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United Tribes Celebrates Graduation and Powwow

by Mary Cook

BISMARCK, ND — The largest graduating class in the history of United Tribes Technical College received their diplomas during the annual graduation ceremony, scheduled May 5, 1995 at the Lone Star (Wicahpi Isnala) powwow arena on the UTTC campus. A total of 77 students graduated from UTTC this year. A majority of students received Associate of Applied Science degrees, and others earned one-year certificates. The number of students receiving degrees or certificates from UTTC has steadily increased since the college was created.

Approximately 1500 people were ex-

pected to attend the ceremony for graduating students, featuring student speaker Karlita Knight, an honor student in Office Technology who is one of five UTTC students recognized in the 1995 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. Knight is a member of the Ute Mountain Tribe from Towac, Colorado.

Featured as graduation guest speaker was Vincentia Sireech, a 1986 UTTC criminal justice graduate. After leaving UTTC, she received a B.A. degree in criminal justice from Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, and is

employed as criminal investigator/prosecutor for her tribe, the Uintah and Ouray Ute Tribe at Fort Duchesne, Utah. Sireech is also the mother of 1995 UTTC criminal justice graduate and Student Senate Vice President Michelle Murray.

Prior to presentation of graduation diplomas, President David M. Gipp and UTTC Scholarship Committee members awarded recipients of the American Indian College Fund Scholarship and the UTTC Merit Awards. A reception for faculty, students, and their families was held after the ceremony.

Also receiving recognition in the 1995

edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges are Dana Frederenko and Sherry Parisien, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa; Marcella White Tail, Fort Peck Sioux, Poplar, Montana; and Justine Parkhurst, Standing Rock Sioux, Cannonball, North Dakota.

The UTTC Graduation/Spring Powwow was held on Friday and Saturday, May 5 and 6, at the James Henry Community Building. This celebration was co-hosted by the UTTC Student Senate and the Bismarck/Mandan Urban Indian Center (BUIC).

Arts Opportunities at UTTC

Hello, I am pleased to inform you that I am the new Cultural Arts Director at United Tribes Technical College and the Coordinator of the annual United Tribes Indian Art Expo and Market.

My name is Sandra A. Poitra; I am an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa from Belcourt, North Dakota. As a performing artist I have always been involved with the arts through dance performances as well as a member of the local arts board, and/or acting as an art advocate for American Indians regarding Indian issues at various opportunities.



In January of 1994, I received a Minority Arts Administration Fellowship, under Arts Midwest, one of the six largest art organizations in the nation and completed the Fellowship in November of 1994. I worked at the Minnesota State Arts Board, located in St. Paul, Minnesota, and the Public Museum of Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Each residency was for four and half months at each site. Upon finishing my fellowship, I returned to United Tribes and started my new position on November 28, 1994. I will be responsible for the planning and development of the art programs and the development and implementation of the Indian Art Expo and auxiliary activities. I am also responsible for the United Tribes Art Gallery and its collections.

Some of the events which have happened since my enstatement as Director are:

- LeRoi Laundreux was chosen as the featured artist on this year's Art Expo poster. The piece is the "Northern Style Split-Horn Bonnet," with the unveiling of the poster taking place on March 2, 1995 at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck. Plans for the future are to continue to unveil each year's poster and featured artist.
- An Artist's Handbook for all participating artists and buyers and a handbook for all potential candidates of the United Tribes Miss Indian Nations Pageant have been compiled and will be distributed shortly. Anyone wishing to apply for either the Art Expo or Miss Indian Nations Pageant may do so by contacting the Cultural Arts Department at (701) 255-3285, Extension 331.
- One of our main objectives at this time is the promotion of local and regional American Indian artists through local television. Recently, I did several interviews with American Indian artists on Cable Access (Channel 12). We will be interviewing artists in traditional, fine, and performing arts on a weekly basis. Our mission is to educate the public of American Indians and the different tribal art forms they create.
- The UTTC Art Gallery is open to the public for viewing of all artwork by local and regional Native American artists in traditional and fine arts.
- Several items are available for sale by Indian artists through the Art Gallery, such as the 1995 Art Expo Poster, a pair of womens beaded moccasins by Mrs. Isabella

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Knight named AIHEC Student of the Year, receives scholarship



At right Karlita A. Knight, United Tribes Office Technology graduate receives the 1995 Student of the Year Award from American Indian Higher Education Consortium. Student Congress officers Letitia Stewart (UTTC), Mark Roundstone (Northwestern Indian College) and President Ron McNeil, American Indian College Fund, at the AIHEC conference. Knight received a \$1,000 scholarship, as well. She has also been selected as a summer Intern with the North Dakota State Historical Society, State Capitol, Bismarck, ND. (UTTC Photo - Sandra Poitra).

Make plans to attend the
26th Annual United Tribes
International Powwow
7th Annual Indian Art Expo & Market
Sept. 7, 8, 9, 10, 1995
5th Annual Miss Indian Nations Pageant
Sept. 6, 7, 8, 9, 1995

1995 AIHEC Conference Highlights Our Future

by Russell Swagger



The 1995 AIHEC Conference was held in Duluth, Minnesota, and was hosted by Leech Lake Community College, the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College, Fond Du Lac Tribal and Community College, Bay Mills Community College and College of Menominee Nation.

As in years past, our students represented UTTC well, placed in several competitions and took many honors. The following is a list of students and competitions which they placed in:

- Stacey Iron Road 1st Place — Financial Accounting I
- Stacey Iron Road 1st Place — Computer Concepts
- Juanita Maxon 2nd Place — Oral Interpretation
- UTTC Volleyball Team 4th Place
- UTTC Office Technology Team ... 3rd Place — Overall Business Bowl
- Karlita Knight Student of the Year

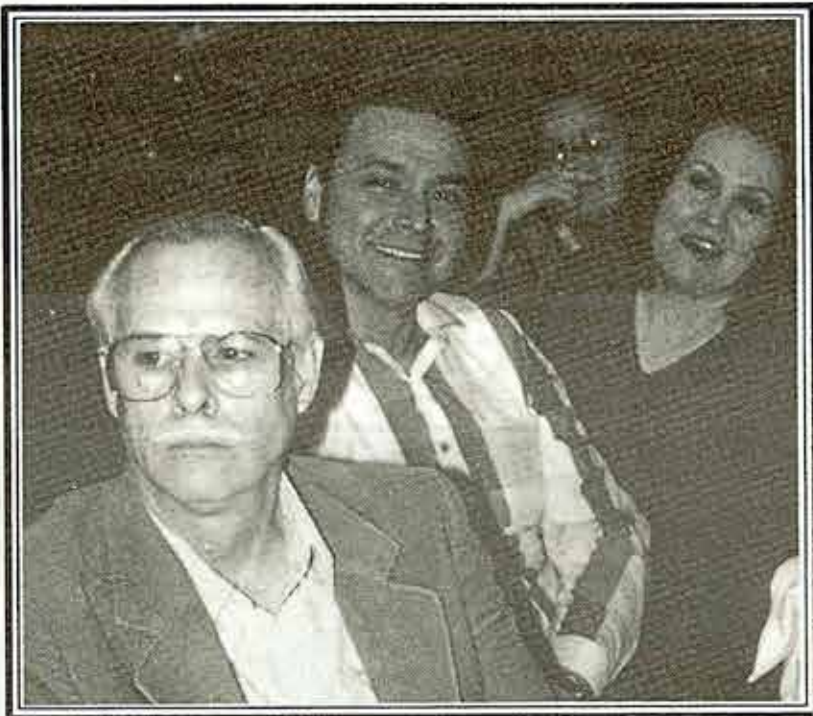


Newly elected AIHEC Student Congress President, Letitia Stewart. UTTC Photo

UTTC students also did great with the AIHEC Student Congress. Much time, effort and hard work goes into the Congress. The following are the newly elected officers for the AIHEC Student Congress.

- President Letitia Stewart, UTTC
- Vice President Duane Uses Arrow, UTTC
- Secretary Shannon McLean, Northwest Indian College
- Treasurer Frank Jason Green, Little Hoop Community College
- Parliamentarian Pattie Herron, UTTC
- Historian Ingrida Wounded Head, Oglala Lakota College

Congratulations to all for your hard work and representation of UTTC. For those of you who could not attend, here is a look at the 1995 AIHEC Conference.



Staff members James Steen, Vince Schanandore and Monica Comeau wait patiently for dessert. UTTC Photo



It has been fun, but it will be nice to get home to my family again (UTTC student, Lisa Catches). UTTC Photo



College Bowl participants pose for the camera. Front Row: Theresa Handboy and Lisa Catches. Back Row: Brenda Red Day, Coach Brian Palecek and Karlita Knight. UTTC Photo



Look! Look! There goes Rodney Grant! (UTTC student's Marcella White Tail and Lynn Mann). UTTC Photo



UTTC students show off their awards. Left to right: Lynn Mann, Stacey Iron Road, Brandis Covey, and Marcella White Tail. (UTTC Photo)



Teresa Handboy listens closely as award winners are announced. UTTC Photo



Henley Brady enjoys dinner with constituents from United Tribes Technical College. UTTC Photo



David Jackson finally gets a chance to relax. UTTC Photo



Hi Mom! Henley Brady and Jody Traversie. (UTTC Photo)



Dr. Jim Young and Juanita Young share a romantic evening together. UTTC Photo



Karlita Knight
Office Technology
Ute
Towac, CO



1994

UTTC GRAD

Graduates Not Pictured: Anthony Rowland, Sioux, Pine Ridge, SD - Gregory Black Elk, SD - Dennis Garcia, Apache, Dulce, NM - Filmore He Crow, Sioux, Pine Ridge, SD - Tyland Hom, Sioux, Yankton, SD - Frank Waters, Sioux, Pine Ridge, SD - Amy Duncan, Metlakatla, Alaska - Kath - Mary Brown, Sioux, Fort Yates, ND - Sam Cadotte, Sioux, Fort Yates, ND - Darin Gill, Sioux, S - Rebecca Waupoose, Menominee, Keshena, WI - Janine Barlese, Paiute, Pyramid Lake, NV - Mary - Maxine Young, Sioux, Rosebud, SD - Keith Bordeaux, Sioux, Rosebud, SD - John Grant, Turtle M - Sioux, Eagle Butte, SD - Jay James, Three Affiliated Tribes, Fort Berthold, ND - Robert Red Eagle - Butte, SD - Wanda Fetch, Turtle Mountain Chippewa, Belcourt, ND - Diane Glatt, Bismarck, ND - C - ND - Joy Toliver, Bismarck, ND - Carol Two Hearts, Turtle Mountain Chippewa, Dunseith, ND - M - River, WY - Clayton Blueshield, Sioux, Fort Totten, ND - Teresa Colhoff, Turtle Mountain Chippewa - Genevieve Swift Eagle, Sioux, Fort Peck, MT - Daniel Morris, Omaha, Walthill, NE - Monte White



Merrill Catches
Automotive Technology
Sioux
Pine Ridge, SD



Marcella White Tail
Office Technology
Sioux
Fort Totten, ND



Marvin Aragon
Early Childhood Education
Shoshone
Wind River, Wyoming



Kendra Kitto
Office Technology
Ponca
Sisseton, SD



Claudette Cavanaugh
Early Childhood Education
Sioux
Fort Totten, ND



Michelle Murray
Criminal Justice
Ute
Uintah/Ouray, Utah



Lisa Catches
Office Technology
Sioux
Pine Ridge, SD



Christa Paneto
Office Technology
Sioux
Standing Rock, ND



Jimmie Tiger
Office Technology
Sac & Fox
Shawnee, OK



Kristi Knife
Criminal Justice
Sioux
Bismarck, ND



Violet Arpan
Early Childhood Education
Sioux
Cheyenne River, SD



Florence Mesteth
Office Technology
Sioux
Pine Ridge, SD



GRADUATES

1995



Sioux, Pine Ridge, SD - Winna Buxton, Metlakatla, Alaska - Gary Cournoyer, Sioux, Yankton, SD - Dan Howell, Ute, Fort Duchesne, Utah - Charles Thunder Horse, Eagle, Sioux, Fort Yates, ND - Sherry Parisien, Turtle Mountain Chippewa, Dunseith, ND - Joshua Hewson, Dickinson, ND - Charles Mousseaux, Sioux, Pine Ridge, SD - Malaterre, Turtle Mountain Chippewa, Belcourt, ND - Debbie Painte, Arikara, Fort Berthold, ND - Lucian Harvey, Apache, Bylas, AZ - Sheldon In The Woods, Sioux, Pine Ridge, SD - Gene Youngman, Sioux Fort Peck, MT - Faith Buffalo, Sioux, Eagle - Marie Gwyther, Bismarck, ND - Karen Schaner, Bismarck, ND - Vina Snider, Sioux, Fort Yates, ND - Lynn Vetter, Bismarck, ND - Betty Weigand, Bismarck, ND - Myra Vasquez, Shoshone, Wind Trenton, ND - Lynn Mann, Sioux, Eagle Butte, SD - Prudence McKay, Metlakatla, Alaska - Day, Crow, Crow Agency, MT



Julie K. Urlaub
Practical Nursing
Bismarck, ND



Gilbert Bad Wound
Commercial Cook/
Nutrition/Wellness
Sioux
Pine Ridge, SD



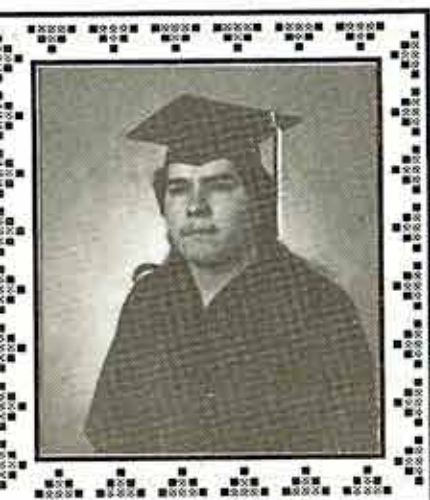
Dillon Serawop
Criminal Justice
Ute
Uintah/Ouray, Utah



Elizabeth Good Shield
Office Technology
Sioux
Rosebud, SD



Justine Parkhurst
Office Technology
Sioux
Cannon Ball, ND



Dean Kitto
Automotive Service Technician
Sioux
Sisseton, SD



Ardell Blue Shield
Office Technology
Three Affiliated Tribes
Fort Berthold, ND



Theresa Handboy
Office Technology
Sioux
Denver, CO



Kari Schut
Office Technology
Sioux
Sisseton, SD



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Commercial Cook/
Nutrition/Wellness
Sioux
Eagle Butte, SD



Donnette Eagle
Office Technology
Sioux
Sisseton, SD

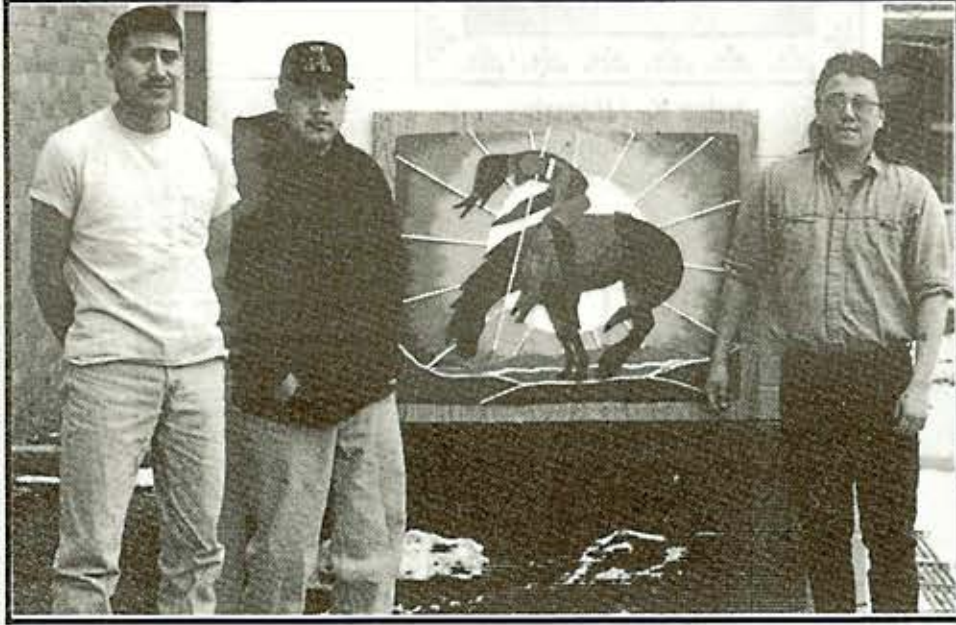


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Belcourt, ND



Kathleen Poolaw
Criminal Justice
Ute
Fort Duchesne, Utah

Welding Students Create Metal Sculpture



From Left to Right: Henley Brady, Day Hinkey and Paul Cavanaugh.

United Tribes Technical College Welding students Henley Brady, Day Hinkey and Paul Cavanaugh have expressed what "The End of the Trail" means to them by creating a metal sculpture. According to Henley Brady, "The End of the Trail" helped to point out barriers that exist in the world today, one of which is racism. Henley feels that if we are going to live in a civilization as one, racism must become a thing of the past.

Paul Cavanaugh believes that "The End of the Trail" is the end of the way it was before the discovery of America.

Day Hinkey feels that "The End of the Trail" means the end of our civilization as we once knew it.

This sculpture was on display at the 1995 AIHEC Conference in Duluth, Minnesota and will be on display again at the 1994-1995 Graduation Ceremony at United Tribes Technical College.

Placement Officer expresses views on connection between coursework and workplace

by Vince Schanandore, UTTC Placement Counselor

I have worked as Placement Officer here at United Tribes Technical College for approximately four months. I haven't had enough time to observe classroom sessions, to get a clear picture of what our faculty is doing to prepare our college students for the workplace. However, the AIHEC Conference results and what students have told me sounds very positive. I think we have a dedicated staff and faculty and I am happy to be working with them.

Like any other college in the area, our students have the tools, teachers, facilities, materials and means to be successful in the workplace. It depends entirely on students to take advantage of what is offered to them and apply it in the workplace.

When attending college, students must have a list of priorities. At the top of that list should be school. Students should focus on school to provide for themselves and their families. The same is true when in the workplace. Your job has priority over everything else. Employment comes first because without it people cannot obtain the other necessities of life.

For example, a person takes an after-

noon off from work to go grocery shopping with his wife without the consent of his supervisor for leave time. If this took place one or two more afternoons, I think we all know what would happen to this individual. He would likely be let go or fired. His priority of a job was second to grocery shopping. Without a job and economic backing you cannot buy groceries.

Another example would be taking off from work to find an apartment, again without the permission of a supervisor or boss. This person is putting their job second to finding a apartment. Without a job this individual would not be able to pay for an apartment.

It is very important to keep priorities in one's life and not allow distractions to disturb them. If distractions are allowed to disrupt your priorities and ethical values, mayhem and an unbalance may rule or run a person's life.

Students need to do their best, even under the worst circumstances, and I assure them that their efforts will be rewarded.

United Tribes Student Activities Committee wraps up successful year

by Russell Swagger

The United Tribes Student Activities Committee was organized January 1995 to address the unmet needs of its on-campus student population. The Committee is comprised of staff and students. Anyone interested in volunteering their time is welcomed and encouraged to become involved.

The overall consensus of the committee was that traditional education, physical and extracurricular activities must be provided for students throughout the academic school year in addition to existing activities. Though financial support was nil, the committee was able to generate funds from various personnel on campus and department stores within the Bismarck-Mandan community. These donors made it possible for the committee to carry out bi-monthly volleyball games and bi-monthly bingo games from January 1995 - April 1995. Other activities will come into existence as funds become available.

On April 22, 1995, the committee hosted its final volleyball tournament which consisted of three student teams and one staff team. Although the tournament was delayed unexpectedly, all teams exercised their patience and the games went on. Aside from a knee injury, all who participated enjoyed the afternoon. Following the tournament the teams gathered at the UTTC cafeteria for a delicious meal catered by

Kentucky Fried Chicken of Bismarck. Joining the staff and students at the meal were the UTTC Board of Directors who also expended a great deal of energy throughout the day in meetings. UTTC was also greeted earlier in the day with a visit from Governor Ed Schafer.

During the meal Housing Officer Russell Swagger and Dorm Resident Assistant Jim Miller announced the four placing teams and presented them with their prizes. The teams and the prizes they received are:

1st Place - Rowland's Team (T-shirts, 1st place trophy)

2nd Place - Sitting Bull Hall (Royal Fork Coupons, 2nd place trophy)

3rd Place - Wenelle's Team (movie passes, 3rd place trophy)

4th Place - Security (movie passes, 4th place trophy)

Throughout the semester the Security Department donated their time and effort, night and day to see that these activities were carried out. The Security Department was also presented a plaque in recognition of their continuous support and commitment to the advancement of student life at UTTC. The Student Activities would also like to thank all personnel and department stores in the Bismarck community who helped to make this year's activities a great success.

Student Health Center shares year's events

by Sharlene Gjermundson

During the 1994-1995 school year, the Student Health Center has seen an increase in the number of students and/or their dependents served in our center. Compared to last year at this same time we have served approximately 359 more students. We serve the students and/or their dependents in many ways such as: on-site blood pressure, diabetic and cholesterol screening, elementary dental & vision screenings, clinic referrals, monthly head checks, staff CPR & First Aid training, immunizations, WIC recertification, health promotion & prevention activities, health workshops, etc.

In order to maintain a high standard of care and receive continuing education on such topics, our staff has recently attended several workshops. S. Gjermundson, R.N./SHC Supervisor attended an Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Disease satellite course in January. The workshop provided updates on vaccine-preventable diseases, vaccine management & safety, and standard immunization practices.

S. Cadotte, R.N. attended a week-long workshop in Portland, Oregon titled, "Women & Wellness". The workshop addressed issues pertaining to Native American women such as: HIV/AIDS, Child Abuse & Neglect, Pregnancy, Breast Cancer, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Spirituality, Drug & Alcohol Use, Traditional Roles, etc.

S. Cadotte R.N. and D. Ponga R.N. of SHC staff, along with Pierre Berger, a nursing student, returned recently from a workshop held in San Diego, CA. The workshop was sponsored by San Diego State University with funding from the U.S. Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, & the Division of Adolescent and School Health. The purpose of the workshop was to assist colleges in implementing programs for the prevention of HIV/AIDS and other health problems among youth and on college campuses.

The SHC nursing staff will become instructor certified in HIV/AIDS education by the Burleigh-Morton Chapter of the Red Cross on May 20 & 21, 1995.

We hope to devise a program based on current HIV/AIDS programs developed at other colleges in North Dakota and utilize some of the ideas mentioned at the workshops into a monthly prevention/education program during the next school year. Pam Vukelic of the State Health Department will assist the Student Health Center in this endeavor. We look forward to meeting with her and planning the new program. We feel that with support from the UTTC administration, staff & students, the HIV/AIDS education program will be a success.



CAMPUS NEWS

Office Technology challenges students, sets new standards

by Sheri Baker, Chairperson

The Office Technology Department is located in the Education Building on campus of the United Tribes Technical College. The department serves approximately 36 percent of the total student population and is the largest vocation on campus. The following people work for the department: Sheri Baker - Chairperson, Lynn Ketterling, Luann Gunderson and part-time, Bev Huber. The department will add one full-time instructor for the 1995-1996 school year.

The department offers an Associates of Applied Science Degree and Certificate in Office Technology. UTTC is implementing a one-year Medical Secretarial Certificate for the up-coming school year. The department offers 18 different courses throughout the year.

The A.A.S. Degree will open up many doors for the graduate. Some of our students will be receptionists, secretaries, program directors, accounting technicians, and entrepreneurs.

The business and computer industry is always changing. In order for our students to keep up with the latest technological advances, we are constantly upgrading equipment and software. The major change for next semester will be upgrading all software programs to the latest version. Get ready! Word Perfect 6.0, DBase V, and Lotus 4.0 will now be utilized. UTTC is fortunate to have a state-of-the-art computer lab with 36 computers and nine various printers.

The department also has an Office Technology Club. The club held fundraisers throughout the year, such as: bake sales and the Annual Valentines Secret Pal. The club took first place for a float in the home-coming parade. The students worked very hard and raised enough money to help them partially pay for the club coats. A total of 47 coats were ordered, an increase of 19 coats from the previous year. The club also donated two coats on UTTC's behalf, to Congressman Earl Pomeroy and Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Ada Deer. It is a pleasure to know that our coats are keeping someone warm in Washington, D.C.

The department implemented a tutoring program for the spring semester. Marcella White Tail worked with students and also in the classroom. The department would like to hire another tutor for next school year. Jimmie Tiger worked for five instructors in the Education Building this semester. Jimmie's position will also be open.

The department is proud of the AIHEC Student of the Year for United Tribes. Karlita Knight was the final recipient. We would also like to congratulate the following students for being nominated: Marcella White Tail, Theresa Harvie, Lisa Catches, Justine Parkhurst, Ardell Blue Shield and Clayton Blue Shield.

The department is also proud to announce that the Business Bowl Team finished in 3rd place overall at the latest

conference in Duluth, MN. The following students were on the team: Marcella White Tail, Stacey Iron Road, Jody Traversie, Lynn Mann, and Jimmie Tiger. Stacey finished with two first place finishes in Financial Accounting I and Computer Concepts.

Graduating students completed a final assessment of the department in which the students filled out a survey. Here are some of the results: Students felt that their knowledge of subject matter is excellent, advisorship is excellent, their confidence in their ability to seek employment is good, their skills acquired are excellent, their knowledge of office duties is excellent, their confidence is excellent, their ability to get along with others is excellent, their cultural values were incorporated into coursework, their knowledge of computer programs is excellent, the instructors are excellent, and the integrity of the department is excellent.

The students would like to see the following changes: more open computer labs, stricter attendance and tardy policy, colored printers and less chances to do make-up work.

The students listed these as strengths of the program: the computers and software available, the student/instructor ratio, positive instructors, staff encouragement, up-to-date textbooks, and staff always willing to help.

The students listed these as weaknesses of the program: too easy on student absences, make-up work, tardies, and limited space.

The staff wishes the best of luck to all graduates and returning students. The following students will be graduating: Ardell Blue Shield, Clayton Blue Shield, Claudia Brooks, Lisa Catches, Donette Eagle, Elizabeth Good Shield, Theresa Harvie, Kendra Kitto, Karlita Knight, Lynn Mann, Prudence McKay, Christa Paneto, Justine Parkhurst, Kari Schut, Jimmie Tiger and Marcella White Tail. Good luck on your next journey, and may the Great Spirit watch over you!

Student Support Services meeting the students needs

by Andrew Rendon

The one main question I heard all year as the new Director of the program was, "what is Student Support Services?" So before I explain what our program does at UTTC, I think an overview of the history of the program would be helpful to all the students and staff on campus.

The United States has asserted a commitment to providing educational opportunity for all Americans regardless of race, ethnic background, or economic circumstance. In support of this commitment, Congress established a series of programs to help low-income Americans enter college and graduate. These programs are funded under Title IV of the

Higher Education Act of 1965 and are referred to as the TRIO programs. While student financial aid programs help students overcome financial barriers to higher education, TRIO programs help students overcome class, social, academic, and cultural barriers to higher education.

The people who wanted to know what Student Support Services was almost always heard of the other two TRIO programs, Talent Search and Upward Bound. Talent Search programs serve young people in grades six through twelve. In addition to counseling, participants receive information about college admissions requirements, scholarships, and various student financial aid programs. This early intervention program helps young people to better understand their educational opportunities and options. Upward Bound helps young people and adults prepare for higher education. Participants receive instruction in literature, composition, foreign languages, mathematics and science on college campuses after school, on Saturdays, and during the summer. Student Support Services helps students to stay in college until they earn a degree. Participants receive tutoring, counseling, and instruction.

The Student Support Services Program at UTTC will be expanding services to the students by moving classrooms and offices to the Education building and working in conjunction with the Learn-

ing Center. The program will still be responsible for all the testing of new students during orientation and selecting students that have low scores in Math and Reading. Those students will then be offered remedial Math and Reading classes to help them establish a stronger foundation toward success in their chosen vocation. The S.S.S. program will have two math instructors who will work with the S.S.S. students in small groups settings. They will be supported with the help of ten peer tutors who will work with students in any subject matter that they feel they need extra help with. The program will still have a counselor who will be available to help students with academic, financial, and personal problems. We will also have a small computer lab that the students can use to support their work in math and reading with updated software, including the last CD ROM software.

The Student Support Services Program is funded to work with 120 students per year. We hope that by moving to the Education Building we will be accessible to more students on an individualized basis. However, we invite all staff and students to stop by our office in the west basement of the education building and visit with the Director Andrew Rendon, Counselor Vivian Gillette, or Math Instructor Marge Palaniuk any time. The program is here to support the students efforts to better themselves.

Bala wins math grant to increase Indian student presence

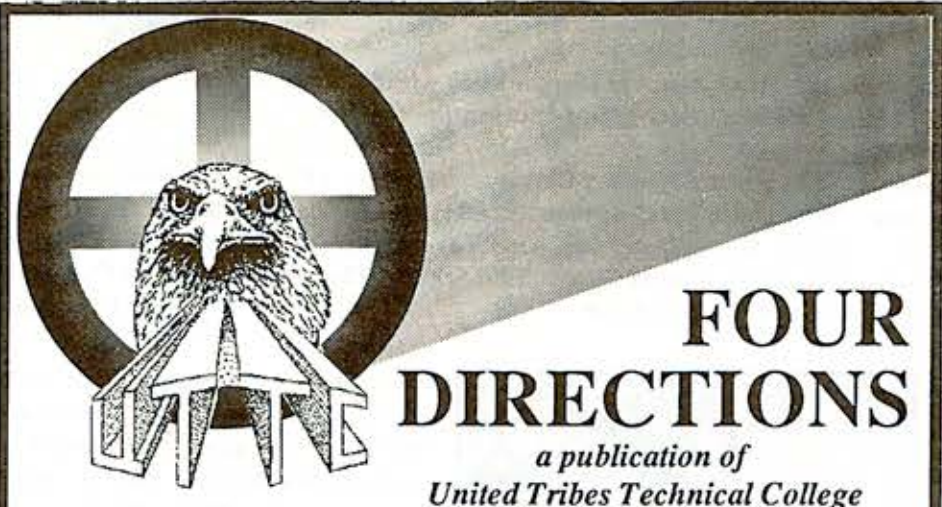
Dr. Nagalingam Balakrishnan, chemistry and math instructor here at the United Tribes Technical College science department, received word of a pre-college intervention grant from the Mathematical Association of America, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Balakrishnan, better known as "Bala" to students and staff, submitted a proposal on student pre-college math

intervention to increase the number of American Indian students in mathematics.

William A. Hawkins, Jr., director of the SUMMA Project of the national association offered his congratulations to Bala, noting that he would visit a number of math intervention projects across the country. He will attend a workshop on the subject with others working in the field August 3-4, 1995, at Burlington, VT.

The SUMMA Project is a ten year effort to increase minority students in mathematics-based intervention projects.



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CAMPUS NEWS

LPN Program receives evaluation: A Plus

by Sister Kathryn Zimmer, LPN Director



Sister Kathryn Zimmer, LPN Director, hard at work during successful evaluation by the National League of Nursing, followed by the North Dakota State Nursing Board. (UTTC Photo - Pat Jensen)

The United Tribes LPN Program offers a two-year degree (AASPN) and has seen tremendous success under the direction of Dr. (Sr.) Kathryn Zimmer during the past year.

The program was successfully evaluated by the National League for Nursing. The United Tribes program is recommended for accreditation through the year 2,000

and the NLN board will take formal action in mid-May 1995.

Evaluators commented that the United Tribes AASPN program is "one of the top in the nation."

In addition, the North Dakota State Nursing Board reviewed the program for its two-year certification. The evaluation team gave an excellent review for renewal of certification, noting the program for its excellence and commitment by faculty, staff, and students. The board's visit was completed on April 20, 1995.

The AASPN Program serves both Indian and non-Indian students and is the only one of its kind available to students in the region. The LPN students have shown a high degree of capability in working and studying together and have shown dedication to their goals.

In 1993, the students formed a highly successful organization, the United Tribes Student Nursing Association. It was founded to support LPN students and their families as they work toward their degrees, and eventually, a career in the health professions.

Pierre Berger, a freshman nursing student, was recently elected president of the association and hosted the First Annual UTTC Student Nursing Association banquet on April 20 at the Royal Fork in Bismarck. He cited personal experience in estimating the importance of the student association, particularly to new students. "It helps support incoming freshmen...considering I came from being a cook and it was a big change for me to walk into studying the human body and all that is involved in health," Berger said.

The nursing student association raised its own funds throughout the year, and used funds to host the banquet and to help pay for student jackets. The students also awarded upcoming graduates with AASPN pins, and to honor outstanding and hardworking students. Julie Urayb was named Outstanding Nursing Graduate and received a \$100 scholarship for Best Graduating Student Essay. (Faith Buffalo-runner-up) Pierre Berger was named Outstanding First Year Student and received a \$100 scholarship for Best First Year Student Essay. (Deb Sperle-runner-up) Bonnie Mehrer was awarded Outstanding 2nd Year Student honors. Outstanding Microbiology Award went to Joy Toliver, and the Faculty Choice Microbiology Award went to Betty Delorme. Deb Sperle received the Anatomy/Physiology Award, and Roberta Johnson received the Faculty Choice Anatomy/Physiology Award.

North Dakota tribal leaders meet with Governor Ed Schafer



The United Tribes Board of Directors met April 22nd at the College with Governor Ed Schafer about relationships between the five tribes and the state.

Left to right is board member Carl Walking Eagle; LPN Student President, Pierre Berger; board members Chairman Russell Hawkins; Chairman Russell "Bud" Mason, Sr.; Andrew Grey, Chairman Jesse Taken Alive; Chairwoman Twila Martin Kekahbah; North Dakota Governor Ed Schafer; Chairman and Board Chair Peter Belgarde; and Gailord Peltier. (UTTC Photo)



Governor Ed Schafer reviews a point made by UTTC and Tribal Chairman Peter Belgarde as President David M. Gipp listens. Discussions centered on tribal state relations and tribal gaming. (UTTC Photo)




Pierre Berger, President of the UTTC LPN Student Association, presented his remarks to the United Tribes board and Governor Schafer about how the nursing program bridges the multicultural gap between Indian and non-Indian students. It serves both races on the campus, Berger said, noting that state politicians could take the students' example in 'bridging the gap' between cultures. (UTTC Photo)

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Kidder, silver jewelry by Kathy Whitman, and pen holders by Gary Kidder. Other items available which are available are the 1994 25th Anniversary United Tribes International Powwow cassette tapes and video. All proceeds from the tapes and videos will be used to fund the annual international powwow.

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