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NEWS



LORI HASSELMAN

The Haskell community packed Coffin Complex last weekend for the Spring Welcome Back Pow-wow! Leading the long line of participating dancers in the grand entry was Haskell Color Guard followed by Head Lady, Hodazah Pidgeon and Head Man, O.B. Begay.

Opening prayer was given by long-time Haskell Counselor, Burgess Tapedo. Following the prayer, Tapedo was recognized by Haskell President, Venida Chenault for his many years of service to the Haskell community and was presented with a blanket. Tapedo joined the Haskell Color Guard for a trip around the arena in his honor.

Leandra Galindo, Haskell Student Activities, was also honored by Haskell students giving the Haskell community an opportunity to pay their respects and show their support after the loss of several members of Galindo's immediate family. Galindo was also presented with a blanket.

Master of Ceremonies was Manny King and Steve Byington served as arena director. Host northern drum was Bear Cloud and host southern drum was Solider Boy.



Students welcomed back to spring 2016



Haskell Foundation update

RUSTIE ANGLIN

“Seek, encourage, receive, and manage gifts, grants, and bequests for the benefit of Haskell Indian Nation University” is the purpose of the Haskell Foundation.

Marisa Mendoza, Executive Director of the foundation stated that they received about \$6,500 during fall semester through online donations. “I would probably say that 90% were from non-Indian people.” She then recalled one couple that attended the art market every year that donated \$500 to the school. She recalled the couple stating, “We just wanted to find out a way to give back.” She explained that they had no other ties to Haskell.



Haskell Foundation Executive Director, Marisa Mendoza.

The Foundations website shows that the Seminole Tribe gave \$100,000 to the football program. Mendoza explained what happened to that

money. “The Seminole tribe did give \$100,000 to the football program in May during the month of graduation week. Shortly after that is when we found out about the football program being suspended for this year and so we just held on to the money. We weren’t sure what the Seminole tribe wanted us to do with it.”

Mendoza explained that the board handled the conversation about the Seminole tribe’s donation. “Then in October we were notified by the Seminole tribe that they wanted their donation back, because it was specifically for football.” She continued by saying that they returned the money to the tribe.

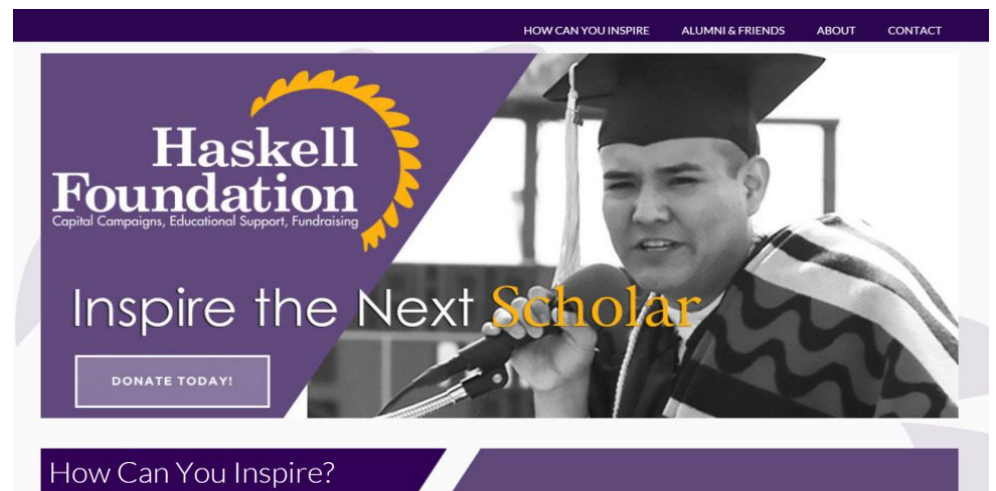
Mendoza then stated that the foundation is still in its development phase. “I’ve been in this position for fourteen months and within that time we now have a website, we now have brochures, and we have the ability to accept online donations.”

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Mendoza travels for the foundation to fundraise, train and raise awareness. “Since I’ve been here, our travel has been more about networking and getting our foundation name back out there.”

“I had never really done a lot in the fundraising world prior to this position,” Mendoza says. She then recalled three families who had lost a family member and asked those who attended the memorial services to donate to the foundation instead of the family. “With the money received



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Donations can now be accepted online at the Haskell Foundation website.

this last semester we were able to put it toward the Benny Smith Emergency Fund.” The foundation wrote a \$3,000 check towards that fund.

Mendoza explained that another issue they run into is finding the funds to operate. She said “every non-profit needs the funds to operate, so in order to have a personnel and a full staff, you still need operating money. So in addition to trying to find money for Haskell we’re also trying to exist and find money for ourselves.”

History of the Haskell Foundation

Mendoza explained that the foundation was started in the 1980’s by the president at the time, Gerald Gipp. “Being that Haskell is a federal institution the employees are bound to certain regulations.” This means that they can’t solicit money or do any fundraising for the school.

In 1984 President Gipp talked to the community and started the Haskell Foundation as a non-profit organization and essentially “the non-federal arm of the institution.” Now the school had someone who could offi-

cially go after money for the school. Mendoza explained that in the late 1990’s and early 2000’s “It was found that the people in charge of the foundation had embezzled.” she further explained that the foundation was able to keep their non-profit status but was put on probation for a ten-year period. Within that ten years they were not allowed to fundraise or solicit any funds. The person in the foundation office helped with the fiscal management.

Mendoza said that the probation was lifted in 2011 and the few existing board members began to add more members to the board of trustees. Dr. Chenault “assisted the board through this process.”

Mendoza wanted to reiterate to students that the foundation is still in the development phase right now, but with the facilities master plan in its final phase that will assist them in creating a strategic plan to create goals. “Now that we have this master plan, we can now refer to that when were out trying to speak to donors.”

For more information about donating visit: <http://www.haskellfoundation.org/home/>

The EPA talks internships at Haskell

DERON SUN EAGLE

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) visited the Haskell library to give a presentation about government internships and what the EPA is looking for in college students.

Greg Davis, a human resource representative for the EPA, delivered a presentation to Haskell students about the opportunities of govern-

ment internships, as well as what is needed. “The EPA is actually looking for college students that can bring something to the table,” said Davis and listed the following desired skills:

- Bright
- Knowledgeable
- And desire to learn

“We want to expand that and extend

that learning opportunity to put them (students) in a professional environment to learn,” said Davis.

Melinda Crow, Haskell Environmental Science Chair, commented on the importance of Native students working for the EPA. “It is important to hear the EPA is offering internships to the environmental science students, but this year they are also offering internships to the

business administration and the Indigenous studies majors as well. That means that seventy five percent of the Haskell population is targeted for these internships. So, it’s important to have the tribal college students to have more versatile skills and abilities,” said Crow.

For the opportunity to apply to the EPA, students need to go the www.usajobs.gov for more information.

Haskell says goodbye to longtime friend

KEITON GUESS

A retirement reception was held for Dr. Dennis O’Malley, Environmental Science instructor, on January 29th at Navarre Hall. O’Malley has given 31 successful years to Haskell Indian Nations University.

A variety of students attended the reception from past and present classes that Dr. O’Malley has taught. During the event words such as dedication and sacrifice came up often when describing O’Malley’s service to the university.

President Chenault spoke at the reception saying, “Dr. O’ Malley has dedicated 31 years to Haskell Indian Nations University. He could have left for KU and other universities who offered, but he stuck with the students here.”

O’Malley spoke fondly of his service saying, “I love Haskell.” Part of what made O’Malley stay was that

students always took responsibility for their own grades and they never blamed Prof. O’Malley.

Student Shannon Black said she heard about Dr. O’Malley through her father, also a student of Dr. O’Malley. Black said her father has passed and when she got to meet Dr. O’Malley he became father figure to her in helping her reach her goals in life.

There were tears of happiness shed because Dr O’Malley has helped so many students reach a higher plateau in life. Many of those students gathered around Dr. O’Malley for a selfie.

A special photo worth a thousand



Current and former students pose with Dr. O’Malley at his retirement reception. (Photo by Kynser Wahwahsuck)

words for man who has sacrificed time and hard work to see the advancement of students in the Environmental Science field.

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Haskell alumna interns with Indian Affairs Committee

Dr. Dan Wildcat, Stephen Prue, and Chris Sindone attended the AIHEC Capitol Hill Visit Week in Washington, D.C. and ran into Haskell alumna, Briana Edmo. Briana is an intern with the Indian Affairs Committee.

Dr. Wildcat sat down with Edmo, with the help of Mr. Prue, to discuss her experience.



Dr. Dan Wildcat interviews Haskell alumna, Brianna Edmo in Washington, D. C.

Dr. Wildcat: First of all, congratulations, Briana! Tell us when your internship started and the kind of responsibilities you have.

Edmo: It started Jan. 20th and I'm here until April 30th. I am focusing mainly on tribal sovereignty because I majored in Indigenous and American Indian Studies with an emphasis in tribal sovereignty. So, anything that has to do with tribal sovereignty, they have me sit in and that includes education as well as sitting in on the IHS hearing held last week. That was very interesting.

Right now I am working on a proposal we are putting together for Women's History Month (March). We want to recognize four women each week; Native women who have had an impact on their communities. We are looking at Sarah Winnemucca and numerous other women.

Dr. Wildcat: Tell us what you have found most interesting so far, or maybe unexpected.

Edmo: I have found it really interesting. I didn't realize how many

topics the committee cover; everything having to do with Indians.

Wildcat: They are the face of Indian issues.

Edmo: Yes! I also didn't realize how tricky it is being on the Indian Affairs Committee. Our commissioners can only do so much and propose so many bills. So, I think that's where it gets tricky because we do have a lot of initiatives and bills we are trying to propose, but only so many actually get to be heard and get to be passed.

Wildcat: Would you recommend doing this to other Haskell students?

Edmo: Yes, I definitely do. The program that I'm in is the Native American Political Leadership Program.

Wildcat: How well did we prepare you at Haskell for this job?

Edmo: Being a tribal sovereignty major, I know what's going on here. Haskell really did a good job in preparing me and giving me the tools I need to succeed at this.

Wildcat: Excellent! Do you have any observations you think would help those of us that are out in Indian country work better? What advice would you give us to work better on Indian issues now that you are here on the ground in Washington, D. C.

Edmo: I would say, when you see an issue or have an issue you want to be heard, let us know. As the committee was saying, we are your biggest advocates and we are Indian people as well. I know from my own experience, I am working on tribal sovereignty, so any issues related to tribal sovereignty I try to get heard. But anything else, like education or health care, whatever your passion is, let us know. Let us know what the problems are and how we can remedy those problems.

Wildcat: We are very proud of you! You are making Haskell shine while you are here. We are so delighted you have this opportunity.

Briana Edmo, Navajo, is originally from Lawrence, KS and graduated from Haskell in May 2014.

AIHREA accepting applications for summer interns

JASON HALE, AIHREA

The American Indian Health Research and Education Alliance (AIHREA) Summer Internship Program provides interns with hands-on experience working on research projects that address health issues and education among American Indians. The internship program is one of few programs providing internship opportunities for American Indian undergraduate and graduate students to explore and gain experience in health sciences and research specifically with American Indians. Since 2010, AIHREA has provided internships for over 70 American Indian students, as well as 15 non-Natives who are highly motivated to work with American Indian people. The AIHREA internship has established itself nationally for developing students for careers in the field of research, health services, public health, and community outreach with American Indians. Past interns have gone on to graduate school,

medical school, and began careers in health services for tribes and other public health agencies; some have continued to work at Center for American Indian Community Health and Center for American Indian Studies. We expect future summer interns to do the same with continued success.

Interns are instructed on the principles of community-based participatory research and guided by a mentor throughout the internship. Students engage in American Indian focused research projects, community services, and learn how to perform health screenings. They attend lectures, engage in professional development workshops receiving instruction and guidance from KUMC and JCCC faculty and staff in the academic disciplines of American Indian Studies, anthropology, law, medicine, public health, and statistics, as well as how to conduct ethical health and academic research with Native communities. Interns

develop scholarly presentations and posters. Interns are challenged to explore American Indian health and education issues and are exposed to the cultural diversity of several tribal Nations. Summer interns will spend a week providing outreach in Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe community in Eagle Butte, South Dakota.

Interns are paid a \$1,800 stipend at the end of each month, one at the end of June and another at the end of the internship in July. The majority of the time will be spent at the Center for American Indian Community Health offices on the University of Kansas Medical Center Campus in Kansas City, KS.

There are also several days working in North-east Kansas American

Indian reservation and urban communities.

The application deadline is March 11. We highly encourage American Indian students to apply. www.aihrea.com



2016 AIHREA Summer Internship Program

Apply at:
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*****Application Deadline*****
March 11, 2016

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About the AIHREA Summer Internship Program:

The American Indian Health Research & Education Alliance (AIHREA) is currently accepting applications for the 2016 AIHREA Summer Internship Program. Undergraduate and graduate students who are highly motivated to work with American Indian people are encouraged to apply.

The AIHREA Summer Internship Program provides interns with hands-on experience working on research projects addressing health issues and education among American Indian communities. Interns will be paired with a faculty/staff mentor for the duration of the 8-week program.

This is a paid internship position with interns working 40 hours per week for 8 weeks. Interns will be paid a \$1,800 stipend each month. Interns will spend a week in Eagle Butte, South Dakota, working with youth and community members on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation.

Internship Requirements:

- Program dates: June 6, 2016 – July 29, 2016
- Must be in good academic standing (Minimum GPA of 2.5)
- Complete the on-line application
- Copy of unofficial transcript(s)
- Two letters of reference
 - One letter from a faculty member at your school
 - The second letter may be from a faculty member, tribal official, or tribal leader
- One essay on a health topic affecting American Indians (1,000 words)



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Substance abuse in college

RACHEL WHITESIDE

According to Kayla Smith at addictioncenter.com, college students make up one of the largest groups of drug abusers nationwide. Drug and alcohol abuse is very common in colleges and universities because of the freedom students have away from home; a freedom to explore and try new things away from parental influences or adult supervision.

For the first time away from home college students may feel alone or have some sort of social anxiety. It's easy to turn to negative influences when alcohol and drugs are involved because they give a false confidence making socializing with others easier. Smith writes, "Those who are enrolled in a full-time college program are twice as likely to abuse drugs and alcohol than those who don't attend college."

Substance abuse is a problem in Indian country, and the most common stereotype for Native American's usually associate with alcohol or drugs. Haskell sophomore, Mikayla Maxwell shared her opinion on substance abuse in Indian country. "Drugs and alcohol are bad for us and they make us go off of our red road path. People need to realize that doing drugs or drinking--those

don't help; it causes more problems. It can numb or make the pain go away, but it will always be there," stated Maxwell.

"American Indian adolescents (aged 12-17) show significantly higher rates in the use of cigarettes (16.8% compared to 10.2%), marijuana (13.8%/6.9%) and non-medical uses of prescription drugs (6.1%/3.3%) compared with the national average. Native American youth are twice as likely to abuse alcohol in comparison to any other ethnic group," according to the Dodging Bullets website on Drug Abuse and Native American Youth. (<http://dodgingbullets.org/drug-abuse-native-american-indian-youth/>).

Many students at Haskell also shared their opinion on substance abuse in college as well as Native Americans and substance abuse.

"Taking off the charts and percentages of our ethnicity we do have a higher rate than the United States as whole. With 12% death rate for all Native and Alaskan Natives, it's sad to see but it is an epidemic. If you don't agree with me look it up yourself...it is a valid issue that does nurture the phrase 'all natives are drunk,'" said Sophomore, Nathan Fraley.

Sophomore, Danielle Boline also shared her opinion on the topic, "Every campus is going to struggle with substance abuse. Haskell is no different. Substance abuse follows college students. As for the stereotype of all natives being drunks, every other culture has stereotypes that are created and it's definitely not accurate. Being drunk is an individual's choice it doesn't have to have a tie to a certain race."

It's not common for colleges to have incidents involving alcohol or drugs, explains Danelle McKinney, Haskell Students Right's Specialist.

"Generally when a student is caught with alcohol on campus the person who discovered it (Resident Advisor or Security) will file an incident report. Writing down behavior indicators, taking pictures of the evidence and then the report will be sent to me. It depends on how much drugs are found on the student, if a significant amount is found law enforcement will be contacted to Haskell. Sometimes it will result in citations or sometimes it will result in arrest. If the person is arrested it's an immediate emergency suspension," said McKinney.

What happens next after the incident report if the student is allowed to

stay? McKinney says the student must attend Haskell's chemical abuse program or see a counselor who is licensed in alcohol assessment, and must complete a certain amount of hours with them. According to McKinney the processes involves "a little bit of counseling for first time offenses, but a lot of education. A prevention tool to keep this incident from happening again," says McKinney.

For second time offenses, a notice to vacate Haskell dormitories will be administered. The student is still allowed to attend classes at the college, but is not allowed to live on campus or visit dormitories. And for a third time offense, the student will go before a committee to determine whether or not they are ready to be a student at Haskell.

McKinney reports that in 2015 Haskell had 143 alcohol misuse incidents and 21 drug involved incidents and there were other years where those incidents were higher. "No matter where you go you're going to have people using substances. It's the same no matter what you do there will always be an incident involving drugs or alcohol," said McKinney.

Theatre students fundraise for spring production

CHELSEA JENKINS

Thunderbird Theatre raised funds for their spring play production during Valentine's Day. Members of the theatre were hard at work creating Valentine cards and other things for students to purchase for friends or significant others. Valentine's were hand delivered by Thunderbird members on Valentine's Day.

Proceeds from the fund-raising event will be going toward their spring play production Wood Bones, written by William S. Yellow Robe Jr and directed by Diane Reyner. Haskell student and Thunderbird Theatre member, Rissa Garcia-Pruencio explains the play. "It's a play called Wood Bones, and it's about a house on the Pine Ridge reservation.

It's different than last semester; it's not as happy, but it's cool!"

Fellow student and theatre member Jeremy Attocknie expanded on the contrast between last year's production Buckskin for a Bride and this year's play saying, "Last year's play was more comical and funny while this one has a darker vibe."

Fundraising is just the beginning of any play production. "Thunderbird Theatre doesn't get a budget from the school, and so if we want to do plays for the campus, then we need to raise that money ourselves," said Dianne Reyner, head of the theater department. Reyner went on to say, "The students work very hard to keep [Thunderbird Theatre] running and this semester is no different.

The students are working extra hard to make sure that Thunderbird Theatre stays viable and in the minds of Indian Country."

Students are encouraged to support

Thunderbird Theatre, and be on the lookout for their upcoming production Wood Bones.

Thunderbird Theatre students work hard making Valentine's to raise funds for their spring production.



Election 2016: Hilary Clinton, Democrat

RACHEL WHITESIDE

Democratic Candidate of the Week

This is not the first time Hillary Clinton has been in the White House and she plans on living in it once more. Hillary Clinton is one of the two democratic candidates running for the 2016 Presidential Election. There are many topics being discussed in the presidential debates and Hillary explains all of her opinions on women's rights, illegal immigration, the keystone pipeline, global warming and many more.

Hillary Clinton originally released her candidacy video on YouTube last year showing she was going to run for presidency, which sparked a lot of attention.

Climate Change/Global Warming: Clinton's wants to make America the first world's clean energy superpower within the ten years of her taking the presidency with three goals:

1. Create good paying jobs making the United States the clean energy superpower.
2. Set national goals to have 500 million solar panels installed to generate renewable energy powering every home in America.
3. Lead the world in a fight against climate change by bringing greenhouse gas emissions to 30 percent below what they were in 2005.

"I won't let anyone take us backward, deny our economy the benefit of harnessing a clean energy future....," states Hillary Clinton on climate control.

Immigration Reform: According to Clinton's website, "America needs comprehensive immigration reform with a pathway to citizenship," says Clinton. After taking office, she also intends to solve immigration reform in three goals:

1. Enact comprehensive immigration reform.
2. End family detention and close private immigrant detention centers.
3. Defend President Obama's executive actions to provide deportation relief for dreamers and parents of Americans and lawful residents.

"We have to finally and once and for all fix our immigration system – this is a family issue, it's an economic issue too, but it is at heart a family issue," states Clinton on immigration reform.

Women's Rights and Opportunity:

Clinton believes that women's issues are family issues, economic, and important to future competitiveness. Clinton's goals for women's rights include:

1. Ensure equal pay for women.
2. Defend women's health and reproductive rights against attacks.
3. Fight for paid family leave and affordable child care.

Clinton stated that when she becomes president she plans on working to close the pay gap for women ending sexism in the work place. "Women earn less than men across our economy—and women of color often lose out the most," stated Clinton on her website.

Clinton plans to work to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act to give women the tools they need to fight workplace discrimination or sexism. For example, actress Jennifer Lawrence fought for women to receive the same pay as men for film roles in Hollywood. Women in the film industry still get paid far less than what male actors are paid.

Campus Sexual Assault: On

Clinton's campaign website, campus sexual assault is on her list of goals to change when she becomes President. Hillary believes that it is not enough just to condemn a sexual assault and that more precautions should be taken. Once in office she intends to:

1. Provide comprehensive support to survivors.
2. Ensure fair process for all campus disciplinary proceedings and the criminal justice system.
3. Increase sexual violence prevention education programs that cover issues like consent and bystander intervention.

A quote from Hillary giving a strong message to stop campus sexual assault. "I want to send a message to every survivor of sexual assault: Don't let anyone silence your voice.



NATIVE BALLOT

You have the right to be heard."

National Security: With ISIS and other terrorist threats happening constantly towards the United States, it's very important to have a President that can handle all the stress and pressure of the office. Hillary explains on her website how she will keep America safe and strong to lead the world in the 21st century:

1. Keep America safe and secure by defending our core values and leading with principle.
2. Defeat ISIS and global terrorism and the ideologies that drive it.
3. Strengthen our alliances and nurture new relationships to tackle shared challenges such as climate change, cyber threats, and highly contagious diseases.

Health Care: Health care in America is already expensive. Clinton believes that affordable health care is a basic human right as she outlines in her health care goals for the country: Defend the affordable care act and build on it to slow the growth of out-of-pocket costs.

1. Crack down on rising prescription drug prices and hold drug companies accountable so they get ahead by investing in research.
2. Protect women's access to reproductive health care.

Recently, Clinton talked directly with residents of Flint, MI and expressed how the water crisis (the city's drinking water was contaminated and caused serious health damage to the public) was very close to her heart. Clinton plans on developing a plan to help many other towns and cities experiencing similar problems.

For more information on Hillary Clinton her website has many tabs that explain who she is, what she stands for, and how she plans on fixing the recent problems within the country. The website also contains the states that are voting for her, her biography, how to volunteer and donate and shop merchandise to support her campaign.

Hillary Clinton Website: <https://www.hillaryclinton.com/>

Election 2016: Ted Cruz, Republican

RUSTIE ANGLIN

Republican Candidate of the Week

Ted Cruz is a republican candidate from Texas running for President of the United States. He was born in Canada to an American mother and a Cuban father, but was raised in Houston. He attended Princeton graduating with honors and Harvard school of law graduating with high honors.

After law school he became the first Hispanic law clerk to a Chief Justice and clerked for Chief Justice William Rehnquist on the U.S. Supreme Court. After a few years in a private practice, Cruz served as Assistant Attorney General in the Justice Department and Director of Policy Planning at the Federal Trade Commission. In 2003, Cruz

was appointed Solicitor General in Texas. He returned to private practice until he was elected as the 34th U.S. Senator from Texas in 2012.

Cruz is a supporter for the construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline and says he will "approve the Keystone Pipeline, and other similar infrastructures, and empower the private sector to create good-paying American jobs." He believes that by building the pipeline the U.S. will rely less on overseas exports.

He wants to "embrace the Great American Energy Renaissance" by adopting a new energy plan that will build economic prosperity. He introduces this act with Congressman Bridenstine. This act will open up exploration, expand LNG exports through more accessible

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permits, and end the crude oil export ban among other reforms.

Cruz believes we need an energy approach that will take advantage of all the “bountiful resources in this land.” These resources include oil, natural gas, ethanol and more. He also wants to make sure we have abundant and affordable gas and electricity resources. Cruz wants to “harness our nation’s energy resources and remove federal impediments to energy exploration, development, and trade.”

In his American Energy Renaissance act he wants to “expand energy development in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska and on Indian lands,” and “open up the Coastal Plain of Alaska (ANWR) for development.” To read more on the American Energy Renaissance you can read the press release here: http://www.cruz.senate.gov/?p=press_release&id=2267

Speaking of minorities who own small businesses Cruz said, “Peter Kirsanow, the longest-serving member on the United States Civil Rights Commission – he’s an African-American -- and at a hearing very much like this, held 20 years ago, Commissioner Kirsanow said this: ‘Regulations affect all businesses, but they have a particularly pernicious effect on small businesses, on businesses that are marginally capitalized, are labor-intensive, or are perceived as being credit risks. A disproportionate share of those businesses are owned by minorities and by black Americans.’”

GUN RIGHTS: Cruz wants to keep gun rights unrestricted. “The Second Amendment is not simply about hunting or target practice. It’s about protecting our lives, families, and homes.”

IMMIGRATION: He believes we need to secure the border. “He will build a wall that works, triple border

security, and put in place the surveillance and biometric tracking to secure the border.”

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: Defends religious liberty and believes “America was founded on a revolutionary idea. Our rights do not come from government. They come from God.”

WOMEN’S RIGHTS: Believes that “life is a precious gift from God. We must cherish and defend it. Without life, there is no liberty; without life, there is no pursuit of happiness.”

LGBTQ RIGHTS: He says that “marriage is a sacrament between one man and one woman, it has strengthened societies for millennia, and we must uphold the truth of marriage.”

VETERANS CARE: Cruz says, “We should expand options for our service members’ health care so they

have more choices and more immediate service.”

TAXES: Cruz will create a simple Flat Tax which will take “the current seven rates of personal income tax will collapse into a single low rate of 10 percent.”

INTERNET FREEDOM: Cruz says “Net Neutrality is Obamacare for the Internet.” He also believes the internet has helped free speech and entrepreneurs.

FIVE FOR FREEDOM: He plans to get rid of five agencies within the government “to shrink the size and power of the federal government, the Cruz Five for Freedom plan eliminates the IRS, the Department of Education, the Department of Energy, the Department of Commerce, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.”

For more information on Ted Cruz and his stances visit his campaign website <https://www.tedcruz.org>

Students committed to promoting higher education

RUSTIE ANGLIN

The Rising Nation Initiative (RNI) is a group of Haskell students who are joining together to help Native youth explore higher education opportunities. The group has been busy project planning and fund-raising in order to travel throughout Indian Country to encourage Native youth to attend college by sharing personal experiences as Native college students.

Kennidee Boyer, one of the leaders for the project, says that the project is now getting a solid base and awareness is being raised. “We’ve been meeting with Dean Goodfox and Vice President Salvini and they’re really on board for the project.”

Boyer continued, “I’ve always had a sense that I could do more than go to school and get a degree. I always felt like I could really help. Moving to a city from my reservation, I went through a culture shock. That’s when I started getting into the issues in Native American Country.”

Boyer came to Haskell because she wanted to be around more Native Americans who all come from different areas around the United States so she could understand where others come from. Being at Haskell and learning so much more about Indian country and what’s actually going on really hit home for Boyer.

“I never thought I would be in college. I never thought I would be almost graduating. I never thought I would be here. Being here and being a living example and seeing how hard work can pay off and how amazing you feel because of it,” said Boyer. “I don’t want the Native American youth to have someone privileged come in and tell them they can do it when that person hasn’t had their experiences.”

Another RNI leader, Shawny Smith-Harjo went to a boarding school during her high school education in Riverside, California. “Coming into Haskell I felt like there was a lot I didn’t know at the time of graduation and a lot more I could have

understood that other people weren’t able to stress to me, or because I didn’t want to listen to them because they weren’t my age and were a predominately white staff,” said Smith-Harjo.

Boyer believes the initiative is the start of a movement. “I don’t think we were going to completely change something,” said Boyer. “It’s not going to happen overnight. It’s going to be a movement that we start and leave this base that Native American youth know that they can get educated. They know that it might be hard, but we’re living examples of people who come from hardships and are doing this great thing now.”

Smith-Harjo says the group plans include providing pathways to help Native Youth to achieve great things. “If it’s tradition they want to fix then we can teach them A, B, and C to fix that. If its government they want to fix then we can teach them A, B, and C to fix that.”

Smith-Harjo continued, “If we can just get the 1% of students to be a

2% then that would be something different. That would be a success. If we can get that percentage up then that trickles down into communities.”

The group has gained many more members since the Initiative began. Boyer says, “We want the people who are serious about joining our team to be serious about it. We want this to be something they’re passionate about.”

Smith-Harjo has created a Facebook page for the group which already has 107 likes. The page can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/Rising-Nation-Initiative-1786081261619481/timeline>

“Ultimately I just want to see students have a chance,” said Smith-Harjo.

Boyer said the group usually meets in the library and students can check the Facebook where meetings are usually posted. Boyer said, “I think this is long overdue for the red nation to step up and be present.”

Haskell students recognized at Kansas State Capitol

LORI HASSELMAN

Several Haskell students were recognized by Representative, Ponka-We Victors at the Kansas State Capitol as part of Native American Legislative Day. Calvin Smith, Haskell Brave, Brettnee Beartrack, Miss Haskell, Barbara Wolfin, David Waybinais, Lori Hasselman, and Chris Sindone, Student Senate President were introduced on the House Floor and presented with certificates for their leadership at Haskell. The students were accompanied by Stephen Prue, from the Haskell President's office.

Students were greeted at a coffee and donut event with Legislators and Tribal council members from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe followed by an opportunity to meet and take photos with Governor Sam Brownback.

On the House Floor, Miss Haskell, Brettnee Beartrack, performed the

Lord's prayer in sign language along with a singer. Representative Victors spoke about the history of Haskell and then recognized each student with an introduction and certificate presentation.

Students were joined on the floor by Representative John Wilson and Representative Dennis "Boog" Highberger.

"It was a great experience to be honored by such a distinguished individual as Representative Victors," said honoree, Barbara Wolfin. "This has been an educational experience as well as motivating in the pursuit of being present and active in the legislative process."

Students were nominated by Haskell Deans for their engagement and leadership on campus.



Haskell students pose with Governor Brownback and members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi tribal council.

Members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi tribal council in attendance were also acknowledged by Representative Victors.

The first Wednesday of February of each year is recognized as "Native

American Legislative Day at the Capitol."

Representative Victors has been a Democratic member of the Kansas House since 2011 and is the only Native American in the Kansas legislature.

Heating UP: Artists Respond to Climate Change

Heating Up: Artists Respond to Climate Change is an art exhibit and month-long series of cultural and educational events in Lawrence, Kansas, intended to bolster a community conversation about climate change and what we can do about it. Sponsored by the USDAC-Lawrence Field Office and Lawrence Ecology Teams United in Sustainability (LETUS) with Haskell Indian Nations University (HINU) and the Lawrence Percolator.

--**MAIN EVENT:** "Heating Up: Artists Respond to Climate Change" is an art exhibit that includes the work of dozens of local and regional artists, poets, and performers; Final Friday opening on Mar. 25, 2016, 5-10pm, Lawrence Percolator (in the alley east of New Hampshire St. between 9th St. and 10th St); open Mar. 25 - Apr. 23 on Saturdays and Sundays, 12-5pm.

-- "A Change in the Weather: Writing From Climate Change Art" is a writing workshop led by former poet laureate Caryn Mirriam-Goldberg and naturalist/writer Ken Lassman;

participants will consider their own "internal and external weather" in relation to climate change by dwelling among the art as a key writing prompt; Sat. Mar. 26, 2-4pm, Lawrence Percolator; free all-ages drop-in, children must be accompanied by parent/guardian.

--"How Can We Work Together on Climate Change?" is a panel discussion that brings together five panelists with an exciting combination of expertise on climate change, activism, culture, and the arts: Saralyn Reece Hardy, Director of the Spencer Museum of Art; Thad Holcombe, retired Ecumenical Christian Ministries Campus Minister at KU, Moderator for LETUS; Eileen Horn, Sustainability Coordinator for Douglas County and the City of Lawrence; Jay Johnson, Assoc. Professor in the Department of Geography and Atmospheric Science at the University of Kansas; Dan Wildcat, professor at Haskell Indian Nations University and Director of the Haskell Environmental Research Studies Center; music by Alex Williams, art by Haskell students; free

and open to the public, Sun. Apr. 10, 3-5pm, Parker Hall, Rm. 110, Haskell Indian Nations University.

--"Mrs. Noah in Poetry and Dance" is a collaborative performance by poet Elizabeth Schultz and dancer Joan Stone; performance includes Stone's insightful dance interpretations of Schultz's poems that reflect on the relationships among humans and animals; Stone and Schultz are both retired scholars from KU; Fri. Apr. 15, 2016, Lawrence Percolator, performances at 7pm and 9pm.

ADDITIONAL RELATED EVENTS

--Spencer Art Cart "Landscape Transformations" is a drop-in activity station sponsored by the Spencer Museum of Art for families and other groups inviting participants to learn how to create a landscape pencil drawing inspired by works in the Spencer's Classroom Collection, and watch it transform with water; Sat. Mar. 12, 2016, 1:30-4:30pm, Lawrence Public Library, 707 Vermont St.

--Hang-12 "Affecting Change" includes art made by teens using repurposed materials, coordinated by the Lawrence Art Center's youth curatorial board Hang-12; Final Friday opening on Mar. 25, 5-8pm, Watkins Museum of History, 1047 Massachusetts St, runs through Apr., open Tue. - Fri., 10am-4pm (Thurs. in Apr. 10am - 8pm).

--Eco Ambassadors "Haskell Wetlands Restoration Day" invites the public to join this Haskell student-led workday of seeding and planting to help restore the Haskell Wetlands, on Saturday April 16, 2016, 10am-2pm. Bring gloves and gardening/landscaping tools. Directions: Come straight on Massachusetts St. heading S., continue S. past Indian Health Service. Massachusetts St. turns into W. Perimeter Rd. so keep going and follow road around campus until you get to the intersection of W. Perimeter Rd. and Barker Ave. Dr. Then turn right onto Barker Ave. Dr. (you are going south), go straight and you will run right into the wetlands access gate.

OPINION

Native America vs. Ammon Bundy

AULUNA GULLIKSON

The Dann sisters were two elderly, Native American women who refused to leave their home on Shoshone land despite government pressure. When their conflict came to rise, “federal agents came and confiscated Dann family livestock. A six-day standoff ensued, ending with their brother Clifford dousing himself in gasoline and threatening to light it. Clifford went to prison and went deaf, and 250 horses went to auction (LeDuff).” Upon first inspection, the recent standoff and militia-style occupation of Malheur Wildlife Refuge – led by Ammon Bundy – might seem similar to the Dann sister’s motivation for refusing to leave their Nevada ranch. Both parties believe that the U.S. government wrongly seized their

ancestral grazing land, and turned their family’s land into public land – which is owned or controlled by the government. Upon closer inspection of these two stories, there are stark differences that deserve mention.

Bundy claims ancestral ties to the area of land outside of Burns, Oregon since the early 20th century. The Paiute tribe has explained to media sources that long before white settlers arrived to North America, their land stretched throughout the Northern Great Basin, into the Columbia Plateau, and the central Oregon cascades (House). The Malheur reservation of the Paiute tribe included the Malheur Wildlife Refuge until 1878, after the Bannock war when the Paiutes were forced to the Yakima reservation in present-day Washington state. The Paiutes

have much older ancestral ties to the land than Bundy.

The Dann sisters had lived at their homestead for seventy years. As elders of the Shoshone tribe, their fight against the government is contributed to an obligation to protect their ancestor’s burial grounds and other sacred land that would be destroyed or permanently damaged by the Federal Government’s plans to mine that area of northwestern Nevada (Frontline Defenders). “The Earth is our mother and we can’t give up our mother,” said Carrie Dann in defense of their decision to resist.

According to Charlie LeDuff, of the New York Times, during the Dann sister’s 30 year struggle over their homestead, “the government has seized hundreds of their cattle, sold the animals at auction, charged the sisters nearly \$50,000 in fees and fined them \$3 million for willful trespass.” The government attempted to send agents to the Bundy residence to confiscate cattle. There were armed men waiting at the

Bundy home, and the government turned back. The militia men were allowed to leave and return to the Malheur Wildlife Refuge for over a month. Ammon Bundy is in police custody at this time; the nation is awaiting to hear what is in store for the militia leader.

For those who expressed concern for the Paiute tribe’s archaeological artifacts, it is feared that Ammon Bundy’s actions in the past have been an indication that he does not respect the historical value of Native American land. According to Jacqueline Keeler, of the Indian Country Today Media Network, Bundy and supporters have damaged Native American archaeological sites such as that of the ancient Puebloan homes in Utah and ancient hieroglyphs of a southern Paiute tribe in Nevada; the building that Bundy occupied most recently in Oregon contained over 40,000 artifacts of the Paiute tribe. At this time, it has not been revealed whether or not all of those historical treasures are safe now that the occupation has nearly ended.

Student concerned with auditorium cleanliness

STEVEN PENA

Hello Haskell students,
Let me start by saying that I am proud to be a Haskell Indian Nations University student and by no means do I wish to disrespect any person in our great school, however there are some concerns that I wish to address.

I have had the pleasure to attend a concert at the auditorium, which I was delighted and entertained, from

some very talented students from Kansas University music department. In doing so, I realized that our venue was not in the most pristine condition to invite people into our home. I was embarrassed that we did not wash our dishes and vacuum the floor as we invited guests to our place. I was always brought up to believe that inviting someone to your home you would make it presentable and an enjoyable venue to come and be welcomed.

I was disturbed that our venue was not in a very good state. I noticed the stage was not cleaned or buffed, there were electrical cords in plain sight, and the lighting was in poor shape as lights were flickering from light bulbs ready to be extinguished and causing a distraction. This is one of the most used buildings on our campus and to let it be an unsightly place to invite the outside world is a disgrace. It should be a showcase with art and a comfortable place to

see what we are made of and that we can present a sense of pride in who we are and what we can do.

I am so embarrassed that I will take it upon myself to clean the stage and welcome visitors with a clean house. I do not take this matter lightly as I am a man who enjoys his time of leisure and very rarely volunteer my services, but I will not stand for such an apathetic display of irresponsibility.

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The unheard story of the Guatemalan Immigrant

CONNOR VENESKI

On May 14th, the day before I arrived home from the Spring 2015 semester, two un-named Guatemalan nationals drowned in the Salinity Canal in Yuma County: a 25-year old mother and her 2-year old son. Their death was quiet and non-disruptive to the daily life of those living on either side of the U.S. – Mexico border and relatively unimportant to their home country. This last year I had a life changing opportunity to work with Guatemalan immigrants who had been granted protection within the United States. I am not familiar with their beginnings but rather the end result of their journey, the few that have made it to the sands of Arizona and California alive and who have been granted asylum. The eyes of those immigrants are unforgettable, as is their heart shattering stories and raw unprotected souls. Images of women sobbing because they finally have walls around to protect them, tears streaming down the faces of young mothers as their children finally have a toy to play with and the opportunity to play with other children; all these and many more flash through my mind every time I imagine what could have been for the mother and child who drowned miles from where I live.

To understand the possible life that this young woman endured in Guatemala we can look at the work done by the United Nations and other organizations studying human migration. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) recently conducted a study entitled “Women on the Run” in which they interviewed and collected qualitative data from women (those who had been recognized as refugees or who had been screened by the federal government and had credible or reasonable fear of persecution or torture) in order to better understand why so many were emigrating from Mexico and countries in the Northern Triangle of Central America (NTCA) which consists of Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras (According to the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, Honduras is ranked first in global homicides with El Salvador ranked fifth and Guatemala sixth; El Salvador is the leader in global fe-

male homicides with Guatemala and Honduras ranked third and seventh). It was evident immediately by the UNHCR in their study that women were often targeted simply because they were women.

Those interviewed in the UNHCR study described life-threatening and horrendous degrees of prolonged domestic violence including beatings with various weapons such as baseball bats, repeated rapes and sexual assaults, torture, and one Honduran woman described an incident in which her spouse urinated on her face and body. A Guatemalan woman described being forced to witness murders, “twice, I saw the gang kill two young men who approached the block. My ex required me to watch... It was a way of making me more afraid, weaker. How they screamed and begged for their life, I can’t forget it.” Many women are also targeted by maras (criminal armed groups) for extortion if they were perceived to be successful or if they had family in the United States who were sending them money. If they did not pay the taxes they often received death threats or were directly attacked. Those interviewed were often aware of the dangers of not conforming to the demands of these criminal groups; the study found that 62% of the women were confronted with dead bodies in their neighborhood and many mentioned that they were confronted with dead bodies weekly.

Another aspect of the conditions in these countries that are alarming and similar to this tribal campus is the rate of violence perpetrated against Indigenous women. The UNHCR report mentioned that “Indigenous Women faced particularly high rates of violence, including sexual violence,” with 80% of Indigenous women interviewed stating that they had been physically assaulted and more than 73% abused sexually. Indigenous women in Mexico and the NTCA, especially Guatemala, are the victims of severe and alarming degrees of discrimination and violence, more so than Indigenous communities within the borders of the United States and Canada. The victims of the attacks towards Indigenous women qualify for refugee protection

under the convention’s grounds of race as a motivation for violence.

The UNHCR reported that many women took contraceptives prior to their journey to the United States “so that if you are raped, you will not end up pregnant. And you will only have the trauma of the event, but not a baby in the future.” One woman reported being raped by her smuggler every day on her 20-day journey throughout Mexico. Along with physical and sexual abuse in transit perpetrated by police, smugglers, and criminal groups, women reported severe anguish in detainment both in Mexico and in the United States. One woman described being physically and sexually abused while being detained in Mexico and that the experience was so bad that her friend decided to be returned to El Salvador to escape the abuses (her friend was murdered shortly after arriving home). Although detention centers in the United States are not saturated with cases of sexual abuse, women report that detainment exacerbates previous traumas and some came close to abandoning their asylum claims to be deported simply to free their children from detainment.

That young Guatemalan mother who drowned in the canal had a story that nobody will ever get to hear. What event(s) caused her to leave? Who did she leave behind? Did she have dreams for when she arrived? In my experiences most of the immigrants who reach the border have nothing but their stories, the story of heartbreak that sadly is the defining aspect of their lives. Unfortunately, this young mother never felt the relief of telling her story and her young child never had the chance to make some for himself. We cannot say for certain if she would have been eligible for asylum or if she would have been deported. However, what we can infer from her story is that traveling alone through one of the most dangerous countries in the world, a journey in which many women prepare to be raped and sexually abused, yielded more promise for her and her child than what they were leaving behind. These two are not the only ones who die in transit, there are many more like them, souls of tortured and exhausted people

who die even quieter deaths in the lonely and desolate desert of the border regions, desperately searching for what many of us take for granted: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.



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Entertainment

KU Strings comes to Haskell

MICHAEL BEGAY

KU Strings from the University of Kansas music department had a special performance at the Haskell auditorium on Friday, February 5th. The performance featured music from the classical era.

Part of the performance featured a violin and oboe duet by Margaret Marco (oboe) and Veronique Mathieu (violin) performing TWV 40:107 (G.P. Telemann) along with another duet that featured the violin and piano. Mandy Wang (violin) and Congcong Chai (piano) performed Introduction, Ronda Capriccios (C.

Saint-Saens), and J.S. Bach Cello Suite No. 6.

Students enjoyed many aspects of the KU Strings performance.

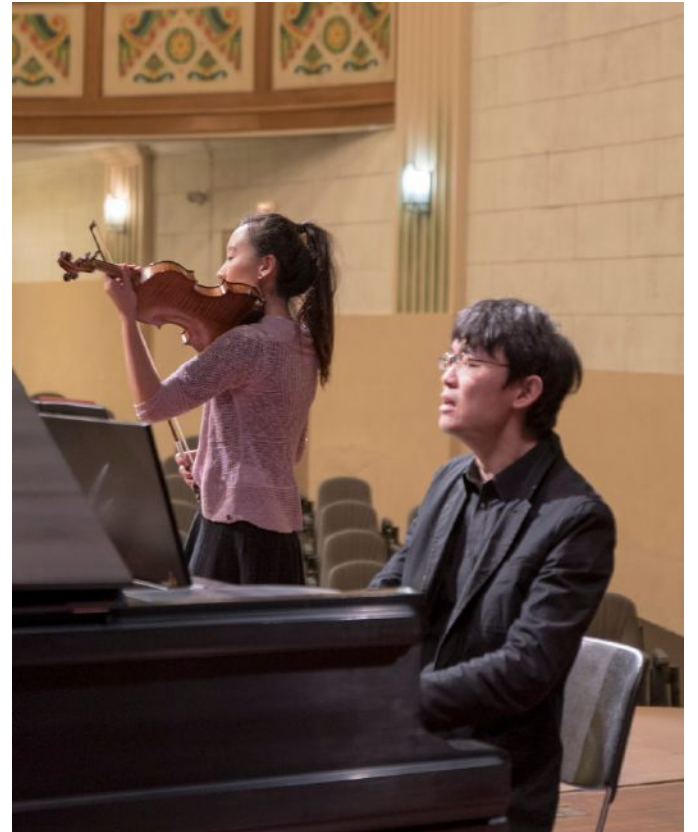
"I liked Mandy Wang the violinist. Her performance was very spectacular. Over all, I thought the performers did a good job," said freshman, Sky Toyekoyah

Senior, Raanan Harrison said, "I think it brought a new culture to Haskell. The performance showed us culture from the western point of view."

"I like the guy who played the

piano. The tone of the piece caught my attention," said freshman, Jaycelynn Charger. "Overall I thought it was nice."

Freshman, Kayla Bointy said, "I enjoyed the cellist Bach piece, and the violinist and pianist duo were brilliant! Overall each musician was very talented...its nice to expand our musical horizons.



Top right: Mandy Wang, violin and Congcong Chai, piano perform a duet at the concert. Bottom left to right: Students enjoy solo performances from the cello and pianist, Congcong Chai. Veronique Mathieu, violin and Margaret Marco, oboe perform a duet.

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A walk in her mocs: Haskell basketball player, Arnetia Begay

KEITON GUESS

Arnetia Begay has given four great seasons to the Haskell Women's basketball team and is not just your typical point guard. Standing at 5'4" and hailing from Ship rock, New Mexico, Begay has been playing the game of basketball since the age of five and credits her parents as her biggest influence in life.

Begay started her high school career

playing for Ship Rock High where she excelled in her final seasons, but transferred to Kirtland Central. Central is a powerhouse for high school basketball with a culture for winning.

The transition from high school ball found Begay adjusting for the feel of the college game. She was up for the challenge. "I was putting more work into learning how to play with intensity that fits the college style of

play," said Begay.

The two things Begay has used as tools to help her come a long way are mental toughness and maturity. And there are a few other things that have played a pivotal part in her growth every season. "Hard work, training in the off-season, and training myself to be a great listener on and off the court," said Begay.

Begay has had to adjust every season with new players filling roles of departed players. She attributes positivity to keeping the team going forward with the new additions. "The key is to get the chemistry right and work through the bad but to keep a positive mind-set throughout the whole thing," said Begay.

When asked what drives her to keep going to be a successful person Begay said, "Putting school before everything else, but also representing the people back home." Among the variety of the team's fans, there is one special fan she would love to come see her play and that is her father.

Coming off having the game of the week, Begay knew she had to approach the situation on and off the court as a team leader. She said feels like this year's team is her team. When asked what one word she



would use to define her team Begay said, "Reliable!"

After having the opportunity to play in two different conferences, Begay says the Independent conference is her favorite because she gets to do a lot more traveling and play better competition such as a few D1 schools. However, Begay said her favorite moment here at Haskell Indian Nations University was, "Last year beating St. Mary's at home because we found a way to believe in ourselves to overcome the odds and win."

Thank you Arnetia Begay for giving Haskell a great leader on and off the court.



Davis sees progress in athletics department

The 1st year Head Coach has brought in a new attitude and convinced his players to buy into his system going forward.

TYLER JONES

Todd Davis (Cherokee) is finishing up his first year as Athletic Director here at Haskell Indian Nations University and is working out issues he inherited.

After 14 years in the Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference, Haskell was left without a league for this season, as the conference folded and forced the school to become an

independent.

Davis expressed the difficulties, "one of the biggest challenges is the travel. when you have teams close by that are already in a conference, you can't play them in January and February."

Davis believes the best plan going forward is joining a conference, "At some point, we are going to have to look at (joining) a conference close by, to eliminate some of the travel and headaches we are seeing right now.

In May of 2015, Haskell President Venida Chenault announced that the

football program was suspended, and that the university would like to cut the athletic department down to six varsity sports. Davis says, "That



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Coach at Men's basketball practice.

Haskell track ends indoor season strong at K-State

HUNTER COLLINS

In the final meet for the indoor season, Haskell finished with a night full of record-breaking times and throws at the Steve Miller Open in Ahearn Field House at Kansas State University. Stepping into the field house, there is an immediate sense of intensity in atmosphere that comes along with competing against Division 1 athletes. The Indians knew what needed to be done and were able to take care of business.

Sophomore, Derrick Sleeper was the star of the night finishing in 6th place with a new personal best time of 4:58.91 in the men's mile. Sleeper was finally able break the 5 minute marker for his event. "It was a big relief. Being able to achieve a sub 5:00 minute mile was very emotional for me and shows the hard work and dedication I've put into training the past month has paid off, especially coming off an injury at the end of the XC season that limited my running for a bit during winter break," said Sleeper.

Fellow distant runner, Ryan Myore set a new personal record (PR) for himself finishing with a time of 5:40.64 crossing the finish line in 8th place.

The sprinting crew with senior, Hunter Collins and sophomore, Stephen Esmond led the way for the men's sprinting team. For his final indoor track meet at Haskell, Collins was able to close his sprint career on a good note. Collins nearly tied his PR time in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.59, but fell negligibly short with a final time of 7.60. However he was able to sweep his heat in a tight race for the 200-meter dash with a career setting time in indoor track with a time of 24.26. Esmond unfortunately was running on an injured leg, but was still able to finish strongly in both the 60 and 200-meter dash.

Finally, the men and women's throwing team ended the night with ferocious throws. Leading the women's shot put was freshman, Kaitlyn Cronemeyer with a final throw of 10.97 meters placing her in 10th. Fellow freshman, Autumn Knight followed closely with a

throw of 10.38 meters making it her new PR and placing her right behind Cronemeyer in 11th. For the men's throwers, freshman, Amos Wright and senior, Trent Cleveland represent Haskell. Wright was able to finish the night with an impressive throw of 12.02 meters placing him in 11th. Cleveland closed out his final indoor track season with a throw of 10.81 meters that placed him in 13th.

It truly has been an exciting and spectacular season for Haskell track; it would only be fitting that they'd finish the season off in a record-setting way. Coach Albert Gipp had this to say when asked his thoughts on how his athletes performed and expectations for the upcoming season, "I was really pleased to see the hard work pay off for so many members of the team in achieving their personal best. For the upcoming outdoor season would be to have the student athletes work there hardest in the classroom, on the track, and to be positive role models."

With the indoor season now closed, the Haskell Track & Field Team has already set their sights on the upcoming outdoor season. The team will be traveling to Emporia State on March 26th; a track meet none shall want to miss. Last year this track meet was selected as the National Track Meet of the week with over 1,000 athletes competing and the same will be happening again this year.

Be sure to stay updated with the latest news for the track team by following their Facebook page. If interested in joining the team check in with Albert Gipp, he can be found in Jim Thorpe during school hours.



Above: Stephen Esmond, Hunter Collins, and Coach Gipp embracing together after finishing the 200-meter dash.

Below: Derrick Sleeper attempting to catch his breath on Coach Gipp after finishing the men's mile.



Cavalier Night Relays a success for Haskell track

HUNTER COLLINS

The Haskell track and field team traveled to Johnson County Community College on February 5th for the third time this year to compete in the Cavalier Night Relays. Haskell was able to bring a host of athletes with a few reaching new personal records (PR) and also placing in multiple field events.

Kaitlyn Cronemeyer finished in 8th place in the women's Shot Put with a throw of 11.01m (36 feet and 1 inch) and a new PR. Fellow teammate, Brianna Anglin placed 12th with a throw of 8.99m (29 feet and 4 inches) and also reached a new PR.

For the Men's Shot Put, Haskell would see both Trent Cleveland and David Tyndall end the night with a 10th and 12th place finish. Isaac Johnson would be the only Men's Weight Thrower for Haskell with a final throw that put him in 13th place.

Both the men and women's throw-

they are able to have more practices outside to perfect their techniques before ending the indoor season at Kansas State.

Haskell would also see an outstanding performance from both the men and women's running team. Representing the men's distance team, veteran Derrick Sleeper finished at 8th in the Men's 1 Mile Run with a new PR time of 5:07.08. Following right behind Sleeper was Darwyn Largo and Ryan Myore with a 9th



The Haskell throwing team left to right: Isaac Johnson, Trent Cleaveland, Kaitlyn Cronemeyer, Coach, Ian Stand, and David Waybenais.

team, Adree Shield ran the 1-mile finishing close to beating her previous PR achieved at Kansas University.

The sprinting team was led by senior, Hunter Collins and newcomer Stephen Esmond. To start off for the sprinters Haskell had Esmond leading off in the 60m dash with a final time of 7.68 putting him at 14th place. This was an impressive first showing for his first 60m dash of his career. "Before I step into the blocks I think about my family and I envision my brothers lined up next to me, then I think about football and how you never know when your last rep or play might ever come," said Esmond describing his thoughts when stepping into the starting blocks.

Next was Collins with a new PR time of 7.59 tying him for 12th place followed by Kevin Herrera running the 400m beating his previous by two full seconds. To end the night off

Haskell had both Collins and Esmond competing in the 200m. Collins was able to finish in 10th place with a time of 24.49 making it his fastest indoor time of his career. Esmond tied for 14th place and was able to improve his time by nearly a full second to 25.83.

As with every indoor track meet so far this season, Haskell was able to end the night with fresh new records in the books. The team has one remaining meet left at Highland on February 13th before ending the indoor season at Kansas State on Friday, February 19th.

The team has shown great stride this early in the season and has the possibility to sending a few athletes off to the NAIA National Championship. Be sure to follow the Haskell University Cross County and Track Facebook page to stay updated on upcoming meets and news.



Hunter Collins getting set in the 60-meter dash.

ing team are looking forward to the upcoming week of warm weather so

and 10th place finish. Being the lone runner for the women's distance

Davis sees progress in athletics department

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has not been addressed yet, getting down to six varsity sports. I'm not saying we are comfortable with what we have. For the time being, this is what you'll see. (Nine varsity sports)"

As far as the future of the football

program goes, Davis says, "If you're going to be playing the sport, you don't wanna be just bringing it back to bring it back. It's gotta be in a situation where it's financially sound and it's competitive."

Davis went on to say, "I don't think

people realize it costs between \$250,000-\$500,000 to do it right. The field (also) needs to be taken care of. I would envision that the turf would be on there, dressing rooms, weight rooms, a lot of work, and a lot of dollars."

At the end of the day though, Davis says his ultimate goal is, "To make any athletic program I direct, to be competitive on the national level and make sure all student-athletes understand the importance of obtaining an education."

Scenes from Student Appreciation Dinner at Curtis Hall



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