

UTTC not an earmark

BISMARCK (UTN) – Funding for United Tribes Technical College is not an earmark in the Federal budget. At least not in the style of those now under scrutiny by Congress.

“We are not a pet project,” said David M. Gipp, UTTC President. “We are not a shady deal that nobody knows about.”

UTTC’s \$3.5 million annual appropriation was omitted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the FY 2007 budget. It is the fifth year in a row that the college has been forced to seek restoration through congressional action.

“Our budget has been restored with bipartisan support under the leadership of the North Dakota Congressional delegation,” said Gipp. “It certainly isn’t a boondoggle.”

As one of the oldest of the nation’s 35 tribal colleges, UTTC served 1,100 students last year from 66 different tribes around the country.

“If anything, our funding difficulties stem from a failure in the federal bureaucracy,” said Gipp. “Each time our funding is restored, Congress is correcting a BIA violation of a long series of contracts we’ve had for educational services under the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act.”

Now in its fourth decade, the act is regarded as one of the most productive pieces of Indian legislation in modern

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Back to School Powwow



UTN Photo Alysia Madison

DANCING THEIR STYLE: In the arena at the James Henry Community Gymnasium on January 6 for the United Tribes Back to School Powwow, from left, Ivy Longie, Cody Two Bears, P-Nut Iron Star (foreground), and Todd Trottier (at rear)

First place dance category winners: Adult Men – Wayne Fox; Adult Women – Kelly Walker; Teen Boys – Michael Johnson; Teen Girls – Sheyenne Fox; Junior Boys – Eddie Johnson; and Junior Girls – Shani Village Center.

United Tribes February Calendar

February 19 Presidents’ Day
 Feb. 26 - Mar. 2 Mid-Term Exams

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North Dakota Tribal leaders gather for speech



UTN photo Dennis J. Neumann

TRIBAL-STATE RELATIONS: The elected leaders of four of the five tribal nations located in whole or in part in North Dakota were at the State Capitol in Bismarck January 5 for the State of the Tribal Relationship Address. Tribal chairs, from left, David "Doc" Brien, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, who presented the speech to a joint session of the State Legislature and state officials including the governor; Marcus J. Wells, Mandan-Hidatsa-Arikara Nation; Myra Pearson, Spirit Lake Nation; and Ron His Horse Is Thunder, Standing Rock Dakota-Lakota Nation. A bill adding the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate to membership on the ND Indian Affairs Commission is under consideration by the Legislature.



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
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Menu

February 5 - 9	February 12 - 16	February 19 - 23	Feb. 26 - Mar. 2
M Grilled Chicken Sandwich w/ Mac & Cheese	Beef Stew & Frybread	M Presidents' Day - Brunch 10-12	Lasagna & Garlic Toast
T Tator Tot Hot Dish	Sloppy Joe & French Fries	T Indian Taco w/ Assorted Toppings	Pizza (Cook's Choice)
W Baked Ham & Scalloped Potatoes	Roast Beef & Mashed Potatoes	W Roast Pok & Mashed Potatoes	Roast Beef & Mashed Potatoes
T Pizza (Cook's Choice)	Chicken Strips w/ Mac & Cheese	T Hamburger & French Fries	Hamburger & French Fries
F Chicken Nuggets & French Fries	Spaghetti & Garlic Toast	F Hard Shell Tacos & Roundabouts	Beef Nachos & Refried Beans

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services under the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act.”

Now in its fourth decade, the act is regarded as one of the most productive pieces of Indian legislation in modern times. It opened the door for tribes to elect to directly access funds that were controlled by federal agencies and manage their own programs at the tribal level. The result has been an overall strengthening of tribal infrastructure. With it, tribes have proved they are quite capable of successfully providing services across a breadth of community programs, including education.

The self determination law, which carries the number P.L. 93-638 as amended, is simply referred to in Indian Country as “638.”



David M. Gipp, United Tribes Technical College President

“As a 638 contractor we provide a service that the Department of Interior would otherwise be required to provide,” said Gipp. “We have repeatedly maintained that holding us out

of the budget is contrary to the Self-Determination and Education Act. The President is required to seek funding each year for all contracts under the act.”

When United Tribes began in 1969 as a vocational training program it was operated by the BIA. After becoming a college governed by the tribes in North Dakota, it received its first self determination contract in 1978 and has operated under those contracts ever since. Funding for United Tribes has been a part of the BIA budget since the facility opened and became a line item in the BIA budget beginning in 1981.

With the only difference being the self-determination contract, UTTC is similar in funding to two other tribal colleges that are operated directly by the BIA.

“We believe we should be included in the budget in the same manner as Haskell Indian School and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute,” said Gipp. “We have never sought to retrocede the responsibility for educating Indian students back to the BIA. That’s why we view it as a bureaucratic failure being left out of the BIA budget the past several years.”

That failure could have serious consequences for the college’s funding mix. Like most colleges, UTTC receives a number of discretionary, competitive grants that supplement BIA core funding for its 17 career and technical vocational programs. Among those is the Carl Perkins Career and Technical Education Act. Other programs at United Tribes also receive separate federal funding, including the college’s elementary school, small business center and several other inter-tribal programs that are housed on campus.

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— David M. Gipp

“Without the core funding we would be ineligible for discretionary grants we now receive,” said Shirley A. Bordeaux, UTTC Vice President for Finance and Business.

Bordeaux points out that all of the college’s supplemental funds are discretionary and are not necessarily available from year to year. For that reason an end to core funding provided by the BIA would have a compound affect on college operations.

As for the idea of shifting the United Tribes appropriation somewhere else in the federal budget, the college is not eligible for funds under the Tribally Controlled Community Colleges and Universities Act. That law allows a Tribe to sponsor only one tribal higher education institution. UTTC was founded as an intertribal institution before its five governing Tribes each became a sponsor of their own tribal college.

As the time approaches in February when the President’s budget recommendations will be released for fiscal year 2008, United Tribes continues to seek support for restoring the appropriation that was omitted for the current fiscal year.

“We remain hopeful that reasonableness will prevail,” said Gipp. “Getting caught up in the otherwise well-intended push to eliminate earmarks could cause harm that would take years to recover from.”

BOOKSTORE NEWS

Welcome to the Bookstore! We sell the following items: textbooks, school & office supplies, backpacks, a wide variety of sportswear, and gift items. All of our sportswear displays the UTTC or Thunderbirds logo emblazoned prominently, so you’ll want to be ready to show some support for our Thunderbirds with a t shirt, jacket, hooded sweatshirt, or a hat for game days! We also sell youth clothing items for our little Thunderbirds! We have new items regularly, so stop in and check us out!

Also available are phone cards which sell for \$5.00, \$10.00, and \$20.00, and money orders for 50¢ each. We also offer fax services to students.

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Methods of payment accepted are cash, check, credit card, gift certificate, payroll deduction for UTTC staff employed at least three months, and stipend deduction to eligible students.

Bookstore hours are 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., including the lunch hour, Monday through Friday. The Bookstore Manager is Cathy Mastrud, ext. 1459, the Assistant Manager is Winona Bear, ext. 1460, and the clerk is Minnie Plenty Chief Brown, ext. 1457.

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Peace Studies Event Schedule

A series of public forums about peace; thoughtful discussions to raise awareness about peacemaking. All programs are free and open to the public. ND Peace Coalition.

"Non-Violent Conflict Management: International Paths to Peace"

Kathy Kelly and Janet Moen
7 p.m., Friday, February 9
Prairie Room, Student Union
Bldg., Bismarck State College

"Equal Rights Amendment in ND: Equality and Peace"

Wayne Stenehjem, Brian Palecek,
and Lois Altenberg
7 p.m., Friday, March 9
Trinity Lutheran Community Center,
3rd St. & Ave. A, Bismarck
Co-sponsored by the ND Women's Network

"Corporate Conscience: Economics of Peace"

Howard Dahl and Don Morrison
7 p.m., Friday, April 13
Trinity Lutheran Community Center,
3rd St. & Ave. A, Bismarck

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STRENGTHENING LIFESTYLES DEPARTMENT FEBRUARY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 •Open Gym 1-4pm •Movie 6pm JBC •Pool Leagues 6pm	2 •Open Gym 1-4pm & 9pm-2am	3 •Open Gym 1-9pm
4 •T-Birds vs. Lake Region (Home) 2pm & 4pm	5 •T-Birds vs. Trinity Bible (Home) 6pm & 8pm	6 •Open Gym 1-4pm •Circle of Parents Room 210 12pm •Teen Talk 6pm	7 •Video Workout - WC 12pm •Open Gym 1-4pm	8 Closed •T-Birds vs. BSC (Home) 6pm & 8pm	9 •Open Gym 1-4pm & 9pm-2am	10 •Open Gym 1-9pm •Sledding - Tom O'Leary (Weather Permitting)
11 •Open Gym 1-9pm	12 •Strength In Family - WC 6pm •Hand Games 6pm •Open Drum 6pm •BB Leagues 6pm	13 •Health Day Gym •Circle of Parents Noon JBC •Parenting Class 6:30-8pm	14 •Video Workout - WC 12pm •Open Gym 1-4pm •Strength In Family - WC 6pm	15 •Open Gym 1-4pm •Movie 6pm JBC •Pool Leagues 6pm	16 •Open Gym 1-4pm & 9pm-2am •Art Contest Final - MPR 1-4pm	17 •Open Gym 1-9pm •Sledding - Tom O'Leary (Weather Permitting)
18 •Open Gym 1-9pm	19	20 •Open Gym 1-4pm •Circle of Parents Noon JBC •Teen Talk 6p	21 •Video Workout - WC 12pm •Open Gym 1-4pm •Strength In Family - WC 6pm	22 •Open Gym 1-4pm •Movie 6pm JBC •Pool Leagues 6pm •Talking Circle 6pm	23 •Open Gym 1-4pm & 9pm-2am	24 •Open Gym 1-9pm
25 •Open Gym 1-9pm	26 •Strength In Family - WC 6pm •Hand Games 6pm •Open Drum 6pm •BB Leagues 6pm	27 •T-Birds vs. Bottineau 6pm & 8pm (Home)	28 •Video Workout - WC 12pm •Open Gym 1-4pm •Strength In Family - WC 6pm	WEIGHT LIFTING CONTEST COMING SOON!!!		

TALKING CIRCLES

Diabetes Talking Circles


UTTC students, faculty and staff are invited to join Diabetes Talking Circles. This group is open to anyone who has diabetes, has a friend or family member diagnosed with diabetes, or would like to improve their own personal wellness.

- February 20 Facts & Prevention
- March 20 Nutrition
- April 17 Traditional Foods
- May 15 Healthy Lifestyles

Talking Circles will be held 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Wellness Center at 12:00 noon.

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Opportunity for student writers

The Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) is looking for students who are interested in becoming writers and reporters.

Each year, NAJA provides an opportunity for journalism students and writers to get hands-on experience in producing a daily newspaper, radio or television news-casts, or a news Web site.

Participants learn basic and advanced journalism and reporting skills from Native and non-Native media professionals from across the U.S.

The application deadline is February 23. More information: www.naja.com.

Indian Land Tenure

Learn the Lingo

RESTRICTED LAND: Land to which the tribe holds legal title but the government can place restrictions on what the tribe can do with it. For example, the tribe must have the consent of the Secretary of the Interior to sell or exchange a piece of restricted land. The deed is in the tribe's name, however, and they may have true ownership of the property, with mineral, water, and other property rights.

Learn more: www.indianlandtenure.org.

COMINGS-and-GOINGS

SHIRLEY A. BORDEAUX, Finance and Business Services; **RUSSELL SWAGER**, Student and Campus Services; **E. SAM AZURE**, Elementary Services; **PHIL BAIRD**, Academic and Vocational Programs; and **HARRIETT SKYE**, Intertribal Programs, were all commended and recognized by UTTC President David M. Gipp for their dedicated work on behalf of the college. Effective January 11, their titles were changed from "dean" to "vice president" of their respective areas. **CHERYL LONG FEATHER**, UTTC Research Director, can now be addressed as "Dr. Cheryl Long Feather" after she successfully defended her Ph.D. dissertation January 17 at the University of North Dakota. She is the first American Indian (Dakota-Lakota) to earn a doctorate from UND's Communication Department. She also recently earned a master's degree in business management from the University of Mary.

Child Development Centers Services

By Lisa Azure, CDC Co-Administrator

The UTTC Child Development Centers (CDC) now offer child care services to families of young children, regardless of class schedule, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Your children can stay in the centers during this time, instead of only when you are in class, as it was in the past.

- Even though your children can stay the full day, you will be billed only for the time you are actually in class. Monday through Thursday only.
- On Friday, your children can attend only when you have scheduled classes, as in the past semesters.
- This new schedule gives you more time to prepare for your classes and participate in college programs. Most important, it will benefit your child by giving him or her a full day of activities.

SICK CHILD DAYCARE

This service is provided by the Student Health Center in the Lewis Goodhouse Wellness building. Policies for this service will be posted on the Child Development Center webpage. Please keep in mind that there are times when it is in the best interest of the sick child to remain in the comfort of the home.

CDC WEBSITE

At the UTTC website homepage, www.uttc.edu, click on "Child Development Center" on the left side of the screen. You will find the parent handbook and other up-to-date information.

Have a great semester! If you have questions, please contact one of the center directors or Leah Hamann or myself. Thank you.

NATIVE RESEARCH LECTURE SERIES

Dr. Iris Heavy Runner-Pretty Paint
"Miracle Survivors: A Grounded Theory on Educational Persistence for Tribal College Students"

February 13 • 3 – 5 pm
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NOON TO 1:00 PM

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FEBRUARY 6, 13, 20 & 27
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Parenting CLASSES

6:30 - 8:00 PM

FEBRUARY 13
 CHOOSING NATURAL AND
 LOGICAL CONSEQUENCES—
 HOW THEY HELP YOU IN
 YOUR JOB AS A PARENT

FEBRUARY 27
 LISTENING TO IMPROVE
 COMMUNICATION BETWEEN
 PARENT AND CHILD

MARCH 13
 PARENTING WHEN
 YOU ARE ANGRY

MARCH 27
 HANDLING CHALLENGING
 BEHAVIORS

CHILD CARE IS PROVIDED
 AT THE INFANT & TODDLER
 CENTER FOR UTTC STUDENTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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 701-255-3285 X 1391

Financial Skills Classes Offered

By Anthony LaFromboise, UTTC Land Grant Programs

Do your finances worry you? Do you break the budget every month? Does your money seem to manage you instead of you managing it? Is your budget so tight that you have trouble making money stretch to the end of the month? Are you starting to avoid friends you've borrowed money from? Have your spending habits exceeded your income?

UTTC Land Grant Department is offering non-credit classes called *Financial Skills for American Indian Families*.

Tuesday and Thursday:
January 23 and 25
January 30 and February 1
12 noon to 1 p.m.
(Land Grant Classroom)

February 13 and 15
February 20 and 22
12 noon to 1 p.m.
(Room 111 Education Building)

Refreshments provided

Upon completing this class students will know how money works and is circulated within a family and the community. They will develop a spending plan based on income; use and manage money wisely; acquire money management tools; understand checking and saving accounts; prevent forgery; balance check books; use a debit card; understand credit and a credit report; and be able to access credit.

This class is free. Four hours attendance needed for completion.

A commitment to learning is the first step toward financial literacy and a positive lifestyle.

More information 701-255-3285 x 1239 or alafromboise@uttc.edu.

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Academic Honors

A software glitch prevented the names of two students from appearing on the Fall Semester President's List. Please congratulate these students also, on their academic achievement:

Jolynn R. Lovato (Crow Agency), Business and Office Technology

Dana K. Reynolds (Cheyenne-Arapahoe of Oklahoma), Injury Prevention

Academic honors for Thunderbirds

Fall Semester Presidents List (GPA 3.5 or above): **Cole Glade • Melvin Miner III • Matthew Red Bear • Mario Small**

Fall semester Academic Deans List:
Shelbert Chasing Crow • Merrill Howling Wolf • Matt St. John

TJES to host NCA visit

By Michelle Matthees

On Monday, February 5, TJES will host a visit by a five-member North Central Association (NCA) accreditation team.

The team will monitor progress on two school improvement goals: improving math across the curriculum, and improving reading across the curriculum. If the team determines that sufficient progress has been made, accreditation will be renewed.

To make this determination, team members will visit with classroom teachers, Principal Sam Azure, and other staff members, and they will examine a documentation report showing the significant gains students have made. As part of the ongoing school accreditation process, NCA monitoring teams usually visit schools every two to three years.

NCA team members will be at TJES all day, and parents and community members are welcome to stop by and speak with them. Copies of the NCA Accreditation Documentation Report will be available for viewing at this time.

For more information contact Michelle Matthees 255-3285 x 1335.

Ask the Nutrition Experts

Do you have a nutrition question you would like to have answered? Now you can – just ask! E-mail your question to: sschmitz@uttc.edu.

If your question is published in United Tribes News Land Grant will send you a \$10 grocery gift card.

FAITH AND JUSTICE

Exploring 2007 Legislative Issues

Series of community forums about ND Legislative Issues

7:30 p.m.
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February 1 - Death Penalty or Restorative Justice
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February 22 - Water Justice and the Missouri River
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For registration information and confirmed dates, times and places contact: Pat Aune, UTTC Extension Food Safety Educator, 701-255-3285 x 1399 or paune@uttc.edu.

UTTC Campus Bismarck

March 5-6, 2007, 20 hours
June 4-6, 2007, 20 hours

New Town, 16 hour classes

February 13 & 14, 2007
April 24 & 25, 2007
July 17 & 18, 2007

HUMAN RIGHTS VIDEO

To raise awareness about human rights issues through the medium of documentary film

Behind the Labels: Garment Workers

Sunday, February 18

3 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Bismarck Public Library, lower level

Exposes the harsh conditions of the garment industry in Saipan, a U.S. territory in the Northern Mariana Islands of the Pacific. Although the island flies the American flag, it is not subject to U.S. immigration laws and is exempt from federal minimum wage regulations. Chinese and Filipino women, attracted by the idea of working in "America," pay high recruitment fees to attain contracts to work in Saipan. The result is years of debt. 45 minutes; discussion follows.

For more information: www.humanrightsproject.org - Co-sponsors: Bismarck Human Relations Committee, Bismarck Public Library

Legislation introduced to fight Meth on reservations

WASHINGTON – North Dakota U.S. Senator Byron L. Dorgan has introduced legislation to help fight methamphetamine production and use on Indian reservations. Dorgan said he is confident that the bill, which won Senate approval last year, has a good chance in the new Congress.

The bill would make tribal governments and U.S. territories eligible for grant programs and federal funding.

"Meth is a scourge that has affected many communities on reservations and across rural America and this bill will help bring the resources to these areas to put a stop to it," Dorgan said. "This is a dangerous drug that tears apart families and communities and we need to provide more resources for law enforcement and treatment programs, including increased bed space."

Senators joining Dorgan in sponsoring the legislation include John McCain (R-AZ) and Harry Reid (D-NV).

Dorgan chairs Senate Indian Affairs Committee

WASHINGTON – North Dakota U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan was elected chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee January 18 at the committee's first meeting during the 110th Congress.

Dorgan said he would work closely with the committee's vice chair, Senator Craig Thomas (R-WY), to ensure it continues to operate in its traditional bipartisan fashion. Dorgan said he is hopeful that the commit-

Dorgan introduces bill to reduce Indian teen suicides

WASHINGTON – North Dakota U. S. Senator Byron Dorgan renewed his efforts to help reduce the rate of suicide among American Indian teens. Dorgan introduced legislation January 17 that would direct counseling resources, professionals, and suicide-prevention materials to teenagers on American Indian reservations, where the youth suicide rate is among the highest in the nation.

Dorgan's bill would expand the availability of "telemental" health services – bringing more counseling, professionals and suicide-prevention materials to rural tribal communities using telecommunications technology. The rate of suicide among teenagers on reservations in the Great Plains is 10 times the national average.

"The suicide rate among our American Indian youth is a bona fide public health crisis, and we need to address it with more professional resources," Dorgan said. "I realize this is a sensitive issue to address publicly, but I believe we must extend a hand to these kids to tell them they are not alone, and that we are here to help."

Dorgan held the first-ever Senate hearings on Indian teen suicide in 2005 in Bismarck and Washington, D.C. He steered the bill through the Senate last year, but it was not passed by the House before the last Congress adjourned. Dorgan, who is now Chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, said he is hopeful that the new Congress will approve the legislation.

Dorgan sponsored the bill along with a bipartisan group including Senators John McCain (R-AZ), Kent Conrad (D-ND), and Max Baucus (D-MT).

tee will address the most critical issues that face American Indian communities.

"I believe there is a bona fide crisis in Indian health care, education and housing, and this committee has an opportunity to make a real difference on those issues during this Congress," Dorgan said. "I look forward to charting a course that will help move American Indian communities forward."

Toward Better Health in 2007

By SuAnn Schmitz, LRD, Land Grant Extension Nutrition Education

The American Council on Science and Health frequently presents 12 New Year's Resolutions for Better Health. Are there some that would make a healthier life for you?

1. Focus on things that matter; be informed about possible risks
2. Don't smoke
3. Maintain a healthy weight. Eat a balanced, varied diet and handle foods safely
4. Exercise regularly, but exercise caution
5. Don't drink and drive
6. If you drink alcohol, moderation matters
7. See a doctor regularly for preventive maintenance
8. Reduce your risk of HIV infection
9. Check "alternative" medicines with your doctor
10. Use seat belts, **every time**
11. Take care of your teeth
12. A working smoke detector is a must

BASIL J. ALKIRE

One of the very first graduates of the vocational training programs established in 1969 at United Tribes has passed away. Basil J. Alkire, 72, Fort Yates, entered the Spirit World January 8, 2007. Services were held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Fort Yates. He was buried at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Mandan.

Basil graduated from United Tribes Technical Training Center's Building Maintenance Program on August 7, 1970. He worked for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's Home Improvement Program as a carpenter, and later in maintenance for the Indian Health Service. After 30 years of service, he retired as a maintenance facilities worker with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Standing Rock Agency. He worked most of the years in Fort Yates and the last few at Little Eagle Day School.

He is survived by his wife Helen (Crow Ghost) who also graduated from United Tribes in the fall of 1970 from the Business Clerical Program.

His Indian name is "Cante Kute," Fire Heart, which was his grandfather's name.

Becker promotes Exact Med in article

RENEE BECKER is quoted in a recent story in the industry online publication *ADVANCE*. Becker, a certified medical transcriptionist and director of the UTTC Exact Med Transcription Training Program, is one of the sources in a story about new speech recognition software and skills needed in the field of medical transcription.

In the story she explains her program's transition to include editing training. "We currently cover editing skills in our medical transcription educational program, once students have completed our program they'll have beginning level editing skills," said Becker.

As speech recognition takes more of a hold in the industry, an editor-specific trained medical transcriptionist will be able to step up and meet those requirements with ease, she said in the article written by Associate Editor Tricia Cassidy.

"Editing skills are important in all levels of medical transcription, from the MT, to the senior editor and eventually the auditor," she said. "These skills are only acquired by in-depth editing training and continuous self improvement. Job security for an MT with editing skills will be phenomenal."

The *ADVANCE* story also outlined Exact Med plans to begin using "virtual lab" technology in the program's curriculum at UTTC in the next six to eight months.

The article "Get Into Editor Shape," and other medical transcription industry information, can be viewed at the *ADVANCE* website: www.advancweb.com/him.

Women's Focus Group

The ND Women's Network will meet one-time-only on Thursday, February 8 for a focus group session to identify issues faced by women in North Dakota.

The session is scheduled for 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the lower level of the Jack Barden Student Life and Technology Center at United Tribes Technical College.

Six to 12 participants are needed to share about their experiences and concerns and to explore ideas for possible solutions. The session will be lead by a facilitator.

If interested and willing to participate, please contact: Renee Stromme 888-255-6240 x 21, 701-255-6240 x 21, or Harriett Skye 701-255-3285 x 1219, hsky@uttc.edu.

Laducer named Entrepreneur of the Year

FARGO – Jim Laducer (Turtle Mountain) president of Laducer and Associates, has been selected the *2007 Marketplace Entrepreneur of the Year*.

The award was presented January 17 at "Marketplace for Entrepreneurs," the largest and longest-running economic development conference in the state.



James K. Laducer, President of Laducer and Associates

"Jim is a business leader, whose vision and ambition has benefited all North Dakota," said U.S. Senator Kent Conrad and State Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson, conferences sponsors. "He is an inspiration for today's budding entrepreneurs and is proof that hard work can result in great success."

Following 10 years managing special pro-

grams at United Tribes, Laducer formed his own company in 1985 to provide business counsel to minority-owned businesses. Within a short time he secured major state and federal contracts.

Now located in Mandan, ND, Laducer and Associates has helped North Dakota businesses obtain more than \$600 million in business contracts, creating jobs in manufacturing and construction throughout the state.

In 1996, Laducer and Associates branched out into computer information management and has since grown into one of the most successful, independently owned, American Indian businesses in the nation. Laducer employs more than 320 people across North Dakota.

With all his personal and professional success, Laducer remains committed to creating opportunities for other North Dakotans. His latest entrepreneurial venture is the creation of a privately-owned Native American bank, that will service individuals and businesses that often had difficulty getting financial support from traditional banks.

Learn more about Jim Laducer and his company at www.laducer.com.

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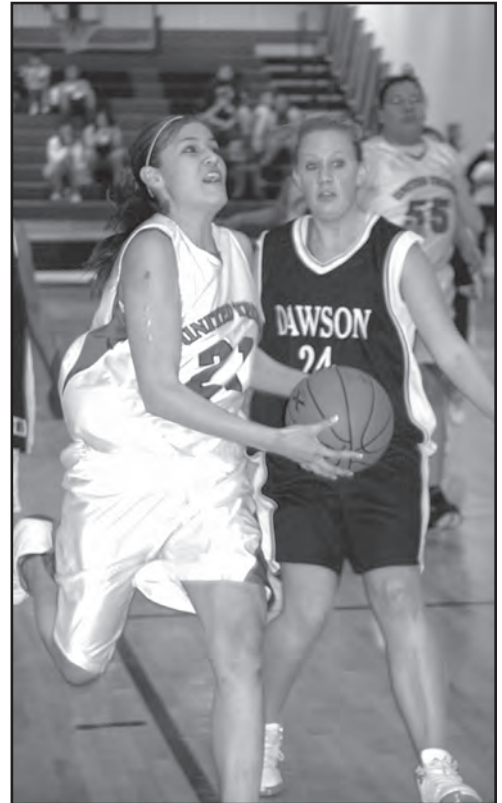


Thunderbirds in Action



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Cory Goodiron (Three Affiliated) Mandaree, ND, uses a soft touch with the off hand following a quick move to the basket in the January 13 game against Dawson Community College.



Sylvia Roy (Flandreau Santee) Flandreau, SD, breaks free on a slashing move to the hoop in the Dawson game January 13.

Tribal College bill introduced

BISMARCK – The North Dakota Legislature is being asked to appropriate state funds to help pay for the education of non-Native students who attend the state’s five tribal colleges.

House Bill 1395 would provide support for educating non-Native students at Cankdeska Cikana Community College, Fort Berthold Community College, Sitting Bull College, Turtle Mountain Community College, and United Tribes Technical College.

Currently non-Native students account for 11 percent of the tribal college student population in North Dakota. All of the colleges maintain an open-door policy with no enrollment caps.

Although tribal colleges have sought funding before, lawmakers have declined to provide it. The state does provide financial assistance for students attending the 11 institutions of higher education operated by the North Dakota University System.

The new bill seeks \$700,000 for the two year period beginning July 1. The North Dakota Board of Higher Education has adopted a resolution that would have tribal college support distributed through the ND Indian Affairs Commission.

The bill’s primary sponsor, Rep. Jim Kasper, (R-Fargo), says the measure would have a positive impact on young people and would be a good use of some of the state’s projected \$527 million surplus.

February Basketball Schedule

1/30	Concordia JV, W, 6pm
2/4	Lake Region, M/W, 2&4pm
2/5	Trinity Bible, M/W, 6&8pm
2/8	Bismarck State, M/W, 6&8pm
2/11	MSU/Bottineau, M/W, 2&4pm
2/12	Williston State, M/W, 6&8pm
2/18 ...	NDSCS-Wahpeton, M/W, 2&4pm
2/27	MSU/Bottineau, M/W, 6&8pm

Home Games in Bold

PRESIDENTS' DAY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2007 - NO CLASSES

United Tribes Technical College 2007 Spring Orientation



It may not bounce but it's mostly round. And that means it spins like the basketball that Construction Technology student Ernest Red Fox (Three Affiliated) learned on.



Bookstore Assistant Manager Winona Bear demonstrates the balancing act it takes to gather up everything on a student's booklist.



Iver N. Campbell (Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate) gets some help selecting a backpack from bookstore employee Minnie Plenty Chief Brown.



Students Thomas Crows Heart, left, and Elton McLeod compare schedules during a class in humanities in the first week of January.



At left, Jennifer LaFontaine (Turtle Mountain), a new student in Criminal Justice and Nursing, brought along her five month old daughter Raine Adams to student orientation on January 3. At right is Jennifer's cousin, Raelynn Swain (Turtle Mountain) a student in Criminal Justice.

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Standing Rock recovers Sitting Bull gravesite



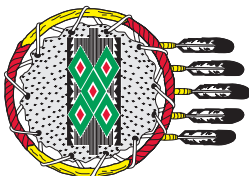
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TRIBAL CONTROL: At the request of the Standing Rock Tribe, the State of North Dakota has released a small, but significant parcel of land at Fort Yates, ND. Tribal Chairman Ron His Horse Is Thunder (far left standing) accepted a resolution from the State Historical Society that returned the gravesite of his ancestor, Sitting Bull (inset). Five acres where the revered Lakota leader was buried in 1890 had been in state title since 1956. Back in tribal control, it will be developed to honor the memory of a "great leader and protector of the people," he said. Representing the state (to the right of the chairman) is SHSND Board Chairman Marvin L. Kaiser and ND Secretary of State Al Jaeger.

Isaac Dog Eagle Jr., another Sitting Bull descendant (inset below), said that a prayer, sung during the January 5 ceremony the ND Heritage Center in Bismarck, prayed for good relations with the people who returned the gravesite.

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