Dancing Across the Gap: From Montana to Mali
By Kathy Beartusk

Four former students of Chief Dull Knife College traveled to Africa in September, 2009, to work with villagers in a remote community in Mali. On April 7, 2010, a documentary of their experience will be aired at Charging Horse Casino.

Janelle Beartusk, Stacy Bearcomesout and Sherri Ewing, along with videographer Josette Woodenlegs, traveled to Mali for this once-in-a-lifetime experience. The group of Northern Cheyenne women participated in the Mali Extern Program, a collaborative effort between CDKC and Montana State University-Bozeman. Dr. Florence Dunkel of MSU serves as the MSU Faculty Mentor and Bob Madsen, T-CUP Director at CDKC, is a former coordinator. This trip was Dunkel’s 26th visit to Mali.

The Mali project culminated in the production of a documentary entitled, Dancing Across the Gap. Documentary video producer Eric Chaikin recorded the women in Lame Deer before they traveled to Africa and again throughout their time in the Malian village of Sanambele. "There are many beautiful and real moments of shared cultural understanding," Chaikin said. Woodenlegs, a CDKC graduate and employee, assisted Mr. Chaikin with the video.

For Janelle, Stacy, and Sherri, this was their second visit to Mali, but it was the first time they lived with the people in the village of Sanambele. Since the villagers are subsistence farmers and live without electricity or vehicles, it was a humbling experience for the group.

Project director Dunkel says that the film Dancing Across the Gap is about very different “first peoples” learning to know and share with each other.

Students in Good Standing
Congratulations to our students who excelled academically and/or maintained good attendance through midterms!!

Stacy Bearcomesout  Angelita Bearquiver  Darnelia Blackwolf  Frederick Blackwolf  Donna Brien  Maria Charette  Kin Cain  Joey DiTonno  Jon Firecrow  Carla Fisher  Lorna Folda  Becky Fortner  Marilyn Freemont  Bret Gable  Stuart Gardner  April Haugen  Jeremy Helmin  Judi Helmin  Al Holdsteenemy  Conroy Holdsteenemy  Mollie Hurff  Rose James  Ed Jones  Misty Kellum  Sally King  Misty LaFranier  Albert LaRance  Darren Limberhand  Teela Lincoln

CDKC is “going green.” Check out how on page 4 and learn about your chance to win a $10 gas card!!
Faces of Chief Dull Knife College

Student: Wayne Roundstone (Science Intern)
Born: Crow Agency
Languages: English
Interests: Science and natural resources management; I would like to see more Native Americans as biologists helping to manage our land and resources. I am very interested in the water filters we are making to take to Africa.
Hobbies: Reading, science fiction, carpentry, wood carving
Favorite song or artist: Recordings of Cheyenne church songs
Favorite quote: “Sometimes you gotta suck it up and be a man!”
Book on your nightstand: Types of Noxious Weeds
Best advice given to you (and by whom): When you go somewhere, leave it in better condition than you found it and always lend a helping hand (from my grandmother)
Why did you choose CDKC? Coming to CDKC just happened; it made perfect sense.

Student: Sarah Big Eagle (Library Assistant)
Born: Rapid City, SD
Languages: English, Spanish, French, German
Interests: Paleontology, geology, gold prospecting, philosophy, off-grid living
Hobbies: One thing I enjoy most is spending time with my family; I never really get to see them because of work and school so that is my current hobby.
Favorite song or artist: “Time Marches On,” by Tracey Lawrence
Favorite quote: Don’t take yourself so seriously—nobody else does!
Book on your nightstand: Eclipse (I am listening to this on CD in my car)
Best advice given to you (and by whom): Always do things for yourself; never depend on anyone else because no one else will do it for you anyways (from my grandpa Dean Big Eagle)
Why did you choose CDKC? I chose to attend CDKC because it is close to home. I like learning something new every day and I like working in the library.

Staff Member: Jeff Hooker (Chief Information Officer)
Born: Great Falls, MT
Languages: English, Spanish, French, German
Interests: Paleontology, geology, gold prospecting, philosophy, off-grid living
Hobbies: Travel, four-wheelers, snowmobiles, street rods, antique cars
Favorite song or artist: Alison Krauss
Favorite quote: “A man who dares to waste one hour of time has not discovered the value of life” (Charles Darwin)
Book on your nightstand: I’m not really here, by Tim Allen
Best advice given to you (and by whom): “You must keep in mind that friends worth having will in the long run expect as much from you as they give to you” (Pres. Andrew Jackson’s mother)
Why did you choose CDKC? This college has unlimited potential for aspiring students and staff. I stay at CDKC because of the large number of opportunities to explore the world through education and still stay in MT.

Faculty Member: Cori Thatcher (Math, Sociology, Walking for Fitness)
Born: Princeton, NJ
Languages: English, Portuguese, Spanish
Interests: Different foods and cultures, history, education
Hobbies: Horseback riding, hiking, watching the sunset, dancing!!
Favorite song or artist: James Taylor
Favorite quote: “We are that to which we pray” (Jewel)
Book on your nightstand: Na margem do rio piedra, eu sentei e chorei, by Paulo Coelho
Best advice given to you (and by whom): Every person can make a difference in the world by using his or her unique talents (from my college professor, Dr. Lucky Yapa)
Why did you choose CDKC? I love the challenging yet relaxed atmosphere; I come to work every day knowing that I am going to keep my mind and talents engaged but I’ll still be able to chat and joke with my colleagues. I also love the diversity of students—they bring so many different backgrounds and experiences to the classroom.
Featured Student Work
Poems penned by students at Chief Dull Knife College.

The Moon
By Rebekah Spear
The moon got lost again last night
Want you here, but you’re out of sight
But now, it’s a brand new day
Eleven days, the sun had its final say
It hurts a lot, because I’m alone again
New beginnings, new thoughts began

You came out, so bright and full
Lost in thoughts, happiness took its toll
Wishes, dreams and secrets are put upon you
They say, “the moon is for the lonesome to talk to”
You’re in the sky for all to see
Thoughts of deep and true meanings

The moon is for both you and me
If true love is what you want, just believe
The moon is to put your wishes upon
To have a friend, if you’re all alone
Time to say goodnight my friend
Another day and I’ll see you again.

Friendship
By John Three Fingers
I hope I helped you the day your sky fell
your spirit torn, ragged and quite unwell
You had hoped for today and wished for tomorrow
love’s lost its way and in its place, sorrow.

We lose often our way to try
but many times we find ourselves in others’ eyes.
Your life asunder was filled with pain
allow yourself time to feel the rain.

Students in Good Standing (continued from Page 1)
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Santee Magpie
Lori McQueary
Florris Medicinebull
Dalrae Medicinehorse
Nicole Nalton
Sister Leann Probst
Wayne Roundstone
Julene Redneck
Merrilee Redrobe
Margaret Risingsun
Mark Roundstone
Monica Rowland
Monty Rowland
Wamblee Rowland

Cameron Russell
Quinn Salois
Kristina Salois
Rhonda Salois
Burdick Seminole
Stella Seminole
SuEllen Shotgunn
Crystalynn Shoulderblade
Sheila Shoulderblade
Earl Simpson
Horace Small
Justin Small
LaNada Smith
Colleen Spang

Robyn Spang
Rufus Spear
Maggie Stewart
Meredith Tallbull
Theresa Tracke
Michelle Threefingers
Desiree Twocrow
Anna Weaselbear
Athena Whiteman
Elsie Wick
Hershel Wolfblack
Josette Woodenlegs
Sunshine Woodenlegs
Tomi Woodenlegs

Congratulations to Misty LaFranier for being named the 2010 American Indian College Fund Student of the Year!!
**Featured Student Work**
Poems and artwork penned by students at Chief Dull Knife College.

**Traveling**

*By John Three Fingers*

Twirled glass sitting empty
plucked life waiting to be
flesh heavy, hangs on me.
awaiting space with gentle will
my bones heavy I start to chill
I am asleep, but not yet through
I feel myself sliding away from you.
my soul free to explore with abandon
all that is seen and much that is random.
hidden glimpses of far gone places
my body stiffens held in stasis
I travel worlds away, wonders open to me
visions unimaginable my soul is free.
I travel to see spirit, soul and entity.

Artwork by James Tallwhiteman

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**Monthly Challenge!**
The first person or team to correctly answer the following question will win a $10 gas card

Your car gets 19 miles per gallon on 85-octane gasoline and 21 miles per gallon on 88-octane gasoline. 85-octane gas costs $2.79 per gallon and 88-octane gas costs $2.89 per gallon. Which type of gasoline would be cheaper to buy for a round trip to Billings (200 miles)?

How much cheaper?

Did You Know?

There are four strawbale buildings on the Chief Dull Knife College campus. The first person or team to identify all four buildings and their uses will win a $10 gas card!!

Bring your answers to Cori in Room 200.

The first correct response wins!!

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**“Going Green”: Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling at CDKC**

Chief Dull Knife College is committed to protecting and preserving the environment. As part of its efforts, CDKC has partnered with Penn State University to build four strawbale buildings on its campus. Strawbale walls are highly insulating, with an R-value near 40, meaning that little energy is needed to keep them warm in the winter and cool in the summer. By using straw bales to build walls, the college also saves trees and puts straw, a waste product, to productive use! Two of CDKC’s strawbale buildings are also equipped with solar panels, further reducing the college’s energy consumption.

CDKC has also started a recycling program. Look for the green bins for paper and the blue canisters for plastic bottles and soda cans. Please toss your recycling in the appropriate containers!
Montana State University-Billings

Due to its proximity to the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation and its in-state tuition rates, Montana State University-Billings is an excellent option for students seeking to transfer in order to finish a four-year degree.

Majors offered at MSU-B include:
1. Accounting
2. Allied Health
3. Education
4. Human Services
5. Pre Dental Hygiene
6. Sociology

The College of Technology offers additional degrees and certificate programs to students. The MSU-B College of Technology offers programs in:
1. Automotive technology
2. Business technology
3. Computer technology
4. Industrial technology
5. Nursing

American-Indian Peer Mentoring:
An additional program offered by MSU-Billings of special interest to students transferring from CDKC is the American-Indian Peer Mentoring program. Each new American-Indian student is paired with an upperclassman to help guide them through their first year on campus. For more information on this program, contact:
American Indian Outreach Office
Luella Brien
406.657.1672 Luela.brien@msubillings.edu
For more information on MSU-Billings or on transferring, go to www.msubillings.edu or see Rowdy in Room 118.

Study Tips for Final Exams
Finals week is fast approaching! Follow these tips to boost your chances for success.

1. Begin studying early, at least a week before your exam.

2. Plan brief but frequent study sessions—once a day for half-hour to an hour per subject. Even fifteen minutes per day per subject will help you remember information better than studying everything at the last minute.

3. To help your mind internalize the information for your exam, rewrite your class notes. Write them in a logical order, grouping related information together; if you didn’t take notes in class, use your textbook to write a set of notes to study from.

4. Study in a quiet place if possible—too much background noise, even music, can prevent your mind from concentrating.

5. If you are a visual person, draw diagrams, pictures, timelines, etc., of your notes to help you remember the content.

6. Create note cards with questions on one side and answers on the other side so your friends and family can quiz you on the material.

7. Don’t cram at the last minute! Our brains are much more likely to remember information that we review several times over the course of a few days than info that we try to cram into our minds at the last minute.

Meet Me at the Learning Center!
Prepare for finals week with the support of peer tutors.

For assistance with coursework and studying, stop by the Chief Dull Knife College Learning Center, open to all students. In addition to housing computers and work space, the Learning Center is staffed with tutors who can assist you in a variety of subjects.

Now through finals week, students who meet with a tutor or study group in the Learning Center are eligible for weekly drawing for free coffee from the Flower Grinder in Lame Deer.
Don’t miss your chance to learn and win!

Learning Center Hours
Monday through Thursday
8am—7pm
Friday
Heart-Healthy Recipe: Cowboy Beans (Rowdy’s Favorite)

Ingredients:
1 lb. pinto beans, rinsed/drained
5 C. boiling water
1 onion
1 carrot, chopped
1 C. barbeque sauce
2 squirts ketchup
2 squirts mustard
Salt and pepper to taste

Nutrition information:
212 calories; 1 gram fat; 12 gram protein; 40 gram carbs; 0mg cholesterol; 70mg sodium

In a crock pot, mix beans, water and onion. Cook on high for 3-4 hours. Then add carrots and cook on low for about 4 hours. Drain beans and add the barbeque sauce and spices. Mix it up and serve it in bowls with cornbread and honey on the side.

Snack Attack
Easy, quick and healthy snacks.

Cottage Cheese or Yogurt: Topped w/ honey or sliced fruit, a great calcium-rich and protein-rich snack!

Veggies: Carrots, celery, sweet peppers, and broccoli spears are low in calories and high in nutrients.

Dried fruits: Lots of great fiber, but also lots of sugar, so eat in smaller amounts (about 1/4 cup at a time).

Nuts: High in “healthy” unsaturated fat and protein, also best eaten in smaller quantities.

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