



Softball at Haskell

Photo by Cody Vannaman

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The softball team is more determined and focused this year compared to any season in the past according to their players. Speaking with three freshman on this year's team: Kylee Sellers, Shawn Harrah, Nicole McWilliams and assistant coach, Summer Moncivais. All of them stated, "we want to win as many games as possible. We want to win conference and keep the program alive here at Haskell."

When asked what they meant by keep the program alive here at Haskell, their response, "have more people want to come here and play softball, by looking at how well we played this year and the possibility of success later on."

Why should the community come watch them? McWilliams said, "come watch the change, we are in a vulnerable spot right now, whatever we do everyone will see and they will hopefully see us win." Second baseman Shawn Harrah said, "We aren't the same team as last year, don't compare us to any team without watching us play."

Assistant coach Summer Moncivais had this to say about the team, "We work pretty well together, we're hard working, flexible to change, and we are a championship caliber team. Everybody here shows so much dedication to wanting to win and just wanting to work hard towards our goals."

When speaking about softball coach Gary Tanner, they responded, "we love our coach, he's like a father figure in a way, real good role model, and he just wants the best for us." When asked about their senior captain Brianna Smith they respond with, "She's ready for a change this year, we are glad that we have her on our team, and she's like a big sister to us."

Head Coach Gary Tanner had a lot to say on this season and on the team. "We are a part of Haskell and if we had to have a goal in mind it would be to be a positive part of Haskell and grow along with the University. Winning is expected, one step at a time." Tanner had compliments about his only senior captain Smith, "she's a leader, leads by example, takes the team personal, understands this is her last year, and wants to make the most of it for her and her teammates."

Tanner commented on players to watch out for. "Nicole McWilliams, Kylee Sellers, and Lindsey Lofton. Lindsey is there starting shortstop and lead-off batter. We have a good group of girls, a lot of young players that can grow together in the next few years, by supporting and helping each other in all areas."

Tanner reiterated he wants the team to be successful in all areas of Haskell. "I want all the girls to graduate, we want to win balls games, and produce a product or event that will get the Haskell community to come watch us play."

When asked if he thinks this year will be better than the other years, Tanner said, "The past is the past, we continue to improve and we don't want to be compared to any team in the past. We practice hard and work hard, that's another reason we want people to come watch our games, it's to see what we've done, because we do it for them."



Welcome to Sovereignty.

by Allen Stephenson

Today we welcome six new tribes into Haskell Indian Nations University as they gain Federal recognition! The six tribes in question The Chickahominy, Eastern Chickahominy, Upper Mattaponi, Rappahannock, Monacan, and Nansemond of the Virginia commonwealth have been fighting for their status for the past two decades. This outcome was achieved by Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2017 which was passed in the House of Representatives in May of 2017 and again by the Senate in January 2018. As we welcome these tribes into their newly acquired status we should reflect on why this is important.

Sovereignty is integral to the success and future of any and every tribe currently residing in American or it's many and varied territories. Why is it important you ask? It's important because Federal acknowledgement or recognition means the United States government recognizes the right of an Indigenous tribe to exist as a sovereign entity. There are still a plethora of terms and stipulations that come along with Native Sovereignty and rules we must follow and hoops to jump through, but Federal Recognition is the first step to giving ourselves agency with the government of the United States.

Federal recognition of Indian tribes is also similar to the diplomatic recognition that the United States extends to foreign nations. When a tribe is federally recognized, it has the right to establish a tribal government and enter into agreements with the federal government in much the same way the federal government makes agreements with Canada and Mexico.

Tribes without federally recognized status do not share these same benefits and have historically suffered greatly at the loss of recognition, the Menominee are a prime example. The Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act will allow tribes to

Compete for educational programs and other grants only open to federally recognized tribes.

Repatriate the remains of their ancestors in a respectful manner. Many of these remains reside in the Smithsonian, but without federal status there is no mandate to return the remains.

Provide affordable health care services for elder tribal members who have been unable to access care.

Overall the lives and political power of these Virginia Natives will grow stronger and help promote self-governance within Indian country. This is a win, this is a cause for celebration, and this is a people returning home after fighting the good fight for many years. The battle may be won, but the war is far from over, remember where you came from and as always

Onward, Haskell.



Babes,
 KC Chiefs are red,
 The Royals are blue,
 Be it win or lose,
 I'm rooting for you.

Shaunna Gullikson

Happy Valentine's Day Shawn Marta
 Harrah

Love,

Mom and Dad

"To My Lover,
 Thank you for all your support, patience, un-
 derstanding, and love. You're an awesome
 father to our little girl. Happy Valentine's Day
 Zach!

Love,

Canté <3"



A Gift You Can Both Enjoy for Valentine's Day!



Make America Think Again.

by Allen Stephenson

Its been several days since President Trump's State of the Union address, a highly anticipated, albeit mixed bag of political rhetoric. While the first half of his speech seemed to focus on his slogan "Make America great again," we can only question how the logistics of the policies he sets forth could happen. The President undoubtedly is making good on his word at face value. His policy of putting "America first" became evident with the subject matter in the beginning his address. Tax cuts, the economy, regulatory reform, trade and new ideas on immigration, but in terms of the American people, just who are they?

"Tonight, I call upon all of us to set aside our differences, to seek out common ground, and to summon the unity we need to deliver for the people we were elected to serve," Trump exclaims at one point. The American people are many things and one of them is most definitely divided. The irony of calling people to come together when the government itself was on furlough several days prior is glaring. It was also painfully apparent that Bipartisan policies were no where to be found and not happening anytime soon. Trump appeared to be bragging almost about undoing every Obama era regulation, even to the point of declaring that Guantanamo Bay prison in Cuba would stay open. An insult to injury as it were, to Obama's long-standing struggle to shut the prison down during the time of his presidency.

The arena of American politics is a savage one to say the least, so where then do we as Native Americas draw the line between hope and political despondency? In the surge of American energy production Trump has consigned land from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska and offshore for oil drilling and fracking. "We have ended the war on American energy. And we have ended the war on beautiful, clean coal." Trump claims in his speech. This is troubling to indigenous people for many reasons, but is he aware of that? Just how much do Indigenous people add up in his vision for the American people? Its hard to say. We can do more than hope however by staying informed and knowing how political discourse works in the white man's court is a critical start, if not necessary for the future of our people. The president discussed many things having to do with the "greatness" of our country and presented the lives of veterans and their stories in true hallmark fashion towards the conclusion of his speech, but nary a word on Russia or pending investigations on possible collusion, go figure.

The new American politico doesn't have to be some middle aged white guy touting outdated political values based on profit and private ownership. He or She, could be someone from Wolf Clan, A water protector, someone with powerful medicine, someone with long hair or who was raised by their elders. Someone that danced jingle dress or straight. This person could be indigenous, this person could be you or me.

Black History Month Event

*A CONVERSATION ON BEING NATIVE
AMERICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN*

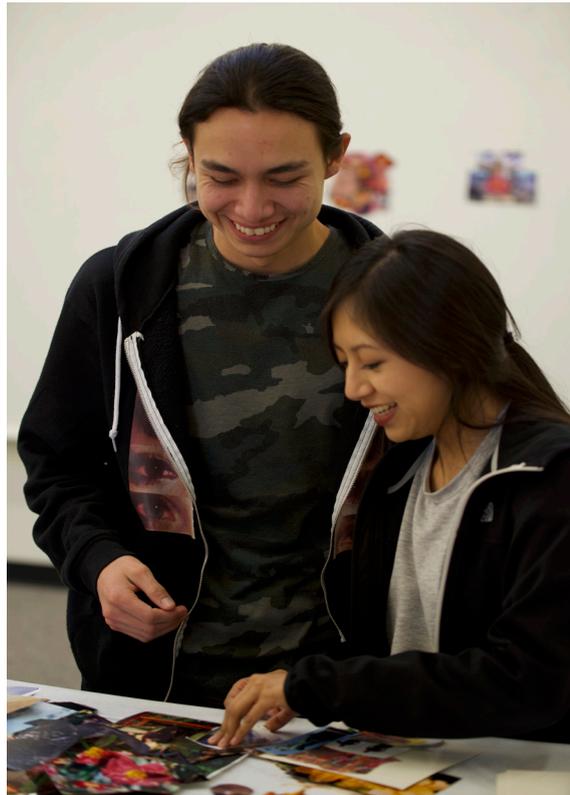
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Regents Room, Navarre Hall
February 21, 2018 3 p.m.



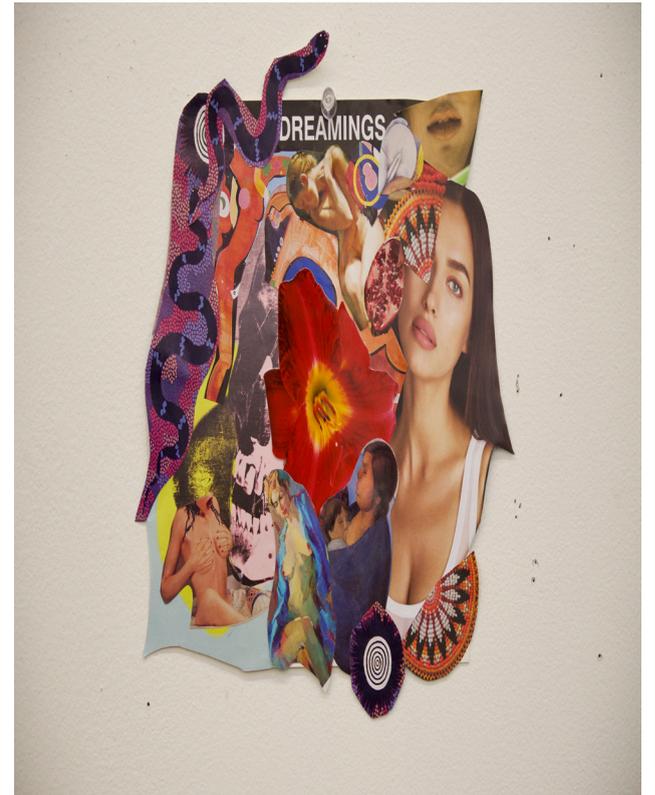
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Haskell Art teacher Mr. Titterington

a Piece of Student Artwork



students working on collages



Photos from the Welcome Back Pow-Wow & Honoring Ourselves Art Show

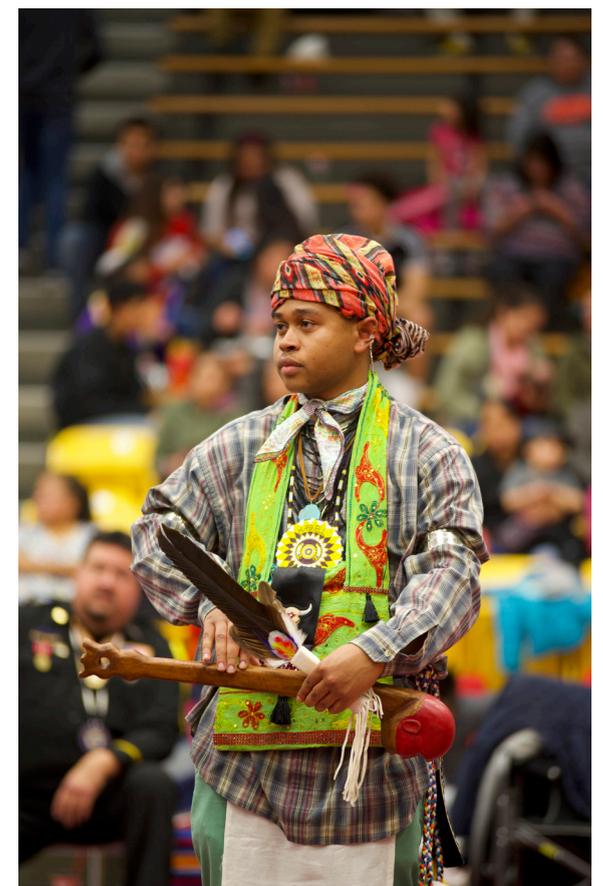
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Beautiful Native Ladies



Miss Haskell Caroline Wiseman



Haskell Brave Baron Hoy

Tiff Bits

According to Our Favorite Haskell
Librarian.....



Tiff's 2Cents Column

By Tiffany Blevins

Column #3

Valentine's Day...

... is really frustrating from a women's perspective in regards to what kind of gift is acceptable to give a man. Every holiday I come across that includes gift giving is always frustrating in this way. Men are so hard to shop for. Everything they want is super expensive: tools, sports gear and equipment, video games, things for their car, and the list can go on and on. Spending like 50\$ + on a non major holiday is painful. Now with girls, you can buy them some ten dollar bouquet of flowers, five dollar stuffed animals or even write a poem, that costs nothing out of your wallet, and they LOVE it. I remember this one Valentine's Day, I was in the 5th grade. I had the biggest crush on this one boy in my class (we will call him C.C.). C.C. was just about the sweetest country boy you could ever meet. So I decided to get him a V-Day gift to tell him how I felt. So I watched some romantic comedies to get ideas on what people like for vday. I wanted to get it right so I got him: A box of chocolates, a stuffed animal, a single rose, and of course a card confessing my affections. To top it off I combined it all into a lovely gift basket and left it in the front office for him to deliver. BIG MISTAKE! I was the absolute laughing stock of my grade that day. Apparently it is odd for boys to receive those kinds of things. C.C on the other hand was not unkind to me, but he did avoid me for a month before we regained our normal friendship after the weirdness of rejection faded. Well what I learned that day was, most men, do not like the same type of gifts that girls do, generally speaking (I know there are always the exceptions). 15 years have passed since my 5th grade failure and I still have a hard time figuring out what to get a guy, and even more pressure on finding the right gift for him that won't break the bank. Come on guys, help us girls out with some gift ideas 20\$ or under and save those bigger items for bigger holidays like Christmas.

HASKELL TWO SPIRIT / LGBTQI+ GRANT COMMITTEE PRESENTS

HASKELL — TWO SPIRIT — CELEBRATION MONTH

FEB
20
18

> WEEK 1: TWO SPIRIT INTRODUCTION WEEK

JAN 31 - BYSTANDER TRNG. @ MINOKA HALL LOBBY , 12-3PM

FEB 02 - SAFEZONE TRNG. @ MINOKA HALL LOBBY , 12-3PM

+ 'PROCLAMATION DAY'

> WEEK 2: TWO SPIRIT AWARENESS WEEK

FEB 5 - 9 - "HASKELL COMING OUT WEEK"

FEB 07 - ART SHOW @ SEATTLE HALL, 4-7:30PM

+ 'HASKELL COMING OUT DAY' - A DAY TO CELEBRATE & EMBRACE TWO SPIRIT IDENTITY

FEB 8 - SLAM POETRY/OPEN MIC NIGHT @ TOMMANEY HALL (LIBRARY) TLC, 6-7:30PM

FEB 9 - TWO SPIRIT MOVIE SCREENING @ HASKELL AUDITORIUM, 6-8PM

> WEEK 3: CAMPUS TWO SPIRIT EDUCATION WEEK

FEB 14 - HEALTH & WELLNESS AWARENESS @ MINOKA HALL LOBBY, 12-3PM

FEB 16 - TWO SPIRIT SPEAKER @ PARKER HALL RM. 110, 3-5PM

> WEEK 4: CAMPUS CELEBRATION OF TWO SPIRIT RELATIONS

FEB. 21 - CULTURAL WORKSHOP + PANEL @ CURTIS HALL ROSE ROOM, 11AM-1PM

FEB 23 - DRAG SHOW @ HASKELL AUDITORIUM, 6-8PM

FEB 24 - "FIRST-EVER" HASKELL TWO SPIRIT POWWOW @ TECUMSEH HALL, 2PM-MIDNIGHT



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Amanda Smith

Education is the Key to Success

Haskell Indian Nations University has been a college that provides us an easy way to get our education. Not many students realize that our school provides as much as it can to help students get a degree. Haskell wants us as Native students to succeed, we have many that look up to us and at us, we're in a Non-Native community that think we are all the same but we all come from different tribes and all have goals to accomplish. It's about us making a change in our communities on the reservations, and showing that Haskell is not just a Native college but an institution that helped many get an education and going farther to become more successful.

One alumni commented, "Haskell was the place where I started my education, it may still look the same since I graduated but it's the best decision I made, I got the chance to learn about other cultures, made new friends from other states and lastly got my bachelors". Haskell isn't a big campus, but that's what makes it better, we have easy access to being able to sit in a room less than 20 people, we get one-on-one contact with our instructors, and we get the help we need. It's a start to achieving our goals we have in mind, we want the best and Haskell gives it to us.

Many don't realize that other students at universities are struggling to pay tuition, room and board, textbooks, and classes. One student stated, "Haskell was a good choice for me, especially if you're a parent and have a job, it was affordable, flexible class schedules and very helpful". As for us here at Haskell we are paying less, many complain about how it's too much to pay but they need to know we may be a small college, but it beats having to go to a college with over 50 students in one classroom or paying for textbooks. Our success starts here, with many relatives from all over the states who all share the same goal to get an education. We can accomplish our goals no matter what.

Haskell Highlight Night

By: Shirley Cypher

Haskell Highlight Night kicks off the semester by letting new and continuing students participate and join different clubs and organizations on campus. It's a great way to help students to adjust to campus life by joining a club of their interest.

The Spring 2018 Haskell Highlight Night was held in Tecumseh Hall. It's an event that lets students join clubs on campus and visit information booths. Students also participated in random drawings for door prizes such as gift baskets and gift cards. With different clubs from the Haskell Band to joining a fraternity or sorority and different clubs in between. There's always something for everyone to join and be a part of the campus life here at Haskell.

For more information about clubs/organizations, you can look online at the Haskell website under Student Senate. You can also look under the Student Senate's Facebook page. And look for posted flyers across campus for various clubs to join.

A.I.H.E.C Club Fundraiser

Valentine's Day Breakfast Burrito Sale

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**To make your order text
928-614-1725**

Eggs, potatoes, cheese
with choice of meat:
spam, sausage or
chorizo



Homemade Tortillas

Celebrating Diversity at Haskell

By Terrence Littlejohn

February is Black History Month, prior to the story, Haskell had not set up anything to celebrate but currently two events are being planned. We asked students about their cultural heritage of being both African American and Native American.

1. As a Native American that is also of African descent do you feel racial stereotypes at Haskell?
2. Do you feel that there is more pressure on you being both African American/Native American than that of a Native American mixed with another race?
3. Which race do you relate more to?

Shanice Chatlin, Haskell Sophomore, San Carlos Apache responses:

1. Yes, because whether some know it or not they tend to make racial comments concerning black people. I've encountered racism here on campus being half black.
2. Yes, because Native American and African Americans are both minorities and both dark skinned. Going in public and being dark skinned people assume many different things.
3. I relate more to my Native American side. Only because all my life I've only knew my Native side.

Aiyana Jack, Haskell Junior, Yankton Sioux & Standing Rock Sioux

1. Yes, because some people look at you here at Haskell as being only a little bit of Native American or not enough.
2. Yes, because we come from two oppressed cultures.
3. I think this is different for everyone. I grew up in a Native household and I didn't know much about my African American side, but being from a reservation and being one of the only multiracial children on the reservation I feel like I could relate more to my African American side.

Emalyne King, Haskell Sophomore, Oklahoma Choctaw

1. No, but I feel like that could do with the people I surrounded myself with and the time that I got here. When I arrived last Spring, it was a bunch of girls pretty much locked in Pokie (Pocahontas Hall) because of an incoming ice storm, so all of us were new and in the same situation of not knowing anything, so we all got along. Since I'm always with my friends I haven't given myself a chance to experience biases on campus.
2. I feel that as both Native and African American there is more pressure to not be a stereotype and show people that I can be successful and that my nationality does not define me.
3. I can't say I relate more to either side. Once I'm outside of my group of friends and family people assume I'm black just from looking at me and when I speak ask why I don't sound black. Or if I say I'm native, people are shocked that natives still exist and then wonder if I live in a teepee.

Baron Hoy, Haskell Senior, Mvskoke

1. The feeling is a bit different than the rest of the world but there are similarities. Prejudices here exist. Unsaid prejudices, practices of exclusion and ignorance of the black/Native students is prevalent here. It's similar in a sense of superiority as the rest of the world. It's similar in that there is division. It's weird that it's coming from your own, indigenous people but they also seem to benefit from African American culture through music, art, fashion, sport and lingo.
2. Most definitely, yes. Unlike other people we are a double minority. Being Black is objectified, and labeled a certain way. It's unsettling because Native Americans have that syndrome where they love their oppressors but hate their oppressors as well. Minority people including African Americans look up to their oppressors and seek their validation, services, products instead of building economies of our own and creating our own value. That self-perpetuating system is what keeps us under bondage and oppressed. Our Ancestors would be ashamed of the division and corruption. As a people we have ceased looking out for the people we are looking out for ourselves. To our ancestors that alone would make us the white man. Not by race but by action. If it swims does it make it a fish? Most likely yes. "If you're not careful, the newspapers will have you hating the people who are being oppressed, and loving the people who are doing the oppressing."-Malcolm X
3. Both, I was raised as both. There wasn't a "Coming to Native America", realization for me. As many would assume. I was raised both a black individual and native. I grew up I identify as both because it is my right to. I am Mvskoke, I am Creek fully as I am African (As was told to me by a respected elder in 2015 on my tribal grounds.) Haskell has been in my vocabulary since I was very young. My mother went to Haskell, and helped Haskell transition to a university from a Junior college as student senate president. So my involvement is solidified.