino. But on August 31, 2007, she produced an albino bull calf, which was named "Dakota Miracle." Then this spring, on May 31, 2008, another white bull calf was

born in the Jamestown herd – this one to a non-albino cow. The Museum caretakers believe that one of White Cloud's non-albino calves sired this newest white animal. So, now there are three white buffalo walking in this world against tremendous genetic odds. If there are others, it would be good to have those animals recognized and identified.

From the tribal point of view – that the white buffalo is sacred – White Cloud and her offspring raise questions that go to the heart of the Lakota cultural and spiritual way: Have the white buffalo appeared because people throughout the world are experiencing hard times? The White Buffalo Calf Woman said she'd return to help the people. Certainly tribal people here and all over continue to face very difficult times. The human race as a whole continues to be in conflict, group against group, and with Grandmother Earth, as never before. Have we two-leggeds lost our way in how to live in harmony in the diverse global society and with the planet? What affect do our attitudes and lifestyles have on the world around us? Are we prepared to face the consequences of our own actions?

Lakota People believe that the presence of the sacred white buffalo is a spiritual message to human beings. The albino bison at Jamestown are more than just reminders of the prophecy. Lakota people and other tribes should actively acknowledge the physical and spiritual presence of these messengers and talk about what they mean for the People in these times and for the future. Only through that will we connect with the spiritual foundations that served our people for so many generations.



Photos courtesy of the National Buffalo Museum, Jamestown, ND

The National Buffalo Museum's three albino buffalo can be seen in this June 19, 2008 photo. The herd lives in a pasture on the north side of Interstate Highway 94 at Jamestown, North Dakota.

Mitakuye Oyasin.

There have been other reports about white buffalo in private herds. The animal receiving a lot of public attention in the 1990s was born on a Wisconsin farm. "Miracle," as she was called, was regarded as both a biological and spiritual phenomenon, and gained international fame. She was not an albino and her hide eventually changed colors.

The birth of a true albino buffalo occurred on July 10, 1996. "White Cloud" was born on the D. Shirek ranch near the Spirit Lake Nation in north central North Dakota. Believing such a special creature should be shared with the world, the Shirek family approached the National Buffalo Museum in Jamestown, North Dakota, about placing the animal in the museum's herd. The albino cow took up residence there amidst a lot of

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# Eagle sculpture to be dedicated September 4



**STUDENT PROJECT:** A dedication ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, September 4 at 2 p.m. for the eagle sculpture, "The Keeper," a student project of the United Tribes Art-Art Marketing Program. The Keeper is a metal sculpture depicting an eagle. It is the fifth piece of public art created in the last five years in a cooperative project with the Bismarck Parks and Recreation District. The students crafted The Keeper over the summer. The public dedication ceremony takes place at the sculpture, which is located near the intersection of Riverside Park Road and Arbor Avenue in Bismarck's Sertoma Park, near the tennis courts. Pictured are the student artists who created The Keeper, from left, Charles Anderson, New Hope, MN; Tina Curley (Fort Peck Tribe) Wolf Point, MT, designer of the sculpture; Stacey Grant (Omaha Tribe of Nebraska) Lincoln, NE; Brenna Ashburn (Standing Rock Tribe) Harwood, ND; E. J. Red Bear (Cheyenne River Tribe) Eagle Butte, SD; and, in foreground, Kristina Kalenze (Spirit Lake Tribe) Bismarck, ND. Not pictured: Freedom McLaughlin (Standing Rock Tribe) Bismarck, ND; and Dustin Thompson (Standing Rock Tribe) Bismarck, ND.



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