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NEWS



SHANA LOMBARD

Monday, August 15th, forty students gathered to discuss ways they can help the people protesting in North Dakota over the Dakota Access Pipeline. Tribal leaders and members from the Standing Rock Sioux nation and now others all across the country and world are trying to halt the construction by saying it violates treaties signed by the Standing Rock and federal government, the Fort Laramie treaty of 1869, as well as the National Historic Preservation Act, American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978, Winters Doctrine Rights of the Lakota and Dakota and the National Environmental Policy Act.

The group of students made a GoFund Me page to help with costs to buy and bring supplies and to donate the rest to those who will still remain once their initial weekend trip is over. They raised over \$700 on their GoFund Me account and through donations made in person. They also hope to continue this effort until the Standing Rock people get their justice.

The group created a Facebook page called Haskell Rock Stands With Standing Rock. There, you can find a link to electronically sign the petition asking for the construction to stop and for President Barrack Obama to defend the Standing Rock Sioux. The petition has met its required 200,000 signatures. They also hope to have a booth set up at Haskell's upcoming Indian Art Market taking place in September as another way to raise money.

However, they planned a local activity to show support here in Lawrence. They handed out flyers and had some male students sing round dance songs on Massachusetts street to show their solidarity and bring more public awareness to Kansans in the area.

The group hopes to make it known that the students at Haskell understand that it is more than just a Standing Rock Sioux problem, it is a problem that will affect the millions of people all along the Missouri river and surrounding areas. Shawnee Merrill says, "I'm out here because it just doesn't affect South Dakota or North Dakota. It affects the whole line down the Missouri River and eventually us here in Kansas."



Pictured is Rayven and Shawnee Merrill, sisters from the St. Croix Chippewa

About fifty students, staff, and community members showed up Thursday, August 18th, to hand out those flyers and help join the fight against the "Black Snake", as the Sioux call it. Students lined the corners of 9th and Massachusetts St holding signs that read "#NoDAPL Honor the Treaty", "I stand in solidarity with Standing Rock" and "I'm Not a Protester I'm a Protector" to name a few.

Haskell Student Diamond Williams

One of the rally organizers, Jacey Lee Lamar, said she just came up with the idea as a joke, say-

Haskell Stands for Standing Rock

ing sarcastically that her and her friends that she was talking to should organize a student group at Haskell to help. "It's honestly heartwarming knowing that Indian people can still come together and unite for a cause. If you look at the people that we came from, we come from such strong, resilient people and by doing this, we're continuing on that tradition."

The information on the flyers went into detail of what has been happening in North Dakota, why it is important to know about here in Lawrence and the greater Kansas City area, and how people can help.



students Yani Jack and Blanca Paloma sign the electronic petition.

As for on campus, they had a table out at lunch in Curtis Hall to provide an easier way for students and staff who wanted to sign and be a part of the discussion. Shay Crowfeather, a Haskell junior, says, "My feelings are that the pipeline being built so close to sacred grounds and communities of the Standing Rock people is dangerous and irresponsible to ourselves as humans and to the land on which we live." Students also participated in a video made by Indian Leader staff Lori Hasselman to shout out their tribe and say why they are supporting the protest of the Dakota Access Pipeline.

Others tend to believe that regardless of the signatures on Change.org, the protesters, and

legal action, that the pipeline will still be constructed. "I feel like no matter what the pipeline will



be built across the land because money drives this country and is the reason why reservations continue to get smaller as time progresses", Shanahan Wilson.

Many students struggle with the fact that all this is taking place during the semester. Many more would like to be able to go and support, but can't because they aren't able to take the time off of class. That's something Gavin Crow has had to consider. He would like to be able to stand among the others that represented Haskell and their individual nations respectfully, but he stayed behind for school.



They urge those who would like to support to sign the online petition, call your local state representatives and the White House hotline to discuss why the pipeline should be stopped and to uphold treaty rights. You can also donate directly to the Camp of Sacred Stones directly on GoFund Me.

Haskell Students Earn Journalism Honors

LORI HASSELMAN

The Native American Journalist Association (NAJA) has announced the 2016 National Native Media award winners. Students from Haskell Indian Nations University were honored with 16 awards for excellence in reporting with the Haskell News and The Indian Leader.

"Very proud of our Haskell students who won Native Media awards. We have a wonderful program at Haskell that keeps producing great content. Congratulations to everyone!" said Rhonda LeValdo, Media Communications Professor and The Indian Leader sponsor.

NAJA honors individuals and organizations each year with the highest levels of achievement within the field of journalism. Awards will be presented during the 2016 Excellence in Journalism conference in New Orleans during the Native Media Awards Banquet Sept. 20.

"I was honestly surprised that I won the awards but I did! Winning anything is fun, but I was super excited about this. It's another accomplishment I can add to my media degree for sure. I'm also glad to see that Haskell in general did really well," said Obadiah Eastman, Haskell News award recipient.

Haskell News is entirely produced by students through course work in the Media Communication department. The Indian Leader is also produced by students and is the oldest Native American student newspaper.

NAJA National Native Media Awards

Student Categories

TV - Best Feature Story

First Place
Obadiah Eastman
Haskell Indian Leader
(Haskell News)
Billy Mills visits
Haskell

Second Place

Obadiah Eastman
Haskell Indian Leader
(Haskell News)
Staying traditionally connected

TV - Best News Story

Second Place
Charlie Perry
Haskell Indian Leader
(Haskell News)
Church helps clean up campus

Third Place

Charlie Perry
Haskell Indian Leader
(Haskell News)
Welcome back powwow

TV – General Excellence

Second Place
Haskell Indian Leader
(Haskell News)

Student Category -

Print / Online
Best Editorial
First Place
Lori Hasselman
The Indian Leader
The scariest Halloween costume

Second Place

Charlie Perry
The Indian Leader
Get up and change the world

Third Place

Rustie Anglin
The Indian Leader
Why I decided to stay at Haskell

Print / Online - Best Sports Story

Second Place
Charlie Perry
The Indian Leader
Wichita State Shockers standout Ron Baker uses star power to help children

Third Place

Dallas Rudd
The Indian Leader
Haskell athletes share pride of Nike N7 experience

Print / Online - Best Feature Story

Second Place
Rachel Whiteside
The Indian Leader
Starstruck: Native actor enrolled at Haskell

Third Place
Charlie Perry
The Indian Leader
Delinda Pushetonequa travels to Guatemala to build school out of trash

Print / Online - Best News Photo

Third Place
Charlie Perry
The Indian Leader
Student leaders share their tribal flags

Print / Online - Best News Story

Second Place
Charlie Perry
The Indian Leader
12 students chosen to represent Haskell at Obama's "Middle-Class Economics" address

Third Place
Lori Hasselman
The Indian Leader
Haskell announces suspension of football program

Print / Online – General Excellence

Haskell Indian Leader

A full list of student award recipients can be found on the NAJA webpage.

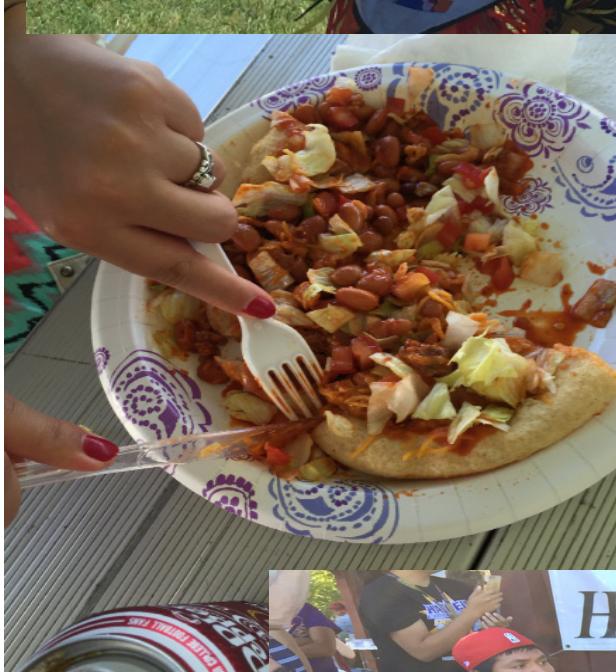


Native American Journalists Association

STANDING ROCK PHOTO GALLERY



HASKELL INDIAN ART MARKET GALLERY



Peaceful Protest turned Violent

RACHEL WHITESIDE

A few protesters injured on the Standing Rock Reservation by hired security from the North Dakota Access Pipeline Company with mace and dogs. With #NoDAPL becoming a trending post as tribes from all over the country come in support to help the peaceful protesters stand their ground against the building of the North Dakota Access Pipeline. The Standing Rock Sioux tribe has been battling out with the oil company for months now in court for the rights to build or continue building the North Dakota Access Pipeline on tribal land.

Over hundreds of Native and Non-Natives came together Saturday afternoon just outside the Standing Rock reservation on September 3rd to protest peacefully while construction continued on the pipeline. In a previous article by James MacPherson of ABC News wrote that “four private security guards and two guard dogs were injured after several hundred protesters confronted construction crews...”

It was all privately hired security, no law enforcement was involved when it came to the confrontation Saturday.



Haskell student and witness to the event sophomore Jesse Campanero shared his opinion on Saturday's incident. “In my opinion the security was in the wrong. Security physically assaulted numerous people including women and elders. I witnessed a security mace a pregnant woman with in 5ft of range from in-

side a truck. They let the dogs loose on us and our natural fight or flight kicked in and we stood our grounds and fought.” Jesse Campanero has been coming back to the Standing Rock Reservation for the past three weekends. When asked about President Obama’s involvement with the whole pipeline situation he mentioned that he wasn’t doing enough or putting enough effort into making this situation more public. Campanero then stated how he wasn’t surprised this happened and that if they did it once they’re bound to do it again. “The construction was supposed to be halted till the judge decides on or before September 9th. So if they went against the court orders one time already they’re bound to do it again and we have people on the front lines watching until then.”

Hailee Birdtail, another peaceful protester and Haskell student shared her experience on the event that happened Saturday.

“I’ve spent the last two weekends here at Standing Rock. I’ve witnessed some pretty devastating situations to which the government, law enforcement and many parts of the Nation pay zero attention too. The situation that happened at the site on Saturday, I wasn’t an eye witness to

ful. I had only seen the aftermath, seeing the hurt that the missionaries



Haskell student Hailee Birdtail and Sister

had caused. They went ahead and continued construction before September 9th when the decision was agreed to be made, was unacceptable. We have been here peacefully doing our part to protect the water that we all use, yet the government and sadly to say, President Obama could give a care less about.” Explains Birdtail

Many Haskell students have been actively involved in the protesting at Standing Rock and can be seen in several photos showing their support as well as Haskell pride.

The event that happened at Standing Rock on Saturday is another example of breaking a contract or agreement with Native Americans. The Army Corps of Engineers went ahead with construction when it was supposed to be paused until after the court hearing on September 9th. Protectors not Protesters are what the people are doing on Standing Rock, it’s becoming more and more public to be able to still turn a blind eye.

“I have hope that construction will stop after what had happened but we have to take this into consideration, we live in America. Everything is ran by money. Nothing matters, only the dollar amount that’s being put into your bank account. It’s an unfortunate society that we live in today but it’s time that we as Indigenous people come together and help educate those who don’t understand that our mother is hurting. So the sooner we can make this known the sooner we can make this change and be the protectors that we are. Hope is all we have, hope that the US government will realize the consequences that will happen when the pipeline ruptures...We may be different geographically, but we are one nation. We are native. These are our people and this is our mother that we are all protecting. I will be here standing next to our standing rock relatives till the end.” – Hailee Birdtail



Keiton Guess Indian Leader team

what had happened, I was back at camp taking care of our spot and after a while we headed up to the site and was catching everyone walking back to the front lines.

Seeing and hearing what had happened devastating. Seeing those bleeding from dog bites, eyes and faces red from the mace was aw-

Haskell Fraternity Announces Award Recipient

Joey Tosse

Phi Sigma Nu Iota Chapter, Inc. is proud to announce that Haskell student, Winston Robison, was awarded Nu Man of the Year (undergraduate) at the 2016 National Phi Sigma Nu Chief Convention.

The award is voted on at the annual National Phi Sigma Nu Chief Convention and awarded to only one member each year. Mr. Robison was selected for this year's award for his service and outstanding work for the Haskell Iota Chapter in his role as President.

The award is the highest honor that an undergraduate member can receive within Phi Sigma Nu, Inc. The criteria that must be met to be honored with the award include: to be the most outstanding within one's Chapter by being a leader, setting an example, giving back to the community, and going above

and beyond in services to the community and Phi Sigma Nu, Inc. Over the last year, Mr. Robison has been highly successful in attaining these standards set forth by the National Chief Council of Phi Sigma Nu, Inc.

Mr. Robison is a full-time student in the Haskell School of Business and will graduate in December 2016. He is from Locust Grove, Oklahoma and is a member of the Muscogee Creek Nation.

The Brothers of Iota Chapter are proud to have Mr. Robison as a President and Brother.



Haskell business student and President of the Phi Sigma Nu Iota Chapter has been awarded "Nu Man of the Year."

Haskell's Athletic Department

Reid Williams

One thing that seems to remain constant in the Athletic Department at Haskell is change. Over the past two years: the football program has been shut down, a new men's basketball coach has been hired, women's cross country received a post-season ban, and the athletic director left after just one year. The university is currently searching for an athletic director.

Cherica Eckiwaudah, a senior on the women's cross country team stated what she wanted to see in an Athletic Director. "I hope that we are able to get someone in that position who not only knows how to get the job done but also understands what it is

like to be an athlete." Eckiwaudah continued, mentioning her own team's post-season ban. "I feel, if they had a personal connection to their job that they would have an increased passion to keep our programs going strong. They would understand how hard it would be to have something ripped away from you when you have done nothing wrong. Hopefully they will hire someone who is willing to take on a challenge and be committed to Haskell."

Although the athletic department has had a few issues over the past couple of years, there are many positive things a new athletic director could build upon.



The women's basketball program under Coach Flanagan is coming off an Association of Independent Institutions Conference Championship and an

appearance in the NAIA Division II National Tournament. The men's basketball team seems poised to take big steps in the right direction entering their second

Native Journalist, the Ups and the Downs

Rachel Whiteside

This past weekend the Native American Journalist Association hosted its annual Excellence in Journalism Conference in New Orleans. Native American journalist from across the United States joined in attendance to support and share their knowledge on mass media and working within it.

Native Journalist make up about 0.4 % of the journalist population when it comes to diversity. These journalist report on hard hitting stories that are affecting Indian Country and brings awareness to the public. Patty Talahongva, NAJA conference speaker and fellow journalist explained how as Native American journalist, we have a responsibility to the community that we serve when it comes to covering stories. *"I think it's important to look for those internships to give yourselves a good chance to go out and really explore journalism and to not be afraid to take on any issue or to talk to any group of people. As a jour-*

press and freedom of speech. There will always be difficulties and challenges with being a Native journalist due to fact that not all tribes and not all native people are willing to give interviews. And some may not even let journalist cover the story if they don't approve of it.

"Freedom of the Press has been NAJA's effort to educate Indian country, tribal leadership, for whatever reason tribal leadership tends to fear reporters, journalist, even though we have the Indian Civil Rights Act we have freedom of the press, there's still a great fight among tribal journalist to be able to report on their tribe or report on their leadership without any repercussions." - Talahongva

Talahongva mentioned later on in the interview how her experience of having her Freedom of Press was taken from her when visiting the Standing Rock Reservation. She explained how she flew to Standing Rock to report on President Barack



Patty Talahongva, NAJA conference speaker and journalist

nalist you have to be able to walk up to anybody and start a conversation. What's going to be your story and that's the job of a journalist. When you meet people and are willing to go and do the research you return all kinds of great stories." - A comment from Patty Talahongva

Journalism is the only job that is protected by the United States Constitution, the first amendment protects journalist with freedom of

Obama's visit. She described it as a historical trip where Obama met the students at the schools and to spoke with the tribal leaders as well as tour the reservation. Talahongva and several other Native reporters were denied credentials to cover the events happening during Obama's visit to Standing Rock by the tribe's government. She explained how The White House had already approved of their press credentials to cover the story but the tribe has jurisdic-



Simon Moya-Smith, Indian Country Today Journalist and Native American Activist

tion over their land and they refused not just Patty but several other native journalist allowing only a few people in. Talahongva ended her interview by saying how this is not the first time a Native Journalist was refused to cover a story by a tribes government.

Although there can be refusal of reporters on tribal land, a lot of informative stories and articles do come from within Indian Country and on Reservations. There are Native Journalist all over the United States who cover stories such as the oil leaks and fracking on the Navajo Nation to the North Dakota Access Pipeline Protesting.

Simon Moya-Smith another Native Journalist that was at the EIJ16 Conference, when interviewed on active topics that are affecting Indian Country today, he shared his view on the incidents at the Standing Rock Reservation.

Moya-Smith also reported first hand on the incidents happening at Standing Rock earlier in August when he visited. He commented on the police checkpoint that is placed at entrance of the reservation when coming from the Bismarck, ND route.

Stating that it is a violation of the Fort Laramie Treaty and is infringing the rights for Native Americans to assemble and to have freedom of speech. The checkpoints that are placed limit the amount of people visiting the Standing Rock Reserva-

tion by monitoring who can enter. Moya-Smith expressed how the North Dakota Access Pipeline is a threat to water and a threat to life surrounding the water if it leaked.

Moya-Smith ended his interview by explaining his view on what it takes to be a Native American Journalist and that it takes a great deal of patience.

"Be patient, only now people are really beginning to learn that the Native American people not only still exist but we survived, that we are doctors, lawyers, journalist, professors, teachers and neighbors. So it takes a lot of patience, and it takes a lot of poetry, charm, and it takes a lot of seduction and that's what you need as a Native American reporter. You will always be outnumbered until they wholesale welcome us into these mainstream news rooms; we don't even have a pundit. There's pundits for several races but there's no NBC Native America, we can't even get our own section let alone a seat at the table to be a continued voice. So it does take patience, a lot of patience because you see people talking about you and your people and they have no clue what it's like being Native American." - Commented Simon Moya-Smith

Of Sovereignty

RONALD HICKS

Prior to European contact and influence, the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas already possessed and engaged in their own unique social, political, and economic infrastructures. As history demonstrates, the European powers eventually and openly did not respect nor recognize these forms of indigenous societies and governments. They took it upon themselves to shoulder the burden of fundamentally transforming the indigenous ways of life into something that might better reflect their own soon-to-be dominant cultures.

The early 1930s brought about radical changes of federal policy to combat the damage done to Native American communities that resulted from the blatant failure of an Indian resistance to assimilation. These policies halted further reservation land allotments and established indefinite trust land statuses for Native tribes. While Indian reorganization acknowledged the "inherent sovereignty" of tribal governments, it forced them to adopt a skeleton governmental structure that was compat-

ible with and most closely resembled that of the federal government.

In the late 1960s, federal efforts to promote and facilitate tribal autonomy and economic development began to occur. This resulted in more "government-to-government" interactions between the United States and Indian Nations, allowing tribes to exert more self-governance and decision-making over issues and programs that were formerly maintained and administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. I believe that the federal policies of "reorganization" and "self-determination" have mostly affected tribal sovereignty negatively.

Many tribes were traditionally governed by a system of Clan Mothers, Councils, and Chiefs for every kind of situation (war-times, peace-times, diplomatic excursions, etc.). It is hard for a tribe to successfully transition their fundamental beliefs about who will and how to govern their people. Therefore, when forced to adopt a foreign governmental structure, the results are often corruption and inefficiency. Traditionally, an individual would step into a role when needed and bring

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honor to their title. In this modern form of tribal government, an individual is elected into a role and their title brings them power. This is counterfeit to the organic and fluid nature of traditional tribal government.

Let's delve a bit deeper. I am forced to be cynical about the federal policies of "reorganization" and "self-determination." I see reservation lands in trust as wall-less prisoner-of-war camps. The federal government has set up little tracts of land for little brother tribal governments to play pretend as sovereign nations when most of the time (countless Supreme Court cases) they are really not. This is more or less what the Nazis did with the Jews in concentration camps. The SS guards would select prisoners (or Kapos) for administrative tasks or supervision over other prisoners in camp. In return, the Kapos gained favor (with the SS guards), slightly more freedom, and power. To me, modern tribal governments fulfill the role of this "prisoner self-administration." These tribal governments deal with the federal government on a daily basis, and essentially, are financially dependent on the U.S. This ensures

constant observation and supervision of tribes, allowing no room for rabble-rousing or noncompliance. The United States recognizes tribal governments as "domestic dependent nations" and has gone out of their way to define and maintain that relationship.

I cannot understand how the federal government could grant Indians Nations [more] sovereignty, as the very meaning of sovereignty does not let one possess a degree of sovereignty; one is either sovereign, or they are not. I also question their sincerity in granting Indian Nations more "sovereignty," as it seems that Indians are allowed autonomy only when it is convenient. While federal policies of "reorganization" and "self-determination" are ideal in comparison to "termination" and outright extermination, tribal governments ought to incorporate more traditionally compatible views and systems into their modern forms of governance. This is to be done only with the permission of the federal government, of course.

Entertainment

TRAVIS CAMPBELL

The year 2016 ought to go down in the annals of history as being the year that fried chicken came to Lawrence. Within the last few months, Iowa Street has seen two fried chicken chains opening locations on opposite sides of the street. This, of course, is not even mentioning Chick-fil-A which has already occupied their spot on Iowa (just south of Raising Cane's for reference) for over a year now.

I have to admit to you all a fair level of disappointment on my end. Everyone who mentioned it to me had built up the new Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers restaurant on Iowa to be something really great. Excited, I went to try them out.

While I was fairly impressed with the speed with which my order was taken, I was less than impressed with

what I received. (Especially for what I was paying!) If you like French fries, this is your place as most of what you receive will be fries. If you're actually going out intending to eat some chicken, I recommend that you not waste your time and just go across the street to the new Popeye's.

In other, non-chicken related restaurant news, it appears that Vecino's, the Italian/Mexican restaurant located at 23rd and Ridge Court has ceased operations within less than a month of opening their doors. While I never had the privilege of being privy to their menu, a friend informed me that they were boasting offerings such as "spaghetti tacos."

As self-explanatory as the name is, I have to admit that I was curious about them and it appears now that I may never get to experience the spaghetti taco myself.

Their location, however, according to signage which has appeared in the last week, will be once again home to El Mezcal. We can only hope that things will be better there this time around. (If you find yourself mystified by this statement, kindly refer back to my review of El Mezcal last year.)

Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers:
2435 Iowa St, Lawrence, KS 66046
Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen: 2560 Iowa St, Lawrence, KS 66046

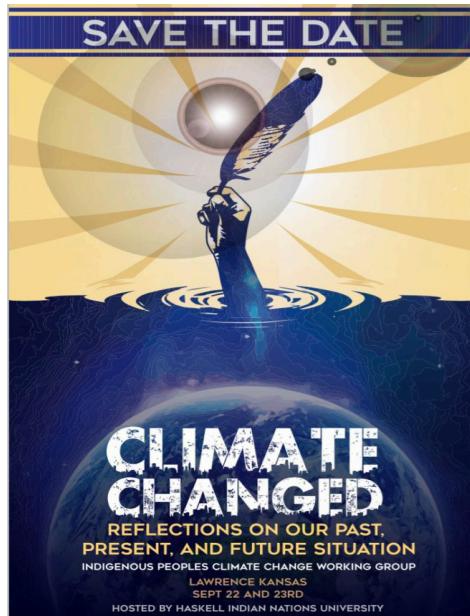


Travis is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Indigenous & American Indian Studies with an emphasis in Sovereignty. He is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. He is an off-campus student and a frequent diner at many local eateries.



NEWS

LORI HASSELMAN



It has been ten years since the Indigenous Peoples Climate Change Working Group (IPCCWG) was established at Haskell Indian Nations University. On Thursday and Friday, September 22-23rd, the group will return to Haskell with a robust agenda that includes honoring past and current partners, panel discussions, and a buffalo feed. The theme for this year's meeting is Climate Changed: Reflections on Our Past, Present, and Future Situation.

IPCCWG History

The IPCCWG was formed in 2006 when scientists, scholars, Indigenous environmental professionals, and American Indian students came together for the first Center for the Remote Sensing of Ice Sheets symposium at Haskell. One of the things recognized at this intense 3½ day meeting was that climate change will especially impact tribal people, and one of their greatest challenges will be deciding on how they will continue to live sustainably. A need for more education and research programs in climate change at Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) was realized and the American Indian and Alaska Native Climate Change Working Group was born.

The name was later changed to IPCCWG because of the new relationship the group had established in 2012 with Native Hawaiian and Pacific Island relatives through work with Pacific Risk Management 'Ohana (PRiMO) and the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center at University of Hawaii.

Today, IPCCWG is a tribal college and university (TCU)-centered network of NGOs, governmental agencies, national research labs, public and private colleges and universities, and tribal and inter-tribal organizations. The group's overarching goals are to "prepare future generations of American Indians and Alaska Natives, earth science professionals, well-trained as educators, scientists, engineers and technologists, and to ensure that Indigenous tribal knowledge of landscapes and climates are valued, used, and incorporated into the tribal exercise of earth science education and research."

Every fall and spring semester of the academic year, the group has met in places such as Anchorage, AK, The National Weather Center, Norman, OK, Dartmouth College, the National Museum of the American Indian, Washington, D.C., and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI), New Orleans, LA and Albuquerque, MN.

With support from federal grants, private donors, NGOs, TCUs and tribal governments, the IPCCWG has provided TCU faculty and students research opportunities, travel support to professional scientific meetings and, with the twice yearly meetings, given TCU students and their academic mentors the opportunity to share their climate change related research. NASA has also played a leadership role in providing support.

Project Coordinator, Shereena

Indigenous Peoples Climate Change Working Group

Baker has been involved with the meeting for seven years since she was a Haskell student intern for Dr. Dan Wildcat. Now a KU Indigenous and American Indian Studies graduate student, Baker is excited that the meeting has returned to Haskell.

"The best part of being involved with the working group has been watching all the students become the teachers. Our meetings are set up to create discussion on climate change issues that are affecting Indigenous people and their environment, and I love that these professionals listen and work with the students while at these meeting and after," said Baker.

A Buffalo Ceremony

One of the unique highlights of this year's meeting will include a buffalo feed for students and attendees on Thursday evening. The Haskell Pte Oyate Club was gifted a bison from Circle S Ranch, Lawrence, KS and traditionally prepared the bison in a private ceremony.

Nine students spent the night at the ceremony location. Student Shannon Hawkins, Inupiaq from Alaska, participated in the ceremony and said it was definitely the biggest animal she has seen harvested. According to Hawkins, some students even assisted in identifying and harvesting some of the organs.

"It was really neat to see everyone there and wanting to learn another culture and respect it. Spending the night and us talking about things we've experienced at Haskell and then being able to add another experience was awesome. Everyone was sharing their own culture and was really open. The whole experience just resembles Haskell a lot," said Hawkins.

Hawkins said the ceremony was a

little like fish camps from her home in Alaska. "We thank the fish for giving themselves up for us and that's what we did with the buffalo. We thanked her. We referred to the buffalo like a person," added Hawkins.

Public Encouraged to Attend

Baker says she is looking forward to seeing familiar faces as well as new ones.

"I am excited to see everyone that will be attending our meeting. The working group meetings are great for networking and everyone is so helpful. We all share a common interest when coming to these meetings, and we all have our own unique expertise to add to the table," said Baker

At least 100 guests are expected to attend the IPCCWG meeting. All are welcome and registration will be accepted at the door. Below is a complete agenda for the two-day event.

Climate Changed: Reflections On Our Past, Present, and Future Situation

REGISTRATION: for the general public (no tribal or college/university affiliation) will be \$75.00 for both days that includes a Bison Feast on Thursday night the 22nd. Otherwise people can sign up to attend for a single day for \$40.00.

Register at the door or ahead of time. Snacks and meals will be provided to all paid registered participants. RSVP by email so we can obtain a count for meal planning to shereena_rose@hotmail.com. Advance Registration can be paid through the Haskell Foundation website. Contact Brittany at (785) 749-8425 for instructions on how to pay registration in advance w/ credit card. Registration on site must be paid by cash or check.

Haskell Alumna Cites Bullying Tactics as Cause

RACHEL WHITESIDE



Haskell Alumna, Marzha Fritzler, has been recently protesting about what she characterizes as "Haskell's Human Resources bullying tactics" towards several staff and faculty members of the University, in particular Mona Gonzales and Glenn Himebaugh. Marzha Fritzler Facebook Post 4Fritzler who is the wife of Dr. Mike Tosee, a professor at Haskell who is now placed on administrative leave, is protesting about alleged injustices of how the Human Resource office handled the situation involving Tosee and his administrative leave.

She posted on Facebook a screenshot of the administrative letter written by Julia Good Fox the acting dean of the incident. While the post showed the image of the letter, Fritzler gave a brief summary of her

version of what's going on exactly in status.

The letter written by Julia Good Fox the dean of Natural and Social Sciences at the time explains how Mike Tosee was placed effective immediately on administrative leave from his position as Instructor of History.

"During your administrative leave, you are not to enter the school, or any other area, specific to Haskell Indian Nations University (Haskell, HINU or University) until you are instructed to return." mentioned Good Fox.

It has been suggested by others that there was an incident in Navarre Hall involving Mike Tosee this past December, which led to it being put on lock down and the Lawrence Police department called.

"Please note that this is not a disciplinary measure... This action is being taken to minimize disruption on the Haskell campus" Stated Good Fox.

According to his wife, Mike Tosee was not permitted to set foot on campus anymore, his keys and laptop confiscated and was escorted off of campus. Fritzler then mentioned that all of this disruption was supposedly from "emails" Mike Tosee sent while on the Haskell server. Unfortunately staff and faculty at Haskell are prohibited on speaking about the topic about Tosee.

When interviewed, Marzha Fritzler explained her reasoning behind her

protest and how it's more than just her husband, allegedly several staff and faculty at Haskell who have been mistreated or "bullied". Marzha then stated that she's seen documents that tell him he can't discuss those issues with faculty staff and students.

"As federal employees, we do a certain level of due process that I don't feel and others on campus that aren't getting. There's a number of people that are told you can't speak about these issues they're personal issues. And that's true to extent they are personal issues, but they are using that as an excuse to silence wrongs that are happening Haskell and then that's why I feel like I have to come out and do something myself. As a former alumni and adjunct instructor at Haskell." Marzha Fritzler explains in her interview

DSC_0293A lot of media fire has spread over Fritzler's Facebook post explaining the disciplinary actions towards Mike Tosee. Overall the post had many students, alumni, and others questioning what is actually going on in the Haskell Human Resources.

Fritzler explained how she's had several students and staff come to her personally and on Facebook stating how "they would like to be out here too, but they are scared of the repercussions they might receive by doing so." She then followed up with "that's not right, it's an oppressive situation that will only thrive in silence and in shame." Later explaining how her first sign she used

to protest that stated Haskell was corrupt, but what she really meant Haskell's HR Mona Gonzales was corrupt. Not meaning to bad mouth Haskell but to catch the public's attention. She stated that she was not trying to be malicious but to draw attention to her and her cause of what she's fighting for. Marzha continues to fight for her husband's rights, she explained the absence in Professor Tosee's situation and why he couldn't protest unless he took leave on his own time. Tosee does have the right to join in on the protest with his wife, because it is a part of his first amendment and not on Haskell property as well.

Marzha Fritzlers Facebook post 2

Marzha Fritzler claims she believes that what she is doing by protesting is a way of giving Haskell a voice that's being suppressed by the school's totalitarian ways. Marzha Fritzler Facebook Post

"The goal I'm hoping to accomplish is to bring awareness to what's going on out here and it's an unhealthy environment and an oppressive environment. My purpose is to try to generate awareness at Haskell and try to give a voice to those that are silenced on campus. There's a number of people that are being reprimanded on hearsay just because administration says this is what happened and you're in violation without documentation, without substitute evidence. And like I said federal employees are due a certain level of due process, which is being ignored."

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Cross Country Opens Season at Baker

HUNTER COLLINS



Haskell Cross Country Sophomore runner Cameron Riley took 13th place to open the season at the Baker University Maple Leaf Invite. Riley finished the 5K with a time of 17:44.

Riley commented on his performance, "I feel happy knowing I was able to medal but it gave me a sense of what needs to be worked on with myself and the

team. These meets are sort of like tune ups for the important meet which happens in Denver in two months."

Finishing in 17th place was Freshmen newcomer Darrin Cly with a time of 18:12. The rest of the team finished in descending order; Fr. Joshua Garcia 18:55, Jr. Derrick Sleeper 19:09, and Fr. Dakota Hulse 19:50. With the scores tallied up the Men's team would finish in 3rd place behind Baker University who won the meet and Johnson County Community College who came in second place in the team standings.

For the Haskell Women's team Seniors Cherica Eckiwaudah and Kaana Watchman lead the way. Watchman would finish the 4k with the fastest time of 18:50 for 26th place. Eckiwaudah followed closely behind with a time of 19:27 for 28th place. Newcomer Joylyn Rowland made her col-

legiate debut for Haskell with a time of 20:01 and 32nd place. The women did not field enough runners for a team.

Haskell will be competing at the Greeno Dirksen Invite in Lincoln, Nebraska that is scheduled on September 17th. Be sure to follow all upcoming news on the Haskell Cross Country Website.



Volleyball Opens Season Defeating Sterling College

REID WILLIAM

In their home opener Haskell Women's Volleyball won decisively in three straight sets at Coffin Complex.

Haskell Volleyball (3-5) faced off against Sterling College (5-3) Friday night. Haskell jumped out to an early lead and never look back winning the first set 25-17.

The second set would be a little closer, but with strong play from Aspen Shepherd with 15 kills and Amber Whitehair with 17 assists Sterling College fell 25-22, to the Indians.

Coach, Nana Brewer motivates the team at Friday's matches agains Sterling College.

HINU came out motivated to finish the game in the third set, and that's exactly what they would do, winning the set 25-23 and the game 3-0.

Haskell will be at home again Tuesday night, September 13th, taking on the University of St. Mary at 7:00 p.m.



Haskell sends the ball over the net against Sterling College at the home opener on Friday.



Coach, Nana Brewer motivates the team at Friday's matches agains Sterling College.

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