

UNITED TRIBES

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UTTC Pride

First of all, I would like to extend my congratulations to both our men's and women's basketball teams for another successful year. Our men's team made it to the NJCCA regional finals only to get beat out by a very good Nebraska

Central Community College team from Columbus, Nebraska by the final score of 112-106. It's tough to win on the road, but I listened to the game on KXXL here in Bismarck and the radio sportscaster had a lot of praise for our men's basketball team. This year was the first year our women competed in the tough Montana-Dakota Conference and did come up with one victory over our archrivals Bismarck State College. Hopefully, we can build on this one victory for next season and be a little more competitive once our women know they can compete equally with any of the other teams in the conference. Kevin Finley has indicated that he plans to step down as the men's basketball coach and devote full time to the recreation and physical education programs here at UTTC. Thank you Kevin for taking over the men's basketball program and bringing it to a higher level. You will be a hard act to follow, but we understand that you have other responsibilities equally important.

In a couple of more months, approximately 70 UTTC students will be receiving their certificates and/or A.A.S. degrees from our 13 vocational programs. Some of these potential graduates must complete all the course requirements including courses to be offered in the summer session. Many of our 1st year students have done quite well adjusting to the cam-

pus environment, the Bismarck community, and making new friends in the process. I encourage you to continue to set your sights high and finish the program that you have started. Next fall, we plan to start 3 new vocational programs including computer support technician, auto collision repair, and tribal management. The Construction Technology program will be offering a one-year certificate in facility maintenance as well. Be sure you tell your friends about UTTC and the opportunities to gain a better life, a better job, and a better future.

In closing, I am reminded of the wisdom the George Washington Carver, inventor, educator, and founder of Tuskegee Institute who said, "Whether great or small if it's worth doing, do it well, or not at all." We see UTTC pride in our vocational/academic programs; our men and women's basketball teams, our dedicated faculty and staff, our fine elementary school, and in many of the other affiliated programs located on our campus. We have much to be thankful for and a lot to be proud of.

Sincerely,
John Derby
Academic Dean

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Weekly Menu

*(Each meal served includes
2% or Skim Milk, Coffee or Tea)*

DINNER

March 13 - 17

- Mon.- Croissant Sandwich with Turkey or Ham, Potato Salad, Salad Bar
- Tue.- Taco Salad, Baked Chips, Assorted Fresh Fruit
- Wed.- Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Vegetable, Salad Bar, Dessert
- Thu. French Dip with Au-Jus, Salad Bar, Assorted Fresh Fruit
- Fri.- Knoephle Soup, Chicken Burgers, Salad Bar

March 20

- Mon.- Chuckwagon Stew, Baking Powder Biscuit, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Relish Tray

SUPPER

March 13 - 17

- Mon.- Braised Beef over Noodles, Vegetable, Salad, Fresh Fruit
- Tue.- Bar-B-Que Chicken, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Dinner Roll, Salad Bar, Dessert
- Wed.- Hamburger Hotdish, Salad Bar, Dessert
- Thu.- Swiss Steak, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Salad Bar, Dessert
- Fri.- Hamburger Gravy on Noodles, Vegetable, Salad, Dessert

March 20

- Mon.- Bar-B-Que Ribs, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Salad, Dessert

Student Competition Activities this Spring will support UTTC's Development and Expansion

Beginning this year at the start of the new millennium, UTTC will enter into significant development and growth phases. These phases will focus on the general theme: **"UTTC'S VISION FOR INDIAN FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES IN THE 21ST CENTURY."** Planning and fund-raising will be directed at current and new academic programs, support services, and the construction of new facilities. These activities will require the vision, input, and participation by all members of the UTTC community, especially students. Competitions for individual students and student teams have been proposed as one approach to enhance student involvement.

Competition 2000A: An individual student or student team can submit entries for a **logo design**, which would be used to represent UTTC in all development and planning stage of the college. Rules: Logo design (8 1/2 x 11" maximum size) may be in color or black/white; details should allow the proposed design to be reduced and reproduced on promotional materials. Eligibility: TJES and UTTC college students. Prize: \$250.00 w/public relations (PR) credit.

Competition 2000B: An individual student can submit an entry in one of two **student essay competitions**. Essay topics: "What UTTC Means to Me" or "Vision of What UTTC Should Be Like in the 21st Century." Rules: 2,000 - 2,500 words, typed, double-spaced. Only one entry per student. Eligibility: TJES 7-8th grade students and UTTC college students. Prize: \$100.00 per topic with PR credit.

Competition 2000C: An individual student or student team can submit an entry outlining on paper a **native culture activity** that brings together a combination of Native American song, dance, and/or Tribal ceremony to be used exclusively by UTTC for the beginning and completion of each development project. Rules: No more than 2-page typed narrative explaining concept, cultural meanings, song lyrics, etc. Eligibility: UTTC college students. Prize: \$100.00 for Quilt.

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Competition 2000D: A college student group or class can submit an entry outlining on paper a **promotional concept** that could lead to the development of a video and marketing resources promotion UTTC with the following themes:

- a. "What UTTC Means to Me."
- b. "Vision about the Quality of Life for Native Families in the 21st Century."

Rules: Up to 10-page (typed, double-spaced) narrative describing the concept, events, promotional strategies, video script, etc. A group may submit an entry for each topic. Eligibility: UTTC college students. Prize: \$250.00 w/PR credit.

DEADLINE FOR ALL COMPETITIONS: Friday, April 14th, 5:00 p.m.

GENERAL RULES:

* All entries will be submitted to the UTTC Development Office at the UTTC Skills Center Room 110A. No entries will be accepted after the deadline.

* Judging for competitions will be conducted by Bismarck-Mandan business and community leaders, including Tribal elders, determined by the UTTC Development Office.

* Rules are subject to the interpretation of the judges. Decision by judges are final.

* Selection of winning entries will be determined by the judges based on quality, content, appropriateness, conformance to competition rules, and relevance to institutional development themes and activities of the college.

* Staff and faculty are encouraged to promote, facilitate, and guide efforts of individual students and student teams. However, all entries will be product of 100% student participation and work.

* Each class or student team must designate a chair or team leader who will serve as the primary contact person.

* Awards given to student teams will be shared equally among all team members

* United Tribes Technical College reserves the right to accept or reject any or all entries. Winning entries

may be used in college promotional materials and activities dependent upon quality and content to be evaluated by the UTTC administration. UTTC makes no guarantee, written or implied, that winning entries will be used for promotional or marketing purposes. All winning entries become the property of UTTC.

For any questions or inquiries, contact Phil Baird, UTTC Development Office, Ext. 238.

PLANNING FOR NEW STUDENT LIFE CENTER . . .

The UTTC/Title III Office is edging closer to finalizing specific details for the construction of the new UTTC Student Life Center. A tentative plan being developed by the Student Services committee should be completed by March 31st.

Our Title III consultants from the University of North Dakota - Dr. Leigh Jeanotte and Alan Allery - will be visiting on-site with UTTC Student Service components on Thursday and Friday, March 16-17th. They are assisting with assessing how our student services working together now, and how the departments might be realigned to better help our students.

The UTTC Student Services committee will also be meetings on Thursday-Friday mornings, March 16-17th, 9:30 am at the Skills Center Conference area. An updating of UTTC's Strategic plan and construction planning will be key agenda items.

Information for the Next Newsletter must be submitted to Arrow Graphics

no later than 12:00 NOON!

Friday, March 17.

Attn: Sandy Erickson

PLEASE FOLLOW DEADLINE !

Student Senate Activity Day Tentative Schedule of Events April 14, 2000 at 1:00 pm

1. Welcome
2. Drum Group
3. Recognition of Men/Women Basketball Teams
4. Tipi Raising
5. Water Balloon Toss
6. Three Legged Race
7. Tug of War
8. Social at Cafeteria - 5:00 PM

In the case of inclement weather, the Activity Day will be rescheduled for Mid-April. With the specific date to be announced at a later time. Thank You.

UTTC Nursing Department to be Reviewed

There will be two nurses representing the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission on campus March 28-30 to review the UTTC nursing education program for on-going accreditation. The program was initially accredited in 1995.

The visitors will have a regular agenda to be followed; however, if others of you would like to see/visit the evaluation, there will be that opportunity on Wednesday, March 29, at 1:00 pm in Room 111 of the Education Building.

If you want more information about this, please call Sister Kathryn Zimmer, Program Director, 255-3285 ext. 265.

Congratulations to Donna Luger and Debbie Stevenson for NASA Awards presented to them -- each in the amount of \$500.00. Awardees were to be pursuing education in the health or science related field.

Submitted by Sister Kathryn Zimmer,
Director, AASPN Program

REMINDER • REMINDER • REMINDER

THE UTTC FINANCE OFFICE IS CLOSED FRIDAY
AFTERNOONS AND THE LAST BUSINESS DAY OF
EACH MONTH.

Cornell University

Cornell University's Mathematical and Theoretical Biology Institute (MTBI) for Undergraduate Fellowship search: Summer Program at Cornell. June 17 - August 12, 2000.

Program includes math seminars, computer seminars, independent group research project, and weekly lectures by visiting scientists.

Eligibility: Undergraduate students who will complete their sophomore or junior year by May, 2000, majoring in Mathematics, Biology, or related fields with at least one year of Calculus.

Minority student populations: Chicano, Latino, Native American and African American students are encouraged to apply.

Award: Round trip airfare, room & board, and a \$2000.00 stipend.

Application Deadline: Postmarked by March 15, 2000.

For applications and information contact:
Website: www.biom.cornell.edu/MTBI/index.html;
Email: mtbi@cornell.edu; Phone: 607-255-8103;
Fax: 607-255-4698; Person: Carlos Castillo-Chavez,
Director, MTBI

State Science Fair Winners

TJES Science Fair winners from the 17th Annual Native American State Science Fair held on Monday, February 21st, 2000 at the Radisson Inn in Bismarck, ND are as follows:

Kelly Bercier (8), 1st - Light

Tasha Bordeaux (8), 2nd - Making Charcoal

EJ RenCoutre (7), 2nd - Electric Crane

Tova Howard (7), 2nd - Carbon Monoxide

Mike Gopher (7), 3rd - Security Lasers

Elizabeth Lunderman (5), 3rd - Dead Batteries

These students will participate in the 14th Annual National American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) Science Fair on March 31 and April 1st in St. Paul, Minn. TJES students and chaperones will be leaving on March 29th. Places they will visit while in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area include the Planetarium, Children's Science Museum, The Mall of America and a Minnesota Timberwolves Basketball game. The students will be chaperoned by Mrs. Reich and Mr. Decoteau.

Early Childhood

The following Early Childhood students have been awarded a \$250 scholarship sponsored by the Philip Morris Corporation through the American Indian College Fund.

Erin Slides Off	4.0 GPA
Violet Plenty Chief	3.7 GPA
Monica Nagel	3.7 GPA
Delshay Webster	3.7 GPA
Alma Walker	3.5 GPA
Donna Belgarde	3.0 GPA

To be eligible, the students must have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA at mid-term, be a full-time student in education, and write a narrative about their plans for the future. Congratulations!

Chemical Health Center

The Chemical Health Center staff would like to extend our invitation to students, and staff members who would like to know more about our program, to come over to our building (68) at anytime during working hours 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday-Friday. No need for appointments.

Weekly Meetings

- AA Meetings: Tuesday at 7:00 pm
- Al-Anon Meetings: Thursday at 3:00 pm
- Alateen Meetings: Thursday at 4:00 pm
- Touchstone Lodge AA Meetings: Thursday at 9:00 pm
- Touchstone Dorm Meetings: Thursday at 10:00 pm

*Look to this day
For it is life,
The very life of life
In its brief course lie all
The realities and verifies of existence,
**The bliss of growth,
The splendor of action,
The glory of power***

*For yesterday is but a dream,
And tomorrow is only a vision,
But today, well lived,
Makes every yesterday a dream of happiness
And every tomorrow a vision of hope.*

Look well, therefore, to this day.

Sanskrit Proverb

**Memorial for
Melvin White Eagle
will be held at the
Cannon Ball School Gym
on Saturday,
March 25, 2000
beginning at 12:00 Noon**

Spring Graduates

*If you completed the
Career Success class last
year for your certificate
and are receiving a
degree this Spring --
please stop and see
Shirley Iron Road in
Placement so she can
update your resume
before typing. Also, we
are now adding e-mail
addresses to resumes.*



All Tentative Spring 2000 Graduates:

Please mark your calendars for exit TABE testing. You will need to attend one of the scheduled dates before you graduate on May 5, 2000.

April 17, 2000:
4:00-5:00, 5:30 -9:00

April 18, 2000:
4:00-5:00, 5:30-9:00

Students must be on time as this is a timed test. If you have any questions, call Karen Siegfried, Student Support Services at Ext. 234.

HOME GROUPS

The home groups had their final session on February 22, 2000 in the gym area. Each group submitted their item for the scavenger hunt and brought their baskets for the egg drop. The winners of the scavenger hunt were the LPN's and the runner-up was the group of Food & Nutrition, Hospitality Management, and Art/Art Marketing. The egg drop contest had co-winners as the Health Information/Early Childhood group and the Criminal Justice group went scramble free. Thank you to all students who participated in the home group activities this semester. A special thanks goes out to the staff leaders for all of their time and efforts. They are Helen Lindgren, Rosie Jacobson, Harriet Schneider, Joe McGillis, Julie Cain, Marla Zingg, and Karen Siegfried. Also, cheers to the first ever peer mentor group who allowed themselves to be used as "model" students for this pilot project. These students should be given a round of applause: Ethal Hall, Deeken Means, Chris Long Soldier, Michele Long Soldier, and Kristi Blaine.

Surfin' The Net

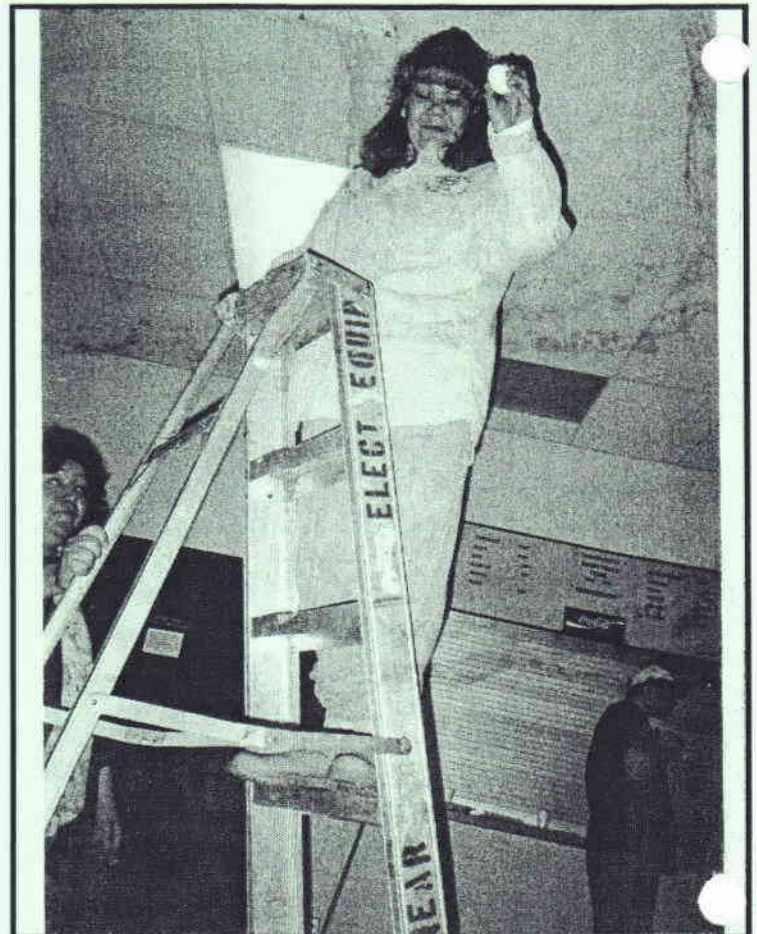
*So you think you're in the clear
your supervisor is no where in sight
You log on to the web and start to surf
and then your hair stands up with fright.*

*The footsteps coming down the hall
are quickening in pace
There is no time to exit
no way to save your face*

*You press the power button
and relax just a bit
There is no way he can tell
exactly what you hit*

*You act all surprised
don't know why your machine died
"simply unpredictable these
computers are!" you cried*

*"So we'll get you a new one
a computer that won't crash" he exclaims
Do you think he'll wonder
when the new one acts the same?*



Neiko Nephi concentrates on hitting her target.

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Neiko Nephi, LeRay Skinner, Dolly Charging Whirlwind, and Deeken Means (peer mentor) who were winners of the egg drop contest.



Chuck Felix (right) with unidentified automotive mechanic in picture for the scavenger hunt.



Carl Richenberg in front of a scenic view in picture for the scavenger hunt.



Crystal Stands Alone gets ready to scramble her group's egg.

Thought For The Day . . .

- Mon: • I never knew real happiness until I got married - than it was too late.
- Tue: • Why doesn't an alarm clock go off by being turned on?
- Wed: • Its not easy doing nothing - you never know when you're done.
- Thu: • How can you throw away a garbage can?
- Fri: • Why is it that everything dropped in a bathroom falls in the toilet?
- Sat: • Why is that when people are driving around town looking for address they turn up the volume on the radio?
- Sun: • Kids in the back seat cause accidents. Accidents in the back seat cause kids.

NutriNews

Take Control of Home Food Safety

March is *National Nutrition Month*. The LRD's (Licensed, Registered Dietitians) of the North Dakota Dietetic Association have the following tips to help you reduce the risk of foodborne illness in the home.

Wash Hands Often

- Hands should be washed in warm, soapy water before preparing foods and after handling raw meat, poultry and seafood.
- Always wash your hands front and back up to your wrists, between fingers and under fingernails.
- Dry hands with disposable paper towels, clean cloth towels or air dry.
- Never forget to wash your hands after performing other tasks such as answering the phone or handling dirty dishes.

Keep Raw Meats and Ready-to-Eat Foods Separate

- Use 2 cutting boards: one just for raw meats, poultry, and seafood; the other for ready-to-eat foods like breads and vegetables.
- Wash cutting boards thoroughly in hot, soapy water after each use or place them in the dishwasher.
- Discard cutting boards that have cracks, crevices and excessive knife scars.

Cook to Proper Temperatures

- Harmful bacteria are destroyed when food is cooked to proper temperatures.
- Buy a meat thermometer and use it. This is the only reliable way to ensure safety and to determine the doneness of cooked meats, poultry, egg dishes, and leftovers.
- Reheat all leftovers to 165° F.

Refrigerate Promptly Below 40° F

- Refrigerate foods quickly and at a proper temperature to slow the growth of bacteria.
- Foods left over from a meal should not stay out of refrigeration longer than two hours. (In hot weather <80°F or above>, no longer than one hour.)
- Make sure your refrigerator is set below 40°F to keep perishable foods out of the food "danger zone".
- Store raw meats, poultry and seafood on the bottom shelf of the refrigerator so juices don't drip onto other foods.

Submitted by: Kim Hinnenkamp, LRD, UTTC Food and Nutrition Program

United States
**Census
2000**

This Week

March 6, 2000

**Census 2000
Language
Assistance
Program**

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An Information Service of the Denver Regional Census Center



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Counting is Fun! The Pay is
Good! Work Flexible Hours!**

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NEEDED
TOLL FREE
JOB LINE**

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**Look For
Video B-Roll
Arriving In the Mail
This Week.**

News media cannot follow
census takers with cameras
due to confidentiality laws.

Media Specialists

**Doug Wayland
Anjali Olgetrson
George Martelon
Adriana Zorrilla Velasquez
Enrique Medina Ochoa
303-231-5025**

Advance Letter Arriving In Mailboxes This Week

CENSUS 2000

IN ANY LANGUAGE, IT'S IMPORTANT !

**Questionnaire Printed In
Six Languages.
Assistance Guides Available in
49 Languages.**

**Equally Important, It Provides
An Opportunity To Request A
Form In Any Of Five
Languages Other Than
English**

The goal of Census 2000 is to
provide census information and
assistance in languages other than
English to make it easier for the
public to complete census
questionnaire.

Census 2000 mailout/mailback
questionnaires will be printed in six
languages - English, Spanish,
Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and
Korean. Language Assistance Guides
will be produced in 49 languages
other than English.

Advance Letter

Beginning this week, 115 million
advance letters will be delivered,
mailed first class, alerting people that
the Census 2000 questionnaires will
soon be arriving at their home.

The advance letter gives a "heads
up" on why the census is important.


Households receiving the
advance letter will be instructed in
five languages, at the bottom of the
letter, to turn the letter over, check
the appropriate box, and return the
form in the enclosed envelope.

Additional steps will be taken to
partner with local, regional and
national organizations with a
comprehensive outreach effort
including letters, telephone calls,
flyers and posters. Everyone will
be urged to open and read their
advance letter—because that's the
only way to request the foreign-
language form, which must be
specially coded for that specific
household address.

Households that do not use the
advance letter option can
rely upon the census worker to use
translation job aids and the
available guides to lower the
language barrier.

**Es Nuestro Futuro.
Hágase Contar.**

**This is Your Future.
Don't Leave It Blank**



United States Census 2000

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 7, 2000

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Contact: Media Specialists
(303) 231-5026

CENSUS BUREAU'S ADVANCE LETTERS ARRIVING IN THE MAIL *Letters Offer Chance to Request Questionnaires in Other Languages*

Over the course of two weeks, 115 million households in the United States will receive letters from the U.S. Census Bureau preparing them for the delivery of census questionnaires. The letters began arriving in rural areas last week, and will begin showing up in urban mailboxes this week.

While the general purpose of the letter is to promote awareness that census questionnaires are on their way, the letters also provide an opportunity for households to request a form in one of five languages other than English.

This is very important for certain portions of the population, for whom English is not the primary household language. In addition to English, census questionnaires are available in Spanish, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese or Tagalog.

The bottom of the advance letter instructs people in the five languages to turn over the page. On the back, there is a further explanation of what people should do to request a form, also written in those languages. It's simple. They should check the appropriate box and return the form in the enclosed, postage-paid return envelope.

The majority of the U.S. population will receive their questionnaires in the mail March 13 - March 15. In more rural or remote areas, questionnaires began arriving on doorsteps March 3.

When the census form arrives, the responsibility shifts from the government to the people. Official census counts are used to distribute government funds to communities and states for highways, schools, health facilities, and many other local and community programs. Without a complete, accurate count communities may not receive their fair share.

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The Census Bureau guarantees that the answers given on census forms are held strictly confidential and never shared. Information collected in Census 2000 will provide local area data needed to help communities receive federal funds and for private sector and community planning purposes.

The U.S. Census Bureau, pre-eminent collector and disseminator of timely, relevant and quality data about the people and the economy of the United States, conducts a population and housing census every 10 years, an economic census every five years and more than 100 demographic and economic surveys every year, all of them evolving from the first census in 1790.

United States Census 2000

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Contact: Adriana Zorrilla Velasquez
(303) 231-5026

EMPIEZAN A LLEGAR POR CORREO LA CARTA DE AVISO DEL CENSO

La Carta de Aviso Ofrece la Oportunidad de Pedir el Cuestionario del Censo en Otro Idioma

En las siguientes dos semanas, 115 residencias en los Estados Unidos recibirán la Carta de Aviso de la Oficina del Censo preparando a la ciudadanía para recibir el cuestionario del censo. La Carta ya esta siendo entregada en las zonas rurales desde la semana pasada y empieza a llegar al correo urbano esta semana.

Aunque el proposito principal de esta carta es advertirle a las personas que el cuestionario del censo esta en camino, esta carta también le brinda al publico la oportunidad de pedir el cuestionario del censo en otro idioma.

Esto es importante para ciertos segmentos de la población en los cuales se habla otro idioma diferente al Ingles. El Censo ofrece el cuestionario en cinco idiomas Español, Chino, Coreano, Vietnamita y Tagalo.

Es importante notar que aunque la parte del frente de la carta es en Ingles, en la parte de abajo se indica en 5 diferentes idiomas que se lea el reverso de la carta. En la parte de atrás la carta tiene instrucciones detalladas de como las personas interesadas pueden pedir el cuestionario del censo en otro idioma. Estas instrucciones también vienen en cinco idiomas. Es simple. Solo hay que marcar el idioma que se desea y enviar la carta de regreso por correo dentro del sobre que viene adjunto el cual esta pre-pagado.

La mayoría de la población de los Estados Unidos recibirá el cuestionario por correo del 13 al 15 de Marzo. En las áreas rurales, el cuestionario empezó a ser entregado de puerta en puerta el 3 de Marzo..

Cuando el cuestionario del censo llegue, la responsabilidad de manos del gobierno a manos de las personas. El censo es la cuenta oficial de todas las personas que viven en los EU la cual es usada para distribuir fondos federales para carreteras, escuelas, servicios de salud, y muchos otros programas para la comunidad. Sin una cuenta completa y precisa las comunidades no recibirán los fondos federales adecuados para su desarrollo.

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LETTER FROM THE UTTC PRESIDENT

A reason to be thankful

To date, we have had an exciting and commendable Spring Semester. We will be announcing the student recipients of the American Indian College Fund Scholarship awards this week. Without this and other vital assistance many of our students would not be able to attend United Tribes. To those who received scholarships it is not only because you have a need, it is because you demonstrated that you have achieved academic excellence and earned this award. In the end, we want each and every student to experience success during the time they are here, as they plan for graduation, or pursue job or additional training.

It is also important to offer congratulations to both the men and women members of the Thunderbird teams for this past season. Both teams, coaches, team members and boosters worked hard at a successful year. Our women's team showed great improvement and are shining examples of the way future teams should compete at the junior college level. The men are Region XIII Champions. Yes, it would have been nice to go on to the national tournament, but we have every reason to be proud. These activities have provided a source of pride and positive morale for all the students, staff and the community which supports us.

We have initiated our connection to more students through the Denver Indian Center, when U.S. West provided a major grant to provide interconnectivity between the UTTC campus and

Denver. Leah Woodke, Jennifer Randazzo, Charlene Weis, Sheri Baker and our students here and at Denver were able to discuss the programs that will be offered. U.S. West Chairman and CEO Sol Trujillo was on-line and spoke with staff and students at both locations as well. This system enables us to deliver courses interactively through the computer and through Picture-tel. While there is much to do, technology and its use and influence continue to be an increasingly greater part of the UTTC programs and other offerings. It will, in the end, open more access doors for more American Indian students and tribes.

It is also necessary for us to give our prayers and good offerings to all those in need including our students, staff, members of our families and other friends who are in poor health. In particular, it is important to note our concern for Ruby Cadotte, Agatha Red Shirt, and Theresa Martin. We wish each of these individuals the best with prayers for a good path.

Best of luck also goes out to students that will represent the College at upcoming VICA competition and AIHEC College Bowl competition. Both of these events represent an opportunity for showcasing academic progress, and competition at the postsecondary level.

Again, let's be thankful for the blessings we have received and work hard to accomplish the goals we've set for ourselves for the remainder of this academic year.