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What Happened To Hiawatha's Bell?



Photo: 2017 No bell in the tower

Many items go missing at Haskell Indian Nations University, but one in particular would be hard to steal

Travis Campbell

While being interviewed for a recent story regarding the

upcoming renovations to Haskell Indian Nations University's historic Hiawatha Hall, Lee Pahcody, Fa-

cilities Director, stated that he was hopeful the school's bell would be found. The bell, which formerly occupied the north tower of Hiawatha Hall, seems to have disappeared from the building altogether. Owing to the mere size

and probable weight of the bell, it does not seem likely that its removal from Hiawatha Hall would have been an easy task. However, with the fact that the bell would have been Federal property, one would think that this-

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sort of work, or its possible disposal, would have been documented.

The bell would have been installed during the construction of Hiawatha Hall in 1898 and its importance to the history of Haskell Institute comes partially from the role it played in the “Haskell Rebellion” of 1919. One October evening a group of students cut the school’s electricity just before an assembly. The conspirators, having cut off the power, proceeded to smash light fixtures, loot the school’s food supply, threatened the school’s principal with bodily harm, and rang the school bell. This rebellion was short-lived and the incident resulted in nine students, four boys and five girls, being expelled from the school for insubordination and damage to property. Interestingly, the 1919 Haskell Rebellion was not well recorded at the time and the only contemporary source of information regarding the event exists in letters from the school’s principal which are held today at the National Archives and Records Admin-

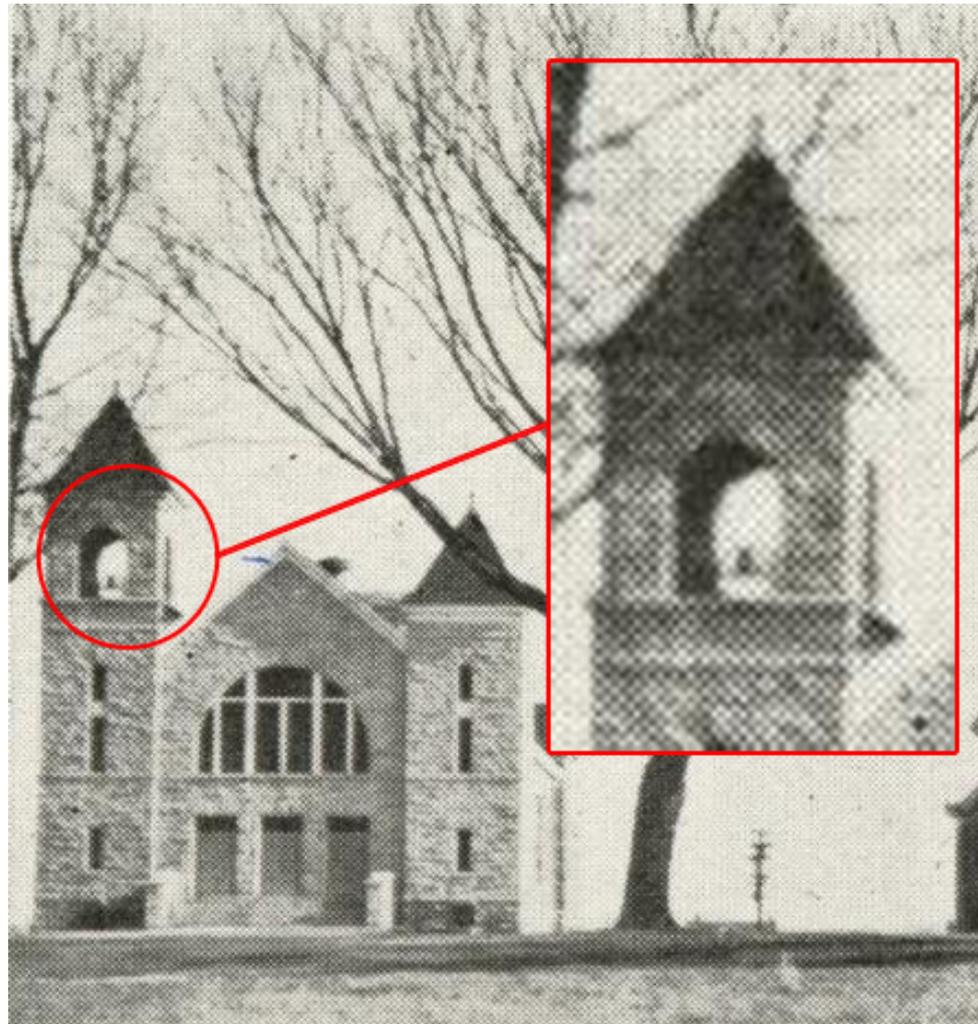


Photo: 1918-1919 Indian Leader photo showing the bell in Hiawatha’s tower.

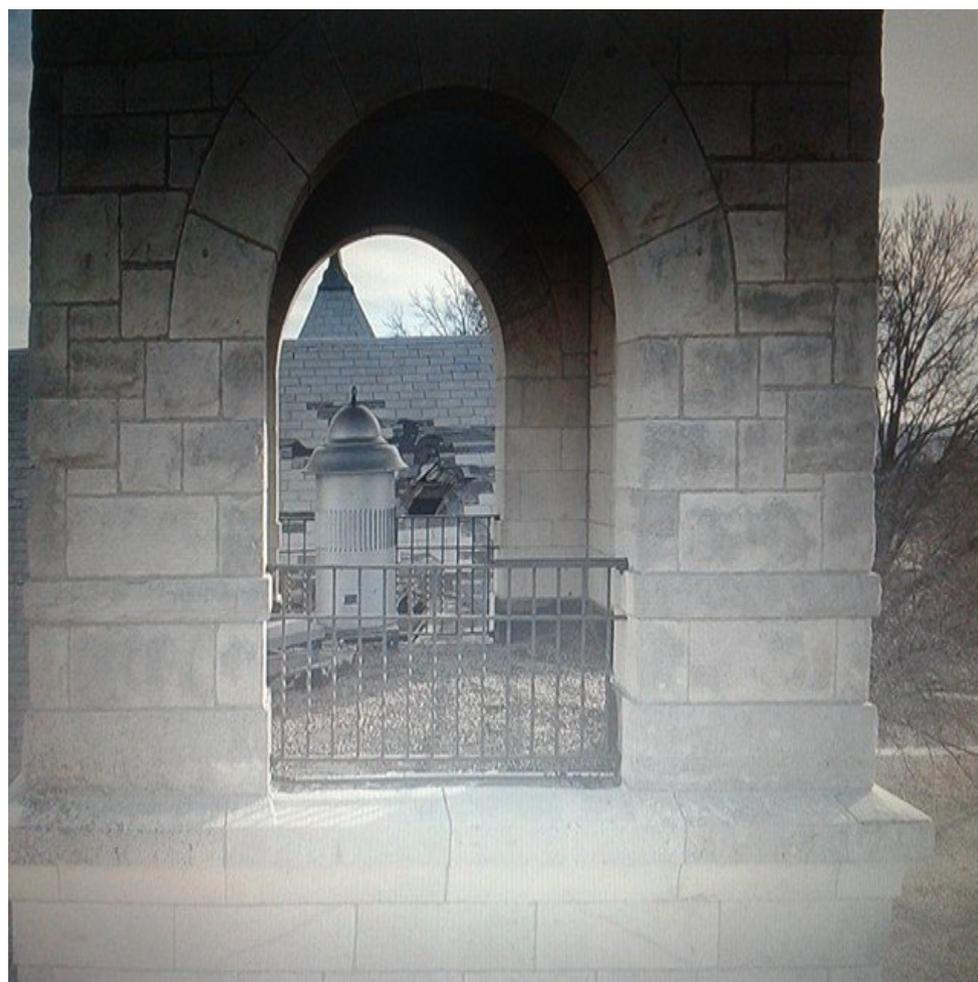


Photo: Close-up drone photo of Hiawatha Hall courtesy of Michael Begay

istration. An excellent retelling of the events can be found in Brenda J. Child’s book *Boarding School Seasons: American Indian Families, 1900-1940*. Allen Stephenson, a Comanche Nation citizen and Junior in the Indigenous and American Indian Studies program at Haskell with familial ties to the school going back over 100 years states: “I really hope that they are able to find the bell and put it back in place. Having something historical like that would be good for our campus it’d be sort of like the bells at KU.” Employees who have worked in Hiawatha Hall over the years have stated that they have never seen, nor can they recall, a bell in the building and do not know where it could have gotten to, but state with relative certainty that it is not in the building. Pahcody, however, is hopeful that the bell may have fallen through the floor when the stairs leading to it collapsed or may possibly be stored somewhere inside and has merely not yet been located.

New Book Collection in the Library



Lani Hansen

Haskell Library has a fine collection of books for students to use as resources or even read for fun. Beverley Fortner, Library Director, says she has cataloged more children's books for the teacher education collection. She said it has been over a couple of years since the library has cataloged new books. "I had Carrie Cornelius do an inventory of the children's books, and I asked her to do a collection development list that was focused on the elementary education program here," Fortner states. There are five to eight Dr. Suess books added to the collection. The display of the new books are near the Teacher Education Collection. Ember Sloan is a student in the Elementary education program and she said ever since they started children's literature she has to read so many books, and the Dr. Suess books will be very helpful. The teacher education books help the students with their book reports for class and help them prepare on what to expect in classrooms. She said when they came in at

the beginning of the semester, students were asking for Clifford books and Dr. Suess. The library has a small amount of popular books. Haskell students with children are also allowed to check out these books, so they are not just for the elementary education students. The collections known in the library are Indian Collection, General Collection, Painter Collection, Price Collection, and Teacher Education Collection.

Wopila ceremony

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Prairie Band Potawatomi tribe and Haskell Indian Nations University Student Senate collaborated on a Wopila Ceremony for the Water Protectors. Wopila is the Lakota word meaning to give thanks; during the ceremony many people spoke of what they endured at the hands of the Morton County sheriff's department and also what life at the camp was like.

People came from all over Kansas and Nebraska. It started with student Dave Guthrie, a participant, spoke about, having to take off from his job for a while and leave for Standing Rock because he knew in his heart he needed to be there. He mentioned going to the direct action sites every time to stand for his children's future; the direct action sites where the people went to pray and protest. He also spoke of one of his fondest moments at the camp was seeing a few children play and one of the younger boys whom had braids that had reminded him of his own son playing. Another family came up talked about their time at the camp when they went up in September and things got really violent. They were there when the dogs were brought in by frost Kennels to attack the Protectors. The youngest of the family, Angeline Thomas, spoke of the horror she saw at the front-lines. That day she recalled "Seeing people bitten by the dogs and witnessed people being hit by hired private

security." Her mother attested to seeing one of the dogs being hit by its owners and told to attack people but the dog, fed up with the being hit, attacked its own handler.

Mary Benrud from Kansas City told her story about being arrested in North Dakota. This is when a lot of things where not shown to the media she told everyone about being strip searched and thrown into dog kennels while the sheriff's department ate food in front of them.

there was also talk of good things that happened in Cannonball. Haskell Student Jamie Colvin spoke about going up to Standing Rock four times this past year and each time she went it was more beautiful than before and it would grow every time. She also shared the floor with a few students who went with her to deliver donations on those different occasions which was a great gesture giving them recognition as well. Accompanying Jamie to the floor was her father Theron Colvin who spoke to the assistance his daughter provided the

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protectors even making it up there for one of the trips. In a huge way her parents helped out a lot by providing essentials like gas and food for the trips up and also just giving good words to the students as they would stop at their house in Omaha, NE he also talked about “Being proud of his daughter and her strength for standing up for what’s right and taking a stand.”

A common theme among all the speakers was people playing their roles and not going because it sounds cool to go; but going because your heart and spirit told you too. The Wopila ceremony was put on by these students: Troy Watterson, William Wilkinson, Sara Shamblin, Jessica Arkeketa, Derrick Ziegler and Student senate sponsor: Carrie Cornelius

Could President Trumps hiring freeze affect student workers?

Timothy Barber

Earlier this year in January, President Trump ordered an employment freeze for the federal government. Since Haskell is a federal institution could it possibly affect the hiring of student workers. On NYTimes.com the article “Trump Order Broad Hiring Freeze for Federal Government,” written by Michael D. Shear, Trump states, “The directive was a stop-gap to control the growth of government until a longer plan is determined.”

Robert Roehl, Student at H.I.N.U, was looking for a job on campus and said “his application was being held,” and that the financial aid office “would let him know when the hiring freeze was up.” Ms. Carlene Morris, financial aid office, says the freeze, “hasn’t changed processing of applications.” She also stated that the, “Freeze lasts 90 days for federal system,” but, “shouldn’t impact the

work study.” “I wouldn’t decline any students, I’d let them know the situation and keep their application on file.” While the impact isn’t severe in the present,

but what the future has in store for employment is still unknown. Ms. Morris is “hopeful it won’t impact future employment.”



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Entertainment

Northern Cree and Carla Morrison give memorable performance at 59th Annual Grammys

Breanna Henry

During the 59th annual Grammy Awards Premiere Ceremony, Northern Cree and Carla Morrison performed "Cree Cuttin" and "Un Beso". Northern Cree was also nominated in the Best Regional Roots category, but did not take home any awards. Hosted in Los Angeles, California, Northern Cree shared the stage with Carla Morrison on February 12, 2017. The Alberta drum group was also nominated for a Grammy, but lost to Hawaiian musician Kalani Pe'a. This was their seventh nomination, five of which were for Best Native American album before the Grammys eliminated the category in 2011. "This is big for indigenous people! I be-

lieve it also shed some much needed light on the Dakota Access Pipeline issue as well" says current HINU student Elsie Woods. Another student, Bry Smiley also says "I just think it's really cool that we're getting some positive exposure." It seems the co-founder, Steve Wood, thought the same as well when he was interviewed by Lauren La Rose of CBC News on February 8th, 2017. "I want to make sure the audience knows that we still exist and we still have our language and we still have our song and dance. We're still very much here."

SPORTS



The Haskell Men's Basketball Team

Reid Williams



Hosts Grace University, for Senior Night on, Saturday February 18th, in Coffin Sports Complex. Haskell would jump out to a 15-7 lead and extend that to a 17 point lead during

the first half. Grace would go on a 13-7 run to close out the first half. Haskell would take just a one point lead into the half. (40-39)



In the second half, Grace would start out hot, leading 51-44 with just over 12 minutes left in the game.. Haskell would tie one last time at 65 a piece with 3 minutes left. Haskell would battle back and have a shot at the end of the game for a chance to win. It would fall short and Grace University would slip out of Coffin Complex with a 72-71 victory, over the Indians. Despite not being able to pick up a win Haskell's three seniors put up big numbers in their last game at Coffin Complex. Tsalidi Sequoyah would finish out his career at Haskell with 20 points, and 16 rebounds, Joe Moudy would have 11 points, 3 rebounds and 3 assists, and William Candyfire would finish with 6 points, 2 rebounds, and 1 assist.



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