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## Library Changes Hours

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By Lori Hasselman

New hours are in effect for Tommaney Hall this semester where the Haskell Academic Support Center is located. The library, the computer lab, and Disability Support Services are all located in Tommaney Hall and are included in the change of hours.

"We've just reduced them by two hours. Instead of being open until 10pm, we'll be closing at 8pm now," said Acting ASC Director/Librarian, Beverly Fortner.

New library hours are as follows:

Monday - Thursday: 8:00am-8:00pm  
 Friday: 8:00am-5:00pm  
 Saturday: Closed  
 Sunday: 11:00am-8:00pm

Fortner said her decision to change the hours was a direct result of having limited staff. The former ASC director retired in December 2012 and Fortner has assumed those duties in addition to her own as Librarian. The library will also be experiencing another staffing shortage while a library employee takes a 6-week furlough this semester.

Hiring additional staff or back-filling positions has been effected by sequestration, according to Fortner. "I'm not sure of the process on that right now but I know there is a budget committee that is looking at what our options are as we face these budget decreases," said Fortner.



Photo by Lori Hasselman

Many students were not aware of the hour change when asked. "It's inconvenient," said Cal Martinez, sophomore. Senior, Nikolai Nez adds, "A lot of people have late classes and those people tend to study at later times. Some students don't have laptops and need to use the computer lab. In Winona, only two computers work. It would be better if they stayed open until midnight."

Fortner said she's handled one student complaint regarding the change in hours. "I shared with the student that I'm working to make it where our resources are available electronically whether it's getting to our online catalog or getting to our academic databases," said Fortner. Fortner has created a new hand out on the databases because she increased the number of EBSCO databases available to students from two to thirteen.

A proxy server is also up and going that authenticates the Haskell community off-cam

pus with their library card for database use. Gate counts are also being gathered at various times of the day to monitor library traffic.

Student Senate President Staci Kaye said the issue will be addressed at Student Senate's executive meeting and then the executive board will present the issue to the general assembly.

According to facilities, Stidham Hall is open until 10:00pm every day. Fortner is also exploring options to use the library space for special events after 5:00 pm such as poetry readings, movie nights, or other activities enriching for students.

## The Indian Leader Ask... What did you do for summer?

By Gene Cody

"I was in the TCUP internship with Chuck Haines and worked on a Jemez Pueblo Tribe issue. It was on bark beetles which are pests for trees."

Jacob Dixon (Seneca-Cayuga), Senior majoring in Environmental Science

"I had a full time job working in my community with the youth in the community wellness program. I also had two part-time jobs as well. Pretty busy, but pretty cool though." Leander Loretto (Jemez Pueblo), Senior majoring in Indigenous and American Indian Studies

"I did some minor travelling. Went to Atlanta and did some sightseeing. I also went to Dallas and Houston for a couple of concerts. Then back to my rez in Washington state and visited family. We have a new herd of buffalo back home; that was exciting."

Lolita Ceja (Yakama), Sophomore majoring in Indigenous and American Indian Studies

"I babysat my niece and nephew in Arizona mostly. I didn't really do anything else." Ashley Ignacio (Navajo), Junior in Indigenous and American Indian Studies

## Alumni Highlight: Wayne Garner

By Ryan Coody

With such a long history, Haskell has generated a significant number of notable alumni. Just as current students have a wide range of interests, alumni of Haskell have pursued a variety of career paths. Among those is an individual named Wayne Garner.

Garner, Cherokee, came to Haskell in 1999 to play football. In fact, he credits former coach Graham Snelding for "shaping and forming" his career. You see, Wayne is an accomplished musician.

He began playing guitar at the age of 7, and while at Haskell he and his friends would gather in the dorm rooms to play and write songs. Some of the coaches would even join in from time to time. While it was something he truly enjoyed, he never considered following it as a career until he came to Haskell.



Photo Courtesy of Wayne Garner

Coach Snelding pulled him aside one day and suggested that he should take a shot at becoming a professional singer/songwriter, not just as a hobby, but as a career. About a year later he took that advice and formed a band. Eventually they signed a deal with Warner Bros. after performing for about a year.

Shortly later the band fell apart due to personal differences, but the experience stuck with Garner. He focused on school and football, but music never left him behind.

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--Thank You-Staff--

## Youth Group Volunteers at Haskell

By Ryan Coody

Haskell's campus is usually pretty quiet over the summer, but this year there was a lot of work going on. A youth group from St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, was on campus for a week volunteering their time to help spruce things up around campus. They were doing a variety of work, including painting, cleaning out the dorms, and doing some landscaping in various areas.

The group was originally scheduled to be in Tahlequah, but found out they had been

double-booked and another group was already there. A leader in the group had previously attended the University of Kansas and knew about Haskell, so they came here instead. Some of the members have worked in Indian Country before, having previously volunteered on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Luckily, the volunteers got to have a little fun while they were here. They toured KU's campus, attended one of KU's theater performances, and tried out some of the local cuisine like Wheat State Pizza. The team

said they had a great time here in Kansas, but were excited to get back home to Colorado.

They focused on the areas around the bus stop, the gazebo, near the library, in and around dorms, and in many other places around campus. If anyone gets the chance, stop by and take a look around campus at all the work they have done!



Photos by Ryan Coody

## Sandra Moore Retiring



By Hallie Long

Sandra Moore chose English because she always liked to read and write. It was very easy for her as well. She enjoys learning about the different ways of expressing your-

self. You have so many options but writing is never done you have to keep revising it.

After many years of teaching English here at Haskell, Sandra Moore has decided to retire this fall. She had been talking and thinking about retiring for two years. Everyone kept asking her when she was going to retire and she decided this was the year to do it. She said, "A person knows when they should go and she knew probably between the last semesters which was Spring of 2013 that this is a good time after school is out to go."

When she first came here she had only intended on staying for two years, but that changed when she noticed that students here at Haskell really needed special work in the

English area. She saw a need and she saw where she could help.

She has several projects at home that she wants to do, a little traveling and a lot of reading. She also plans to take courses at KU just to keep her foot in the door and expand her knowledge. She just wants to take courses for the fun of it.

She is not leaving Haskell forever. She will continue to come to many of the sport activities, Powwows, Art Market and attending graduations. She will come back to visit friends and keep checking up on her former students. If there was anything she could tell students it would be, "Make sure that you stay in school and get your degree, once you quit it is very difficult to come back to

## 25th Annual

## Haskell Indian Art Market

By Gene Cody

This year marks the 25th Annual Haskell Indian Art Market to be held at Haskell Indian Nations University. Twenty-five years ago, the Haskell Indian Art Market began as a means to showcase artwork from American Indian artists in the region. It has since become an annual fall event for artists and art aficionados alike and was voted one of the best art markets in the U.S.

The two day event promises original, handmade Indian artwork, cultural entertainment, and of course, plenty of good food. Drum groups, singers, and dancers will perform at 11am, 1pm, and 3pm on both days. Stroll through "Frybread Alley" for food vendors and enjoy a meal of frybread and/or a variety of other Native foods.

Applications for booth spaces will be accepted up to the day of the event and are available to artists for a fee. Current Haskell students receive a fee waiver with student I.D. and are highly encouraged to reserve submit an application. Visit [www.haskell.edu/art\\_market/](http://www.haskell.edu/art_market/) to download a vendor application. Contact Stephanie Fernando for booth availability or any other questions: [sfernando@haskell.edu](mailto:sfernando@haskell.edu) or (785) 749-8467.

## Haskell Volleyball



The Indians fell to the Spires last Saturday 2-3 in their scrimmage, but they sure didn't go down easily. It was a great opening event for Haskell, and the stands were packed with students cheering on the Indians.

Conference matches will begin Sept. 10 against Oklahoma Wesleyan University. The next home game is Sept. 20 when the Indians will face the Spires again.

### HOME SCHEDULE

- Sept. 20 - Univ. of St. Mary
- Sept. 21 - Waldorf College
- Sept. 26 - College of the Ozarks
- Oct. 11 - Stephens College
- Oct. 12 - Benedictine College
- Oct. 18 - Graceland Univ.
- Oct. 19 - Central Baptist College
- Oct. 20 - Oklahoma Wesleyan Univ.
- Nov. 2 - Harris-Stowe State College

## Haskell Football



The Indians are gearing up for their season despite the soaring temperatures. On Saturday, many fans came out to cheer the Indians on. Despite the 13-80 loss to Avila University, the fans reached out to encourage the team. One fan, Frank M., who commented on the Haskell Athletics Facebook page, said it best: "Put this one behind you and focus on the 90% of the season that's ahead of you. There is no reason you can't win out the rest of them. Onward Haskell."

### HOME SCHEDULE

- Sept. 21 - Southwestern Assemblies of God University
- Oct. 12 - Presentation College
- Nov. 2 - Cole College

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The Indian Leader is currently seeking students to write articles for our biweekly publication. We need writers for all genres of stories and articles covering all aspects of the Haskell community.

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## Haskell Anime Club



Photos Courtesy of Haskell Anime Club

By Benton Cooksey

Now that the semester is in full swing, we of the Haskell Anime Club would like to invite everyone to come join us. We will be meeting every Monday at 7:00 PM at Roe Cloud in the second floor study room.

This semester is going to be a blast. We are in the midst of planning several fun events including, a Maid Café, Swap Meets, workshops, various gaming tournaments (electronic and unplugged), and other events.

Thanks to the efforts of Victoria Albers we have reached out to our neighbors at Kansas University (KU), and are trying to partner up with the KU Anime Club for various events.

We recently had attended the Fall 2013 Kickoff Party Thursday September 5th, which was KU Anime Club's first meeting. There was food and beverages offered, a

viewing ("The Cat Returns" by Hiroyuki Morita), various kinds of games, and much merriment. Also at the Kickoff the executive officers of the two clubs had a chance to meet and discuss future events. KU's Anime Club meets Mondays at 7:00PM, with special meetings every other Thursday.

If you are interested in our club or any of the events and would like to receive further information please feel free to contact us on our Facebook Page at "Haskell Anime Club"

If you are interested in KU's club or any of their events you can find information on their Facebook site at "KU Anime Club"

## Haskell Library Staff Visits Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art

By Victoria Albers

On August 8th the Haskell Indian Nation University Library Staff went on a professional development field trip to the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. The staff was able to get a behind the scenes tour of the Spencer Art Reference Library which is location inside of the Nelson-Atkins Museum. The tour guide, Tracey Boswell who works at the Spencer Library as a cataloger is a former Haskell contract employee for the library. On the tour the staff were able to observe

Spencer's library operations including its mobile shelving, storage area, and their research materials. After the library tour the group then proceeded to look around the art collections. The staff was able to see their Native American, Contemporary American, European, and some of the Chinese art collections.

"I think the trip was a valuable experience for both staff and student employees to see how different libraries operate" Said Acting Director Beverly Fortner.



Photo by Victoria Albers

## Wayne Garner *Continued from Page 1*

A few years later, Garner was living with fellow Cherokee and musician Jackson Taylor. Taylor encouraged Garner to get back into music, and he did just that.

Garner began traveling to any venue that would let him get up and play, and for a few months he was living in his car, driving around and playing music. He spent a lot of time in Wal-Mart parking lots and crashing on friend's couches when available. It was a difficult period in his life when he was doing whatever it took to market himself and his music. "Those were dark times but also made me work even more hard, but I think it is always hard to come to a realization that you are a homeless person and at the mercy of others," Garner said.

He was finally able to put another band together and met some friends in the recording industry. Shortly later they traveled to Omar Vellajo's 512 Studio in Austin, Texas to record his first freshmen full length album. That seems to be the turning point in Garner's story.

While recording, one of the album's producers, Dan Johnson, played steel guitar on the album and joined Garner's band afterwards. Garner said it was "a really great feeling to have someone of that [...] caliber to really believe in me as a singer/songwriter."

"Shortly after I was approached by artist rep Frank Jackson from Smith Music/Smith Entertainment," Garner said, and shortly afterwards he signed with the group. They released the album worldwide on May 14th, 2013.

The album has received good reviews, and on iTunes some of the comments left were "Best album out there!!!" by user Doc Newton, "Love it!!!!!!!" by CardiacRN777, and Sooner5683 said "Great music!! Highly recommended! Plus the songwriter/singer is a total hottie!!!"

Garner isn't resting on the success of this album however. He is already looking forward to the future. "I think the getting ahead part was something that I was able to do just by sticking to what I believed in and writing my own songs and not being a cover artist or in a cover band. I have learned that if you want to make it in this industry and do not have a lot of money than you have to write your own music and not be afraid to go out and perform it," Garner stated.

Garner would like to see more native musicians out there and plans to help make that happen. "There needs to be more original real Native American artists/performers that are taken serious through the entertainment industry and actually recognized by our tribes who should support that more."

He says that it upsets him when he has to go out of his way to get a non-native booking agency to let him play in a tribal venue. Tribes have casinos, race tracks, and other venues that musicians like Garner can play at, but they aren't managed by tribal booking agencies.

Obviously these agencies don't give any preference to Native musicians. "I spoke to a sound operator at the Cherokee Hard Rock Casino in Tulsa, Oklahoma about this [...] and he looked at me and started laughing saying it's not about being Native American it is about the money you can bring in as an entertainer. I literally felt sick to my stomach and felt my heart hit the floor."

After that moment Garner has been working to raise awareness within the music industry by trying to reach out and contact other artists affected by that situation.

"I went to my hotel room that night after our show and thought all night of what has happened to our proud people and what I can do to change it. If we as a Native American culture can't support our artists than we are turning our backs on the future of our own artists careers."

## Welcome to Students *Staci Kaye, Student Senate President*

Hello to new, transfer, and continuing students of Haskell Indian Nations University. As the elected 2013-2014 Student Senate President I would like to welcome all of you to this beautiful campus.

My name is Staci Kaye and I am enrolled in the Hopi tribe and affiliated with the Tewa people of First Mesa, Polacca, Arizona. I am also part Navajo coming out of St. Michaels, Arizona. I grew up on the Hopi Reservation then moved to Lawrence, KS with my mother when I was fourteen years old and I have been here ever since. I have two younger brothers who inspire me to improve my life, gain knowledge, as well as experience. My family is the root that keeps me grounded.

My grandmother always told me, "How are you going to learn anything if you never try?" Those words have stuck with me ever since. My sophomore year is when I first became a Senator. Ever since then it has been an honor to serve on the Senate. This year the clubs I am involved in are, Empowerment club, Social Work club, Pueblo club, and American Indian Business Leaders (AIBL). In the past semesters. I held other executive positions among the Student Senate, Pueblo, AIBL, and Off-campus Clubs. Being the Senate President this year has been my greatest achievement yet.

Over my years spent here at Haskell I have grown to appreciate the value of education and the historical aspects of this university. Unlike most universities, this campus has a unique history; a harsh history. One that had our ancestors unknowingly pave the road we students walk on today. I feel I honor them every time I sit in class, attend university meetings, or by simply admiring the beauty of this campus. I feel my greatest way to honor our ancestors, will be when I walk across that stage to receive my bachelors degree from the School of Business this May 2014.

These types of experiences keep me humble and very grateful for what this university has to offer. I know this campus is far from perfect but we students have the power to improve. Student Senate has many committees that are created specifically to resolve campus issues, concerns, or problems. You don't have to be a Senator to help, you just have to be willing to help make a positive change.

To move in that new direction we have to believe in each other in order to help one another. Historically, for us Native people, success is not individualized but rather a united success. Let us be successful together and start by improving our university for those future generations to come. Us students need to take pride in what is ours because once we stepped foot on this campus it became our home. So, I ask you to let this campus be the learning grounds for improvement. To gain experience for your future and for your community.

Once again, on behalf of the Student Senate, I welcome those continuing students back to campus and to the newbies, welcome to the Haskell family! May you all have a blessed school year. Keep in mind Haskell University's A.R.C.H. values of accountability, respect, cooperation and honesty. May those be the words to help guide your way towards having a successful year and remember hard work does pay off.

Onward Haskell!

(The Student Senate office is located inside Stidham Union)