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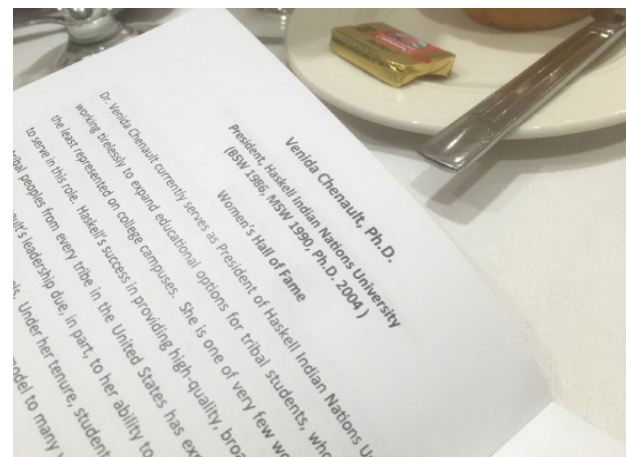


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NEWS



RUSTIE ANGLIN

Haskell President, Dr. Venida Chenault was inducted into the University of Kansas Women's Hall of Fame on Wednesday, April 13th at the Annual Women's Recognition and Awards Banquet hosted by the Emily Taylor Center for Women and Gender Equality.

"I'm honored to be recognized and to join other KU women of distinction who have made significant accomplishments using the education provided by the University of Kansas," said President Chenault in an earlier statement. "I'm proud that my education has been used to

benefit Haskell Indian Nations University, the students we serve, and the tribes represented at Haskell. Igwien (thank you)."

The KU Women's Hall of Fame honors "exemplary KU alumnae, faculty, and staff women who, through their significant contributions, achievements, overall impact, and outstanding character, serve as role models for students as career women and community leaders."

During the induction speech for Chenault, Dr. Alice Lieberman, KU School of Social Welfare, explained that one of her nominators said this about Dr. Chenault, "Perhaps no

one in my memory has done more to inspire more women (particularly women of color) to pursue their educations, and to effectively advocate for women of color than Venida... Venida has been the difference between success or setback for so many. Women who have grown up in tribal communities, whose educations have been limited, who have come out of families where higher education was never viewed as a really viable option have looked to Venida as a mentor and an example of what might be possible for them."

Inductees into the KU Women's Hall of Fame must be nominated by individuals. Nominators submit a

form that asks questions like "Describe how the nominee inspires others by her example?" and "How has the nominee impacted the status of women?"

The Women's Recognition and Awards Banquet honored not only the six inductees into the Hall of Fame, but also recipients of the faculty, staff, and student awards for excellence.

The Emily Taylor Center for Women and Gender Equity has been honoring a select group of women to be inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame since 1970.

Lawrence Passes Indigenous Peoples Day Resolution

LORI HASSELMAN

Lawrence City Commission voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 7154 establishing Indigenous Peoples Day as an annual recurring event in Lawrence.

"I think this a very special time to

be able to pass such a resolution," said Mayor Mike Amyx. "I was very proud last October but I'm probably even more proud this evening to be able to help pass this resolution."

Haskell students along with members of the Lawrence community drafted a proclamation in that was

read by Mayor Amyx recognizing Indigenous Peoples Day on October 12, 2015. The resolution today will establish Indigenous Peoples Day the second Monday of October on an annual basis.

"I'm really proud to be sitting here as one of the commissioners that is accomplishing this...I think this is a really important step for our City, especially since we have Haskell in our city," said Vice Mayor, Leslie Soden.

Haskell student, Barbara Wolfen, spoke in front of the

City Commission along with community member, Amy Bouseman in support of the resolution. Both played large roles in getting the October 2015 proclamation to City Hall.

"I feel very humbled by the process and the confirmation of Indigenous Peoples Day being passed as an annual recurring event. I think that we have made history in a short amount of time, so when people say you can't do things I beg to differ," said Wolfen. "I'm just very thankful for the opportunity and for the encouragement of Dr. Wildcat and other faculty and staff at Haskell."

One person who addressed the commission asked if the day would be added to the school district calendars. Mayor Amyx said it would be up to the district. Commissioner,

Matthew Herbert volunteered to communicate the information to district officials.

Haskell student, Mariah May also attended the City Commission meeting. "I think it's exciting just to hear that it was a unanimous decision by all four members of the commission and for them to say, 'It's about time that we recognize Indigenous Peoples Day.' It's exciting to be a part of it and to witness and experience it," said May.

Students and community members are planning to continue the Indigenous Peoples Day celebration in the Fall.



It was all smiles for supporters outside the City Commission meeting room.



Lawrence City Commission left to right: Lisa Larsen, Leslie Soden, Mike Amyx, and Matthew Herbert.

Scabies Watch

RACHEL WHITESIDE

Scabies is a very contagious itchy skin condition that is caused from mites burrowing into the human skin. According to the Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website, “The microscopic scabies mite burrows into the upper layer of the skin where it lives and lays its eggs.”

Scabies can be easily spread through contact it can affect anyone and can commonly occur in crowded conditions with close body contact such as a college dorm.

Recently, Roe Cloud dorm came in contact with scabies. Students should be very cautious when it comes to sharing anything due to its contagious manner. Scabies can also be transferred among sexually active people. In college, there is no blur when it comes to sexual activity, it’s a mating ground for diseases, infections, and illnesses.

The flyer that was posted in Roe Cloud dorms gives a brief description of what scabies is and explains it is highly contagious. According to the information, “Most people get scabies from direct, skin-to-skin contact. Less often, people pick up mites from infested items such as

bedding, clothes, and furniture.”

The CDC says, “Persons with crusted scabies and their close contacts, including household members, should be treated rapidly and aggressively to avoid outbreaks. Institutional outbreaks can be difficult to control and require a rapid, aggressive, and sustained response.”

Haskell sophomore and Roe Cloud resident, Vivian Pomeroy expressed her concern about the issue.

“Scabies is a serious issue. There needs to be more awareness of how to prevent and cure it. There is also the concern of how it can be transferred through human contact and from even just sitting on the couches at Roe. If someone has scabies the dorm staff should alert the students here so that caution can be taken. The only way I even knew this was going on in my dorm was because of a small sign posted on the wall. There was no contact through the student email or anything,” said Pomeroy.

Some symptoms of scabies include:

- Skin rash
- Small red bumps and blisters
- Itching

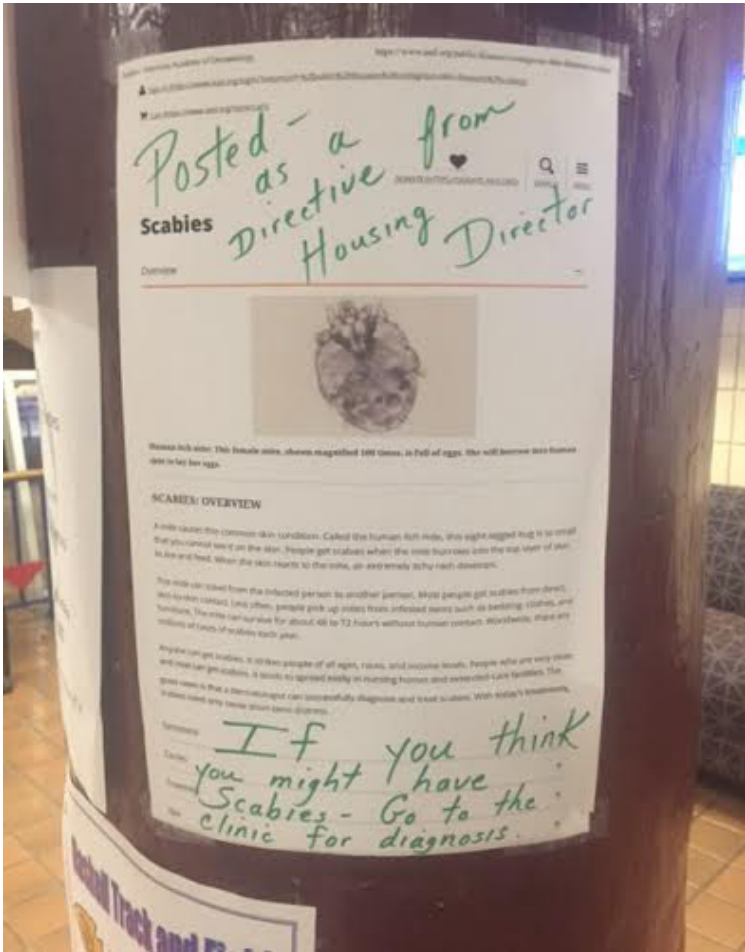
The medicine to treat scabies is called Scabicides because their main target is to kill scabies mites and the eggs they lay within the skin. Medication can only be prescribed by a doctor. A person infected with scabies usually won’t know until after one or two months when symptoms typical present. Even if a person doesn’t know they have scabies because due to

Student Senate Report

RACHEL WHITESIDE

April 4, 2016

- Wetlands Habitat Preservation hosted by the Green and Restoration Committee will be on Saturday April 16th from 10am-2pm. T-Shirts will be \$10 and the money made off the t-shirts will go towards future projects in restoring the Wetlands.
- Kansas State University Spring Powwow will be on April 16th. Haskell Alaska club will be in attendance and dancing in the event.
- Sunday April 24th at 9 am, Gamma Delta Pi will be hosting a Color Run on Haskell’s Cross Country track. Cost for participation is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children. The price will increase after April 17th by ten dollars.
- April 15th Haskell Royalty Committee will be hosting its talent show at 6pm for the contestants competing for Miss Haskell and Haskell Brave 2016-17.
- The Green and Restoration Committee will be hosting a cookout April 22nd and from April 18th through April 22nd there will be a campus clean up. Over \$5,000 worth of trees and plants will need to be planted on the Haskell Campus. Volunteers are very much welcome to help, for any more information contact Student Senate Vice President, Allie Spruce: alliespruce@hotmail.com
- Elections for the Student Senate Executive Board will be open for voting the third week of April.
- Powwow Club will be having vending booths both Friday and Saturday May 6th and May 7th for the annual graduation powwow. \$100 for Friday and Saturday to have food booth and \$75 for the weekend for a crafts booth. For more information contact Beejay Moses or Trey Claymore.
- Campus Activities will be having a Kansas City Zoo Trip this Saturday April 9th from 11:30am and will be back on campus by 5:30pm.
- Fashion Show hosted by Social Work Club will be Saturday April 23rd at 6pm. Non-perishable items only to donate to the local Food Bank and the Women’s Violence Domestic Center.



the absence of symptoms, they can still transfer the mites onto another person.

Common sites the scabies rash may appear on the human body can be between the fingers, waist, shoulder blades, as well as on the genitals. Untreated scabies can lead to sores on the body which could also lead to a future STD or a bacterial infection such as Staphylococcus (staph infection).

If worried or concerned and want more information about scabies, the CDC gives examples on how to prevent catching the infection here: <http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/scabies/prevent.html>

Or, as the instructions on the flyer in Roe Cloud dorms read, “If you think you might have scabies got to the clinic for diagnosis.”

CASINO NIGHT

Hosted by Student Activities

Location: Tecumseh Gym

Friday April 22, 2016

Starts at 7 Ends at 9

Come out to win prizes and enjoy refreshments!

*Must bring student ID

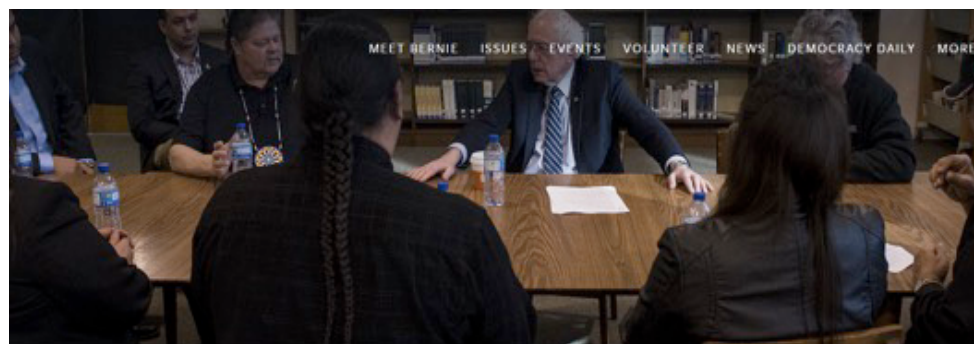
Native Americans More Prominent Focus in Election 2016

CHELSEA JENKINS

Are Native Americans part of the Presidential Election 2016? While some candidates don't mention tribal issues, Democratic Presidential candidate, Bernie Sanders is addressing problems Native Americans are currently facing and making specific plans to fix them. With the Presidential candidates on the campaign trail, it becomes increasingly important for the candidates to win over as many citizens as they can. That means taking measures to appeal to people of different ages, races, and classes.

Nicole Willis, an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, was hired in late March as the National Tribal Outreach Director for the Sanders campaign. Willis is the first and only full-time staff member who is Native American. Her responsibilities include policy development, outreach strategy, and planning events for the candidate with tribal leaders and representatives.

"It's important that every candidate realize how important the government to government relationship is between tribes and the federal government. The best measure of how a candidate will treat us during a Presidency is how they treat us on the campaign trail. Candidates who engage with us and have a policy



ISSUES

Empowering Tribal Nations



"Time and time again, our Native American brothers and sisters have seen the federal government break solemn promises, and huge corporations put profits ahead of the sovereign rights of Native communities. As President, I will stand with Native Americans in the struggle to protect their treaty and sovereign rights, advance traditional ways of life, and improve the quality of life for Native communities." - Bernie Sanders

Native Americans are the first Americans, yet they have for far too long been treated as third class citizens. It is

reflective of things we want for our future— those are the candidates we should be siding with," said Willis.

Haskell senior, Barbara Wolfin, of the Pit River Nation, also thinks that it's important for Presidential candidates to focus on Native Americans. "Without having recognition of us being here on national campaigns, in a way it's erasing historical context of our people and it's putting us in the past rather than in the present."

Willis continued by saying, "Having a specific tribal policy is important because it shows that you are familiar with the unique issues facing tribal nations, and it demonstrates

that those issues are important to you,"

Native American college students are urging each other to be more engaged in the election. Haskell sophomore, Nathan Fraley, of the Kiowa and Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, wants students to be more politically engaged. "This is the first time at my age that I'm able to act within an election. So this is the first time I'm seeing these things and understanding these things. There aren't that many Haskell students [that are politically engaged], like a small handful out of student body of 800, and you'd think there'd be more. I believe it's a very important

part, not just for Native country but for ALL minorities and ethnicities."

Nicole Willis also urges everyone to get involved and vote. "Whether or not you are a tribal leader, your voice matters. As American Indians and Alaska Natives, the federal government has more of a role in our lives than they do in the lives of the average American. We owe it to ourselves and our children to be informed, to participate, to educate, and to take every opportunity to elevate issues of importance to our communities."

"Every voice matters," added Wolfin. "Every voice counts, whether it's in our national elections, state elections, or tribal elections. A lot of these people who are being elected, they are making decisions for us. And we have a voice, we have the right, and actually it's our responsibility to exercise that right to vote."

Searching for specific Native American policies among the Presidential candidates of Donald Trump, Ted Cruz, and Hillary Clinton. only Clinton had policies. Clinton's policies can be viewed at "Growing Together: Hillary Clinton's Vision for Building a Brighter Future for Native Americans" on her website. Bernie Sanders Native American policies can be located under "Empowering Tribal Nations" on his website.

Seeking Student Veterans

LORI HASSELMAN

Student veterans have always been highly visible on the Haskell campus through their participation with the Haskell Color Guard at school functions. According to Allen Redbird, Sergeant at Arms with the Haskell Veterans Association, there are currently no students participating with the Association.

"We recruit at Highlight Night and some students sign up but none come to our meetings. I wish we could get more students involved. Right now we have some employees and non-employee veterans who are trying to keep the Haskell Color Guard going," said Redbird.

Redbird coordinates the organization's events setting up times and places and what the members will wear. Redbird is also in charge of the flags, ensuring upkeep and cleanliness and maintaining the Eagle staff; duties that student veterans could also be involved in.

The Veterans organization is involved in numerous events within the Northeastern Kansas area outside of Haskell including the participating in events at the Nelson Atkins Museum, the Kansas State Capitol, and pow wows with local tribes such as Potawatomi, Kickapoo, and Ioway. The organization also goes to Denver March when they can and



Fortner serving in Afghanistan.

have participated in some events in Oklahoma in the past. Redbird

says the organization has also been

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The Passing of the Crown

KEITON GUESS

For Haskell Indian Nations University, Haskell Brave and Miss Haskell has been a celebrated tradition for decades. Students serving in the positions take on the task of representing Haskell for recruitment, fundraising, and advocating for Haskell. Last week, a few students campaigned to become the next Miss Haskell and Haskell Brave.

Current Haskell Royalty, Miss Haskell, Brettnee Beartrack and Haskell Brave, Calvin Smith, Jr., know all about the pageant process and have shared with us all the details.

What is the Haskell Royalty competition process?

Brettnee: The decision ultimately isn't up to only one person. We have a different set of judges for each portion of the competition. Public speaking, interview, and contemporary/traditional talent. We have

a handful of faculty and staff who will then each tally up the scores for each contestant. The talent showcase is April 15th at 6 p.m. and voting will be April 18-19th at Curtis during lunch and dinner hours.

How is the competition going so far?

Calvin: For the most part, the competition is running smoothly and everything is coming together. It's exciting to bring in these students as they are competing to be the Haskell Royalty for 2016-2017. They have done really well with introducing themselves and expressing themselves on how they'll benefit the communities of Haskell and Lawrence presenting themselves in a respectful and honorable manner.

There is one student running for Haskell Brave and he has definitely shown that he is more than capable of taking on the responsibilities of a leader. There are 2 candidates for Miss Haskell and this competition is a tough decision because they

are both great leaders. They present themselves with confidence so we'll be able to see what their talents are this coming Friday and then we'll have voting to take place next week.

After reflecting on your own term as Haskell Royalty, can you tell us how you feel about the experience?

Calvin: I really enjoyed myself being in this position because it provided so many opportunities. It also made me a better person because it taught me to be more open and to be able to express myself. It has provided opportunities for me to get my word out to talk about respect, communication, and ways of life. There were times when I got to travel to different parts of the country to spread the word about Haskell and the benefits of being at such a great university. I am recognized as the Ambassador of the university because I am a student myself. I live my own life at this university as a full-time student and I experience so much from the campus. With

this position, I am able to talk about what is best for my community and do what is necessary for the people to enjoy themselves.

We are all students and we are constantly working to prepare ourselves for the future, but we also need to recognize that we need to enjoy the moment we have right now because we never know when our lives will suddenly end. My time being Haskell Brave will come to an end, but the work I started has just begun. I will continue to achieve my goals I have set forth for myself and my people. Being Haskell Brave definitely enabled me to be a better person.

Brettnee: I feel like my year as Miss Haskell really flew by. I will always look back on my reign as Miss Haskell with a smile. I have enjoyed myself from the very first exciting moments of hearing my name announced as the winner, down to these final weeks as crown

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Have You Been Tested?

RACHEL WHITESIDE

The one thing about college that high schools, parents, friends, don't prepare you for is the consequences of having unprotected sex. There are a lot of outcomes to having unprotected sex or sexual intercourse outside of just unplanned pregnancies.

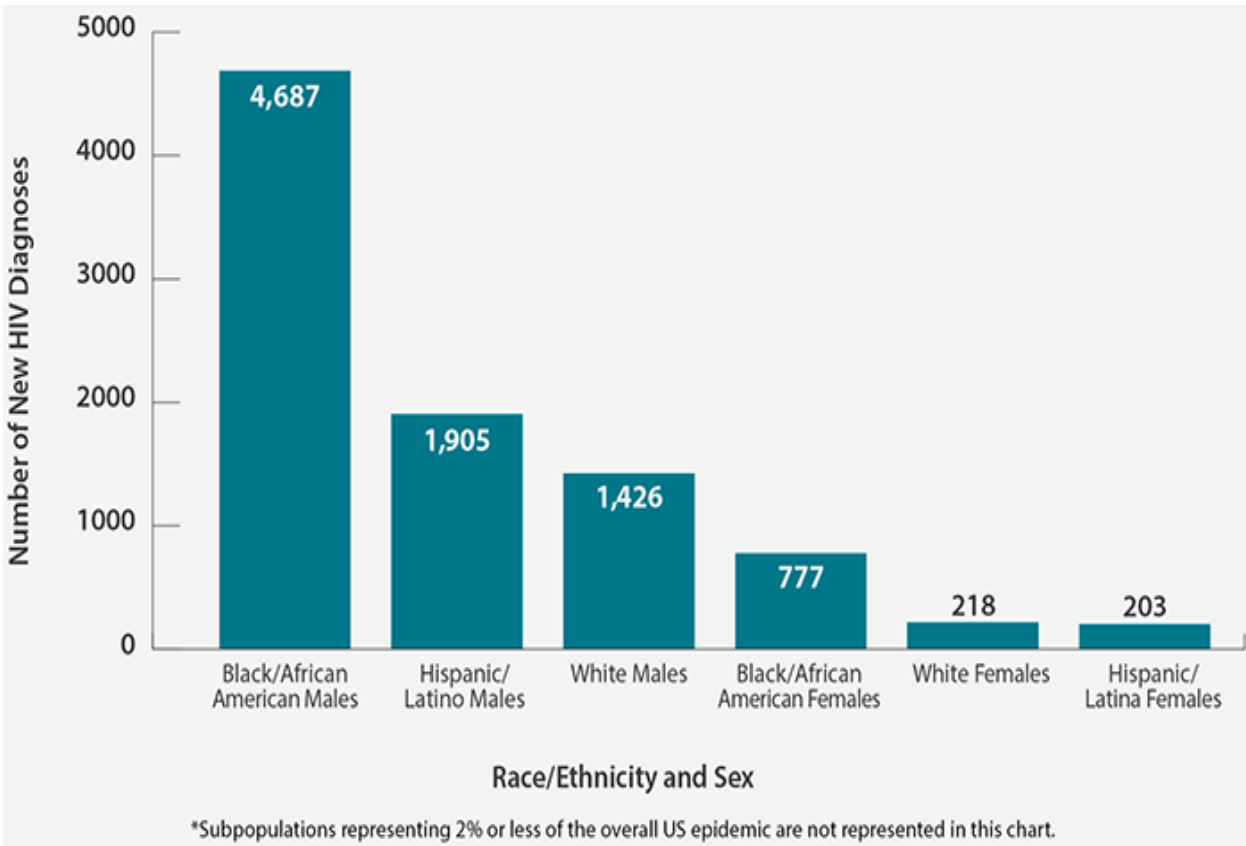
Colleges of all sizes can be a petri-dish for many diseases to grow and spread. It is scary thinking that the person you can be intimate with may not be as disease free as you think. According to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website "nearly half of the 20 million new sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) diagnosed each year are among young people aged 15-24 years" and that women are more common to the long-term effects such as "pelvic inflammatory disease, infertility, tubal scarring, ectopic pregnancy, and chronic pelvic pain."

Being sexually active is a part of human nature, whether it's just a hook-up, fling, lover, boyfriend,

girlfriend or partner. Everyone has the right to be sexually active without the constant fear of STD's or HIV.

What is an STD? An STD (Sexually Transmitted Disease) is an infection that is spread from person to person through sexual intercourse including oral sex, anal sex, or by sharing sex toys with others. "These diseases can be passed through any contact between the genitals of one person and the genitals, anus, mouth or eyes of another person."

The Center of Disease Control ex-



Source: CDC. Diagnoses of HIV infection in the United States and dependent areas, 2014. HIV Surveillance Report 2015;26.

plains how the most common STD on college campuses is the human papillomavirus or (HPV) which causes genital warts and in women cervical cancer. The second most common STD is chlamydia and the

third most common is genital herpes. Again, these STDs are spread through sexual intercourse. Having an STD left untreated can cause permanent damage to your body.

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bearer. I am grateful for the many opportunities it has afforded me. I have addressed many crowds, met many people, and attended many events that I otherwise would not be able to. I can honestly say that winning this title was a goal of mine from a very young age. I grew up admiring Dr. Toni Tsatoke, who also held the title of Miss Haskell. I've made many friends this year that will last a lifetime. Being able to represent my family, my tribe, and my school, the wonderful HINU, has been an incredible experience that I will always cherish and remember fondly.

There are three candidates running for Royalty positions this year: two for Miss Haskell and one for Haskell Brave. Here is a message from each:

Miss Haskell

Alicia Patterson, Navajo

AliciaMy name is Alicia Patterson.



Miss Haskell Candidate, Alicia Patterson

I am Navajo from Phoenix, Arizona and my family is from Teesto, Arizona. I transferred here one year ago and this is my third semester at Haskell. I am a junior in the School of Education program and I plan

on being a life-long educator. I see myself as a role model and guide for all students, young and older.

I would like to be the next Miss Haskell because I feel there is a deficit in knowledge of our campus resources. I have stated multiple times that I want students to know what Haskell has to offer to help all students generate their own successes. I want to see successful Indigenous students in their communities, and I believe that would stem from being self-sufficient in their knowledge of how to gain information.

I want to be a positive representation and guide for students on our campus and our Lawrence community. Haskell Indian Nations University should have an ambassador who is as passionate as I am about education and the future of our students!

Randa Deluna, Northern Paiute

How mu. Hello everyone, my name is Randa Deluna. I am Northern Paiute and an enrolled member of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony. I am the daughter of Julie Tom, granddaughter of Richard Tom and Rosemary Wadsworth, and the great-granddaughter of Edna and Elliot Wadsworth. I am 19 years old and a freshman here at Haskell. I am very funny, outgoing, and talkative.

Some of my hobbies I really enjoy doing is singing, dancing, and beading. When I was in high school, I won the title of Pyramid Lake Jr/Sr High School Queen 2014-2015. I am a member of the Eagle Wings Pageant Dance Group and the Pyramid Lake Jr/Sr High School's Pudu Nugadu dance group, as alumni. I danced with Eagle Wings for about 10 years and I taught the Pudu Nugadu how to dance and sing the songs of the Great Basin people. I love sharing my culture with people.

It would be such an honor to be Miss Haskell and represent all of Haskell. As Miss Haskell, I want to encourage more cultural exchanges. I believe we should share it because



it is a part of who we are as Native people; it is a part of our identity. I am the type of person to bring people together and have fun. As I mentioned before I am outgoing and talkative so don't be shy to talk to me, because you should get to know the person who is going to be representing you.

Haskell Brave

Steve Laravie, Jr., Isanti Dakota

Aho, my name is Steve Laravie Jr. and I am Isanti Dakota. I come from Bdewakantanwon (people of spirit lake). I am also Osni Ponca and descendant of Chief Standing Bear of the Ponca Nation who fought in court for the right to be a man under the law. I am 18 years old from Lincoln, Nebraska. I have been instilled with the teachings of the red road from my father, my grandfather, my uncle, and many other teachers that have guided me on my walk of life. This is the way I live—it is the red road; a simple way of living and acknowledging all things here on mother earth and to follow the ways to simply live. As Haskell Brave, I would do this for the people and not for recognition, but with humility and humbleness to help and guide the people on the red road, not only here to my relatives at Haskell, but to all people across

Miss Haskell Candidate, Randa Deluna turtle island, and to live and be strong to continue our road to success so that the future may watch us and follow in our footsteps the right way Aho.

With the pageant coming up, Miss Haskell has some words of encouragement for the candidates.

"I strongly encourage the candidates to really put themselves out their during their campaign, which they have so far. They have done a phenomenal job so far and I could not be any more proud of them." said Miss Haskell, Beartrack. "I know whoever wins will be an excellent representative for the school and for the community."



Haskell Brave Candidate, Steve Laravie, Jr.

Have You Been Tested? *Continued from page 5*

Some STDs are called the “silent infections” because they can go unnoticed between sexual partners. Chlamydia is sometimes called the “silent infection” because visual symptoms don’t show up immediately and not all symptoms show up in some people.

Some symptoms that may signal a possible problem going on would be:

- Fever
- Swollen glands
- Abdominal pain
- Discharge from the genital and vaginal area

“If you have an STD and don’t tell your sexual partner, you are liable for a law suit, because that is someone’s life being affected over you neglecting to tell that person. Don’t be afraid to tell your sexual partner because it also affects their life too,” said Jamie Colvin, freshman.

CDC statistics explain that between the ages 13-24 more than 1 in 5 new HIV diagnoses were reported in 2014. If you have an STD you are more at risk to getting HIV. The CDC explains how, “this is because the same behaviors and circumstances that may put you at risk for getting an STD can also put you at greater risk for getting HIV.”

“Basically, the point is, if you’re having unprotected sex with a person you should always go get tested right after. Don’t wait because not everybody is faithful. It is your body and you should always keep it safe,” said sophomore, Diamond Williams.

If you are scared or are not sure if you have an STD, do not wait to tell health services. Immediately go to a hospital, health center, or clinic. If your sexual partner does have an STD or HIV and you still want to remain sexually active it is very important to take precautions. Haskell Health Center does testing for STD and HIV and are required to report positive results to the CDC in Kansas.

“The school (Haskell) should promote or have more awareness of safe sex, because the consequences of having STD’s or HIV are a lot worse and can cause serious damage mentally and physically,” said Colvin.

There are ways to prevent getting an STD or HIV. One of the main ways is staying abstinent; not having sex at all. Using condoms, whether they feel uncomfortable or not, help prevent getting an STD or HIV. Students often use guess work

when selecting sexual partners who they think are not infected with an STD, but there is no way to be absolutely positive, even if a sexual partner tells you they are healthy. The Center of Disease Control and Prevention explains “an estimated 9,731 youth aged 13 to 24 were diagnosed with HIV in 2014 in the United States. Eighty-one percent (7,868) of diagnoses among youth occurred in persons aged 20 to 24.”

The primary reason that STD’s and HIV are so common on college campuses is due to the lack of awareness or education. Colleges and universities should want to promote safe sex and knowledge of sexually transmitted diseases. Students should be able to feel safe and still have fun armed with the knowledge of risks, consequences, and prevention.

“The school should definitely promote awareness about unprotected sex and sexually transmitted diseases. You should always wrap it up, a bit more pleasure isn’t worth the risk of your health and safety,” said freshman, Marcus Ford

Students should be able to feel safe without the fear of catching a disease that could impact their lives very severely.

“I am aware that there are multiple sexual diseases circulating on campus right now, however I also believe students should be selective and careful of who they allow their sexual partners to be. In other words, I would not advise sleeping with someone you are not familiar with. As far as the awareness of STD’s goes, I do believe it should be promoted more in our community and also the severity of the issue explained to students. Everybody knows you take a risk of catching something when you have sex, but if they were told what types of STD’s are currently around the Haskell community then they may be a little more careful than they normally would,” said senior, Brenden LaVallie.

For more information on STDs or HIV there are many websites that give helpful advice, information or clinics to visit near you:

<http://www.drugs.com/health-guide/sexually-transmitted-diseases.html>

<http://www.cdc.gov/std/prevention/>

<http://www.cdc.gov/std/hiv/stdfact-std-hiv.htm>

Seeking Student Veterans *Continued from page 4*

involved in fundraising that allowed them to fund the War Mothers Memorial in front of the Haskell Cultural Center.

Phillip Tyndall, Vice President of the Haskell Veterans Association says there were two groups when he attended the university that included a student veterans club called The Warrior Society. In fact, according to former student veterans club co-sponsor, Beverly Fortner, student veteran involvement in a sanctioned club was once thriving at Haskell.

Fortner, Haskell Library Director and a 20-year army veteran said she would consider co-sponsoring a club for student veterans again utilizing staff veterans who are active with

their organizations as advisors to student veterans that want to perform color/honor guard duties.

Fortner says she has several other aspects in mind that a student veterans club would address including:

- peer support and sharing (all aspects)
- round-robin training on proper wear of medals and awards that can lead to teaching non-vets the significance of these awards/medals
- becoming more aware of scholarships/jobs for veterans and creating a portfolio for student veterans to access
- provide military career counseling/feedback for those student

veterans that are currently enlisted.

For Redbird, being involved with The Veterans Association means many things that he hopes student veterans will be able to experience by also getting involved on campus.

“Pride, tradition, honor—that’s what it means to me. Respect and showing pride in your school...,” said Redbird.

The Haskell Veterans Association meets every Thursday at Noon in Minoka Hall.

Photo from the Haskell 1979 year-book of Veteran’s Club.



Top officials in the Veteran's Club are: (front row) Jerry Rogers, sponsor; John Yahola, Jacqueline White Cloud, Peter Paul Shirley. (Second row) Douglas Desjarlait, Gene Blackbird and Dale Daney.

INDIAN VETERANS ORGANIZE



Above in front row are Sonny Lee, Zack Pennewardy, Leonard Comby, Leonard Lone Hill, John Yahola, Jackie White Cloud. (Second row) Jeff Goodbear, Edwin Cooks, Howard Wayne, Doug Desjarlait, Gene Blackbird, Rich Harrison and Dale Daney.



OPINION

AULUNA GULLIKSON

The Religious Freedom Act is a bill creating controversy because it will potentially allow post-secondary students to discriminate against homosexual peers without fear of retribution. Also known as Senate Bill 175, it was introduced as law February of this year. According to Chris Johnson of Washington Blade, of the approximately 200 anti-homosexual bills pending in state legislatures around the nation, the first to be signed into law was by Kansas' own Governor Brownback. The legislation is controversial because it is believed to enable discrimination against LGBT individuals.

The bill has made it illegal for an

educational institution to take any action – enforce policies – that would deny a religious student's benefits. Benefits are described as, "recognition, registration, the use of facilities and institutional channels of communication, and access to funding resources." This means that theoretically it would be allowed for a campus club or organization to have a code-of-conduct or membership requirement that discriminates against homosexuals; the university would not be able to reprimand the group, for fear of lawsuit, because of the group's protected "sincerely held religious belief."

This legislation will affect most higher-education campuses throughout the state, including KU – any public university, municipal

university, community college, or technical college. It is important to note that Haskell Indian Nations University is not directly affected because it is a federal entity.

The reason it is important to consider the possible implications of the Religious Freedom Act is because many college students come from locations all over the United States to live in Lawrence, KS to pursue a higher education. They leave the comfort of their homes to live on a college campus. It can be a difficult transition which is only eased by the promise that the students on campuses are safe and will be treated with decency and respect. The new Kansas legislation has made it so that such a promise cannot legally be guaranteed to all students. Although no specific

religion, or religious belief, is made clear in the bill.

Civil rights organizations have been fighting for LGBT equality for decades. In June, when the legislation for same-sex marriage passed, support for sexual equality was prevalent on television and the social media – supporters, of all sexual orientations, added a rainbow filter to their Facebook profile photos to express celebration. Slowly though, the profile pictures were changed back to normal and as the months passed, the hype passed as well. Supporters of gay rights must remain alert to fight back against anti-LGBT legislation.

People gathered at the State capitol building in Topeka on April 16th to protest the bill.

Free Peltier: Petition for Obama pardon

CHAMISA MCCRAY

On the local Jumping Bull Ranch at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, two federal officers were shot and killed in June of 1975. The officers had come to Pine Ridge intending to arrest an individual that transformed the incident into a shoot-out involving members of the American Indian Movement (AIM) including Leonard Peltier. More than 150 federal officers as well as members of the Guardian of the Oglala Nation (GOON) that surrounded the ranch accused Peltier of murdering the two federal agents. As a result, Peltier was charged, convicted, and imprisoned due to what many believe as false evidence. Many Native American people and allies have advocated for Peltier's release over the years with no success. Now Peltier supporters are calling for his pardon from President Obama.

Leonard Peltier, a Chippewa Lakota (Turtle Mountain Chippewa) was born on September 12, 1944 in Grand Forks, North Dakota. In addition to being involved with Native American current affairs through AIM, Peltier was also involved with the protest of fishing rights in Olympia, Washington with the Nisqually and Puyallup Native Americans in the early 1970s (Encyclopedia Britannica Online). After the 1975 incident at Pine Ridge, Peltier along with other AIM members such as Russell Means, John Trudell, Darrel Dean Butler, and Robert Robideau, fled to Canada to avoid court trials associated with the Jumping Bull shoot-out. Peltier was later caught by police in Canada and was sent back to the U.S. where he was convicted of murdering two federal officers with no physical evidence, yet sentenced to two-life terms in prison.

Peltier is an innocent man who

did not received a fair trial. He has petitioned the court for a new trial but Judge Paul Benson has denied his petitions. The U.S. Parole Commission has also denied his requests for parole. Peltier claims many jury members during his trial were racially biased towards him, the FBI fabricated evidenced, and that Myrtle Poor Bear, a key witness in his trial, was threatened into testifying that she witnessed Peltier shooting the two federal officers during the 1975 shoot-out. The FBI has interfered with so many things with the Peltier case such as threatening witnesses, refusing to release more than 6,000 pages of documents, and interfering with Presidential Clemency when George Bush, Bill Clinton, and Barack Obama tried granting him a pardon. Leonard Peltier has been in prison long enough, he's now 72 years old, and is in poor health. Peltier should receive clemency by President Obama before he leaves office so he can reunite with his loved ones,

spend time with his family, and recover from his illnesses.. The FBI should know that they were wrong the whole time, they should know that it's their fault that an innocent Native American man has been imprisoned all these years, and they should be held accountable. Our voices should be heard in support of Peltier and we should all stand up and fight for his rights as an innocent man by signing a petitions and convincing President Obama to grant him clemency before the end of 2016.

Over the years, Peltier has been moved to different prisons throughout the country including the U.S. Federal Penitentiary in Leavenworth, KS, but is currently incarcerated in Coleman, Florida.

Access to signing the online petition can be found on this website: www.ipetitions.com/petitions/peltier-clemency2008.

“Caucasian” Shirt Sparks Hot Topic throughout Haskell

OBADIAH EASTMAN

ESPN commentator and journalist, Bomani Jones recently walked onto the “Mike & Mike” show wearing a shirt that mimicked the Cleveland Indians mascot logo. With the word “Caucasians” across the top and replacing Chief Wahoo was a caucasian man grinning with a dollar sign on his head replacing Wahoo’s feather.

On the show Jones said, “To have a problem with the logo of this shirt would be to have a problem with the Indians. But if you’re quiet about the Indians but have something to say about my shirt, I think it’s time for introspection.” Jones continued to talk about other similar mascot issues saying, “The tomahawk on the Braves jersey, I grew up rooting for that team. There’s no defense for doing that. Like the Indians logo, there’s no defense for doing that. Why would you make these people a mascot? Well, it’s based on the stereotypes we’ve had of them in the past. What would be the justification for keeping them or the need? And then Washington, where it’s just a slur, a flat-out slur.”

Around campus, students expressed their opinions on the topic.

“I was surprised he wore a shirt like that in his position as a commentator on ESPN, but obviously he wanted to get out a message about a debate that’s been happening for quite a while. I felt it definitely

sparked an interesting topic to talk about ever since it aired on ESPN and it opened up, again, an already long going debate on how serious logos could be when portraying another culture. I believe we should be talking more about this on the main stream media.”—Alfonso Thorne

“Honestly, I’ve only seen it on social media, specifically on Facebook. I think it was an interesting thing that happened especially since a diverse set of people are reacting in different ways such as people thinking it’s a double standard, but



Chelsea Burgess

it does prove a point of how certain logos can be offensive and portray how others feel when they see the Cleveland logo. It’s not necessarily the best way to go about it, but it does seem to get more attention and bring more awareness than when you try to explain these types of matters to others. I can definitely understand why logos like this can offend people, especially when it kind of just leaves a tainted idea of how a certain culture or race is when it’s nothing like this and how people have been working on changing that image but others just kind of disregard everything.”—Chelsea Burgess

“Whatever his intentions were, I’m sure it’s with a positive mindset for people to be aware about racism and discrimination. Of course, there are some Native people out there who claim they aren’t offended

from logos like the Washington football team. They claim that there are more important topics to talk about rather than being offended by racism because racism will always be there. That’s one perspective to look at it, but another perspective could argue that racism should be dealt with because it affects other people. Those people are being offended and it takes away motivation because they lose a little faith inside when being discriminated against. We have to be mindful to other people before we start looking at our own strengths and weaknesses because we already know ourselves as an individual. We have to take care of our community and think of our people before we do anything. But things like this brings awareness to racism because it gives people a perspective about having a logo or a sports team named after a group of people. We are not Redskins. I am Diné.”—Calvin Smith, Jr.

“Honestly? I think it’s hilarious! Being on social media when this happened was kind of entertaining. One side you have Caucasians saying the shirt promotes racism and the other side you have the supporters of the shirt describing what it symbolizes and the righteousness of it. I thought it was just a comedy gag at first and then I researched it a little and found out it actually happened. I thought it was funny, but pretty cool at the same time. It goes to show how culturally insensitive people are until it concerns their own race and how they are portrayed. Native Americans have been dealing with issues like this for a long time. Protests and petitions have happened to try to remove offensive sport logos that demean their race and culture in the past. Why is this shirt so offensive to caucasian when Native Americans already deal with these types of problems? This shirt



Calvin Smith, Jr.

caused a lot of controversy and more than likely brought the topic of the Cleveland Indian logo issues back into the light again. Will anyone actually do anything? Probably not, but the only thing we can say is



Mahalia Henderson

that Bomani Jones’s message was delivered and the public received it. I still think it was entertaining to say the least.” —Mahalia Henderson

Good or bad, Bomani Jones and his shirt have made a statement and it’s sweeping all across social media and main stream media platforms.



Alfonso Thorne



Entertainment

OBADIAH EASTMAN

Movie Review: Batman Vs Superman: Dawn of Justice

Warning! There are spoilers ahead. If you haven't seen the movie, you might not want to read on.

Director Zack Snyder has released his version of the long-awaited battle between the DC Universe comic book titans Batman and Superman. The movie entered its opening week extravagantly as portrayed by trailers with a whooping \$166 million. But it faltered on the second week in theaters making less than half the revenue from opening week taking in only 51.8 million, but global sales continue to climb. Thus far, the movie has made 263.7 million domestically and another 434 million internationally. It's safe to say that the negative reviews from critics hasn't influence the fans who continue to watching this landmark movie. Around campus, students expressed their thoughts and opinions on the movie..



"I know a lot of people are either team Batman or Superman but I'm all about that woman power, thus I chose to be team Wonder Woman! My favorite part of the movie has to be when Batman is trying to be sneaky and steal Lex Luthors codes or something but before he can get his hard drive thing Wonder Woman straight up steals it like the gangster she is! As for the whole movie, I enjoyed it and I would recommend everyone to go see it. But if you do go see it don't go expecting a marvel movie

because it's a very dark and gritty but that's how DC movies should be."
—Rissa Garcia Prudencio



"I've always been team Superman, personally because he isn't no punk with money that beats up criminals in a bat suit and cry's about his family at the same time. Another thing I like about Superman is that he is like a symbol of hope and that's pretty cool. My favorite part of the movie is when Batman, Superman, and Wonder Woman work together to fight doomsday. It was pretty epic to watch. I would definitely recommend the movie to people because it is just a great super hero movie!"
—Daniel Lieb



"If I had to choose a side I think I would have to choose Lex Luthor. When he's not being a super villain, he actually does a lot of good things for metropolis like building libraries, building schools, and donating millions to charities. Although it's just a front to look good, he still goes through will all those things. My favorite part of the movie has to be when Lex Luthor walks in on Bruce Wayne and Clark Kent having a conversation and sort of nonchalantly says, 'I like bringing people together'. As

far as recommending it to people, I would say yes and no. Yes, solely on the fact that if you like superhero movies regardless of what critics say and no, because if you haven't read the comics, then you probably wouldn't know what's kind of happening in the movie. Overall, it's pretty good."
—Clayton Baxter



"I didn't really care about Batman or Superman, but I did really relate with the guy in the wheelchair in the movie. He didn't even know he was in a wheelchair of death! Lex Luthor sent him to the capital meeting for the sole purpose to explode while being oblivious to the plan. I related to him only because half the time in the movie I didn't even know what was going on! The movie was all over the place for sure. One minute Superman is saving cats from trees and people from floods and the next you get Batman murdering people! I would only recommend the movie to

people who like long hero movies, but if not you might just want to wait until it's sold for like five dollars in a bin at Wal-Mart."
—Dyami Gonsalves

Taking the Iconic battle conversation throughout campus, students voted for who they think would win a Superman vs. Batman battle. Fifteen students agreed that Superman, being the super alien he is, would be too much for mortal Batman to handle, even with his gadgets. Outclassing the Gotham City Bat with strength and speed is how the majority of the students saw Superman being the victor of the match. "Superman is super quick and is ultra-powerful. To think a guy in a bat suit can stop him is ludicrous," said one student.

Ten students voted for Batman to be victorious in the end by clearly out smarting the super alien of Krypton. "He might not have the strength or speed like Superman but give him some time of study and preparation and Batman can defeat anyone," said another student.

Although not the main focus of the movie, some students voted for other movie characters with Wonder Women and Lex Luthor getting 2 votes each and 1 student voting for Aquaman.

Ottawa Track Meet Ends Successfully for Haskell

HUNTER COLLINS

I am often asked the question what is it like to compete in track and field. I have competed in a variety of sports throughout my life ranging from football, basketball, baseball, and even mixed martial arts. The thing that separates track from any other sport is the level of perfection expected when you compete. For the majority of sports you have multiple opportunities to make up a simple mistake, but in track you only have one chance. If you even make the slightest movement during the setup for a race, then you will be immediately disqualified and cannot compete in that event until the next track meet. The level of stress that burdens track athletes to perform flawlessly with every single event is unimaginable. Yet, our Haskell track and field team enjoy every second of the intense atmosphere that comes along with track. For nearly all other sports, running is used as punishment for missing a day of practice or not hustling. It takes a special kind of person, or a crazy one, to enjoy a sport which in all sense is every sports punishment.

The Haskell track and field team made a short trip down to Ottawa to compete at the Ottawa University Track Meet on April 9th. This was Haskell's fourth outdoor meet of the season with only two meets left

scheduled for the remainder of the season. The team began on another cold, windy afternoon, but the fire that filled every one of our athletes kept them ready for the entire day. It truly was a sight to see for all those fortunate enough to see our Indians compete.

The throwing team for Haskell has been dominating this season and at Ottawa they did not disappoint. Senior, Trent Cleveland had a tremendous performance in discus with a throw of 38.82m (127'4ft) surpassing his previous record by over twenty feet. "With the help of Coach Gipp, Coach Ian, and Coach Phil throughout the season, it has really opened my eyes. Being a former athlete in a variety of sports there are many ways to block an individual or throw a baseball, but there is only one way to throw a discus. On Saturday, I had the support of my teammates and worked with Coach Gipp between throws. That enabled me to focus on the little things and gave me the opportunity to improve. There are always new ways to improve in every aspect of life. But it takes a determined and disciplined individual to reach his/her goals," said Cleveland regarding his performance.

Senior, David Tyndall also saw a major improvement of nearly twenty feet in the discus event with a throw

of 35.66m (117ft) placing him in 9th. Freshman, Wright Amos set a new personal record (PR) for himself with a throw of 29.74m (97'7ft). Amos finished in 7th place for shot put with a distance of 11.88m (38'11ft). Tyndall was just a few inches behind with a throw of 11.72m (38'5ft) placing him in 8th.

Representing the distance runners was freshman, Ryan Myore competing in the 1500 meter with a new PR time of 5:13.69.

Not to be outdone, the women's team had outstanding performances on all sides of the field. Representing for discus was freshmen, Terrilynn Lester and Autumn Knight and sophomore, Elizabeth Davey. Finishing in 7th was Lester with a throw of 30.15m (98'11ft) nearly setting a new PR for herself. Falling short of setting a new PR was Knight placing in 9th with a throw of 24.83m (81'5ft). Closing it out for the women was Davis with her best throw of the season of 22.70m (74'6ft).

Being the lone hammer thrower for the women's team, freshman, Kaitlyn Cronemeyer placed 11th with a throw of 24.70m (81ft). She would later compete in shot put alongside her teammates. Cronemeyer had some great throws that were enough to place her in 7th with a distance of 10.37m (34ft). A few feet short of her was Knight with a distance of 9.28m (30'6ft).

Competing at the same time

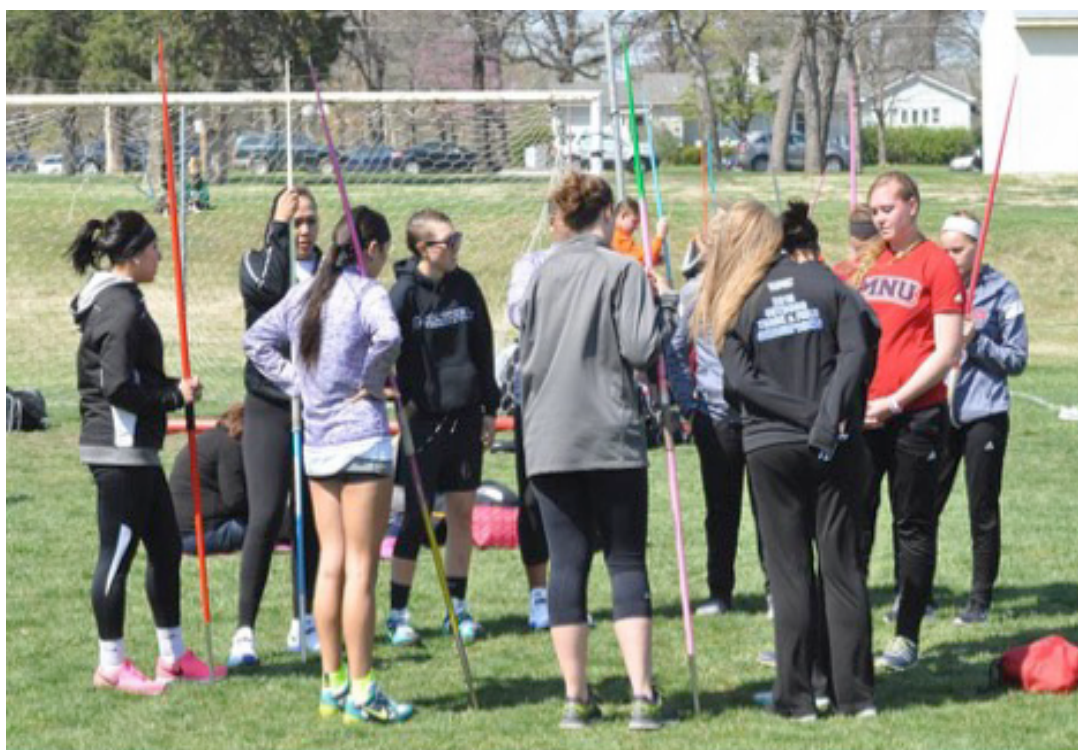


Senior, David Tyndall getting in his furthest throw of the evening.

across the field was the women's javelin throwers. Lester again had a spectacular performance with a throw that never seemed to end marked at 31.99m (104'11ft) making it her new PR and also putting her in 5th place. Junior, Cherica Eckiwaudah threw another PR of 23.96m (78'7ft). Setting the final PR for the day was Anglin with a throw of 22.99m (75'5ft).

Only a few weeks are left for the team to prepare for their final track meet of the outdoor season taking place in Baldwin, KS at Baker University on April 30th. This gives the team a few weeks to train so they can attempt to reach the qualifying standards for Nationals. Senior, Hunter Collins was the only athlete that met the qualifying standards for Haskell to compete at the KU Relays on Friday April 22nd at 2:30pm.

For more information be sure to follow the Haskell University Cross Country and Track Team Facebook page.



Women's javelin throwers listening to the calling order for their event.

Haskell Fellowship of Christian Athletes Reaches Campus

TYLER JONES

All year long, students have gathered at the Morris Baptist Center on Tuesday nights at 8:01pm for Haskell Fellowship of Christian Athletes (also known as FCA). The outreach is an athletics based ministry, but is open to all students.

FCA Director, John Morris hosts the weekly huddle meetings at the building named after his parents, who were missionaries to Haskell years ago. The building also houses Indian Avenue Baptist Church, which meets Sunday mornings at 11am.

Morris is a former golf and football coach at Haskell. Morris resigned a few years ago to go into full-time ministry in the fall of 2013.

When describing FCA, Morris says, "Fellowship of Christian Athletes is

a great vehicle to use to mix sports and sharing Jesus together."

Each week, Morris hosts students for a time of fellowship, food, and games. At every meeting though, Morris or someone will share a devotion before the end of the night.

Haskell Student Alec Peehler says, "I got involved by being already involved at the Indian Avenue Baptist Church and wanted continue finding ways to be around other believers."

Jon Goombi, a fellow Haskell Student says, "After coming for a little bit, I was given more responsibility and leadership. Now I'm involved because I want to share and spread the love and gospel of Christ to who ever walks in."

Peehler has also found his niche with the group. He says, "My favorite part now is that I get to help

with worship, by playing the guitar."

Goombi went on to say, "It (FCA) has helped me stay out of trouble, and has also helps me in my relationship with God."

Beyond the weekly meetings, the organization can be seen helping out around campus. Morris, comes to practices for all sports daily, to show support and encouragement for the teams. Morris is also known for driving the teams to away games and do whatever he can to volunteer.

Earlier in the year, the Haskell FCA chapter organized lunches and snacks for the traveling basketball teams for their away games. During the winter, the students went around and handed out coats to those that needed them.



Some of the students in the group have also volunteered their time helping out with FCA camps during the fall, spring and summer in both Kansas and Oklahoma.

FCA Director John Morris has pushed the team concept throughout the year with a theme, of "Unde-feated."

Morris says, "It's not about me, it's about God!"

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