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NEWS



RACHEL WHITESIDE

Haskell University invited a special guest, "Supaman" Christian Parish Takes the Gun to perform and serve as the keynote speaker at the Spring 2016 Convocation. Supaman is from the Crow Nation and is a rising Native Hip-Hop artist who raps about his background, heritage, and spiritual values.



Photos by Michael Begay

Originally starting as a DJ, he had one problem. He didn't have a stage name. "I was headed to a DJ battle and I didn't even have a name. We were on our way there and me and

my friend had to come up with a name real quick in the car. 'Use a comic character,' my friend said. 'Use Superman. You represent good and being positive,'" said Supaman.

Early in his childhood, Supaman was influenced by his culture and the popular music from his generation. Famous music artist such as Eminem and his lyrics of a tough

Convocation features "Supaman" as keynote speaker

a powwow dancer, that was just normal life for me growing up," said Supaman, "How it came to be mixing the cultures was that Montana University invited me to exhibition dance on Native American Heritage Day. The person that was hosting it also knew I rapped as well, so when I was done dancing he asked me to rap. There was no time to change out my regalia so, I just started rapping and the crowd liked it. It became special, unique."

Traveling the country doing multiple performances, his music that told a story started to attract more and more fans. Winning awards at the Native Music Awards and getting recognition from MTV, Supaman has started to pave his own path.

"A lot of lyricist inspired me and my music when I write. Eminem, his writing style and structure, I like the way he writes. It's really unique, when he came out it really changed how I wrote," said Supaman.

News of Supaman's appearance at Convocation drew many students and staff members to attend. The audience was very moved by his motivational speech of his own story and upbringing. Supaman also performed at a small concert later that evening. The Haskell community



enjoyed his opening act and dance performances featuring his original songs. Many students cheered and danced along to the his Native and Hip Hop combined music.

Supaman closed his show with words of inspiration and his hope to inspire many young Native college students through his music encouraging students to follow their dreams and aspirations saying, "Embrace your spirituality. The foundation of who we are as Native People is spiritual. Having a life in prayer has everything fall into place."

New Year, new library

CHELSEA JENKINS

With the new semester comes new updates to the Haskell library. Those updates include two hires, a circulation desk, and a brand new computer lab also known as the Technology Learning Center. The two new employees, Carrie Cornelius and Danielle Horne-Watson, are both Haskell alumni.

Carrie Cornelius is the new librarian and she is Prairie Band Potawatomi, Kickapoo, and Oneida tribe of Wisconsin. Don't be afraid to approach her! She is very passionate about her job and willing to help anyone who needs it.

"We're here to help you find credible information. We're here to help you when you're doing homework, and also just so you know that someone has your back. If you get to a spot where you need some help with doing those citations or paraphrasing, all those things that you hate to do, I would love to help and I'll get you through it," said Cornelius.

Danielle Horne-Watson, from Kansas City, MO, was a former student worker until she graduated from the Haskell School of Business in May 2014. Danielle is now a permanent employee at the library and is excited about her new position. "Haskell has done so much for me and I just

The Technology Learning Center is one of the new additions to the library this semester.

really hope that I can be in the position to give back a little bit or help students the same way I was helped when I was a student here," said Horne-Watson.

A new circulation desk at the front of the library adds a refreshing update that helps the students as well as the library employees.

The new Technology Learning Center has new computers and upgraded technology to help students with studies and to also accommodate



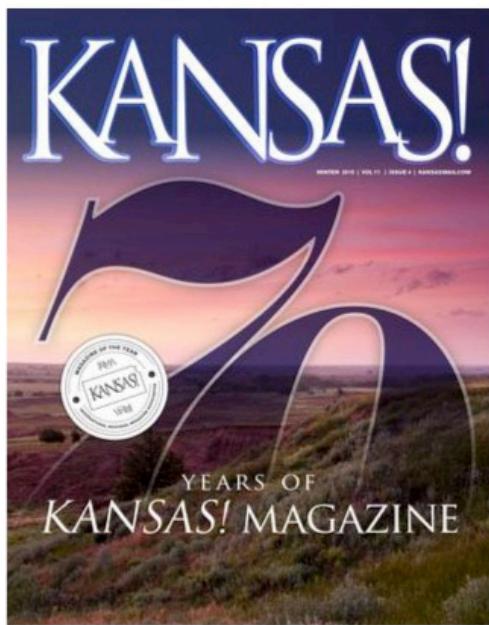
teachers who may want to hold classes in the renovated space.

The library will host an open house on Wednesday, February 3rd from 3:00-4:00 p.m. to celebrate the new additions. There will also be light refreshments, so come check it out!

Spring issue of Kansas! magazine to feature Indian Leader writers

RACHEL WHITESIDE

Writers for The Indian Leader have produced a feature article that will be published in Kansas! magazine set for release on Feb. 12th. The article entitled "Being Native. Being Kansan." features 5 young up-and-coming Native American's living in Kansas.



dot, Wichita, KS, Shane Wilson, Civic Leader-Shawnee, Emporia, KS, Lee Meisel, Entrepreneur-Standing Rock Sioux, Lawrence, KS, and Analyss Benally, Athlete-Navajo, Park City, KS.

Writers of the article are Raquel Butler, Keiton Guess, Derek Ziegler, Rustie Anglin, and



"We were approached in October about the possibility of producing an article for the spring issue. We had to discuss it because we knew it was going to be a big project and we all have school, some writers work, and we had another Leader issue due out around the same time as well," said Editor, Lori Hasselman.

After accepting the offer, five writers were tasked with locating the subjects for the article. The article profiles an athlete, a civic leader, an entrepreneur, a student, and an artist. The trick was finding subjects in more Western areas of the state to correspond with the magazine's readership. Contacts were made with several Kansas tribes soliciting for recommendations. Once the subjects were selected, 5 writers were assigned to each subject with Hasselman editing as well as writing the introduction to the piece.

Haskell student, Shannon Hawkins is one of the subjects of the article and will highlight her campus sorority experience.

Other subjects include: Ric Dunwody, Artist- Pawnee, Otoe, Wyan-

Rachel Whiteside. Indian Leader sponsor and Haskell faculty member, Rhonda LeValdo also wrote an article for the issue.

"It was important to us to be able to show young Natives in a context that Kansans might not think about. How often do people associate Natives with college sororities or owning a business or volunteering to educate youth about government? This is just super exciting for us to be able to showcase our people and our writing at the same time," said Hasselman.

Also collaborating on the article are Native photographers, Mark and Rhonda Tree-Mangan of Mark and Tree Photography, Lawrence, KS.

Kansas! magazine is an international award-winning publication with over 25,000 subscribers world-wide. The magazine is published quarterly by the Tourism Division of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism.

Copies of the issue can be purchased at Signs of Life Book Store & Art Gallery, 722 Massachusetts, Lawrence.

Haskell fraternity to host 2nd annual speed dating event

BRENDEN LAVALLIE

Phi Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc. will be hosting their second annual "Speed Dating" event on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at Curtis Hall. The event will begin at 7:00pm and last until 9:00pm. Participants are asked to arrive early in order to take full advantage of the opportunity to meet great new people!

The event is designed to allow students the opportunity to meet and have conversation with their Haskell peers in a comfortable and safe environment. Students will be asked to present their Haskell ID at the door and pay an admission fee of either \$5 or \$3 with a canned good to be donated to the Lawrence Community Center. With admission, students will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of several door prizes as well as a complimentary photograph from a photo booth located inside Curtis Hall. There will also be snacks and beverages available for all participants.

Once everyone is seated, the rules and guidelines will be explained and then the "dating" will begin! After every three minutes, a bell will ring signaling a rotation onto the next individual. Additionally, there will be questions printed and placed on the tables for reference for the participants' convenience. Toward the end of the evening,

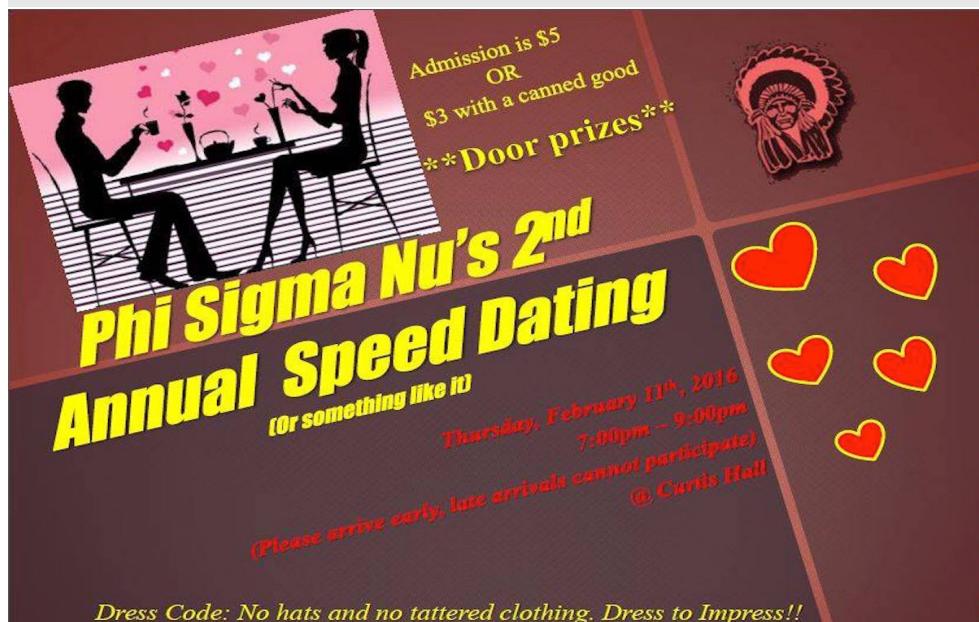
students will be allowed to chat openly with one another while enjoying their snacks and refreshments.

Last year's event was a great success and had over 100 participants in attendance. Phi Sigma Nu is expecting an even greater turn out this year of over 200 students.

One of last year's participants, Haskell student, Shelby Ides enjoyed the event and is looking forward to attending again this year. "The event last year was a lot of fun! I feel like I know a lot of people but that gave me the opportunity to meet people outside my normal circle. I hope to see a lot of participation this year and Haskell students to make new friends with people they don't normally hang out with! I'm really proud of Phi Sigma Nu for hosting this event again," said Ides.

Another student, Julian Wahnee, also shared his experience from last year saying, "I enjoyed the atmosphere, the formal dress code, and seeing everybody that participated. Speed dating is a way to use one's personal ability to communicate in an age where it is lost. This year I would like to see more games, drinks, cookies, and possibly a photo booth."

This is truly a one of a kind experience that no student should miss out on!



Dress Code: No hats and no tattered clothing. Dress to Impress!!

EcoAmbassadors work toward a sustainable campus

ALEX RODRIGUEZ

Students might wonder when walking across campus: "Where are the recycling bins?" A 21st century university without a bin is strange, and given our indigenous population and focus on our relationship with the planet, it paints an even more pressing issue. While Haskell does have recycling on campus, student access to bins creates a huge amount of recyclable materials that end up in the trash can. Couple this with the waste produced at Curtis Hall throughout the day and Haskell's carbon footprint is larger than it has any right to be.

Haskell EcoAmbassadors want to change all that. An internship offered through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and overseen by Dr. Daniel Wildcat and Dr. Bridgett Chapin, EcoAmbassadors have more lined up for Haskell's future than just overhauling recycling. Food recovery sustainability represents one of the largest goals of the program, but included in the

outline are steps to restore some of the natural environment of the university.

Indeed, the wetlands play heavily into the EcoAmbassador's plans for more responsive care of our ecological landscape. Since the construction of the South Lawrence Traffic Way, there is a tract of land that falls under Haskell's care. Dr. Bridgett Chapin, professor in the Environmental Science department explains some of the potential projects coming out of this initiative. "A pollinator focused restoration, followed by avian habitat restoration would be just the start. Thirdly, an experimental focus with the four basins created by former 31st street offers a great opportunity," said Chapin.

Haskell's Wetlands Protection Organization (WPO) club is excited by the prospects of these restoration efforts. "It's great because it involves more students in protecting the land. The collaboration between Environmental Science and American

Indian Studies brings students together in a way that combines the visions of both departments in defense of the Wetlands," said club President, Barbara Wolfin.

Student involvement will always play a major role in campus initiatives, and sustainability is no exception. While the students who are EcoAmbassadors are working to change things for Haskell, cooperation and participation with the rest of the student body ensures their success. Previous semesters have seen students take part in cleaning up campus, planting flowers, helping run the food recovery study mentioned previously, and finally take part in cleaning our precious wetlands. The lifeblood of these activities lies within our community. In terms of campus support and student involvement, Dr. Dan Wildcat stresses the importance. "It's essential. If the campus does not get it involved, the initiatives will fail."

This year, EcoAmbassadors plan on working on a viable food recovery program and planting traditional polyculture vegetable gardens, native Kansas prairie grasses, wild flowers, shrubs, and fruit bearing trees (with an eye towards partaking in Curtis Hall).

Students who want to be involved may contact Dr. Wildcat's office in room 105 Parker Hall, Dr. Chapin's room 119 Sequoyah, or visit their Facebook page, "Haskell EcoAmbassadors."



Haskell ecoAmbassadors l to r: Dr. Dan Wildcat, Michael Garcia, Steve Pena, Alex Rodriguez, Barbara Wolfin, Blake Johnson, Marissa Snapp, Natasha Chenot, T.C. Buck, Rene Cook, Ira Sifford, Kynser WahWahsuck, and Dr. Bridgett Chapin.

Number of academic suspensions increase

SHANA LOMBARD

According to Lou Hara, Haskell registrar, 73 students were academically suspended after the 2015 fall semester, a significant jump from the average norm of just 30 students per semester in previous years.

Haskell follows a strict academic policy—one for first semester freshmen and another for continuing students. A first semester freshman cannot fall under a 1.0 GPA and a continuing student cannot have a cumulative GPA below a 2.0.

For those who were placed on suspension or probation, a letter was mailed home and also sent through email with details on what they could do to try to get back into Haskell for the following semester. Students were extended the option of an appeal to Dr. Susan Rufeldt, Vice President of Academics, to plea their case.

To find this policy please refer to a student general catalog under the Academic Policy and Academic Probation/Suspension. You can find these catalogs with advisors, registrars and on Haskell's website.

Haskell urges students who have been academically suspended to go to another college to get their GPA back up to Haskell's academic standards for readmission.

AIHEC club prepares for student conference

LORI HASSELMAN

As the time for competition draws close, students involved in the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) club prepare for battle. Students from Haskell will spend their spring break representing the university among other tribal colleges and universities (TCUs) at the AIHEC 2016 Student Conference March 14-16 in Minneapolis, MN. The club is assembling competitors in a wide range of competitions with hand games and knowledge bowl among the most popular.

What is AIHEC?

According to the AIHEC mission statement, the organization “provides leadership and influences public policy on American Indian higher education issues through advocacy, research, and program initiatives; promotes and strengthens Indigenous languages, cultures, communities, and tribal nations; and through its unique position, serves member institutions and emerging TCUs.” AIHEC has been advocates of higher education for Native Americans for over 40 years.

Also part of AIHEC is a student congress with representatives from some of the 37 TCUs AIHEC supports. Haskell senior and Student

Senate President, Chris Sindone was elected President of the AIHEC student congress at last year’s conference held in Albuquerque, NM.

In 2009, Josh Arce, Haskell Chief Information Officer, was appointed to the AIHEC committee and has served in that position since. A seasoned pro in the student competition arena, Arce has worn many AIHEC hats from conference prep to student coach.

“Last year, I served on the Planning Committee for the event in Albuquerque because we were one of the “host” schools as we are part of the Southwest Region. Haskell sponsored the Chess and Critical Inquiry competitions, along with serving on the Conference Dispute Panel at the competition. I have done everything from cleaning Allen Fieldhouse alongside the club members (fund raising), to coaching them in events, and recruiting at Highlight Night,” said Arce.

What is the AIHEC Student Conference?

The conference has been touted as “the most important event for tribal college students nationwide.” The event brings together almost 2,000 tribal college students to recognize student achievement, exchange cultures, and prepare the future leaders of Indian country.

Students look forward to the competitions and prepare to claim their bragging rights all year prior to the conference. The 2016 conference competitions include:

- Art Exhibition
 - Business Bowl
 - Chess
 - Critical Inquiry
 - Film Festival
 - Hand Games
 - Knowledge Bowl
 - Mr. and Ms. AIHEC
 - One Act Play
 - Poetry Slam
 - Science Bowl
 - Scientific Oral Presentation
 - Scientific Poster Presentation
 - Speeches
 - Traditional Plants and Herbs
 - Volleyball
 - Webpage Design
 - Creative Writing Contest
- (TCJ Student)



to the conference. “There are some sections that fall under art that don’t require attendance as well as film festival,” said Hawkins.

Why should I get involved?

Arce says that participating in AIHEC is an example of “project based learning” and is beneficial for students.

“It will help students hone their craft, articulate their ideas, and practice their presentations,” said Arce. “A fantastic networking opportunity...many students have gone on to other professional and academic achievements. AIHEC really becomes the who’s who in Indian Education, and upcoming professionals in the tribal college circuit and indigenous communities”

Students will also be able to travel with other Haskell students, meet new friends, and share in school spirit and pride with their classmates. It will be an experience that students will want to return to every year during their academic career.

Where do I sign up?

General meetings are held in Pontiac Hall on Friday’s at 4 p.m. Students who are interested in participating in competitions that require travel to the conference must commit by Feb. 12th.

Students are awarded trophies, depending on the event and then there are those bragging rights.

Some competitions don’t require students to travel



Students discuss strategies for competition at an AIHEC club meeting.

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Educating Native students

RUSTIE ANGLIN

Haskell student, Nathen Fraley graduated from Riverside Indian School, the oldest and largest off-reservation Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) boarding school in the United States. Fraley now wants to give back to his community and encourage young Native Riverside students to continue their education. Fraley and Haskell students, Ken-nidee Boyer and Chris Sindone, want to travel to speak to students at the two boarding schools in Oklahoma, Riverside Indian School and Sequoyah Boarding school, to encourage young Native students to continue their education.

"Doing this will promote Haskell and all of its benefits besides the semester fee. Hopefully this will inspire kids to do something better with their lives," said Fraley.

Attending Riverside Indian school, Fraley was able to experience dif-

ferent tribes, get to know different kids coming from different reservations, and hear their stories. He also moved around several different times which allowed him to get a



grasp and concept of other Natives all around the United States.

Being at Haskell and pursuing a higher education, Fraley learned to see Indian country as a whole and all the problems that there is today such as drug abuse, violence, poverty, and little or no economic oppor-

tunities. In his attempt to understand these problems, Fraley believes that education is key to solutions. "Through my own studies and what I've picked up on my own time, I've picked up that many of these problems can be solved through higher education," said Fraley.

Part of his philosophy of the importance of education in Indian Country is that educated Native youth become more aware and are moved by the problems their tribes

face and will go back to their tribal communities and create change. "They can become grant writers and create funding that could make health programs and a sense of security for the tribe and many more economic developments," said Fraley.

"As students here at Haskell we have a natural calling to act on this movement," Fraley explained. "We are the strong bridge that can help these kids come from high school to a higher education and make them aware of what's going on... We can raise education awareness and not just at our tribal college but other tribal colleges as well or through other Native leaders or activists."

Fraley and the other students are raising money through grants and fundraising, but as of right now the trip is going to be completely out-of-pocket for the Haskell students. They expect to begin the project at the end of March to mid-April

After this initiative, Fraley and the team hope to expand the project from the schools and complexes in Oklahoma to tribal communities around the states. Fraley stated, "So many people can talk about the problems, but where are the solutions? I believe this is a solution."

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Map displaying the names and locations of the TCUs AIHEC serves.

AIHEC club is planning to host a showcase at the end of the month to give students the feel of the student conference competitions. Hawkins says students will have an opportunity to experience the business, science, and knowledge bowls as well as hand games. The showcase will be held Wednesday, January 27th at the Haskell auditorium. Pizza will be provided.

A meeting will be held after the

showcase to establish teams for the competitions. After that, teams will set their own meeting times to prepare for competitions. A go-to person is still needed for science bowl. Marcus Barnoski, senior, is the point person

for business bowl with Rhonda LeValdo, Haskell faculty, serving as knowledge bowl coach. Josh Arce is the coach for Critical Inquiry.

"The students have the power to do so much with this club and our university if they are dedicated, committed, and determined! 'Success' only comes before 'work' in the dictionary!" said Arce. "The group we have

now is highly motivated, they are putting in a tremendous amount of time and energy, and I look forward to their successful competitions in March!"

Additional information can be obtained with the following links:

<http://www.aihec.org/>
<http://www.aihec2016.com/>

AIHEC SHOW CASE
Weds 1/27/16 @ 7pm
AUDITORIUM
Free Pizza

- Find out what AIHEC means
- Figure out what the competitions during SPRING BREAK
- Traveling
- FREE PIZZA

Election 2016: Bernie Sanders, Democrat

RUSTIE ANGLIN

In the coming issues, The Indian Leader will be providing information on party candidate platforms highlighting issues that impact Indian Country.

Democratic Candidate of the Week

Bernie Sanders is a registered Independent running as a Democratic candidate for President of the United States. He grew up and went to school in New York before finishing his schooling at the University of Chicago. After graduating he moved to Vermont where he was a carpenter and a documentary film maker. While living in Burlington he was elected mayor in 1981. In 1990 he was Vermont's congressman for sixteen years before being elected to the U.S. Senate. He is currently serving his second term in the Senate. He also served as the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Sanders co-sponsored the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013. This act would give each tribal government jurisdiction over domestic violence crimes and provide funding for the criminal justice systems and victims services.

Sanders opposes the Keystone XL pipeline and strongly supports climate change. He co-sponsored the Climate Protection Act of 2013 which would tax greenhouse gas emitters, fund historic investments in energy efficiency and sustainable energy technologies, and fund a \$1 billion a year worker training and transition programs for jobs in cleaner energy.

Sanders voted for the Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments of 2008 which would address healthcare issues for Native Americans. Within that act it stated that these members were voting to "apologize for the instances of violence, maltreatment, and neglect inflicted on Native Peoples by citizens of the United States."

Along with fifty other Senators, Sanders signed a letter that formally denounced the Washington Redskins

name as racist and urged NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell to change the name of the team. The letter reads, "Many of today's tribal leaders have parents and grandparents who were punished and prosecuted for practicing their ceremonies or speaking their languages. That is why tribal leaders worked with Congress to enact laws like the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, the Native American Languages Act, the Indian Arts and Crafts Act, and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. These are all federal laws intended to protect and respect tribal culture and identity. Yet every Sunday during football season, the Washington, D.C. football team mocks their culture." The senators ended the letter by saying "The NFL can no longer ignore this and perpetuate the use of this name as anything but what it is: a racial slur. We urge the NFL to formally support and push for a name change for the Washington football team."

Where does Sanders stand on--

INCOME EQUALITY: He wants to give out college for free and make minimum wage \$15/hr. He also believes women should be paid the same as a man.

CREATING JOBS: Proposes the Rebuild America Act, to invest \$1 trillion over five years to modernize our infrastructure and create 13 million jobs.

IMMIGRATION: "America has always been a haven for the oppressed. We cannot and must not shirk the historic role of the United States as a protector of vulnerable people fleeing persecution."

RACIAL JUSTICE: Believes we need to address five areas before we see any change in the country: physical violence, political violence, legal violence, economic violence, and environmental violence.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS: Wishes to expand planned parenthood, get pay equality, expand social security, expand WIC programs to pregnant mothers and infants, provide 12 weeks of family leave, provide childcare to all Americans, and make healthcare a right.



NATIVE BALLOT

Election 2016: Donald Trump, Republican

RACHEL WHITESIDE

Republican Candidate of the Week

This year's general elections has a large number of candidates for the Republican Party. The Republican candidate of choice for this week is Donald Trump. Mainly famous for his television show The Apprentice, Donald Trump has taken down a new path, a path to Presidency. Running for the 2015-16 presidential elections Trump's political campaign has been gaining speed in the polls.

"So, ladies and gentlemen, I am officially running for president of the United States, and we are going to make our country great again..." A quote taken from CNN when Donald Trump announced his run for the Presidency, making his marketing slogan "Make America Great Again."

There are many topics being thrown at the candidates this election such as: Climate Change, Women's Rights, Immigration, The Keystone Pipeline, Tax Reform and much more. Trump's stance on these topics have a lot of controversy towards certain groups in the United States and a lot of praise from many others. Here are some of his views and opinions on these topics:

Women's Rights: "I respect women incredibly. I have had women working for me in positions that they've never worked in terms of construction, in terms of so many different jobs... I have given women more opportunity

LGBTQ RIGHTS: Cosponsor of the Equality Act, and wishes to have LGBTQ treated as all Americans are.

VETERANS CARE: "Instead of cutting benefits for the men and women who have served our country, we should ask the most profitable corporations and the wealthiest

than I would say virtually anybody in the construction industry." (Quote from Donald Trump taken by Huffington Post.)

Tax Reform: Donald Trump's take on tax reform is to reduce taxes in the United States eliminate loopholes used by the rich. "This plan simplifies the tax code by taking nearly 50% of current filers off the income tax rolls entirely and reducing the number of tax brackets from seven to four for everyone else. This plan also reduces or eliminates loopholes used by the very rich and special interests made unnecessary or redundant by the new lower tax rates on individuals and companies." (Quote taken directly from the Donald Trump Campaign website)

Donald Trump's objectives for tax reform come in four main goals:

1. Tax Relief for middle class Americans.
2. Simplify the tax code.
3. Grow the American economy.
4. Doesn't add to our debt deficit.

The Keystone Pipeline has been a major topic for the general election and has caused a lot of controversy. The 2016 candidates had a lot to say about whether they are for or against the construction. For a little background on the pipeline, in 2015 a protest against the Keystone Pipeline by Native American's and other supporters was held to show their displeasure and resentment towards TransCanada's construction

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among us to pay their fair share."

MEDICARE: All Americans should have access to healthcare.

For more information on Bernie Sanders and his stances visit his campaign website <https://bernesanders.com/>

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plans. According to the Huffington Post, "that route cuts across Nebraska's environmentally protected Sand Hills region and the Ogallala Aquifer. One of the largest aquifers in the world, the Ogallala Aquifer covers 174,000 miles in portions of eight states: South Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas."

Keystone Pipeline: Running candidate Donald Trump approves on TransCanada's building of the pipeline, he even stated his opinion on

twitter in 2011 that he was in favor of the construction. "So sad that Obama rejected Keystone Pipeline. Thousands of jobs, good for the environment, no downside!" (Tweet taken from Donald Trump's Twitter Account.)

Immigration Reform: Some of his positions on immigration reform involve: ending birthright citizenship, enhanced penalties for overstaying visas, mandatory return of all criminal aliens and defund sanctuary cities.

Here are Donald Trump's three core principles of real immigration reform from his campaign:

1. A nation without borders is not a nation. There must be a wall across the southern border.
2. A nation without laws is not a nation. Laws passed in accordance with our Constitutional system of government must be enforced.
3. A nation that does not serve its own citizens is not a nation. Any

immigration plan must improve jobs, wages and security for all Americans.

These are just a few of his opinions and stances on the multiple topics that are being argued for or against with Republican and Democratic Party candidates. For more information on Donald Trump and his positions, views, and stances on the presidential election his campaign website is <https://www.donaldtrump.com/> where people can also join or donate to his 2016 electoral campaign party.

The Native Vote

AULUNA GULLIKSON

The next United States President will directly impact the lives of Native Americans – their sacred lands and lifestyles. The time is now to choose a candidate that will protect the environment of the northern Native American reservations for the generations to come.

"I think this election in particular is extremely important," said Haskell junior, Haley Rains (Muscogee Nation). "It's imperative that people – especially young people – are as informed as possible. It's our future and it matters."

According to an article by Robert Boos, the latest proposed addition to the Keystone Pipeline would run for 1,179 miles from southern Alberta, Canada to the Gulf of Mexico; it would cross through six states and the territories of numerous tribes. Environmentalists inform voters that the Keystone Pipeline poses risks such as leaking and increased greenhouse gases. Those who are against the pipeline insist that it would increase dependence on crude oil when there are more clean sources of energy available.

Tribes are also concerned about water pollution, "as it runs across the United States, the pipeline crosses over the Ogallala Aquifer, which supplies water to Nebraska and surrounding states (Boos,

2015)." The Lakota Rosebud tribe has asked President Obama to protect their sacred waters. The President has answered their request by vetoing the pipeline despite bipartisan support from the House and Senate.

Those who are in favor of the Keystone Pipeline argue that it will increase the number of jobs for the labor force in the United States. According to Ben Wolfgang of The Washington Times, the State Department estimates that the pipeline will create 40,000 jobs. The President has sided with the environmentalists in that "Keystone would cause irreparable harm to the environment and is not in the best interest of the nation (Wolfgang, 2015)." The Obama administration has been noteworthy for its stance on climate change.

As Obama's term comes to an end, Native Americans must consider their choice for the next President carefully and within a timely manner. In order to ensure that the best candidate is chosen to represent each political party, it

is wise for voters to participate in the primary elections. The primary election is an election that narrows the field of candidates before the general election.

in person. Those with a Kansas ID can register online.

When registering for the primary elections, a voter must choose their party affiliation. There are Democratic candidates who agree with concerned Native American tribes and President Obama in opposition of the Keystone Pipeline. According to Lysa Hymas of Grist Environmental News, "Every single "major" GOP candidate for president – all 17 of them – supports the proposed pipeline and many have pledged to approve it on their first day in the White House."

When asked if the younger generation of voter would have a positive or negative effect on the 2016 election, Dr. Diane Reyner (Kiowa), Haskell Professor of Theater Arts said, "it would have a positive impact on both the election and their own personal development."

It is the responsibility of the voters to decide what is more important to them – labor growth or protecting the environment. All you need is a computer!



Haskell sophomore, Clayton Baxter, (Choctaw tribe) shows his political support with a bumper sticker.

The voter pre-registration for the primary elections is January 27th, 2016 in the state of Kansas. Voters can print the registration application at www.voteks.org. Then, return the application to your county election office by mail, by fax, or

Haskell safety procedures: Do students know what to do?

DERON SUNEAGLE

Since the new open carry law has passed in state of Kansas, is Haskell a safe place? Do Haskell students know what to do or where to go if gun violence were to breakout on campus? What safety policies and procedures does Haskell have in place to keep the students safe?

Haskell Indian Nations University has a zero tolerance policy for firearms and other weapons. Recently, a new policy has been developed stating that students in possession of a weapon on campus will be suspended from the university for one year. But is Haskell a safe environment for students?

"Yes, I believe Haskell is a safe environment," stated Josh Arce, Haskell Dean of Students. Arce further explained that Haskell has had a "Shooter on Campus" training exercise with the Lawrence police department, along with the Haskell security and response teams the university has in place.

Also vitally important to student safety is the E2 Campus alert system that students are strongly encouraged to sign up for in order to remain informed of relevant alerts to weather, emergencies, and if any campus violence were to occur. But what are students to do should violence occur on campus? Arce, informs students to:

Call 911 to start the emergency responders.
Take shelter, lock the doors, and do not let anyone enter.
Grab anything to use as a weapon to impede the attacker.
Finally, students who are unsure of what to do should ask administration for more information about the safety procedures.

Do current Haskell students know what to do if gun violence were to break out?

"I would follow orders, do what I

Student Senate Report

RACHEL WHITESIDE

January 13, 2016

1. Student Senate is looking for willing students from Haskell to join the executive board as Vice President and there are still spots open to be junior and senior representatives.
2. Chris Sindone will be in charge of the Empowerment Summit and Committee.
 - High School students will be coming to Haskell during the Empowerment Summit touring the campus this spring semester.
 - Sindone will be reaching out to Haskell's president to help find staff that will volunteer at the summit and be guides for the coming High School students.
 - The estimate of students attending the Empowerment Summit will be coming from 50 different tribes.
3. General Student Senate meeting has been changed from Wednesdays at 6pm to being held on Tuesday's at 6pm in the Regents Room in Navarre.
4. The Student Senate Funds are no longer frozen.
5. AIHEC club will be having a Culture Night Showcase of what AIHEC is about and how past trips have been.

Showcase will be on January 27th in the Auditorium

 - Topics that will be discussed will be about the competitions, trophies, and challenges.
6. Grand opening of the computer lab on the 28th students will be notified through email.
7. Peru Club has six spots available on their trip to Peru this spring semester. They meet Sunday's at 2:30 in the Library.
8. Campus Activities Events held in Tecumseh Hall:
 - Dodgeball Tournament at 6pm on Friday, 1/15/16
 - Dorm Competition Relays at 1:30pm on Saturday, 1/16/16
 - Co-Ed Basketball starts at 1pm on Sunday, 1/17/16

am told by administration, or take out the assailant if the opportunity presented itself," responded Haskell student, Franky Thomas Savage.

Student, Mataias Phunsburg stated, "I know you are supposed to take cover where you are and lockdown wherever we are at. That is what we are supposed to do, but if someone has a gun you must fight, you must resist otherwise they will simply execute you."

Student, Vivian Pomeroy stated, "I would alert faculty and staff on campus to start the procedures to alert everyone of what to do."

Pomeroy continued to explain that students can also find more information about safety procedures in the student handbook, or the catalogue of the University, and questions can be answered through University services.

For more info on the Zero Tolerance Weapons policy follow the link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B7mtQ9j_Hu1nbVdobnpDM-jNvc28/view

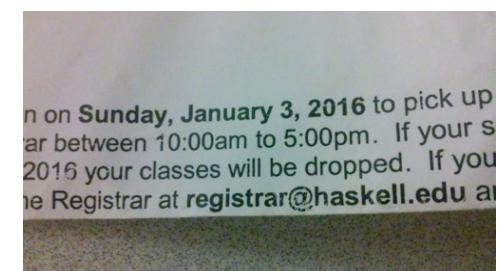
More information regarding the "Shooter on Campus" exercise: <http://www.theindianleader.com/2013/04/21/active-shooter-on-campus-drill/>

The Sunday deadline

NATHAN PORTER

The day is Sunday, January 3rd and the 7-hour deadline for students to pick up spring semester schedules before the classes are dropped begins. For students not aware, the day continuing students are scheduled to arrive is also the day to pick up class schedules from the Registrar. If students fail to pick up schedules between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and do not call or email the Registrar in advance as notification of late arrival, all classes are dropped entirely and students must re-enroll for the semester.

Haskell registrar, Lou Hara, says the reason student classes are dropped is "because we have to drop their



Notice of classes being potential dropped is printed at the bottom of every Haskell class schedule.

schedule for continuing or new students to get into those classes."

Sophomore, Dayami Gonsalves, believes the Sunday cut-off date is a problem. "I hate it, I've had so many problems with this school because of that. My second semester I was going to be a day late and I tried calling them for a week straight getting nothing but answering machines," said Gonsalves.

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OPINION

The Top .00000084%

CONNOR VENESKI

As the Spring semester begins, many students are beginning to work towards their educational and professional goals they have set for the new year. Outside of campus in the geopolitical and global economic sphere, there is a flurry of excitement as the World Economic Forum begins in the Swiss city of Davos on January 20th.

The World Economic Forum is an annual gathering of the most influential players in economics, finance, and politics where global economic agendas are also set for the new year. Prior to this gathering, Oxfam International, an anti-poverty group, released their annual report outlining the degree of wealth inequality that plagues the planet. The report found that 62 of the richest individuals (less than the amount of students able to enroll in Professor Maxwell's general biology classes) have as much wealth

as 3.6 billion people (1/2 of the entire global population). Since 2010, the 3.6 billion people at the bottom half of the wealth spectrum lost 1 trillion dollars while 62 individuals gained 500 billion dollars (86 million times more than the maximum Pell Grant disbursement allowed [\$5,775]). This is no surprise seeing as in 2015 the top 1% owned more than the rest of the 99% of the world; a milestone reached a year before Oxfam predicted. We now live in a world where the top .00000084% has the same amount of wealth as half of the world's population, and where an estimated \$7,600,000,000,000 is hidden from taxes in tax shelters. The problem with the word 'Inequality' is that it only notes a difference, but not the magnitude of that difference.

This reality is hard to comprehend, and even harder to understand is that republicans claim that this rapid and self-enforcing cycle of massive wealth distribution towards

the top is of little concern. Nobel Laureate Joseph Stiglitz has underscored the fact that the United States is not immune to this global trend and is, in fact, almost leading it. The level of inequality that we as a nation are approaching is that of dysfunctional societies and we have surpassed the inequality of Iran and Turkey and every country in the European Union. As the American super-rich become more and more rich they become distant from the ordinary population and become more reluctant (more so resistant and defiant) to spend money on common needs. The super-rich often engage in rent-seeking activities which is when resources are used to obtain economic gain at the expense of others without reciprocating the benefits back to society. An example of rent-seeking is the generous campaign contributions and lobbying for special interests in government in order to be granted de jure monopoly systems designed for their own benefit at the cost of society and free markets. This underinvestment and distortion of our democratic process and economic system has and will continue to contribute to the decline in economic opportunity and development which is desperately needed to pull out of our current economic climate.

We live in a country where poor children who succeed academically are less likely to graduate from college than richer kids who do not perform well in school, and even if these poor children graduate from college they are more likely to be worse off than the children of the rich without a degree (according to Joseph Stiglitz in his book 'The Price of Inequality'). Every year these statistics and odds against the ordinary and poorer American increase dramatically as numbers the size of phone numbers are redistributed from the poor to the rich in the name of 'fairness'. This money is then used to demean and disparage the lower class and distort our democracy.

For the next year we can look forward to millionaires (who have never tasted commodity foods nor have felt the crushing weight of poverty) funded by special interests run for President while advocating for increased tax cuts for the super-rich and cuts in social welfare spending and investments in American infrastructure. Economists and societal leaders refer to the massive and debilitating degree of inequality and deteriorating democratic process in the United States as 'Corruption American style.'

Taste of the Town

TRAVIS CAMPBELL

After a little discussion with Rhonda LeValdo the other day, I have decided to share with you a couple of my favorite places to go when in search of some real "Americana-esque" cuisine.

Oh Boy! Chicken
1006 Massachusetts St.



While it comes across as your average fried chicken joint, Oh Boy! Chicken has been known to have some very interesting and diverse

menu items. I remember one time in particular they had an appetizer special that was one day only, but consisted of pork belly with caramel sauce. As odd as that may sound, don't cringe, it was actually delicious. I also had a steak here one time that was undoubtedly the best I've had anywhere in Lawrence. Another thing that sets Oh Boy! Chicken apart from your average chain fried chicken restaurant is that you can request yours gluten-free. Try getting KFC to let you do that and see what kind of luck you have.

Recommendations: Try their greens (available as a side item.) These are not frozen, not from a can, but actual greens like someone would make at home, provided they had all day to spend letting their greens cook for hours. (Greens and

two breasts pictured above.) Hours: Monday through Saturday, 11:30 am — 9:30 pm

Ladybird Diner
721 Massachusetts St.
<http://ladybirddiner.com>



While definitely not fancy, Ladybird Diner has a markedly more diverse menu than Oh Boy! Chicken listed above. Think of it as more of an upscale (and significantly

better) IHOP or Perkins. They offer fresh donuts every morning beginning at 7:00 a.m. as well as a full-service soda fountain; like, a real-deal soda fountain. I had a cherry phosphate, probably my first

in twenty years, and it was phenomenal. (Pictured above, slightly distorted, but it truly was a thing of beauty.)

Recommendations: Pie. Please do yourself the favor of either saving room for some of their homemade pie or get a piece to go. You will thank me later. Hours: Monday-Thursday, 7:00 am— 3:00 pm Friday and Saturday, 7:00 am—10:00 pm Sunday, 7:00 am— 3:00 pm



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From the Editor

The Invisible Student

LORI HASSELMAN

We were standing in line for Pell the other day for about 20 minutes after the bank was supposed to be open. I was listening to frustrated students concerned about missing class and being late for work due to the wait. Conversations inevitably transitioned into that all familiar statement I've heard in similar situations for the last 4 years-- "well, that's Haskell for ya."

How many times have we heard ourselves say that on this campus? So many times that I fear we use that statement as an excuse to do nothing. The longer I have been a student here, the more that statement sounds like "there isn't anything we can do about it." The same issues continue to plague students over and over, and year after year students continue to have the same expectations that nothing is going to change.

The problem is that when students don't do anything about issues or situations that are important to them, situations that impact their education or their abilities to thrive here, then eventually everybody just

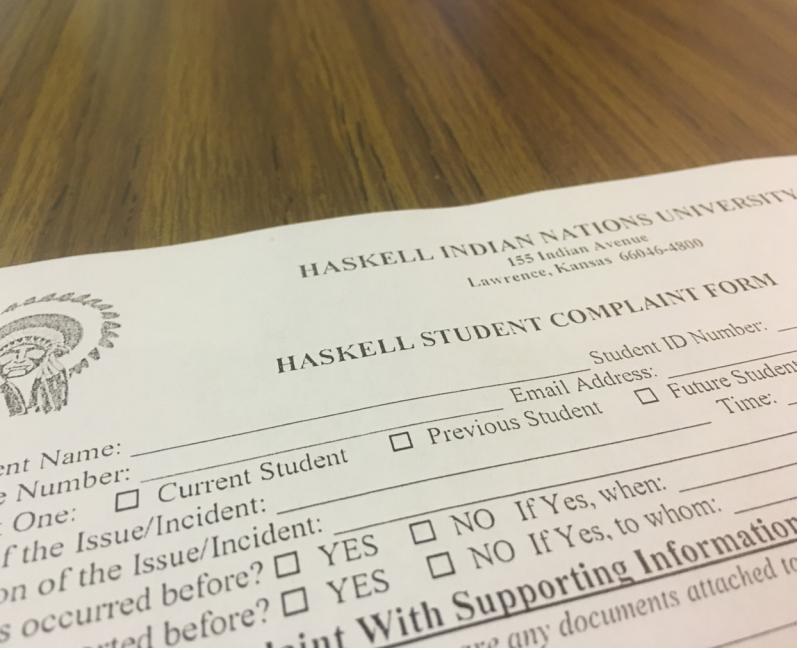
feels powerless to change their situation or any situation and that's not good. Feeling powerless seems like a repeat of our history and as the next generation of Native students, we can't allow that to happen.

I remember a story Dr. Milk told us in one of my classes about the boarding school days at Haskell when the students here kept "mysteriously" dying. There was growing concern and students decided they deserved to know the cause of these deaths by letting their voices be heard with a petition to the Superintendent. It was a very brave act because there's a cemetery out back here where many of the graves contain students who passed under questionable circumstances. Signing that petition must have been pretty scary, but students did it because they wanted their friends to stop dying.

The difference is that today, no one is holding a gun to our heads. Our meals won't be withheld for standing up for ourselves to change our school for the better. We won't be kicked out of school and nobody is going to be sent to the hole or IHS. An even crazier thought is

that today, students have more control now than ever. YOU ARE THE BOSS. We run this show. Because when students are faced

with one obstacle, and then another obstacle, and then another because no one is saying or doing anything, then students start to go home. If enough students go home, then there isn't anyone to feed at the dining hall, house in the dorms, or teach in the classroom and then everybody just goes home. I don't want that for Haskell and there are many students here and many that used to go here that don't want that either. If you want this school to be better for you, your friends, your little brother, the faculty, staff, and alumni or for those students who didn't get to sign that petition back in the day because they died, then the next time you feel like going home, try one of these things instead:



Facebook, or send an email. Ask to get on the meeting agenda and present your ideas for change.

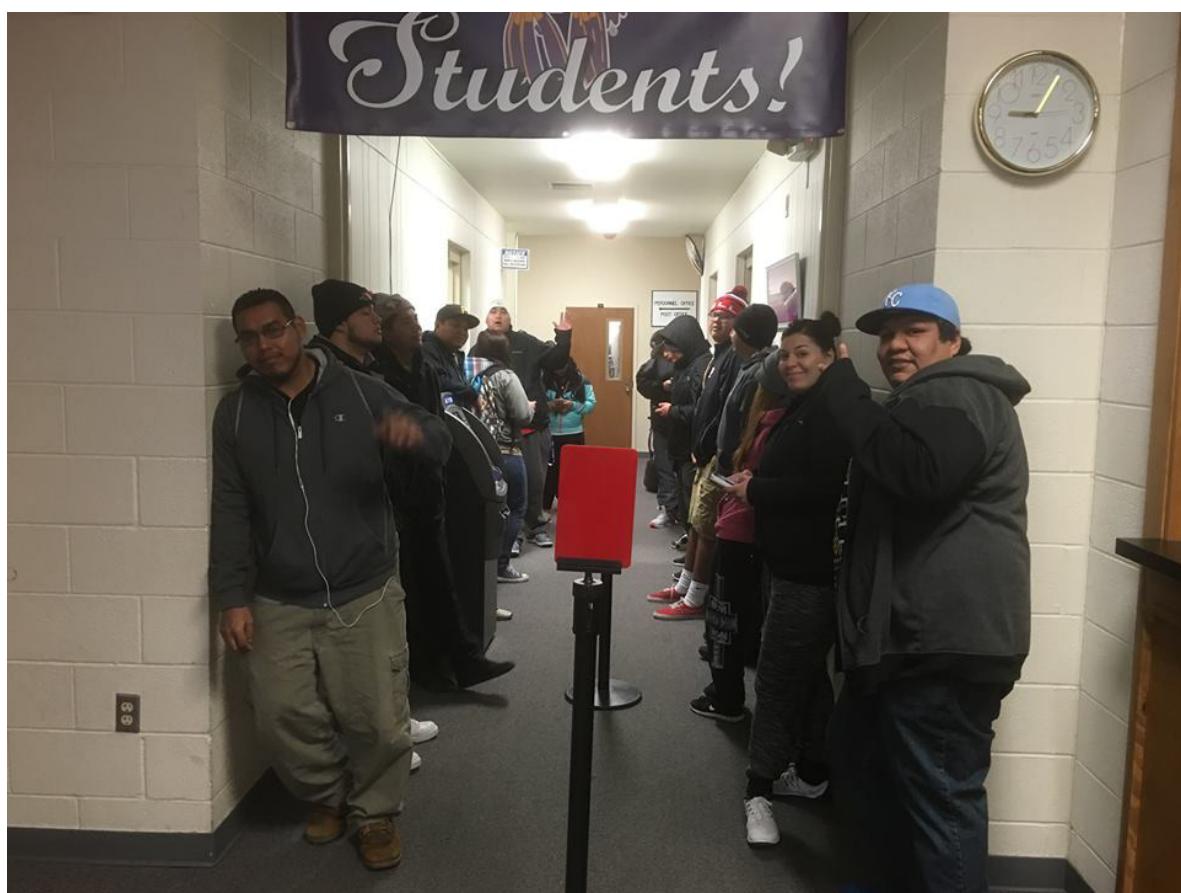
2. Get involved in a club or student organization. Make new friends who can help you. There is strength in numbers. Each club has a Student Senate Representative who attends each meeting and can bring up your concerns. GET INVOLVED IN STUDENT GOVERNMENT. Run for an office. Participating in a club will help you get started!

3. Email, call, or stop by an office. Talk to your advisor, someone in the Student Success Center, TRIO, or go to Navarre and just pop your head in an office and ask for help. Pick up a "Haskell Student Complaint Form" while you are there.

4. Write an article for The Indian Leader. The Indian Leader works for you. If you don't want to write, send us an email. Come to one of our meetings every Wed. at 4:30 p.m. in our office in Tecumseh hall or leave a message on the white board outside our door.

You have to get used to speaking up for yourself now because your lifetime is going to be full of situations that can only be changed by your action. No one is going to come to you and try to drag it out of you. In fact, there are people on this planet who do not want to see you or any Native student succeed and the quickest way they can accomplish that goal is to keep you quiet. A silent student is an invisible student.

Don't be invisible.



Students wait in line for Pell grant distribution.

Entertainment

Obadiah Eastman

If you haven't already joined the rest of the world in amazement at the premiere of the new Star Wars movie then I warn you, this article may contain spoilers. On December 18th Star Wars swept the world off its feet again with another amazing adventure in a galaxy far, far away. In its opening week it reached an outstanding worldwide profit of \$529 million breaking numerous opening week records despite the film's delayed theatrical release in China on January 8th of the New Year! The movie broke additional new records such as "highest-grossing science fiction film" and became the highest-grossing film of all time in just 20 days surpassing the James Cameron film "Avatar!"

With Star Wars returning to the big screen, Haskell students using the "Force" were lucky enough to be a part of the sensation during Christmas break and shared their experiences.



Miss Haskell showing her Light Side pride!

Miss Haskell, Brettnee Beartrack said, "I was super excited about the new movie! I've been a Star Wars fan since I was in middle school when my uncles introduced me to the saga. Since then, I probably watched all six of the old Star Wars movies about 50 times. I even remember having a few light saber battles with my little brother! I was always a Jedi knight because the

Sith were evil and I'm not about that life." Beartrack continued, "I believe that the movie lived up to its hype. I definitely left the movie theatre happy with nostalgia. I don't want to give out any spoilers, but I think anyone who watches it should have a great time. It's funny, it's sad, it's amazing, and it's in space! What's not to like about it?"



Dyami Gonsalves from the Dark Side.

According to sophomore, Dyami Gonsalves, the Dark Side is better. "I was always a Sith Lord, personally because the Dark Side seems way more powerful. They can shoot lightning out of their hands. How cool is that? The Dark Side also has more interesting characters as well, in my opinion. Darth Maul was, by far, the coolest though, just putting that out there, but with the new movie I was mainly excited about the new villain, Kylo Ren, and how he was going to turn out. He definitely had his anger issues, I will give him that." Gonsalves continued, "I was looking forward to watching the new movie ever since I saw the trailer earlier this year! I was born into a family who were already Star Wars fanatics so I guess you could say Star Wars is like a family member I grew up with. It was hilarious to find out Chewbacca had a girlfriend, which was really random but made me laugh. Overall, the movie was really good and I think anyone who watches it, old fans and new fans alike will really enjoy it."



Paul Goodman with his Star Wars Pendleton.

Paul Goodman, senior, is another big fan of Star Wars. "It was a pretty good movie, but I will always be a fan of the original trilogy. I'm such a big fan I bought a Pendleton Star wars blanket. It's pretty amazing," said Goodman.

Haskell junior, Alfonso Thorne, expressed his views of the new movie even though he hasn't seen it. "To be honest I haven't watched the new movie yet but that's only because I'm watching all the other 6 before I go and see it. I need to re-immerse myself back into the story and find what I liked most about it again. But that's what I like most about Star Wars in general is that there seems to always be something new to like about it. When I was a kid it was the light saber battles, and then it was the different planets. Now it's the complexity of the story and the characters themselves. It's just a great series overall so I can't wait to see how the new movie builds and expands onto the galaxy that we saw in the past 6 movies," said Thorne.

The latest addition in the saga has taken the world by storm and students all over campus are choosing sides as supporters of the Dark Side or the Light Side of the Force.

Students such as Haskell Brave, Calvin Smith said, "I would be a Jedi because I'm naturally a good

Star Wars: Haskell Awakens!

person. Also, I don't feel the need to travel the galaxy destroying planets. That's just evil!"

Sophomore, Daniel Lieb said, "Oh I would totally be a Sith Lord! I want the ability to shoot lightning from my hands. With that power I can cook so many hot pockets on the move!"

In a random poll of 30 on-campus students, 21 said they would be on the Light Side of the Force and help the galaxy with 6 pledging to the Dark Side of the force to rule the galaxy. Just 3 students said they would be bystander aliens like the Wookies and Ewoks.

Taking a step back from all the hype of The Force Awakens, one cannot forget to examine the history that goes along with Star Wars. In fact, Native American culture shares an interesting part in that history. Do you remember the Ewoks? Those cute, adorable teddy bear creatures we first saw on the Forest moon of Endor in Episode VI: Return of the Jedi? The name "Ewok" was actually inspired by the Minok tribe of California. Movie scenes with the Ewok in their natural habitat of Endor were actually filmed in the Redwood Forest of California, which happens to be Indigenous to the Minok.

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Marcus Barnoski points out his Rebel Alliance tattoo.

New Years Resolutions: Haskell Edition

Obadiah Eastman

Now that Christmas break is over, students are returning back to campus ready to start the new semester with a clean slate! The New Year is well under way and students of Haskell are returning with new mindsets. Yep, it's that time of year again when New Year's resolutions are made. Whether it's getting in shape, to stop a bad habit, or even getting good grades all resolutions are unique and personal. With a trip around campus, some students were willing to reveal their own new year's resolutions.



Jeremy Atcocknie

Sophomore, Jeremy Atcocknie shared a couple of his resolutions. "My New Year resolution is to manage my time more wisely this semester. Last semester I didn't quite do that so as a result my grades weren't satisfactory. I'm hoping to put in work and get that 3.0 I'm aiming for. Also, if I can manage my time I can achieve my other resolution, which is to find a perfect balance in my social and academic life."

According to the Statistic Brain Research Institute website, Jeremy's resolutions fall under the category of "Self-Improvement or education related goals," which makes up roughly 47% of what Americans usually base their New Year's resolutions around.

However, not all resolutions are strictly educational. Sophomore, Reid Williams, had some interesting



Reid Williams

resolutions. "When I usually make a New Year's resolution I put it in steps, it's just simple that way. For this year I have four simple resolutions. 1) Watch the new Star Wars at least five more times this year. 2) Figure out a way to obtain more friends. 3) Read more books. 4) Master the art of growing a beard! That last one is my top priority."

As we can see from Williams, some resolutions can be humorous, entertaining, and can vary across the spectrum.



Marcell Grant

Marcell Grant, a Haskell junior in the Business Management program also shared her resolutions. "My New Year's resolution is to obtain all A's this semester so I can get one step closer to a 4.0 GPA. Also, I want to start my own group pertaining to domestic violence survivors—to support one another."



Mahalia Henderson

Junior, Mahalia Henderson outlined her goals for the New Year. "My New Year's resolutions always change and are never consistent. So, I resolute as I go. Mostly, I want to ace this semester like last semester and I want to not fall behind in class while juggling school, work, and clubs. Another resolution of mine is to go to the gym more, even if it is only a few times a week, but we shall see."

New Year's resolutions vary from person to person. Nevertheless, no matter how big or small the goals we set for ourselves, most times they are not easy to accomplish. No matter who you are, it is completely normal to struggle with keeping yourself motivated and inspired to obtain your goals.

To help you keep those resolutions, here are five easy tips on how you can keep yourself on track:

Make a Plan: Make sure you have a plan of how you are going to accomplish your resolution. From there you can assemble a game plan and work through it in steps.

Surround Yourself with Support: Be sure to tell your friends and family about your goals so they can support you, motivate you, and help you when you need it.

Keep Track of Your Progress: Record each small success. Seeing how better you're getting little by little will help you stay motivated.

Reward Yourself: This doesn't mean go out and eat junk food if your goal is to get in shape. Instead, find a reward that doesn't contradict or

is contrary to your resolution such as going bowling with friends after you went to the gym for the past two weeks straight.

Stick to It: Don't give up, quit, or lose focus! Nothing is gained overnight so work hard and stay motivated and everything will eventually fall into place.

If you stay on track, stay motivated, and stay positive, there is no doubt you can accomplish your 2016 goals. Strive for the best and have an amazing year!



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Campus Talk: What do you think of the DiCaprio speech?

Obadiah Eastma

At the 73rd Golden Globe Awards, Leonardo DiCaprio received the Best Actor award for his role as Hugh Glass in the film *The Revenant*. In his acceptance speech, DiCaprio said this:



Dawn Fuentes, Senior

"Lastly, I want to share this award with all the First Nations people represented in this film and all the indigenous communities around the world. It is time that we recognize your history and that we protect your indigenous lands from corporate interests and people that are out there to exploit them. It is time that

we heard your voice and protected this planet for future generations."

Native communities all over North America have been giving high praise to DiCaprio for sharing his award with them. It is something the world hasn't seen since Marlon Brando rejected his academy award



Dominic Tiger-Cortes, Junior



Lamont Echohawk, Junior

back in 1973 for his role in *The Godfather*. Sacheen Littlefeather, an Apache activist who was apart of A.I.M was present for him to decline the award. Following the Marlon Brando incident, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Science has ruled out any more proxy acceptance at the academy awards.



Michael Garcia, Senior

"I think he woke something for sure bringing Indigenous topics to the light. Especially in Hollywood since it seems that we're always portrayed as this romanticized, stereotypical Indian that is one with the earth and animals. He brought to light real issues that nobody seems to care about or maybe even want to care about. I think his intentions were good but with so many uneducated people these days it might be easily overlooked."

"Yeah it was really cool to see him up there and taking that moment to share with Native communities all around the world. You can tell he wanted to say those things for a while and give support to Natives. You know not many people in his shoes would even think about doing that so props to him."

"I liked the speech and I think Leo is a great actor. He had a lot of things to say and was probably very enlightening to everyone who watched his speech as well. I say just hurry up and give the guy an Oscar."

"I think it was well intended but I don't know how well it would affect native communities. But it was a very good speech and I enjoyed that he took that time to tell the crowd present and the viewers that Natives do exist. We're not just problems in the past. I think America would like to think our problems are nonexistent."

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Marcus Barnoskie, senior, had some insight on the Ewok saying, "You know, I used to live 30 minutes from where they filmed the scenes with the Ewok. Those scenes were recorded just outside of Crescent City, California. I always found the Ewok to be okay teddy bear creatures, but to be honest I didn't much care for them. Little bears with rocks and sticks that can beat storm troopers with weapons that shoot lasers? Come on. But, I guess as far as a portrayal of Native culture goes they're not the worst we've seen in movies. They're not the stereotypical Natives you've seen portrayed in the Disney film *Peter Pan*. Still, I like Star Wars. I've been a big fan most of my life. I even got a tattoo of the Rebel alliance insignia."

The Ewoks eventually moved on to bigger and better things. The film's franchise released Ewok-related products such as books and games.

The biggest promotion was the cartoon called "Star Wars: Ewoks." The cartoon ran for two seasons but what most people don't know is that the language of the Ewok was developed using a mixture of languages that included Tibetan, Nepali, and even a small amount of Lakota.

Rain Charger, Haskell senior from the Lakota tribe had an interesting perspective on the issue. "In my opinion, it's not cultural appropriation and isn't really offensive. It sure isn't anything to get up in arms about either. Maybe if all the Ewok were wearing headdresses that would be another story. However, mixing a lot of languages together isn't bad. If anything, I feel it would be worse if all they spoke were Lakota, then it would become sort of a parody on how these space teddy bears are representing Native Americans. That's why it's good that they mixed a

couple of languages together to avoid offending any one particular culture. Overall, I really liked the little guys and the fact that they actually helped the main characters beat an army of storm troopers," said Charger.

Another big part of the Star Wars phenomena was the release of Episode Six in the Navajo language after three years of persuading Lucas Films. The project was headed by Manuelito Wheeler, Director of the Navajo Nation Museum who wanted to keep the Navajo culture alive and thought of the amazing idea to dub the Navajo language into one of the most admired sci-fi films of all time. The Navajo version of the movie made its debut in 2013 and has been very well received.

Haskell senior and member of the Navajo tribe, Chelsea Burgess, thinks the Navajo project may have been a

difficult task. "I thought that it was pretty interesting. I first wanted to see it when they were going to show it at Haskell, but for some reason I have yet to watch it. I think it would have been something difficult to do because some of the words in English don't exist or aren't necessarily the same words in the Navajo language. It's pretty interesting that someone thought of translating it into our language. Now some of the elders that don't speak English, if they wanted, can watch it. I personally don't think it's a bad thing," said Burgess.

Star Wars: The Force Awakens is playing now in movie theaters. If you haven't watched it yet or even thought about watching it, go and pick up your tickets today. It's definitely a film that carries a lot of history on its shoulders and is great for new fans and old fans to enjoy.

Davis sees progress in athletics department

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

SPORTS



the athletic department down to six varsity sports. Davis says, "That 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."

Haskell track opens 2016 season at JCCC

HUNTER COLLINS

Haskell Track & Field opened the 2016 season last weekend full of success at Johnson County Community College. More than a handful of Haskell athletes were able to compete with some athletes participating in their first collegiate track meet.

The team was able to bring three women throwers: Brianna Anglin, Elizabeth Davey, and Terrilynn Lester. Both Anglin and Davey started the season off in shot put by closing in on their previous season personal records with throws

of 8.50m (27 feet and 10 inches) and 7.90m (25 feet and 9 inches). Lester would be the only women's weight thrower finishing with a final throw of 8.25m (27 feet) in her first collegiate meet.

The men's throwing team included Isaac Johnson and Trent Cleveland. Johnson, a returning thrower for the season, finished the night with a final weight throw of 10.21m (33 feet and 5 inches). Season newcomer, Cleveland placed 6th in shot put with an impressive 11.63m (38 feet and 1 inch) only 5 inches from placing 4th.

Describing his first collegiate track meet, Cleveland said, "It was pretty unique getting to see the different athletes compete at different events. It is a lot different

than football. The thrill of competition will forever be the greatest feeling of being a collegiate athlete, especially a multi-sport competitor."

Competing Haskell sprinter for the men's team was senior, Hunter Collins. In the first event of the meet, Collins finished with a new personal record time of 7.67 seconds in the 60-meter. Collins finished in second event in the 400-meter with a time of 56.44 seconds. For his final event, Collins placed 10th in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.05 seconds.



Isaac Johnson sporting the team motto—“One Team, One Goal.”

Along with the rest of the track team, Cleveland believes the team has a great season ahead saying, "I have high hopes for this coming season, not only individually but from a team aspect. I feel we have the right men and women to compete at the highest level. The opportunity to send a few athletes to nationals seems quite possible. I'm excited to experience a different college sport and competition. Also, to motivate and push my teammates to succeed"



Trent Cleveland getting prepared for shot put.

To learn more information on the team you can follow them on Facebook at Haskell University Cross Country and Track. The team will be competing again at JCCC on January 22nd. The meet is only a short thirty minutes outside of Lawrence giving us all a chance to see our athletes in action.

Haskell men fall short to Avilia

MICHAEL BEGAY
DAMON PEAK

The Haskell men's basketball team hosted Avila University on Monday in one of the closer games the team has faced this season.

Haskell came out strong starting with a 6-point lead within the first 6 minutes of the first half. As the half progressed, the Indian lead eroded down to an even game that would end with the Indians trailing by 15 points at halftime.

Haskell returned to the court for the second half determined to close the 15-point gap with a fierce take over starting with a suave 360 layup by senior,

Wilber Everett. With 14 minutes left in the game, the Indians continued with a 10-2 point run until a few turnovers ended their streak. Stellar perimeter offense by freshman, Justin Narcomey and a clutch play by senior, Duelle Gore cut the lead down to 3 points at a highlight in the game. The Haskell Indians ultimately fell short by seven points at the end of the 65-72 ballgame.

Key players of the game were senior, Duelle Gore taking a double-double with 24 points 15 rebounds, 2 assists, and 2 steals. Freshman, Justin Narcomey finished with 10 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, and 2 steals while senior, Wilbur Everett had 7 points, 11 rebounds, and 4 assists. Marcus Middleton had 7 points, 1 re-

bound, and 2 assists.

Haskell's next game will take place on Thursday, January 21st at Grace University at 7 p.m.

Right: Justin Narcomey takes a shot. Below left: Haskell senior, Wilber Everett on the court. Below right: Haskell Men congratulate Avila after the game.



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