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# Riders honor ancestor's journey



WINTER RITUAL IS CULTURAL RENEWAL: Thundering up an incline near Green Grass, South Dakota on Saturday, December 17 are some of the riders on the annual "Future Generations Ride" (OOMAKA TOKATAKIYA). Mostly young Lakota tribal members, they were experiencing something of the painful journey made by their ancestors. The two-week passage, in below freezing and sub-zero temperatures, retraced the steps of a band of mostly, women, children and elders who fled the Standing Rock reservation in 1890. The ride began along the Grand River near Bullhead, South Dakota where the renowned Lakota leader Sitting Bull was assassinated. It ended at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, on the Oglala Sioux Reservation, where most of those seeking refuge in 1890 were killed by troops of the U. S. 7th Cavalry. During the over 300 mile journey, each rider made vows and went through purification and other ceremonies. "They're carrying on a renewal of the culture," said David M. Gipp, UTTC president. The ride began in 1986 as the Chief Big Foot Memorial Ride.

	Academic Calendar
January 3-4	Student Orientation
January 5	Classes Begin
January 16	Martin Luther King Day (1/2 Day)
January 26	Spring Graduates Orientation
January 27	Last Day to Add a Class

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### LeRoi Laundreaux's Cafeteria Menu

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

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

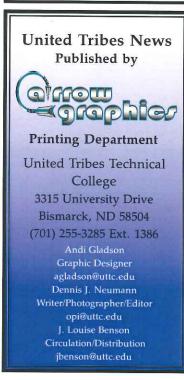
All Students Must Show ID - NO EXCEPTIONS!!



#### January 2 - 6

#### January 9 - 13

Breakfast	Luneh	Dinner	Breakfast	Luneh	Dinner
	Cafeteria Closed		Scrambled Eggs & Muffin	Taco Salad	Baked Chicken & Potatoes
Bacon, Eggs & Potatoes	French Dip w/ Au Jus	Swedish Meatballs	P Bacon, Eggs & Hashbrowns	Steak Sandwich & Fries	Ham Steaks & Pineapple
Scrambled Eggs w/ Ham	Pork Cutlet & Potatoes		Spanish Omelet & Potatoes		Tator Tot Hot Dish
French Toast & Sausage	Hamburger & Fries	BBQ Ribs & Corn-on-the-Cob	N Biscuits & Sausage Gravy	Pizza (Cook's Choice)	Grilled Steak & Baked Potato
Corned Beef Hash & Eggs	Fish Sticks, Mac & Cheese	Hot Dog & Baked Beans	Pancakes & Bacon	Chicken Strips & Rice	Hamburger Gravy & Potatoes



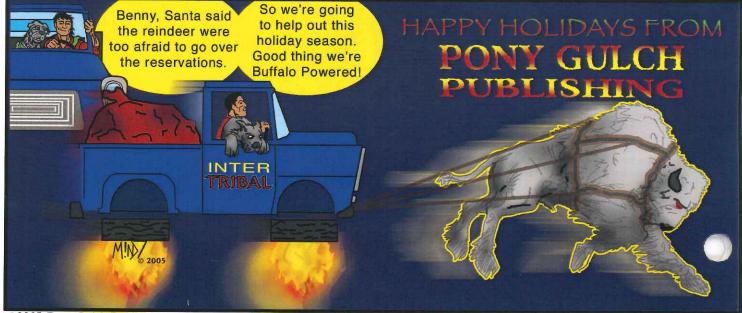
## Art prompts public discussion



GATHERING EAGLES: student Brandon McDonald (Washoe Tribe of Nevada/ California) is interviewed for the TV news following a dedication program November 18 in Bismarck. The subject was how he and five other students created a group of four, life-sized Eagle sculptures a 40 foot diame edicine Whee The Art/Art Marketing students worked for two months in public installing them in a city park, causing many interesting conversations with passers-by. UTN Photo Dennis J. Neumann.

#### KODA THE WARRIOR "Rudolf was a Chicken!"

CREATED BY MARK L. MINDT SPIRIT LAKE NATION



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# Follow up needed on Student medical referrals

by Laurie Lindtiegen, Student Health Center Secretary/Coordinator

The Student Health Center requests all students who have white medical referral forms to visit the center as soon as you can. Please bring the form with you.

The form authorizes the center to cover all medical expenses when students are referred for service to another facility.

It's necessary for the center staff to have this form to complete your medical file. When you return the form, a staff member will visit briefly with you about your health visit.

The medical facility that you were referred to bills the Student Health Center. It's our responsibility to compare the diagnosis with the services received and billed to the center.

It's pretty important that you

return the forms as soon as you are able.

You may receive a letter from our department about this. If you don't return the forms it can jeopardize your future medical care.

Please keep in mind that all medical services are confidential and that no private health information is shared with any department on campus or with your family, unless you provide written authorization to the Indian Health Service/Student Health Center

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season and a successful Spring Semester from Suzanne Shields, RN/Supervisor, Charmelle Fuchs, LPN/Staff Nurse, and Laurie Lindteigen, RHIT/Secretary/Health Information Coordinator.

# UND plans Indian Veterans health study

GRAND FORKS – The Center for Rural Health at the University of North Dakota (UND) School of Medicine and Health Sciences plans to study the health care needs of American Indian veterans in North Dakota.

The center will survey veterans on four reservations and one tribal service area in the state over the next year.

Twyla Baker-Demoray (Hidatsa) will coordinate the project. Wendell White (Arikara), a Vietnam veteran, will be veteran's coordinator. Based at Fort Berthold, White will work with bal communities to assemble an curate listing of their veterans.

Five-hundred veterans (100 from each reservation) will be randomly selected to be surveyed. In face-to-face interviews, they will be

asked about health risk behaviors, health screenings, health care access, and chronic diseases.

The interviews will be conducted by native UND students or by members of Native veteran's organizations on their home reservations. They will be trained for interviewing by faculty and staff from the center.

The information gathered will be shared with the tribes, the North Dakota Department of Health, and the Department of Veteran's Affairs. It will be used by tribal, state and federal policy makers to develop policy to address the needs of American Indian veterans.

The American Indian Veteran Health project is funded by a \$98,000 grant from the Otto Bremer Foundation.

# ServSafe course set for New Town

BISMARCK (UTN) – Experienced food service workers and managers, daycare workers, food vendors, and private restaurant owners are encouraged to attend the nationally recognized ServSafe course set for January 9 to 11 at Four Bears Casino and Lodge, New Town, ND.

This intensive food safety class is taught by United Tribes Technical College food safety educator Pat Aune. The course covers all phases of food safety; health problems caused by poor food handling, handwashing and personal hygiene, food codes and business issues, cleaning and sanitation procedures and times and temperatures for cooking, serving and storing foods.

At the conclusion all participants take the national ServSafe Exam. ServSafe certification is provided by the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation.

The \$125 fee includes the ServSafe Coursebook, Third Edition, printed resources and UTTC's Together, Sharing Food Safely CD.

For registration information contact Aune at 701-255-3285 x 1399 or e-mail paune@uttc.edu.

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



# Indigenous Games set for 2006

The 2006 North American Indigenous Games are scheduled for July 2 – 9, 2006 in Denver and Colorado Springs, Colorado. The games are a large scale, multi-sport and cultural celebration offering competition in 16 sports for youth between ages 13 and 16, and featuring opening and closing ceremonies and a cultural village.

Athletic events include archery, athletics (Track and Field), badminton, baseball, basketball, boxing, canoeing, golf, field lacrosse, rifle shooting, soccer, softball, swimming, Tae Kwon Do, volleyball, and wrestling.

NAIG Council, the event governing body, requires all participants to be part of a delegation. A delegation is a group of athletes (native), coaches, managers, and team leaders who participate under the auspices of a team. Those want to participate should contact their designated team leader to find out how to get involved and if the designated team is taking a delegation to the games.

#### **Opening & Closing Ceremonies**

- Invesco Field @ Mile High Cultural Village
- Denver Center for Performing Arts (DCPA)
- Denver Performing Arts Complex (DPAC)

4th of July Celebration - Six Flags Amusement Park

Powwow and Indian Rodeo - Western National Complex

http://www.naig2006.com 303-623-3513 info@naig2006.com

Indigenous Games Society 924 Colfax Ave. Ste. 102 Denver, CO 80204

North Dakota Contact: Lance Azure lazure@yahoo.com (701) 477-8658

# UTTC student elected to national board



Waylon Oldman

BISMARCK – A student at United Tribes Technical College is among three North Dakota Progressive Coalition leaders recently elected to the board of directors of USAction.

Waylon Oldman (Northern Arapahoe), South Sioux City, NE, was elected to the board from the Native American/Alaskan Native Action Council at a delegate assembly October 11 – 13.

Oldman is a second year student studying Tribal management. He is the secretary of the United Tribes Student Senate.

USAction is a national nonprofit organization with affiliates in 24 states. The North Dakota Progressive Coalition is a statewide advocacy organization working for economic and social justice.

Also elected to the board was Aruna Seth, president of the Bismarck school board, from the Asian/Pacific Islander Action Council. And Vinod Seth, a Bismarck-area doctor, was re-elected by delegates as one of four Vice Presidents.

# Opening a brand nevochapter



The UTTC Teacher Education program has become the newest chapter within the Student North Dakota Education Association (SNDEA). UTTC joins the eight other chapters established within North Dakota's colleges and universities. The UTTC chapter is the first tribal college chapter in North Dakota. Executive members of the chapter attended the Instructional Conference held in Grand Forks on October 19th. Pictured are Debbie Davis (UTTC SNDEA Treasurer), Allison Schwarz (SNDEA President- Minot State University) and Tanya Frederick (UTTC SNDEA President).



Career Marketplace Class

and Tour information is now online. To preregister visit: www.Mark etplaceForEntrepreneurs

.org.

If you would like to preregister for one of the tours, please call Laura at 888-384-8410 or email Marketplace1@btinet.n

Happy Holidays!

# Students take ecology field trip



Micki Lindeman and Marla Collins, standing 5th and 6th from left, are seen in the student group that visited the Sevilleta Long Term Ecological Research station near Albuquerque, NM. UTN photo Mike Collins.

by Mike Collins, Environmental Science Instructor

Two students from the United Tribes Tribal Environmental Science ogram recently attended an ecology field trip to a research station near Albuquerque, New Mexico. Micki Lindeman and Marla Collins visited the Sevilleta Long Term Ecological Research Station.

The visit was sponsored by SEEDS (Strategies for Ecological Education, Development, and Sustainability), a college-level minority student national organization. Micki and Marla were competitively selected from a pool of over 50 applicants. Seventeen other students attended from colleges and universities located from Guam to Puerto Rico.

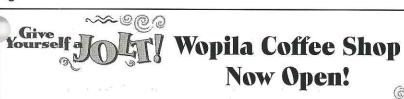
During the three day excursion, Marla had the opportunity to discuss her undergraduate research project with Dr. Scott Collins, Sevilleta LTER Director, and Nancy Grimm, Ecological Society of America president, receiving invaluable advice and coaching.

Micki observed graduate researchers at the University of New Mexico actively engaged in a wide variety of ecology related research projects, ranging from desert to Antarctic ecosystems. She was singled out for recognition of her outstanding field note-taking.

I was one of three professors selected as a field trip faculty advisor. This was our second SEEDS fieldtrip. The first was in June 2005 to the Biological Research Station, aka "Bug Camp," Pellston, Michigan.

A future field trip planned for early June will be to the Konza Tall-grass Prairie Long Term Ecological Research Station in the Flint Hills of Kansas.

Minority college students interested in ecology are encouraged to apply to SEEDS for this opportunity. Contact Michael Collins at X1322 for additional information.



#### My Name is Meth

Editor's note: The following poem about the devastation caused by methamphetamine use has been making the rounds on e-mail and is said to have been written by a young American Indian girl who was in jail at the time on drug charges and later died of her addiction to meth.

I destroy homes, I tear families apart, I take your children, and that's just the start, I'm more costly than diamonds, more precious than gold,

The sorrow I bring is a sight to behold. If you need me, remember I'm easily found, I live all around you - in schools and in town I live with the rich, I live with the poor, I live down the street, and maybe next door. I'm made in a lab, but not like you think, I can be made under the kitchen sink. In your child's closet, and even in the woods, If this scares you to death, well it certainly should.

I have many names, but there's one you know best,

I'm sure you've heard of me, my name is crystal meth.

My power is awesome, try me you'll see, But if you do, you may never break free. Just try me once and I might let you go, But try me twice, and I'll own your soul. When I possess you, you'll steal and you'll lie, You do what you have to – just to get high. The crimes you'll commit for my narcotic charms Will be worth the pleasure you'll feel in your arms.

You'll lie to your mother, you'll steal from your dad.

When you see their tears, you should feel sad. But you'll forget your morals and how you were raised,

I'll be your conscience, I'll teach you my ways. I take kids from parents, and parents from kids, I turn people from God, and separate friends. I'll take everything from you, your looks and your pride.

I'll be with you always - right by your side. You'll give up everything - your family, your home, Your friends, your money, then you'll be alone. I'll take and take, till you have nothing more to give,

When I'm finished with you, you'll be lucky to live. If you try me be warned - this is no game, If given the chance, I'll drive you insane. I'll ravish your body, I'll control your mind, I'll own you completely, your soul will be mine. The nightmares I'll give you while lying in bed, The voices you'll hear, from inside your head.

The voices you it hear, from inside your head. The sweats, the shakes, the visions you'll see, I want you to know, these are all gifts from me. But then it's too late, and you'll know in your heart,
That you are mine, and we shall not part.

You'll regret that you tried me, they always do, But you came to me, not I to you. You knew this would happen, many times you

were told,

But you challenged my power, and chose to be bold.

You could have said no, and just walked away, If you could live that day over, now what would you say?

I'll be your master, you will be my slave,
I'll even go with you, when you go to your grave.
Now that you have met me, what will you do?
Will you try me or not? It's all up to you.
I can bring you more misery than words can tell,
Come take my hand, let me lead you to hell.

### Crimes data base is new tribal justice tool

BISMARCK (UTN) — Tribal justice systems have a reputation for having a backlog of cases. Tribes often struggle with who might be responsible for the large caseload.

Is it the courts? Is it law enforcement?

It could be neither.

An experienced court director from the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa in northern North Dakota thinks the problem is paper, and he's

doing something about it.

Dale W. Brien believes that the tribal criminal justice system is plagued by stacks of paper that cause confusion, leading to duplication and inefficiency.

Case in point.

B r i e n tracked a backlog of approximately 1,200 outstanding warrants on Turtle Mountain. He found that 550 had already been taken care of. When he removed warrants monitored by

other agencies, like extraditions and probations, and combined some who had multiple warrants, only about 200

remained.

"It made a huge difference to be held accountable for 200 cases rather than 1,200," said Brien during a recent law enforcement planning meeting at United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck. "Officers often have no way of knowing if warrants were served without sifting through files and reports. It wasn't that they weren't doing their job. They didn't have accurate information."

Brien came up with what appears to be a model for sorting out

the filing systems. He built a computerized system using readily available software.

He was aided by the occurrence of a June 2003 fire that destroyed records at the tribal court building in Belcourt, ND.

"The fire was a catalyst for starting interest in a system," said Brien. "It proved that back up was needed for those paper files and that we needed a user friendly system." easy for law officers and court wo ers to see the status of any case. I goal is to have clerks schedule the court cases around the availability of the officers, who often don't get vacations because of the dual demands of police work and court follow-up.

Turtle Mountain is apparently

Turtle Mountain is apparently the only reservation to have its justice system data assembled and computerized in this way.

Not only will it help clarify the

situation with backlogs but the system devised by Brien can be used as a basis for analyzing crime statistics.

"We can isolate crimes by any number of factors and show where they're coming from and other information about them," said Bri "It can be extremely useful for identifying needs in a timely way for funding purposes

The system can also be used to create specific data bases and information about

and for staffing."

juvenile crimes, sex offenders and drug cases.

Another potential benefit is to connect tribal law enforcement together with a similar statewide system intended for law agencies in counties and cities.

"I don't mean to say that Turtle Mountain is perfect at this point but the data collection system has made a huge difference in the last few years," he said.

Brien believes that his crime data system can be implemented other tribal agencies that suffer from



of. When he reDale W. Brien demonstrated his crime data system at a law enforcement planning meeting at United moved warrants Tribes Technical College. UTN photo by Dennis J. Neumann

At first some people in the criminal justice system were skeptical.

"The clerks were suspicious because they thought we were going to use it to watch them," said Brien.

Brien started by identifying what data to collect. Although he wasn't a computer whiz, he devised a data base program of his own and began entering information from warrants, court orders, receipts and other criminal justice documents.

"It was quite a bit of work," said Brien. "It takes a motivated coordinator."

Brien's system removed duplications in the system and made it

#### Advice from recent grads: start your job search early

by Jason Pretty Boy, Student and Campus Services

You should start searching for a job even before you graduate. That's the advice of two recent United Tribes Technical College graduates.

Tamara and Louie Hayes were guest speakers November 30 on campus.

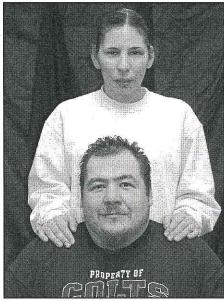
The couple made the trip back from Keshena, Wisconsin, located on their home reservation, the Menomonee Nation. Both graduated from UTTC in May: Tamara in Criminal Justice and Louie in Automotive Technology.

Louie supervises the tribe's vehicle maintenance department. Tamara is currently enrolled in a police academy and will go to work for the tribal police department when she finishes early in the New Year. They have one daughter, Sienna who is eight years old.

While here as students from 2003 to 2005, they found the family atmosphere and campus support seres to their liking.

Tamara took part in Student

Senate and attended the AIHEC conference, placing second as a member of the Critical Inquiry team. They ex-



Tamara and Louie Hayes

celled in their individual pursuits and graduated after two years.

That's when their real world experience began.

After graduation they returned home to Wisconsin, without any real idea of what they would do. When nothing developed, they put in for odd jobs. It took them longer than expected to land something substantial.

They believe that starting a job search before graduation would have shortened the time before they put their education to work.

Both saw their return to United Tribes as a way to "give back to the community" that supported them in accomplishing their goals.

The visit was made possible at the urging of Russell Swagger, dean of Student and Campus Services.

While here they spoke to Criminal Justice and Automotive Service Technology students about accomplishing goals and preparing for what comes when you graduate.

The trip to Bismarck and visiting with friends at the college was a fond reminder for Tamara and Louie of the community they called home.

# News for returning and new WIC clients

The UTTC WIC Program is only open Tuesdays from 10 am – 2 pm and Fridays from 10 am – 3 pm. The office must be closed January 2-6, 2006 to get ready for the new WICnet computer system. The first day WIC is available in 2006 is Tuesday, January 10. Listed below are the dates and times WIC is open in January

Tuesday, January 10 (10 am—2 pm) Friday, January 13 (10 am—3 pm)

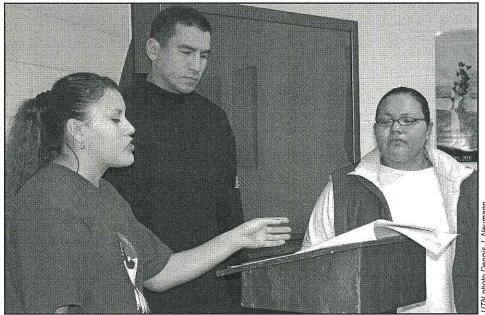
Tuesday, January 17 (10 am—2 pm) Friday, January 20 (10 am—3 pm)

Tuesday, January 24 (10 am—2 pm) Friday, January 27 (10 am—3 pm)

sday, January 31 (10 am—2 pm)

For more information: Contact the UTTC WIC Program at ext. 1384 or stop in the office, Skills Center Room 115.

### **Students pitch Injury Prevention**



**ON THE SPOT:** From left, Injury Prevention students Tina Fallis (Yankton), Patrick Cole (Fort Belknap), and Memoree Eagle (Standing Rock), pitched the benefits to a tribe of creating an injury prevention program. Their December 14 presentation was a final examination in instructor Michelle Schoenwald's traffic safety class. The three used statistics in a PowerPoint to describe their proposal to a mock tribal council. And they defended their plan under questioning. "They should be prepared to handle questions about their proposals when they're in the 'real world,'" said Schoenwald.

ITN photo Dennis J. Neur

# Attention undergraduates and graduates

I am writing on behalf of Johns Hopkins University's Center for Talented Youth (CTY). I wanted to let you know about our excellent summer employment opportunities for undergraduates and graduates who are interested in working with gifted students this summer.

The Center for Talented Youth (CTY) provides intensive course work in mathematics, science, and liberal arts to talented students ages 8 to 16. Our programs include exciting enrichment and acceleration courses comprised of 12-15 students per class. Every student is assigned an instructor, a teaching assistant, and a resident assistant.

Our teaching assistants gain valuable classroom experience while working with experienced, veteran instructors. Resident assistants live and work with the students on a daily basis and plan fun, creative activities and events outside the classroom. These are only two examples of the positions currently available for CTY 2006. We are currently hoping to fill over 1500 instructional, administrative, and support staff positions at programs across the United States. (Room and board is provided at most sites.) For more information on these and numerous other positions available at CTY, please see posting below. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, until the sessions begin, so if you are interested, please act soon.

I hope you will take the time to forward this information to qualified individuals who may be interested. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by calling 410-735-6185, e-mailing us at ctysummer@jhu.edu, or visiting our website www.cty.jhu.edu.

An application can be downloaded at cty.jhu.edu/summer/ employment/application form.html.

Very cordially,

Tiffany Jones
Assistant Coordinator for Academic
Programs
Johns Hopkins University - Center for
Talented Youth

# Auto Tech File Tire inflation in winte?

by Marcel Gierszewski, Automotive Service Technology

Driving in the winter months it's important to keep tires inflated to the proper air pressure as recommended by the vehicle's manufacturers. A myth that lots of people believe, is that low air pressure will give better traction in snow. **NOT TRUE.** 

The reality is that low tire pressure causes the center of the tire to rise up from the road in an arch. This reduces the area of the tire in contact with the road, causing the tire to run on its outer edges. Excessive wear results, and a significant loss of traction.

Keep 'em inflated and drive slower on packed snow and ice.

Send your auto questions to mgierszewski@uttc.edu.

#### SPRING ORIENTATION 2006 AGENDA "I WILL SUCCEED" January 3rd & 4th, 2006 Tuesday, January 3rd, 2006 Staff & Faculty Information Session on Orientation, 8:30am JBC Lower Level 9:30am General Assembly (A) for ALL new students, JBC Lower Level 10:30am-9:00 pm ACT COMPASS TESTING, Skills Center 111C 11:00 am-1:30 pm Lunch, Cafeteria 11:00am-4:00 pm ALL CAMPUS MEET & GREET, Skills Center Exhibit Hall - Appetizers and Refreshments 1:00 pm-3:00 pm Parent Overview for Child Services, JBC Lower Level Wednesday, January 4th, 2005 9:30am General Assembly (B), JBC Lower Level Break into groups 11:00 am-9:00 pm ACT COMPASS TESTING, Skills Center 111C Lunch, Cafeteria 11:00am-1:30pm ALL AFTERNOON **Complete Orientation Checklist** Ambassadors will have an Information Booth at the Center for Student Success to answer any question or assist with anything. Thursday, January 5th, 2005 **CLASSES BEGIN**

Saturday, January 7th, 2005

Three on Three Basketball Tournament, Men &

WELCOME BACK POW WOW, Small Gym

Women, Large Gym

10:00 am

6:00 pm

# **United Tribes Thunderbirds**



UTTC's Carl Aims Back (42) fights for a rebond in the game with Iron Five on December 1 during the Thunderbird Classic Tournement.

# 2006 Thunderbirds Basketball Schedule

	M/W	2 p.m. 4 p.m.	
Dawson Community College	M/W	6 p.m. 8 p.m.	
Miles Community College	M/W	6 p.m. 8 p.m.	
Williston State College	M/W	6 p.m. 8 p.m.	
NDSCS-Wahpeton	M/W	2 p.m. 4 p.m.	
Jamestown College JV	M	6 p.m.	HOME GAMES IN BOLD  Men and Women (M/W)  All games Central Time
MSU-Bottineau	M/W	6 p.m. 8 p.m.	
Lake Region State College	M/W	2 p.m. 4 p.m.	
Lake Region State College	M/W	6 p.m. 8 p.m.	
Concordia College JV	W	5 p.m.	
Bismarck State College	M/W	6 p.m. 8 p.m.	
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## Seventeen UTTC graduates honored

BISMARCK (UTN) – Fall semester at United Tribes Technical College ended in smiles and hugs December 16 during an honoring program for students who completed their degree programs midway through the 2005-06 academic year.

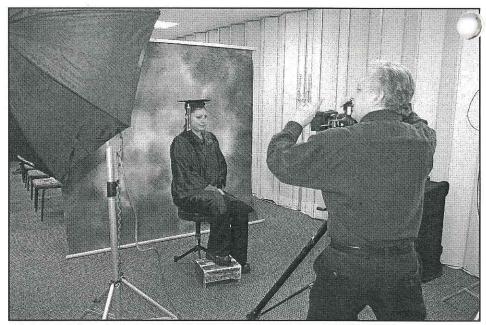
"You have the certification now," said Tex G. Hall, MHA Nation chairman and head of the UTTC board of directors. "Now all you have to do is set your goals and go for it. The opportunities are out there."

The fall honoring recognized 17 graduates in nine different programs of study. About 100 people attended.

"Your graduation today brings honor to you, your family and your tribal nation," said David M. Gipp, UTTC president.

Gipp told the graduates that they carry the spirit of tribal visionaries, like Sitting Bull. The 115th anniversary of the famous Hunkpapa Lakota leader's death was marked December 15, a day before the graduation.

"He was a man who stood his ground," said Gipp. "You are now left to use the knowledge you've gained here to benefit yourself, your family and others, and advance the commitment of progressive tribal leaders."



Tribal Management graduate Tara Hernandez is photographed by Robert Knutson.

Fifteen of the graduates earned two-year Associate of Applied Science Degrees and two earned certificate degrees.

"The people we remember most are those who make a difference in the lives of others," said guest speaker Bismarck Police Chief Deborah Ness. "It isn't the big name people. It's the good people who do good things for the good of others."



CIT Graduate Carmen E. Burgee with her grand-daughter and daughter.



Guest speaker візтагск Роїїсе Спеїт Deboran Ness.

The Cannonball Singers provided honoring songs for the program. Miss Indian Nations XIII Bobbi Rae Sage sang "To See an Eagle Fly." Graduates and guests were received at a prime rib luncheon at the UTTC cafeteria.

Fall graduates are invited to participate in the college's annual commencement program scheduled for May 5, 2006.



UTTC President David M. Gipp congratulates Office Technology graduate Minnie A. Plenty Chief-Brown (Standing Rock) Wakpala, SD. College board chairman Tex G. Hall applauding at left; at rear, Assistant Dean of Academics Dennis Renville.

## Class of 2005



UTTC graduate Wilma Yellow Hammer (Fort Peck) receives a congratulatory hug December 16 from one of her Office Technology instructors, Sheri Bear King Baker. At left ninal Justice graduate Candie K. Rosencrans (Standing Rock) Mandan, ND.



Perfect Attendance was the reason that brought a smiling Betsy Small Jumper forward to accept a handshake and cash award. UTN photos Dennis J. Neumann

## UTTC FALL GRADUATES

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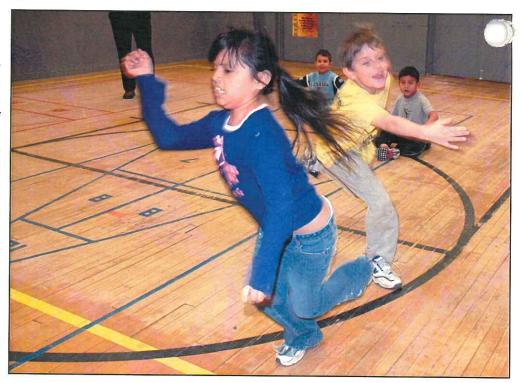
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# Playing tag for health and fitness

ESCAPE IS RELEASE: Second grader Darci Ortley narrowly eludes the sweeping reach of her classmate Kieran Lindeman during a game of tag. PE/Gifted and Talented Instructor Hank LaBore involves students at Theodore Jamerson Elementary School in active games that burn energy, build endurance, and promote fitness. Tagged earlier and seated at rear, at left Gavin Fleury and Quinn Red Bird. The grade-schoolers are the children of college students and staff at United Tribes Technical College. UTN Photo Dennis J. Neumann.



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