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Graduates honored at United Tribes



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UTTC Graduated 113 students for the 2006-2007 academic year. Story and photos pp. 18-19

UTN photo Dennis J. Neumann

College President David M. Gipp honored

BISMARCK (UTN) – David M. Gipp was honored at events during graduation week 2007 at United Tribes Technical College. Friends, relatives and colleagues gathered to mark his 30 year tenure as college president.

Gipp is the third individual to permanently lead the organization since its founding by North Dakota tribal leaders in 1969 as the nation's first inter-tribally owned, post-secondary vocational technical center for Amer-



UTN Photo

Members of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council honored David Gipp with a buffalo robe, presented ceremonially, during a reception in his honor on May 2.

ican Indians. Over the years the college has attracted students from tribes all across the nation.

Gipp was associated with the college in its formative years and began serving as executive director, now president, on May 2, 1977.

Thirty year honoring events included a reception and dinner; he was also recognized during the college commencement ceremony for his leadership in American Indian higher education.

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Tribal College bill becomes law



SIGNING CEREMONY: North Dakota Tribal College leaders and key lawmakers joined Governor John Hoeven when he signed the tribal college bill into law May 10 at United Tribes Technical College. Seated, from left, prime sponsor Rep. Jim Kasper (R) Fargo, Governor Hoeven, and Rep. RaeAnn G. Kelsch (R) Mandan. Standing, from left, Senator Richard J. Marcellais (D) Belcourt; Laurel Vermillion, president, Sitting Bull College, Fort Yates; Rep. Dawn Marie Charging (R) Garrison; Jim Davis, president, ND Assn. of Tribal Colleges, president, Turtle Mountain Community College, Belcourt; Russell Mason Jr., president, Fort Berthold Community College, New Town; Cynthia Lindquist Mala, president, Cankdeska Cikana (Little Hoop) Community College, Fort Totten; Rep. Dennis E. Johnson (R) Devils Lake; David M. Gipp, president, United Tribes Technical College, Bismarck; and Rep. Rodney J. Froelich (D) Sel-fridge. The new law provides \$700,000 in state funds over two years to help pay educational costs for, mainly, non-Indian students. It marks the first time state tax dollars are appropriated specifically for students attending the state's five tribal colleges. UTN photo



LeRoi Laundreaux's Lunch Menu

Includes 2% or Skim Milk, Coffee or Tea and Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, and Vegetables. Menu subject to change.
 Cafeteria Hours: Breakfast ~ 7:00 - 8:30 am • Lunch ~ 11:30 - 1:00 pm • Dinner ~ 5:00 - 6:30 pm
 All Students Must Show ID - NO EXCEPTIONS!!

Summer Menu

June 4 - 9

June 11 - 15

June 19 - 23

June 25 - 29

M	Pork Chops & Rice	Lasagna & Garlic Toast	M	Hot Dog & Mac & Cheese
T	Indian Taco w/ Assorted Toppings	Pizza (Choice)	T	Goulash
W	Roast Pork & Mashed Potatoes	Beef Stew & Frybread	W	Roast Beef & Mashed Potatoes
T	Hamburger & French Fries	Chicken Stir Fry, Rice & Egg Roll	T	Pizza Cooks Choice
F	Hard Shell Tacos & Roundabout	Beef Nachos & Refried Beans	F	Spaghetti & Garlic Toast

Cook's Choice

KODA THE WARRIOR

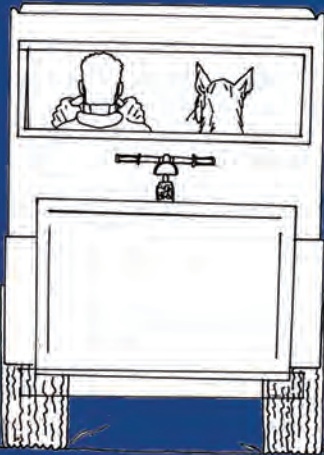
Changes from 2000 to 2007

CREATED BY MARK L. MINDT
 SPIRIT LAKE NATION

THE JOURNEY OF "KODA TWO HEARTS" BEGAN IN SEPTEMBER 2000. THESE ARE AMONG THE FIRST IMAGES.

My artistic view of KODA has evolved from then until now...

The Heart and Soul of KODA has stayed the same...



"To live free and walk with respect and honor the way our ancestors would want us to."

BE SAFE & COME BACK HEALTHY & READY TO LEARN! ENJOY YOUR SUMMER. HOKA HEY!



ND SkillsUSA Competition

Congratulations on the great showing by the following students representing United Tribes Technical College:

Architectural Drafting

Linette Crows Heart, Rocky Stewart

Cabinetmaking

Jason Waln – Second Place (written exam award), Todd Zephier (written exam award)

Carpentry

Steve Raining Bird, Thomas Crows Heart (written exam award)

Automotive

Matthew Kautzman, Frank Lockwood, Richard Giago

3-D Visualization/Animation

Martha Garreau, Lyman Vivier - First place as a team; eligible for National contest in Kansas City (fundraising is underway – contact the Art/Art Marketing Department)

—Rick Janke

UTTC artists display works



OUTDOOR VENUE: The sun smiled April 27 on Codi Blackbird (Cheyenne River) during the Ninth Annual Art Exhibit and Sale in downtown Bismarck. The much anticipated two day show featured sidewalk art and a variety of studio work by artists in the United Tribes Art/Art Marketing Program.

UTN photo

United Tribes Technical College Receives \$100,000 SMSC Grant

PRIOR LAKE, MN – The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community has awarded a \$100,000 grant for construction to United Tribes Technical College. The grant will be used for student housing.

The United Tribes Technical College is a fully accredited inter-tribally controlled higher education institution governed by the five tribes located in North Dakota. Its tribal owners are the Mandan, Arikara, and Hidatsa Nation; Spirit Lake Tribe; Standing Rock Sioux Tribe; Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate; and Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa. Annual enrollment is over 1,000 students from 66 different tribal nations around the country. UTTC was the second tribal college in the country, opening in 1969. Today there are 35 tribal colleges in Indian Country.

“Experience has taught us that students have greater educational success when they live on campus,” said David M. Gipp, United Tribes Technical College President. “Our priority, and our commitment, is to have as much housing on campus as possible. Here, in this ‘home away from home,’ we provide

more than just an education. With our childhood development center, the elementary school, and our support services, we educate and help raise the entire family.”

“The campus environment promotes the formation of relationships typical of support systems that tribal students have at home. Family and community support and cultural value systems are essential to the academic success of American Indian students,” he said. “The grant from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community will be applied to the expansion of student housing, which is one of the most critical infrastructure needs as the college expands and renovates to serve more students.”

In fiscal year 2005 the SMSC donated \$500,000 to UTTC to fund a wellness center to serve students, children, faculty, staff, and community members. In 2003 the SMSC donated \$250,000 to UTTC for construction of a 28,000 square foot, two-story dormitory.

For more information about United Tribes Technical College go to www.uttc.edu.

edu.

About the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community: The SMSC utilizes its financial resources from gaming and non-gaming enterprises to pay for all of the internal infrastructure of the Tribe, including but not limited to housing, roads, water, wastewater, and sewer systems, emergency services, and essential services to its Tribal members in education, health, and welfare. The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community has a charitable giving program which comes from a cultural and social tradition to assist those in need. Over the past several years the SMSC has donated more than \$75 million to charitable organizations and Indian Tribes, including more than \$18 million in fiscal year 2006. The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, a federally recognized Indian Tribe in Minnesota, is the owner and operator of Mystic Lake Casino Hotel, Little Six Casino, Playworks, Dakotah! Sport and Fitness, The Meadows at Mystic Lake Golf Course, and other enterprises on a reservation south of the Twin Cities.

ServSafe® Certification Courses
Sponsored by *United Tribes Technical College*

The UTTC Land Grant Extension program sponsors this food safety course for experienced food service workers and managers seeking professional certification or recertification with the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation ServSafe® Food Protection Manager Certification Examination. The class size is limited to 25. The \$125 fee includes *ServSafe® Essentials 4th Edition* and exam fee.

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	New Town
June 4-6, 2007	July 17 & 18, 2007
20 hours	16 hours

START!

Walking At Work

Start! Walking At Work Day is a nationwide call-to-action for Americans to start living a healthy lifestyle. United Tribes Technical College supported employees in taking that first step in becoming more active by participating in Start! On April 25, employees met outside the Wellness Center at 2:41 p.m. for a 30-minute walk. You can gain two hours of life expectancy for every hour of regular exercise. Walking at 2:41 p.m. highlighted this fact and provided a much-needed afternoon break! More information is available at www.americanheart.org/start.

Summer Meals Can Make Us Sick

Pat Aune, Food Safety Educator

Hot sunny days, picnic weather and cooking out-of-doors are summertime activities we enjoy until we have an upset stomach, diarrhea or vomiting. These are symptoms of foodborne illness. Summer is when foodborne illness is most common.

Temperatures from 90 to 110°F are best for growing bacteria. When food is sitting out of refrigeration or not kept warm enough (135°F) it quickly becomes contaminated with enough bacteria to make some people sick. Follow these steps to keep your summertime meals safe.

Clean: Your Hands and Surfaces

- Wash your hands often with warm soapy water.
- Carry safe drinking water with you and paper towels so you can wash your hands even if there is no water available where you plan to eat.
- Hand sanitizers will help but washing with safe water is better.
- Clean, with water and soap, or cover the surfaces where you will be preparing food and eating.

Separate: Don't Cross-Contaminate

- Raw hamburger patties and other meat, poultry or fish products are safest when packed into a closed container that is placed in the bottom of the cooler so the juices will not drip onto other items.
- When grilling meat, poultry or fish remember to wash the cooking utensils, plates and cutting boards before they are used for the cooked foods.

Cook to Safe Temperatures

- Use a thermometer to make sure meat, poultry and fish cooked on the grill are cooked to a safe

minimum internal temperature. Meat and poultry cooked on a grill often browns very fast on the outside but needs longer cooking to make the food safe.

- Grill meat and poultry completely at the picnic site. Partial cooking ahead of time allows bacteria to survive and multiply so additional cooking will not destroy the bacteria.

Free Thermometer and Temperature Chart

Stop by the UTTC Land Grant Extension food safety office for a free food thermometer and temperature chart. We are in the Skill Center, room 119.

Chill: Refrigerate Promptly

- Keep cold food cold!
- Pack the cooler with ice, ice packs or containers of frozen water so the food is surrounded with ice.
- Keep the cooler in the coolest part of the car and in the shade, out of the sun whenever possible.
- Take-out food needs to be eaten within 2 hours of purchase unless you chill the food in your refrigerator before packing it in the cooler.

Leftovers?

- Throw out food that is out of refrigeration for more than 2 hours.
- When the air temperature is over 90°F, food should not be left out over 1 hour.
- Play it safe, keep the food on ice.
- Throw out any food that might have been held too long.

The people at highest risk for foodborne illness are infants and young children, the elderly, people with chronic illnesses and pregnant women. Everyone can get a little sick from foodborne illness those at risk could die!

ASK THE EXPERTS



SuAnn Schmitz
Nutrition Coordinator

Are you a good role model?



Do you have a nutrition question? Email it to: sschmitz@uttc.edu. If your question is published in UTN, the Land Grant Department will send you a \$10 grocery gift card.

Did you eat your fruits and vegetables today? Did you go for a bike ride, walk or go to the gym? Did you drink low-fat milk?

Do you think your children noticed?

Along with everything else, children learn their eating and physical activity habits from role models: their parents, older siblings or other caregivers. Whether you intend it or not, role modeling may be the most powerful, effective way for you to help your child eat smart and be physically active.

The next time you super-size a fast-food meal, eat because you're stressed or bored, or decide to spend the afternoon in front of the TV, think about the message you are sending your children.

The best way to help your child live a healthy lifestyle is for you to do so!

Source: *American Dietetic Associations Public Relations Team, 2006*

College Fund names Bear King-Baker



HIGH HONOR: Sheri Bear King-Baker, UTTC Office Technology Instructor, was named Faculty Member of the Year for 2006-07 by the American Indian College Fund. "It is wonderful to know that UTTC has chosen such a worthy recipient to honor for her dedication and excellence in teaching," wrote Richard B. Williams, President and CEO of The Fund, in a letter expressing congratulations to Sheri on her selection. UTN photo

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Minority Women's Health Summit

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Visit: <http://www.womenshealth.gov/mwhs>

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- AAS Early Childhood Education – prepare for a career in Head Start or Child Care
- AAS Elementary Education – become an elementary school paraprofessional

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Hello from all of us at the Bookstore! Stop in and check out our new spring merchandise!

We also carry gift items such as mugs, posters, greeting cards, stationary, shower gels and lotions, watches, and various snack items. Snack items include Microwave Popcorn, Flavored Popcorn, Spicy Trail Mix, Beef Jerky, Beef Sticks, Chocolate Rocks, Saltwater Taffy, and Sunflower Seeds, both shelled and unshelled.

The Bookstore also sells money orders, phone cards for \$5.00, \$10.00, and \$20.00, and we offer faxing at no charge to students.

Accepted payment methods include cash, check, credit or debit card, payroll deduction for eligible employees, and stipend deduction for eligible students.

We are open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. This includes the noon hour. So stop in and see what's new!

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THE UTTC BOOKSTORE

President honored... Continued from page 1

Born at Fort Yates, North Dakota, Gipp is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. His Hunkpapa Lakota name Wicahpi Isnala translates as Lone Star.

U. S. military post.

His leadership of the college and contributions in developing national tribal higher education policy were recognized in 1991



LEADERSHIP RECOGNIZED: Gipp was presented the National Indian Gaming Association Leadership Award May 4 during the United Tribes 2007 Commencement Ceremony at the college in Bismarck. "For his hard work on behalf of tribal higher education and his strong ethics," said Ernie Stevens Jr., NIGA Executive Director, in presenting the award May 4. UTN Photo

Prior to joining United Tribes, he served as the first executive director of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium, Denver, CO.

Among his first accomplishments at United Tribes was to secure accreditation for the college from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of College and Schools. More recently it was the first tribal college to obtain accreditation for online degree programs.

Annual enrollment now exceeds 11-hundred students per year, a ten-fold increase during his tenure, and millions of dollars in improvements have been made to the college campus, which was formerly a surplus

with a Doctorate in Laws, Honoris Causa, from North Dakota State University.

To mark the 30 year milestone, United Tribes established the David M. Gipp Scholarship Fund. Money contributed will be used exclusively to assist the educational needs of students. Over \$10,000 was gifted during and after graduation week. The fund remains open for contributions: David M. Gipp Scholarship Fund, % Brad Hawk, Development Director, United Tribes Technical College, 3315 University Drive, Bismarck, ND, 58504. For more information: 701-255-3285 x 1387 or bhawk@uttc.edu.

2007 North Dakota Legislation of Interest to Tribes

The 60th North Dakota Legislative Assembly was one of the most productive legislative sessions in recent memory on bills affecting American Indians, Tribes and Tribal Colleges. The following summary was compiled by Tom Disselhorst, Legal Counsel, United Tribes Technical College.

HB 1395 – PASSED and SIGNED: Provides \$700,000 to the Tribal Colleges over a two year period in the form of grants to assist with educational expenses of non-beneficiary students.

HB 1098 – PASSED and SIGNED: Adds membership for the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyaté to the ND Indian Affairs Commission.

HB 1393 – PASSED AND SIGNED: Exempts from state income tax Indians from one reservation who live on another, as well as exempting Indians from state sales tax on the reservation and also from the motor vehicle tax, whether the vehicle is purchased on or off the reservation, so long as the Indian shows an address on the reservation.

HB 1012 – LINE ITEM VETOED: Section 12 of the ND DOT appropriation bill (as promoted by the N.D. Automobile Dealers Association) would have extended rights associated with taxation entitled to tribal members living on a reservation in North Dakota to any tribal member in the country.

SB 2402 – PASSED and SIGNED: Renews the legislature's Tribal-State Relations interim committee for two years.

HB 1503 – PASSED and SIGNED: Extends the State-Tribal loan guaranty program for two years.

HB 1092 – PASSED and SIGNED: Requires the state to make active efforts to comply with the Indian Child Welfare Act (25 U.S.C. Sections 1901 et seq.)

HB 1025 – DEFEATED: Would have authorized the Governor to negotiate water rights deals with the tribes, subject to approval by the legislature.

HB 1504 – PASSED and SIGNED: Authorizes Tribal peace officers to be licensed as state peace officers under certain conditions, including when an agreement is in place between the state or political subdivision and the Tribe.

HB 2403 – DEFEATED: Would have provided a long term care moratorium exemption for the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa.

HB 2419 – PASSED and SIGNED: Authorizes the Governor to enter into negotiations with the Three Affiliated Tribes regarding oil and gas tax revenues and regulations affecting oil and gas development on the reservation.

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Update on UTTC construction projects

By Michael Matheny, Construction Technology Director

Students in the United Tribes Construction Technology Program have built 64 window units to hold air conditioners in a Bismarck apartment complex owned by Pride, Inc. The work was done on a volunteer basis as community service. A bid will soon be made on another project for Pride.

Work is progressing on rebuilding one of the family student homes on the south side of the present campus that was destroyed by fire several years ago.

Pavers are to be installed at the August Little Soldier Apartments, as part of the finishing touches to that complex on the college campus.

Floor plans and exterior are being prepared in the pre-planning phase of building a new library on campus.

Congratulations and thank you to all the students and workers involved in these projects.



APPLY EARLY FOR TRIBAL FUNDING!

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

General reasons funding may be denied:

- Missed deadline date
- Incomplete files
- Did not apply

The Following documents generally required:

- Acceptance letter from educational institute
- Financial needs analysis (budget) – from financial aid officer
- Semester grades / mid-term grades
- Class schedule
- To ensure application completeness, contact and follow up with funding agency frequently.

To be eligible for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) classroom training assistance, **ALL** students must apply with home funding agency first.

The WIA Office • Building 61
United Tribes Technical College
701-255-3285 ext. 1232/1229

David M. Gipp

Scholarship Fund



To honor his 30 years as college president, United Tribes has established the David M. Gipp Scholarship Fund as part of the "Opportunities in the Making" Student Scholarship Campaign.

With the support of generous individuals and businesses in Bismarck-Mandan, this successful campaign has provided support for the education of 280 students in the past two years. Your contribution to the David M. Gipp Fund will help it grow, providing additional scholarship support. Please take this opportunity to recognize and honor David and help in his life's work.

Send your check to:
David M. Gipp Scholarship
United Tribes Technical College
3315 University Drive
Bismarck, ND 58504

Contact: Brad Hawk
701-255-3285 x 1387, bhawk@uttcc.edu



Rewarded for Learning

Week of the Young Child



UTN Photo Dennis J. Neumann

THE SMALLER GRADUATES: With cap and gown, flowers and gift bags, these youngsters are learning early the value of education at United Tribes. From left, Timonhi Janis, Benjamin Miller, Megan Power, Carleigh Campbell, and Santina Bishop were among the honored guests April 27 at the Child Development Center Graduation Ceremony. All are children of students attending the college.



UTN Photo Dennis J. Neumann

HEY YOU: With only a smile, six month old Elijah Eagle lit up the celebration of Week of the Young Child, April 24 in the UTTC Child Development Center. Elijah is the son of Kim Eagle (Cheyenne River), a student in the United Tribes Injury Prevention Program.

make a difference
... and give a good life to a child.

Native American foster homes are needed in Bismarck. Each year, 60 to 70 Native children are placed in temporary foster care. Unfortunately, only one Native American foster home is currently licensed in Burleigh County.

Learn about becoming a Native American foster parent. Complimentary lunch will be served.

Wednesday, June 13
Noon – 1 pm
Jack Barden Center
United Tribes Technical College

information &
Registration
call 250-0728



Native American Foster Care Recruitment Task Force
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Danks Honored at Powwow



HAPPY HANDS: Tyler St. Claire, a student at Theodore Jamerson Elementary School, offers two handshakes simultaneously to Intertribal Program Director Dr. Harriett Skye, left, and TJES Counselor Barb Danks. The creative exchange took place during an honoring for Danks, who was retiring from the school after 15 years. She and her husband, Ed, are relocating to Dunn Center, ND. The honoring took place May 3 during the annual TJES Powwow. UTN photo Dennis J. Neumann

2006-07 Student Athlete Awards

Presented April 25, UTTC Athletic Banquet



Sage Chase & Daryl Bears Tail



Gerry Geistler & Jarvis Bears Tail



Helen Lindgren & Matt Red Bear



Jemma In The Woods



Lornie Pinnecose



Collette Hawley



Fawn Packineau & Joyce Whirlwind Horse

Guest Speakers: Jodi Gillette, Native American Training Institute & Dave Yeager, Dakota Wizards Head Coach

UTTC Athletic Director: Daryl Bears Tail

Men's Basketball Coach: Gerry Geistler

Women's Basketball Coach: Ruth Buffalo

THUNDERBIRDS:

Jarvis Bears Tail – All Mon-Dak Conference Team; All Region 13 Tournament Team; All Region 13 Team

Lornie Pinnecose – Outstanding Sophomore

LADY THUNDERBIRDS:

Collette Hawley – All Mon-Dak Conference Team

Jemma In The Woods – All Region 13 Tournament Team

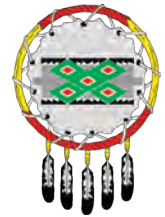
Joyce Whirlwind Horse – Outstanding Sophomore • **Fawn Packineau** – Outstanding Sophomore

CROSS COUNTRY:

Sage Chase – Placed 57th in national meet, El Paso, TX, time 26 min. even

STUDENT-ATHLETE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE: Presented by Counselor Helen Lindgren

Matt L. Red Bear – 3.49 GPA • **Joyce D. Whirlwind Horse** – 3.16 GPA



Strengthening Lifestyles Calendar

June 2 & 3	Student Overnight Camping
June 9	Dakota Zoo • 2 - 4:30 pm
June 30	Swimming - Hillside Pool • 1 - 4 pm
Monday through Thursday	Open Gym 8 - 9 pm (5 pm Fridays) Youth Baseball 2:30 - 4:30 pm
Wednesdays	Mens Basketball League • Evenings Movie Night • 6 pm
Daily	Volleyball, Horseshoes, Karate/Jitsu Class, Frisbee Golf Mountain Bike Checkout

Wellness Center Hours: 8 - 5 pm Monday through Friday • Look for calendars pasted throughout campus and UTTC website
Detailed activities schedule available from Strengthening Lifestyles Dept. x 1391, 1261, 1323

Environmental Education Week



GOING GREEN: Planting shrubs at the entrance to the Wellness Center was only one of many activities of the UTTC observance of National Environmental Education Week, said to be the largest organized environmental education event in U.S. history. TES students, members of SEEDS, Wellness Staff, TJES students, and the maintenance staff pitched in on a range of environmentally aware activities and events during the third week in April coordinated by Mike Collins, Lisa Colombe and Jen Janecek-Hartman. UTN photo Joanie M. Ramey-Neumann

Parade theme honors leadership

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

“Celebrating Community Through Leadership” is the theme selected for the 2007 parade, set for Saturday, September 8.

United Tribes opens the event to public participation as a venue for showing community spirit and unity during the United Tribes International Powwow.

The United Tribes Parade Committee selected the theme to encourage participants to prepare an entry that honors the spirit of community through those who provide leadership.

United Tribes will honor David M. Gipp, who has served as college president for 30 years, bringing visionary leadership and a commitment to unity among diverse groups in the community.

The choice of who or what to focus on is up to each participating organization, according to the committee.

Because of the parade’s popularity, the number of entries is limited to 150. Half of those are for tribal organizations, including American Indian dancers and singers from the powwow, tribal leaders, Miss Indian Nations participants, and entries from the state’s five tribes. The remaining 75

are reserved for participants from the Bismarck-Mandan area, which have included school groups, marching bands, floats, and public officials.

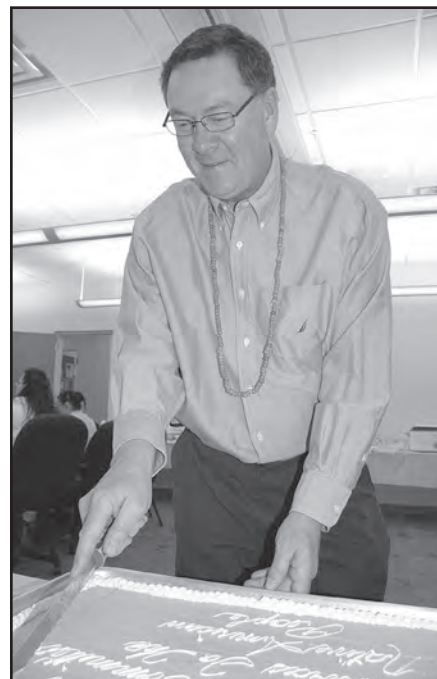
The parade cost is \$35 per entry, the same as in previous years. An additional \$15 fee is required for entries that wish to be judged for cash prizes in four categories: Best Overall Theme Entry; Best Horse Group; Best Dance Group; and Best Youth/Cultural Entry.

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

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

The international powwow begins September 6 on the campus of United Tribes Technical College. It attracts over 10,000 visitors to the community for the weekend and is recognized as one of the nation’s premier cultural events.

Renville Retirement



HIS TO CUT: Dennis A. Renville (Sisseton-Wahpeton), the college’s wellness director, sliced the cake at a reception April 30 honoring his service to United Tribes. Renville retired for the second time – his first was over a decade ago from the IHS – effective May 11. Renville said he was extremely grateful for the opportunities at UTTC and for the advice, support and assistance of a long list of colleagues and collaborators. He was with UTTC for 11 years, most recently as director of Community Wellness Services where he organized the department and supervised the transition into the Lewis Goodhouse Wellness Center. He also served as executive director of the Native American Injury Prevention Coalition, Injury Prevention instructor and department chair, and associate academic dean. Renville and his wife Cheryl plan to travel a bit and enjoy themselves. UTN Photo

Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community

Living Strong Wellness Conference

July 23-24, 2007
Mystic Lake Casino Hotel
Registration is free

For more information call SMSC Health Program Coordinator Tania ZumBerge at 952-496-6125.

For a hotel reservation call 952-445-9000. Registration forms are available at www.shakopeedakota.org or by calling 952-496-6125

Naomi Kasto chosen for internship

By Carol A. Anderson, Business Management Department Chair

Naomi Kasto (Cheyenne River) has been chosen to participate in the Washington (DC) Internship for Native Students (WINS) program.

She was selected after posting her resume and fielding interview calls from the Social Security Administration, Health and Human Services, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. She chose the Social Security Administration.

Naomi graduated in May with an AAS degree in Business Management-Small Business Management. She was an honor student. During her two years at UTTC, she was the President of the Small Business Management Club, Student Senate Representative, and treasurer for the American Indian Higher Education Consortium Student Congress during the 2006-07 year.

The Small Business Management students and advisor congratulate Naomi for her success.



Child abuse-neglect studied for final project

By Rhonda Brewer, Early Childhood Education Instructor

Early Childhood Education Student, Mamie Laundreaux (Three Affiliated) chose the topic of Child Abuse and Neglect for her final project in GPE 111, Health, Safety and Nutrition for Young Children. Mamie arranged for guest speaker Deb Young Bear from the Mandan-Hidatsa-Arikara

As part of her project, Mamie also prepared a bulletin board presentation located on the main floor of the Education Building. She gathered information from a variety of sources including the ND Child Abuse and Prevention office in Bismarck. The board included an explanation of the



Mamie Laundreaux prepared a bulletin board presentation about Child Abuse and Neglect.

Nation Child Protection Services Department. Young Bear shared information and answered questions that students had prepared in advance. Topics included the steps in reporting suspected child abuse and neglect, and the process of seeing a case to completion.

cycle of child abuse, poems written by children who have been abused, pamphlets about guiding and disciplining children, and advice on how to stop child abuse. The board provides valuable information on the topic and Mamie is to be congratulated for her excellent work!

Dorgan introduces renewal of Indian Health Care Act

WASHINGTON, DC – Senate Indian Affairs Committee Chairman Byron Dorgan (D-ND) has introduced legislation to renew and improve the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

According to a press statement, Dorgan has made expanding and improving health care services a top priority, saying there is a “bona fide crisis” in health care in tribal communities.

The legislation addresses:

- Suicide among Indian youth;
- Access to health care services, which may be due to limited hours of operation of existing facilities or other factors;
- The \$1 billion backlog in needed health care facilities, such as alcohol and substance abuse treatment centers, and \$1 billion in unmet need for sanitation facilities in tribal communities;
- Making permanent a number of successful federal programs providing services to Native Americans in long-term health care, diabetes prevention, and other key areas;
- Expansion of scholarship and loan programs that encourage more American Indian people to enter health care professions;
- Elevating the Director of the Indian Health Service to the Assistant Secretary for Indian Health in the Department of Health and Human Services.

“We urgently need to reauthorize the Indian Health Care Improvement Act,” Dorgan said. “I’m going to push hard to get Congress to bring this legislation to the Senate floor so we have an opportunity to address the fundamental need for, and right of, American Indians and Alaskan Natives to obtain adequate and innovative health care.”

Dorgan is the principal author of the legislation and was joined by Senator Craig Thomas (R-WY) and a bipartisan group of 12 other Senate sponsors.

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Elm nabs top prize with winning business plan

By Dawn Walschinski, Managing Editor, Kalihwisaks

Autumn Elm was set to do a PowerPoint presentation on her business plan for Triple A Embroidery as part of the Third Annual Future Native Entrepreneur Business Plan Competition Awards in front of a panel of Native American and local business owners, there was only one problem.

"My disk wrecked," said Elm who attends United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) Bismarck, North Dakota.

Elm was able to call upon her friend and fellow student Florine Burning Breast to help her out in a pinch.

"She scanned in my business plan and emailed to the site person, so I really lucked out," said Elm.

Elm took first prize in the competition, a laptop computer with Microsoft Vista software donated by 7th Generation Community Services Corporation out of Titusville, Florida.

The competition was part of the Ninth Annual Great Plains Regional/Tribal Economic Development Summit held April 17-18 in Rapid City, South Dakota. Native American High school juniors and seniors and college students attending schools in the Great Plains region could apply to take part in the competition and attend the conference.

According to one of the conference organizers, Onna Lebeau, the competition was started to educate future business leaders on economic development on reservations.

"They are our students, our youth, they're the ones that should actually be made aware of what their future can hold," said Lebeau.

As part of Elm's presentation, there was a question and answer period with competition judges "to test our knowledge and bring into reality our business plans," said Elm.

Elm also attended several panels at the conference.

"We talked about every aspect of developing Native American businesses on the reservation," she said, "It was so much fun, I learned a lot about Native American businesses and how to better the economic



Autum Elm won a new, laptop computer in a business plan competition. UTN photo Dennis J. Neumann

development within Native American reservations."

Carol Anderson, chair of UTTC's Business Management Department, instructed Elm in Advertising I, where she developed her presentation skills.

"She has always taken her college career very seriously, and I see her becoming a very successful young lady in the years to come," said Anderson.

Elm also won third prize in a student art show held at the American Indian Higher Education Consortium with her parfflesch medicine bag.

"That was really fun, also, interacting with all the other Native American students that go to Native American colleges," she said.

Elm will graduated from UTTC with an associate degree in small business Management. She plans to continue her education at the University of Wisconsin - Green Bay.

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Business Students Succeed

By Carol Anderson, Small Business Management Department Chair

Small Business Management students, Autumn Elm and Florine Burning Breast, participated in the Ninth Annual Great Plains Regional-Tribal Economic Development Summit in Rapid City, SD April 17-18. Autumn took first place in the Third Annual Future Native Entrepreneur Business Plan Competition. She now has a laptop computer for her efforts.

Students in the Small Business Management class, Advertising I, develop their Business-Marketing plan for the business of their choice. The efforts of this class permitted Autumn and Florine the basis to enter the Business Plan Competition. Autumn's business is an embroidery business called Empire Embroidery. Florine would like to recreate one of her favorite childhood memories with the creation of "By the Way," a convenience store and fitness center.

Autumn said she was very proud to represent UTTC at the Summit. Empire Embroidery will offer custom embroidery art on everyday apparel. She explained how the business would operate and told about how she planned to market her business ideas. All contestants were required to have a power point presentation to assist them as they presented their business plan. There were several college and high school individuals in the competition. The judges based their decisions on the overall performance of the contestant as well as the business plan idea. It was a great experience to help her get the confidence that she needs to present her ideas to other investors.

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Bikes the prize in Bookstore contest



AND THE WINNERS ARE: The luck of the draw went to two UTTC students on May 1 during the Bookstore's "Bike Give Away" drawing. Amber Felix (Injury Prevention) and Dominick Redday, (Automotive Service Technology) held the winning tickets drawn by Bookstore Manager Cathy Mastrud and announced by Wellness Director Dennis Renville. The contest was sponsored by the Follett Book Company, the vendor that handles the buy-back of UTTC books. UTN Photo

COMINGS-and-GOINGS

SHERI BEARKING-BAKER, Office Technology, was named American Indian College Fund TCU Faculty Person of the Year for 2006-07.

AUTUMN ELM, Business Management Graduate, won the Business Plan Competition at the 2007 Great Plains Exposition April 18 in Rapid City, S.D.

NAOMI KASTO, Business Management Graduate, was chosen for the WINS program, Washington (DC) Internship for Native Students; she will participate with the U. S. Social Security Administration.

JEFF McDOWELL, Computer Support Technology, and **DAVE BRUNING**, Academic Advancement Center, completed work under the UND/NDSU EPSCOR project involving North Dakota's tribal colleges.

DORVIN FROSETH, Office Technology; **KATHY JOHNSON**, Recruitment Services; **JOEY McLEOD**, UTTC Registrar; **DENNIS RENVILLE**, Wellness Director; and **JERRY ZIMMERMAN**, General Education; attended the 2007 NCA conference April 20 - 24 in Chicago in preparation for the college's self-study process leading to the on-site evaluation of UTTC by NCA consultant-evaluators in 2010.

Employee Awards

April 30, 2007

35 Years of Service
Glenna Mueller

30 Years of Service
David M. Gipp

25 Years of Service
Margaret Redshirt-Trottier
Warren "Red" Koch

20 Years of Service
Vernon Anderson
Brian Palecek

15 Years of Service
Barbara Danks
Suzanne Shields
Brek Maxon

10 Years of Service
Barbara Archambault
Joetta McLeod
Mark Anderson

Employees Honored



YEARS OF SERVICE: Betta Archambault shares her congratulations with three of the employees honored April 30 during the annual employee awards banquet. From right, Glenna Muller, TJES; Red Koch, Transportation; and Margaret Redshirt-Trottier, Financial Aid. Added together their service to United Tribes totals 85 years. UTN photo Dennis J. Neumann

United Tribes Student Awards 2006-07

Merit Scholarships

Art-Art Marketing
Jeremy Pettigrew

Automotive Service Technology
Matthew Kautzman

Business Office Technology
Mellina Perry

Criminal Justice
Heidi Benson-Everett

Computer Information Technology
Deanna Saragosa

Construction Technology
Steve Raining Bird

Early Childhood Education
Joyce Whirlwind Horse

Elementary Education
Deanna Urbanec

Health Information Technology
Angelia Hawk

Injury Prevention
Dana Reynolds

Nursing
Winona Cozzens

Nutrition and Food Service
Theda Charley

Small Business Management
Anna Gopher

Tribal Environmental Science
Elisha Yellow Thunder

Tribal Management
Roger Young

Presented May 3 at the Louis Goodhouse Wellness Center with honor songs rendered by Tatanka Nagi.

Scholarship Awards

Don Cadotte Scholarship
Matthew Red Bear

Kenneth Brown (Hollow) Scholarship
Linette Crows Heart

Sherman Brunelle/Gandhi Peace Network Scholarship
Janelle St. Claire, Jeremy Pettigrew

John Thunderhawk Scholarship
Lornie Pinnecoose, Joyce Whirlwind Horse

Ray Dwelle Scholarship
Angelia Hawk

Celebrate 2000/Bismarck Tribune Scholarship
Mandy McLeod

Smokey Robinson Foundation Scholarship
Autumn Elm

Presented by Ernest Stevens Jr.

Student Senate Officers Elected



OATH OF OFFICE: Officers of the United Tribes Student Senate, elected in balloting April 27, were sworn in during a student awards program. From left, Adviser Julie M. Cain, President Robert Taken Alive Jr. (Standing Rock); Vice-President Amber Felix (Cheyenne River); Secretary Patricia Red Fox (Cheyenne River); Parliamentarian Steve Raining Bird (Fort Peck), and Historian Shirley L. Anderson (Blackfeet). UTN Photo

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One Nurse's Delight



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INSPIRED HARIDO: UTTC Practical Nursing graduate Winona C. Cozzens (Standing Rock) Glen Ullin, ND, coaxes a radiant smile from her son Elijah on graduation day. Cozzens was one of 13 nursing graduates honored May 4 during the Nurse Pinning Ceremony, the annual rite of passage conducted for graduates and current nursing students prior to the college commencement.

Honored UTTC Nursing Graduates



Kimberly Anderson, Deniece Bauslaugh, Josie Bingen, Marie Bruning, Winona Cozzens, Kristina Dionne, Kate Eaglestaff, John Fleischer, Renae Haase, Cheryl Helm, Stephanie Northbird, Angela Oakland, Rhonda Yankton

Honored Current Nursing Students
Desiree Black Lance, Megan Deibert, Briana Delorme, Angeline Feather, Sara Garreau, Misty Johnson, Mary Kleinsasser, Katrina Lovejoy, Kristen Many Horses, Lindsey Morrow, Jana Schmidt, Blair Wana, Amy Westin

UTTC Nursing Department
Chairperson Evelyn Orth; Faculty: Sharon Zwinger, Bonnie Engel, Kim Dixon, Carmen Petersen

Pinning Ceremony Guest Speaker
Suzanne Shields, BSN RN, Student Health Center Supervisor

United Tribes Technical College ~ Spring 2007 Graduates

ART & ART MARKETING: Mike F. Gopher (Blackfeet Nation) Bismarck, ND; Carol J. Johnson (Navajo) Bismarck, ND; JEREMY J. PETTIGREW (Oglala Sioux Tribe) Bismarck, ND.

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY: Richard L. Giago (Oglala Sioux Tribe) Pine Ridge, SD; Matthew D. Kautzman, Mandan, ND; Jordan C. Knife (Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe) Dupree, SD; Tim P. Slater (Three Affiliated Tribes) New Town, ND.

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ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, B.A.: Beverly J. Clairmont (Lower Brule Sioux Tribe) Bismarck, ND; Melissa L. Lafontaine (Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa) Bismarck, ND; Karen D. Little Wind (Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe) Fort Totten, ND; Janice K. St. Claire (Three Affiliated Tribes) Bismarck, ND.

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SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING: Merry S. Brown, Bishop, CA.

TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE: Alexa D. Azure (Standing Rock Sioux Tribe) Bismarck, ND; Ronald L. Campbell (Oglala Sioux Tribe) Manderson, SD.

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Graduates honored at United Tribes

BISMARCK (UTN) – United Tribes Technical College honored its Spring 2007 graduates during a commencement ceremony on Friday, May 4 at Lone Star Arena on the college campus in Bismarck.

Seventy eight students earned Associate of Applied Science Degrees in 14 different vocational and academic programs. Seven students earned certificates of completion and four earned Bachelor of Arts Degrees in Elementary Education through a partnership program with Sinte Gleska University, Mission, SD.

The graduates came from 19 different tribal nations around the country.

Including those who had completed their course of study at the end of the fall 2006 term, United Tribes graduated 113 students during the 2006-07 academic year, the college's 38th year serving American Indian students and their families.

Students honored during the ceremony were: Matthew Red Bear (Cheyenne River) – Don Cadotte Scholarship; Linette Crows Heart (Three Affiliated) – Kenneth Brown (Hollow) Memorial Scholarship; Janelle St. Claire (Turtle Mountain) and Jeremy Pettigrew (Oglala) – Sherman Brunelle/Gandhi Peace Network Scholarship; Lornie Pinnecoose (Northern Ute) and Joyce Whirlwind Horse (Oglala) – John Thunderhawk Memorial Scholarship.

Honoring songs were provided by the drum group Tatanka Nagi. Following the ceremony a free meal was provided to families and friends at the UTTC cafeteria.





Commencement Ceremony May 4, 2007

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Building named for August Little Soldier

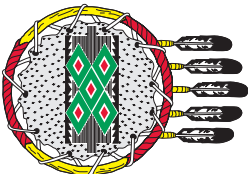


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COLLEGE FOUNDER: Ceremonially cloaked in a Pendleton blanket, August Little Soldier (Three Affiliated) Zap, ND, was the honored guest May 3 at United Tribes Technical College. He attended a dedication program for a new \$2.7 million student apartment complex (seen at rear) named in his honor. "This is such a nice complex that I might move in here myself," he said with a grin in a speech prior to helping other dignitaries cut a grand opening ribbon. "United Tribes is such a wonderful place here – providing a second chance in life for our people. I always promote it wherever I go." His stop at UTTC came on a return trip from Washington, DC where he had visited with members of the state's Congressional Delegation. At age 92, Little Soldier is the only tribal member still living who helped found the college's governing organization, United Tribes of North Dakota Development Corporation, in 1968. At left, his son Newton Little Soldier; at right UTTC President David M. Gipp.

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