

Spring Semester underway New students increase enrollment count

BISMARCK (UTN) – Incoming students have swelled the ranks of undergrads beginning Spring Semester at United Tribes Technical College. A large number of new students arrived on campus for student orientation, registration and

Enrollment Services. “It means our growth plan is on track.”

Enrollment for the term concluded January 20, and the last day to add a class is January 27. A figure above 1,000 marks another significant enrollment increase



IT WON'T GO DOWN: New students attending orientation try carefully to lower a slender wooden stick. The icebreaker activity requires each to touch with fingertips as the group lowers it to the floor. Light as a feather, the stick almost always baffles participants because it seems like it wants to rise on its own, hence the name “Helium Stick.” The activity teaches cooperation and communication. UTN photo Dennis J. Neumann.

beginning of classes during the first week of January.

One-hundred-sixteen new students rolled for the semester, pushing the cumulative, unduplicated student count to 1,074 for the 2005-06 school term.

“This is a goal we’ve been working toward,” said Kathy Johnson, Director of

and signals that the college expansion plan has reached a milestone.

“We’re now at the halfway point of our planned enrollment growth of 2,000 students,” said David M. Gipp, UTTC president, in a speech during orientation. “There’s a tremendous need on the part of

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Tax preparation service offered

BISMARCK (UTN) – Students and staff members of United Tribes Technical College have a place to go for help with their income tax returns, if needed.

The UTTC Land Grant Extension Community Education office announces the opening of a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site on campus.

Free tax preparation help is offered to individuals whose incomes are \$36,000 or less.

The site is made possible as part of a tax preparation program of the U. S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS). I.R.S. VITA sites typically are staffed by volunteers with training in preparation of basic tax returns.

The UTTC site will be operated by Marlo Hunte, (Standing Rock) UTTC Extension Community Educator. Hunte received training and certification at Fargo, ND in December to be an official IRS volunteer tax preparer. She has previous experience as a tax preparer and is now taking appointments to schedule tax preparation meetings.

Tax preparation visits are offered from February 1 through April 15 in Room 113 of the Skill Center.

“This opportunity is available on many campuses across the country,” said Wanda Agnew, UTTC Land Grant Programs

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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 23 - 27

Jan. 30 - Feb. 3

Breakfast		Lunch		Dinner		Breakfast		Lunch		Dinner	
M	Corned Beef Hash & Eggs	Hamburger & Fries	Chili Dog w/ Cheese	M	Bacon, Eggs & Hashbrowns	Taco Salad	BBQ Ribs & Baked Potato				
M	Biscuits & Sausage Gravy	Chicken Strips & Rice	Hot Beef Sandwich	M	German Sausage & Eggs	Chicken Sandwich & Fries	Lasagna & Garlic Toast				
W	Scrambled Eggs w/ Ham	Pizza - Cook's Choice	Chicken Alfredo	W	Pancakes & Sausage	Grilled Ham & Cheese	Braised Beef Over Noodles				
W	Breakfast Burrito	Tator Tot Hotdish	Taco Salad	W	Spanish Omelet	BBQ Rib Sandwich	Steak & Baked Potato				
F	Pancakes & Bacon	Chicken Fried Steak	Pizza - Cook's Choice	F	Scrambled Eggs & Muffin	Fish Sticks, Mac & Cheese	Turkey Sandwich & Soup				

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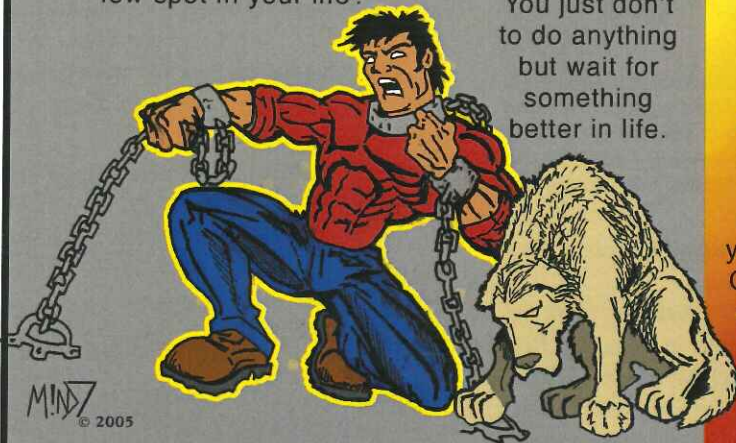
THANKS AND APPRECIATION: A visit from two representatives of the Bush Foundation ended with smiles and handshakes. Dr. Bert Ahern, left, and Dr. John Archambal received gifts of appreciation from UTTC President David M. Gipp following a site visit to the campus January 6. In addition to the college president, the two met with other college leaders and members of the faculty and staff about continuing the foundation's support for professional development.

KODA THE WARRIOR "What Are You Waiting For?"

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Tell yourself... **I AM WORTH THE EFFORT!**

UTTC Pre-Service Teachers sell raffle tickets for 'Pack the Pack' for Biloxi schools



Members of the Student North Dakota Education Association (SNDEA) at the United Tribes Technical College (UTTC), sold Turkey Dinner raffle tickets in November and donated 75% of their monies collected from the raffle to aide two schools in Biloxi, MS; Jeff Davis and Nicholas Elementary. The local effort is part of a statewide Student North Dakota Education Association (SNDEA) initiative called "Pack the Pack for Katrina". Collections of books, teacher resources, materials, backpacks, and money will be used by teachers and students returning to school. The UTTC chapter presented the donation to NDEA on November 30. Pictured from left to right are: LeAnn Nelson (SNDEA Staff Liaison) Melissa LaFontaine (UTTC SEA Vice President), Leah Hamann (UTTC SEA Advisor), Debbie Davis (UTTC SEA Treasurer), Tanya Frederick (UTTC SEA President), and Gloria Lokken (NDEA President).

Photo courtesy Leah Hamman

Leaders consider trust reform bill



UTN photo Dennis J. Neumann

GREAT PLAINS REGION: Tribal leaders met January 9 at United Tribes Technical College to consider the Trust Settlement and Reform Bill, S. 1439, introduced last year in Congress. Standing from left: Orville Coyote, Omaha Tribal Vice-Chair; Carl F. Venne, Crow Tribal Chair; Jim Gray, Osage Principal Chief and chair of the Inter-Tribal Monitoring Association; Tex G. Hall, MHA Nation Chair; Robert Cournoyer, Yankton Tribal Chair; and Clarence Skye, United Sioux Tribes CEO. Seated: Myron Williams, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate; Cecilia Fire Thunder, Oglala Sioux Tribal Chair; and Myra Pearson, Spirit Lake Nation Chair. The measure they considered provides an, as yet, unspecified amount to settle the class-action Cobell lawsuit and a detailed blueprint for reforming the government's future trust relationship with tribes and individual Indian landowners. The Senate Indian Affairs Committee hopes to have the bill out of committee by the end of March. Tribes have been asked to provide comments about the legislation. Another session is scheduled for January 30.

Tribal Colleges group visits Bolivia



This group of tribal college representatives visited Bolivia in summer 2005.

By Wanda Agnew, UTTC-USDA Extension/Land Grant Programs Director

During the summer of 2005, I was one of nine students enrolled in the Prairie PhD Program of South Dakota State University (SDSU). I participated in an exciting multi-cultural international learning experience that took me high into the mountains of South America.

I was part of a group representing tribal colleges that visited Bolivia. High in the Andes Mountains, at elevations over 15,000 feet, we visited a private college. Unidad Academica Campesina-Carman Pompa (UAC-CP) is located in a rural area 50 miles from LaPaz.

Indigenous people in the local community are justifiably proud of their educational facility and many families have moved to live close to it. Training is provided for teachers, nurses, office workers, agriculture and environmental science professionals. The people speak Spanish and their native languages, Quechuan and Aymaran.

During this remarkable experience, our group took tours and participated in college exchange classes. Much like United Tribes Technical College, UAC-CP offers an elementary school where students attend class from 8 a.m. to noon; many walk two hours to and from classes.

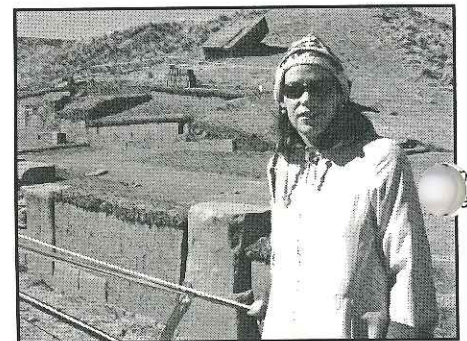
I was particularly excited to see huge gardens maintained by the university community, where research is conducted on traditional plants and produce is shared with community members. The college is in the process of building a coffee bean roasting facility and meat processing plant.

Because many cultural traditions associated with living in the rain forest and mountains had been lost, the university is working to re-establish indigenous knowledge and life ways, particularly those relating to wellness and healthy diet using traditional, locally grown plants.

It was our good fortune to be able to attend a festival that commemorated a significant self-determination event in the country's history. In 1952, Native people in Bolivia regained their land after years of Spanish colonization and Hacienda slavery life.

It was humbling and enriching to learn how an educational mission, based in learning from the land - like our Land Grant Program - can revitalize community life.

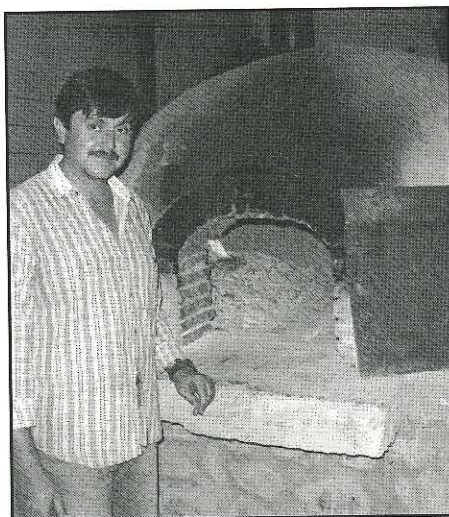
Along with UTTC, other tribal colleges represented during the 10 day visit to Bolivia were Sisseton-Wahpeton Community College, Nebraska Indian College, Si Tanka University and Oglala Community College. Faculty from SDSU also participated in the learning opportunity.



Kibbe Conti (Oglala) a dietician and consultant to Oglala Lakota College, seen near 3,000 year old ruins high in the Andes Mountains.

The program was made possible through SDSU's Prairie PhD Program for staff from tribal government or tribal colleges, funded through USDA and the Kellogg Foundation.

A partnership developed during the visit resulted in a proposal to USDA's International Science and Education Competitive Grant Program. The proposal included SDSU, UTTC, Nebraska Indian College and Sisseton-Wahpeton Community College and focuses on exchange learning. The opportunity would create an exchange of tribal college students and Bolivian students aimed at teaching about cultural and education.



An oven for baking flatbread in Bolivia.

UTN photos courtesy Wanda Agnew

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Welcome Online Learners

By Barb Archambault, Online/Distance Education Coordinator

Welcome to all new and returning online learners for Spring term. The Distance and Continuing Education Department wishes everyone a very successful semester.

UTTC offers five degree programs online for those interested in furthering their educational goals from the comfort of home or office:

- Injury Prevention
- Health Information
- Early Childhood Education
- Nutrition and Food Service
- Elementary Education

A new certificate program started recently, Medical Transcription, and it's offered completely online.

We have people from all over the U.S. and some living abroad taking classes online. Some are serving in the military overseas. UTTC works very hard to provide excellence in education for students, no matter where they live.

If you have questions or would like to apply for Summer or Fall 2006, please contact me by email at barchambault@uttc.edu or by calling 701.255.3285 x 1431.

AIHEC Meetings



Wednesday
Jan. 25
3:00 PM

ROOM 111—Education Bldg

Students and Staff Interested in Participating/Coaching Please Attend

STUDENTS MUST BE IN GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING TO ATTEND AIHEC

Competition Categories:

Web Design, One Act Theatre, Fashion Show, Mr. & Ms. AIHEC, Science Poster/Oral Presentation, Science Bowl, Hand games, Knowledge Challenge, Critical Inquiry, Art Competition, Business Bowl, Speech, Writing Contest

PAST UTTC COMPETITORS AND COACHES ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE

AIHEC Conference
Green Bay, WI
March 11-14, 2006

For Questions/Comments Contact
Lisa Colombe Ext. 1458 or lcolombe@uttc.edu

Coffee Shop is open



AND THE COFFEE IS ON: Anthony Volk, manager, and Kelly Hurley, work study student, (both Standing Rock) are the new, smiling faces at Wopila Coffee Shop. After a hiatus in 2005, the eatery in the lower level of the Barden Center resumed service early this year, becoming the social center of campus life. Volk comes to UTTC with 15 years experience in the restaurant business and Hurley is a student in the Nutrition and Food Service Program. Wopila provides breakfast items, weekday soup and sandwich specials, and, of course, a wide selection of flavored coffees and teas, and other beverages. Catering may be offered in the near future. Wopila Coffee Shop 255-3285 x 1461 or avolk@uttc.edu.

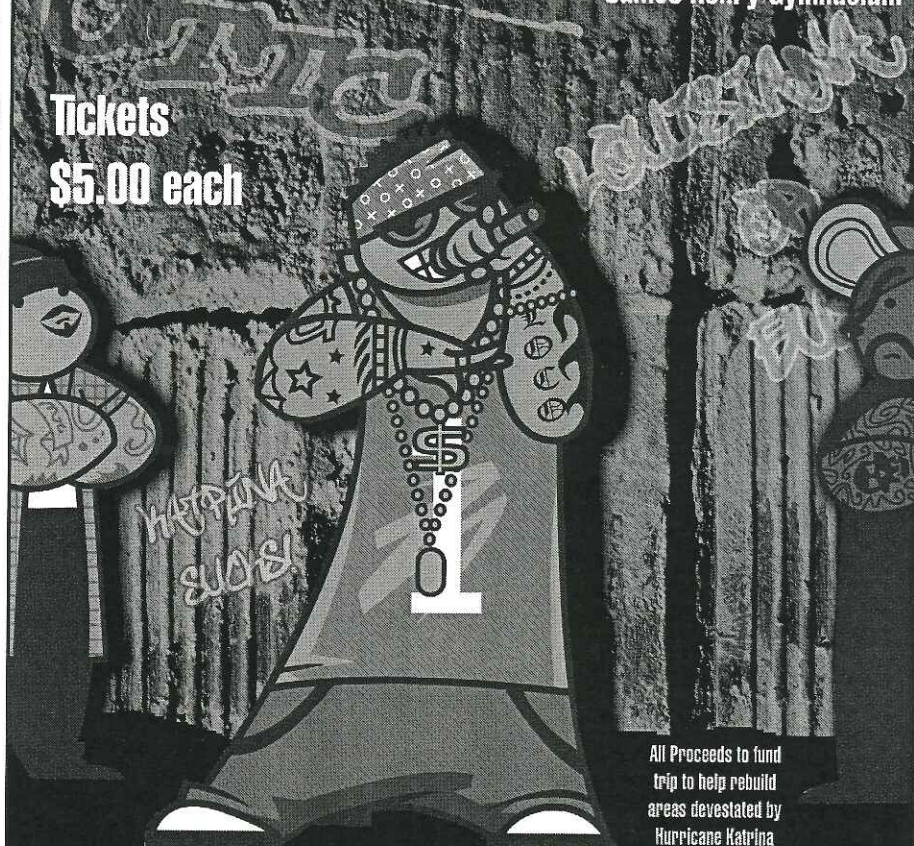
NIGHT SHIELD ENTERTAINMENT

AFTERMATH

SOUTH DAKOTA'S #1 INDEPENDENT HIP HOP LABEL

Saturday, February 4
8:00 pm
James Henry Gymnasium

Tickets
\$5.00 each



All Proceeds to fund trip to help rebuild areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT LEONA AT 701-255-3285 EXT. 1467

TJES Tidbits

Happy New Year from the TJES students and staff! School resumed at 8 a.m. on January 3, and we want to extend a special "Thank You" to all the parents whose children were on time that day! Attendance at school is so important to your child's education.



The annual ski trip is in the process of being scheduled. Students in grades 4-8 have the opportunity to experience skiing at Huff Hills, south of Mandan. Watch for notices concerning this upcoming event.

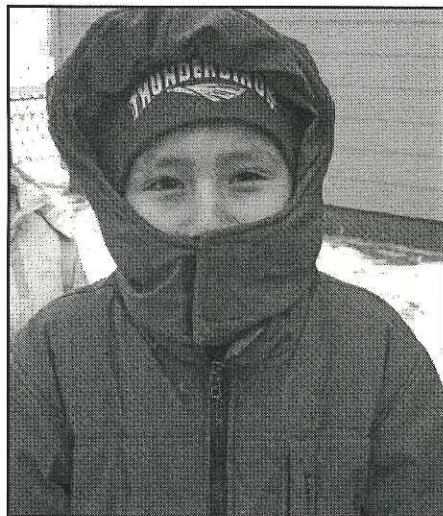
TJES staff and students welcomed new and returning parents at the January Parent Breakfast on the 11. If you haven't had a chance to attend this year, mark your calendar for the next parent breakfast on February 8 at 7:45 at the UTTC Cafeteria.



Although we have had some mild temperatures, please make sure your child is dressed warmly. If your child is missing hats or mittens, be sure and have them check the lost and found box in the office.



The December attendance Pizza Party was held on Monday, January 16. A total of 65 students were recognized for their attendance. Wonderful! Incidentally, TJES is currently at an all time high enrollment with 194 students!



The 2nd Quarterly Student Recognition will be held on Tuesday, January 24 from 12:05-12:45 p.m. at the UTTC Gym. Students will be recognized for making the honor roll, attendance (perfect for the quarter), and special awards. We hope to see all parents at this event. TJES students are GREAT!

American Indian College Fund

Student of the Year Awards

Criteria:

- Must be full-time status
- Demonstrate community service or volunteer work
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Must not have acquired an Associate's Degree

Submit along with the application:

- 250 word biography
- Two letters of recommendation
- Official transcript (NO COPIES!)
- Color photo (Financial Aid can take your picture)

Applications Available From:

Molly Huber
Financial Aid Office
255-3285 x 1355,
mhuber@uttc.edu

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Applications must be RECEIVED AT THE A by February 11, 2006.

Late applications not accepted

Only one student will receive this award

SCHOLARSHIP FOR WOMEN

Jeannette Rankin Foundation

For women age 35 and up as of March 1, 2006

Deadline: March 1, 2006; award is for Fall 2006

Requirements:

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Enrolled in, or accepted to, an accredited school for the Fall 2006 term
- Pursuing a technical or vocational education, an associate's degree, or a first bachelor's degree
- Low-income according to the government guidelines

Visit www.rankinfoundation.org/apply/apply.html

Obtain application from Molly Huber at the Financial Aid Office

Open Mic Night

Wopila Coffee Shop

Every second Thursday at 7 p.m.

Play music @ Recite poetry

Everyone Invited! Come and enjoy the entertainment!



Nutrition students prepare food baskets



MEMORY OF CHRISTMAS PAST: Sixteen families on campus benefited from the generosity of UTTC Nutrition and Food Service students, like Dody Blackmoon, who assembled holiday food baskets in December. With money from other projects and awards, NFS students bought food items and shared them with fellow students who were unable to travel home during the holiday break. The baskets contained punch, ham, potatoes, relishes, fresh fruit, nuts, buns and pie, and were delivered by NFS instructors and students and the Security Department just before Christmas. Each family also received a copy of the "Family Rezippe Book," developed by the UTTC Extension Program.

Student Travel Opportunity!

The UTTC Office of Research and Development and the Tribal Analytics Institute have four (4) openings for UTTC students to attend the 2006 AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, March 30 to April 1, 2006.

Theme: "Revitalizing American Indian Thought."

Purpose: To exchange ideas about research and projects being done by American Indian college students.

Interested students **must commit to two outcomes:**

- An open presentation to other UTTC students regarding their experience upon return from the conference
- The development of a student-led research advisory group on campus

Students who are selected will receive all expenses paid and a student stipend to attend.

Selection criteria:

- Tribal member, preferably a ND tribe
- Good academic standing
- Must be interested in Native-based research
- Must be interested in working for your own or another tribe upon graduation

Don't miss this opportunity!

More information or to apply:

Cheryl Long Feather, x 1491,

Tiffany Hodge x 1482

Applications at bldg. 11, lower level

New Books at UTTC Library

AFTER-SCHOOL TRANSITION ACTIVITIES THE READY SET GO! By David L. Whitaker

Chief Joseph: Guardian of the People by Candy Moulton

HOKUSAI: THE MAN WHO PAINTED A MOUNTAIN by Deborah Kogan Ray

JUDY CHICAGO: AN AMERICAN VISION by Edward Lucie-Smith

JUDY PFAFF by Irving Sandler

NATIVE WATERS: CONTEMPORARY INDIAN WATER SETTLEMENTS AND THE SECOND TREATY ERA by Daniel McCool

NATIVE UNIVERSE: VOICES OF INDIAN AMERICA by Gerald McMaster and Clifford E. Trafzer, editors

RIDERS OF THE WEST: PORTRAITS FROM INDIAN RODEO by Peter Iverson

SHAPING SURVIVAL: ESSAYS BY FOUR AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBAL WOMAN Edited by Jack W. Marken

STANDING BEAR IS A PERSON by Stephen Dando Collins

TRACKS THAT SPEAK: THE LEGACY OF NATIVE AMERICAN WORDS IN NORTH AMERICAN CULTURE by Charles Cutler

TRUSTEESHIP IN CHANGE: TOWARD TRIBAL AUTONOMY IN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT Edited by Richmond Clow

VOICES OF NATIVE AMERICA: INSTRUMENTS AND MUSIC by Douglas Spotted Eagle

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Congratulations!!!

Lonnie D. Runnels III
"Yamini"

Born: November 22, 2005

Weight: 6lbs 4 oz

Length: 19 1/2 inches

Parents: Lonnie & Geri Runnels

UT-PLAINS Project

United Tribes Technical College UND Educational Leadership Department

This project is designed to prepare American Indian elementary, middle school and secondary principals. The program will consist of a two-year commitment, the first year as a full-time student (fall, spring, and summer terms) and the second year to an induction program while working full-time in an administrative position in a school district. One cohort of students is currently enrolled in the program and additional cohorts of 5-6 students will begin in Fall 2006 and Fall 2007.

Requirements:

- Minimum 3 years contracted teaching experience in a K-12 school
- Must have (or be eligible) for a teaching license
- Service agreement payback of one year of employment in a school with a significant population of Native American students
- Students will be expected to make the following commitments:
- Commitment to a one-year campus program and one year of induction
- Commitment to completion of all degree requirements to meet eligibility for North Dakota Administrator's Credential (or credential requirements for the state in which you intend to work).

Student Support:

YEAR 1

- Student Living Stipend of \$1,775 per month, In-State Tuition and Fees and Books
- Participant travel to seminars and state conferences

INDUCTION SUPPORT - YEAR 2

- Travel to mentor seminars and to national professional conference
- Financial support for school-based research project \$1000

Interested students must meet all UND Graduate School Admissions Requirements and must complete the UND Graduate School Admissions Process and the UT-PLAINS Application Form.

Contact Dr. Angie Koppang, PLAINS Project Director, UND Educational Leadership Dept, 701-777-3249 or at angela_koppang@und.nodak.edu for further information or to obtain an application form.

Career Development Department

The Career Development Office welcomes all new and returning students for the 2006 Spring Semester. We hope that your stay here at United Tribes will be very productive and successful. We would like to be apart of your success by helping you in the career planning process making all your aspirations and dreams come true. We will strive to do our best in serving you so you can accomplish your endeavors. We specialized in what we do and hope that you will utilize our services this semester, especially our May 2006, Graduates.

One of our main jobs here at the Career Development office is to help you make that next transition after graduation easier by providing the necessary tools and resources, and to help you envision clearly that next step you are taking toward higher education or a job in your area of expertise.

Please observe Career Development Information and announcements at the following sites;

- In hallways of the Enrollment Services
- Building 5A (upstairs)
- UTTC Web Site under Job Announcements
- United Tribes Campus Newspaper
- Your vocation department's bulletin boards
- Jack Barden Computer Lab
- Skill Center Lobby and Exhibit Area
- The United Tribes Library

May 2006 Graduates need to submit the following before graduation (Mandatory):

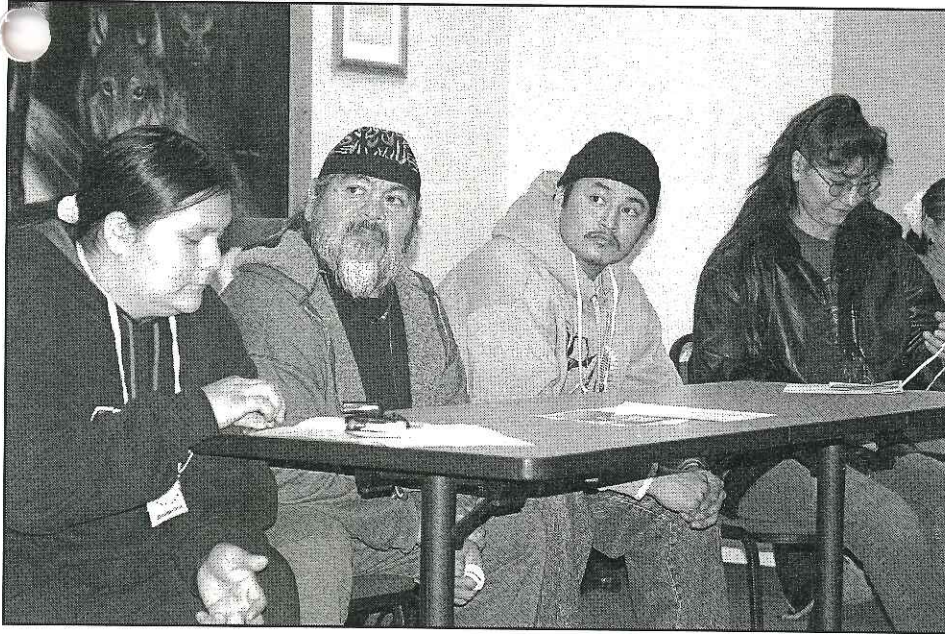
- Resume
- Federal Application Form 612
- Arrange a meeting with a Career Development Counselor
- Fill out a Exit Form during the process of the meeting
- Receive a Career Development Packet

Career Development Procedure (Mandatory for all students)

1st Semester -	Data Base Card (Required during Orientation) Counseling session: (job assistance)
2nd Semester -	Data Base Card: (to update your information) Counseling Session: (job assistance)
3rd Semester -	Data Base Card: (to update your information) Career Success Class: (optional this semester, Mandatory 4 th Semester) Counseling session: (job assistance)
4th Semester -	Career Success Class: (Required) Counseling session: (Required monthly up to graduation) Federal Application form 612: (Required) Resume: (Required) Exit Form: (Required) Receive Career Development Packet: (Required)

For more information contact Vince Schanandore at Ext. 1280 or Shirley Iron Road at Ext. 1226

Students comment on King Day



HOLIDAY RECOGNIZED: A panel of students was part of the program January 16 during UTTC's observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. Commenting about themes of the day, from right, Michelle Provencial (Rosebud): "We, as tribal people, also have a problem in the way we are treated by police." Jeremy Silk (Standing Rock): "I learned that we've been fighting this fight for a long time. A little tolerance will make this a better society." Robert Bear (Caddo): "Everyone needs to get involved, and not just complain, but try to get something done so we can be a community." Antonia Eagle Shield (Standing Rock): "This won't stop with us. We have to teach our children about the things our elders taught us." UTN photo Dennis J. Neumann

Employees give generously to scholarship campaign

By Brad Hawk, Director of Major Gifts & Alumni Relations

The Research and Development Department is pleased to announce that United Tribes Technical College employees contributed a total of nearly \$9,000 in 2005 to the student scholarship campaign. The generous contributions were made through payroll deductions and will provide immediate support to students.

The scholarship payroll deduction program is part of the "Opportunities in the Making" campaign; the goal is to raise \$1 million in support. There's always room for more participation from staff. All you have to do is sign up with me for the scholarship payroll deduction. I can either e-mail or send you a form.

Please consider making your commitment now. Any dollar amount per pay period will help. Show your support for the success of UTTC students. Thank You!

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MAKING - Student Scholarship Campaign 2005 Payroll Deduction Contributors: Wanda Agnew, Patricia Aune, Phillip Baird, Karla Baxter, Katina DeCoteau, Thomas Disselhorst, Omar Gimmel, David M. Gipp, Cherie Gunville, Bradley Hawk, Molly Huber, Jennifer Janecek Hartman, Brenda Jechort, Kathy Johnson, Anne Kuyper, Daniel Larson, Twila Martin-Kekahbah, Michelle Matthees, Jeffrey McDowell, Joetta McLeod, Glenna Mueller, Evelyn Orth, David Raymo, Pebbles Red Fox, Margaret Redshirt-Trottier, Dennis Renville, Barbara Schmitt, Jesi Shanley, Wanda Soza, Dennis Trusty, Leah Woodke, and the Maintenance Department staff.

Season for Nonviolence

Inspired by the principles of non-violence practiced and taught by Mohandas K. Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

64 day observance from January 30 to April 4

January 30, 1948 - Gandhi assassinated
April 4, 1968 - King assassinated

Rejoice every day in the journey you make with countless others who believe that each individual can move the world in the direction of peace with nonviolent choices and actions.

For a free pamphlet to guide you through each day of the season:

Gandhi Peace Network of ND
1250 W Highland Acres Road
Bismarck, ND 58501
vinseth@btinet.net

Women's Empowerment Series

By Marlo Hunte, Land Grant Community Educator

A series of programs devoted to empowering women is scheduled on the campus of United Tribes Technical College.

Programs in the "Women's Empowerment Series" are scheduled monthly through May in the Resource Room of the UTTC Skill Center building from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Empowering women and families is vital to the well being of the UTTC campus community. Women are the backbone of traditional families. This series is aimed at empowering women through discussions about leadership, professionalism, education and self-esteem.

Although the talks will be especially relevant to women in Indian Country, the series is open, free of charge to women from all walks of life.

February 15: Cheryl Long Feather, *Empowering Through Family*; March 15: Dr. Harriett Skye, *Empowering Through Education*; April 12: Jodi Gillette, *Women and Traditional Roles*; and May 17: Julie Cain, *Communicate to Empower*.

The series is made possible with a grant through the UTTC Land Grant Extension Program.

More information Marlo Hunte-701-255-3285 x 1401 or mhunte@uttc.edu.

Thunderbirds host Montana teams

By Alden Spoonhunter, UTTC Sports Information

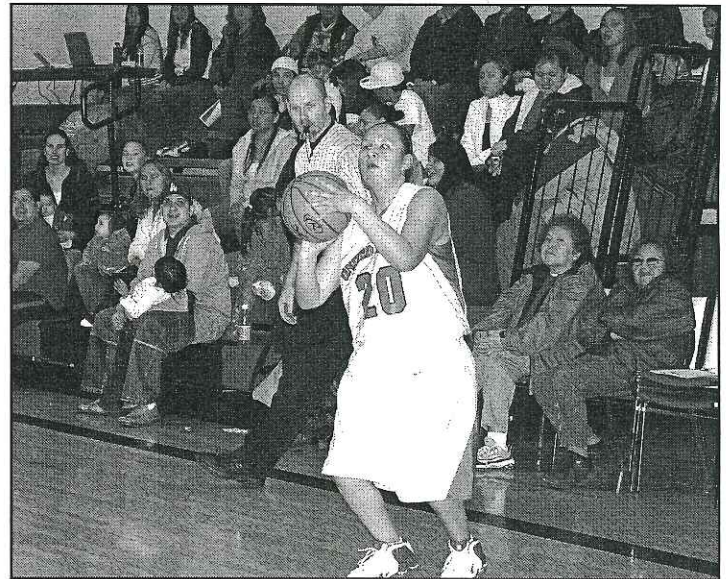
The United Tribes Men and Women's basketball teams continued their seasons with conference games at home January 13 and 14 against two teams from Montana.

digits lead by Eric Aims Back's 27 points, 5 assists and 4 steals. Cole Glade and Pat Cole scored 19 a piece followed by Alden Spoonhunter with 12 points and 7 re-

92 to improve their record to 10 wins and 8 losses. Miles came into the game ranked 14 in the Nation in NJCAA Division I. Cole Glade scored 22, followed by Mathew



Eric Aims Back (Blackfeet) accelerates toward the hoop around a Dawson defender. UTN photos Dennis J. Neumann



Watched by the ref and fans, Paula Spotted Horse (Crow Agency) sets for three-pointer in the game against Dawson.

The Lady T-Birds fell to Dawson Community College 101-61. Whitney Hale had 18 points and 8 rebounds to lead the team. Paula Spotted Horse scored 16 and Brydget Rogers had 14 points. The DCC Lady Buccaneers were lead by Tish Hall's 36 point performance.

The Thunderbird men defeated DCC 99-92. Four players scored in double

bounds. Cory Doolan scored 30 points for Dawson.

The Lady T-Birds were defeated by Miles Community College 96-47. Brydget Rogers and Paula Spotted Horse both scored 16 points for United Tribes. Fawn Packineau handed out 6 assists. Aga Lorenc had 35 points for MCC.

The Thunderbird men beat MCC 99-

Red Bear's 21, shooting 6/13 from beyond the 3 points arc. Pat Cole scored 18 and Wesley Bearstail had 17 points. Carl Aims back lead United Tribes in rebounding, pulling in 12 boards. Trevor Morris had a game high 39 points for the MCC Pioneers.

Income tax... Continued from page 1

director. "We're very proud of Marlo for gaining the certification and offering this much needed service to people here at UTTC."

Trained community volunteers can help with special credits, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and/or the Credit for Elderly.

In addition to free tax preparation, many VITA sites also offer free electronic filing (e-filing). E-filers receive their refunds in half the time of those filed on paper - even faster if the refund is deposited directly into a bank account.

More information or to schedule an appointment: Marlo Hunte, UTTC Land Grant Extension Community



Marlo Hunte is UTTC's volunteer income tax preparer.

Educator, 701-255-3285 x 1401 or mhunte@uttc.edu.

You've got mail



GETTING SET UP: Education student Whitney Bears Tail (Three Affiliated) gets set up with a UTTC e-mail account. PC Technician Fr Bosch from the IT Department is the go-to if you're not hooked up: fbosch@uttc.edu, 255-3285 x 1327. UTN photo Dennis J. Neumann

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Native students who want to learn. It's an exciting time for us."

Enrollment for 2004-05 was 885.

The most popular program on campus is Licensed Practical Nursing, with 98 students. Sixty-nine students are enrolled in Small Business Management; followed by Criminal Justice, 64; Business Office Administrative Assistant, 53; Automotive Service Technology, 48; Early Childhood, 47; and Computer Information Technology and Health Information Technology, both 45.

One-hundred-twenty-four students are enrolled in the Medical Transcription Program offered through the college's Exact

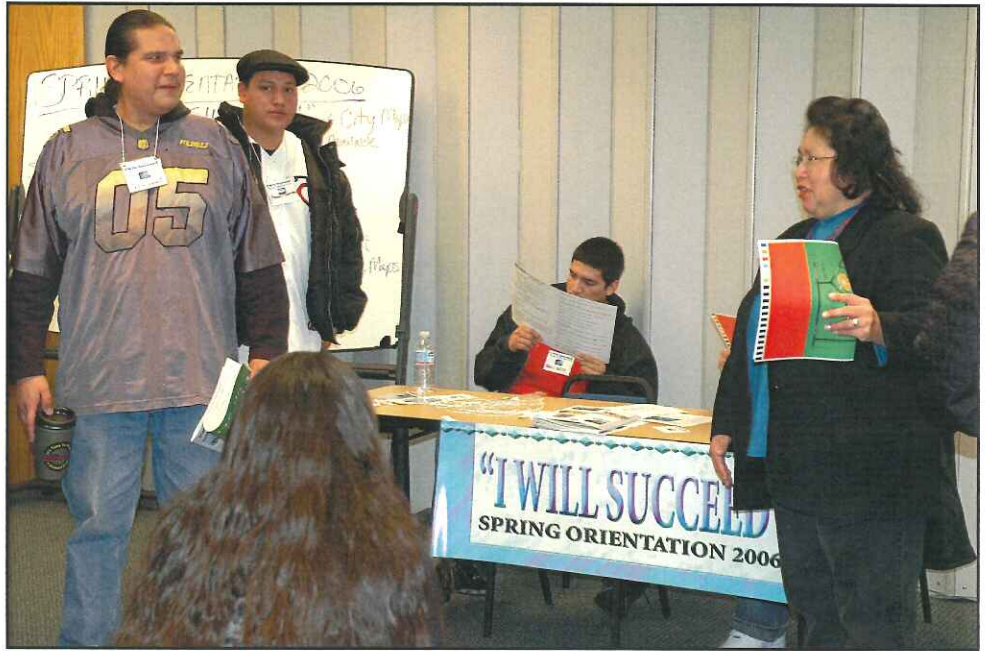
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Med Training program located off campus in downtown Bismarck.

"It's very good that so many students are choosing United Tribes," said Gipp in a speech during student orientation. "But the challenge is now yours. With the people and programs here to assist you, there's no reason for not making it through. This is your opportunity to focus on yourself and your future."

Students attending come from over 70



UTTC Counselor Carol Walker right, leads one of the new student groups during orientation.

different tribal nations around the country.

"In the numbers here now, you're putting UTTC on the map," said Phil Baird, dean of Academic and Vocational Programs, to the new students. "Quite frankly a lot of people wish that Indians would just go away. With the challenges in funding that we face from the Federal Government, your performance in the classroom justifies the resources we receive. We will do battle in Congress, your responsibility is to do your best here."

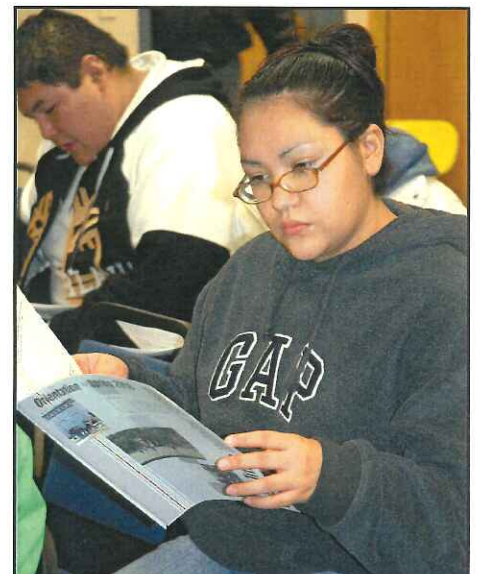
In addition to the 20 academic and vo-

educational programs on campus, the college offers numerous online classes and five online Associate of Applied Science degree programs. UTTC also has a branch campus with tribes in Owens Valley, California. Non-Native students also attend the college.

"We've put together a winning team for your success," said Russell Swagger, dean of Student and Campus Services. "The only limits you have are those you put on yourself. Everyone is here for a reason and it's up to you to find out what that your reason



Second year student Tracie Packineau, left, answers questions for Dani Jo Perkins, center, and Holly No Heart, both of Bismarck. UTN photos Dennis J. Neumann



New Student Stephanie Bear (Skull Valley Goshute) Salt Lake City, UT, will study Small Business Management.


Wellness Center construction underway



WORK PROGRESS: Construction is approximately 30 percent complete on the United Tribes Wellness Center. A run of unseasonably warm weather in late December and early January allowed workers to make good progress constructing the brick and steel framework of the approximate 19,000 square foot building. According to Russell Swagger, Dean of Student and Campus Services, the contractor expected to have the structure enclosed by the middle of January. The building is located immediately east of the James Henry Gymnasium and the Jack Barden Student Life and Technology Center; completion is set for June, 2006. The \$2.7 million building will house the college's Department of Wellness Services. UTN photo Dennis J. Neumann

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