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Photo by Ryan Coody

CLASH AT THE COFFIN COMPLEX

By RYAN COODY

Students high-five after completing a challenging course as part of the Clash at Coffin Complex event last night, which showcased Haskell's various athletic teams. Participants in this particular event had to spin around a baseball bat until they were dizzy, complete a 3-point shot on the basketball court, and dig an item out of a whipped cream pie, using just their face.

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Fee Increase Approved by Board of Regents, Takes Effect Fall 2014

By RYAN COODY

After nearly 6 months of waiting, the fee increase has finally been voted on. Last week the Haskell National Board of Regents met via conference call and voted in favor of the increase in fees, which will take effect Fall 2014.

The proposal, which requested that fees be increased from \$215 to \$715 for on-campus students and from \$110 to \$240 for off-campus students, was first presented to students last April in a special Student Senate meeting. In that meeting, Haskell's Chief Financial Officer, Mike Lewis, presented the proposal as a way to offset the decrease in funding that resulted from the sequestration cuts in Congress.

The decrease, 5.4% across the board, resulted in a loss of about \$600,000 each year, with fiscal year 2013 expected to bring an additional 8-10% cut. These additional funds are expected to fill the void left by these cuts

and are planned to maintain the current level of service, not improve it. Lewis pointed out in the April meeting that without the fee increase, cuts in services and staffing would be likely.

Back in April, students voted in favor of the increase and authorized Shere Wright, the Student Senate President at the time, to cast a vote in favor of the increase at the biannual meeting of the Haskell National Board of Regents. The item was tabled at that meeting, leaving it in limbo until last week.

Scheduled to meet again on October 9th to revisit the issue, the Haskell National Board of Regents was prevented from traveling due to the government shutdown: the Department of Interior enacted a suspension of travel which prevented the Board from physically arriving at campus and delayed the vote on the increase. Realizing the importance of the situation, the board opted to

meet via teleconference to handle the issue.

At Student Senate's request, the installation of the new washers and dryers that started the whole change will be accelerated ahead of the fee increase, according to the memo.

Students' opinions on the increase were mixed. Despite the majority of students supporting the increase, many point out that they are going to be negatively affected and face hard choices in the near future.

Students and alumni shared their thoughts on the *Indian Leader's* Facebook page:

"Even though our education should be free, it is still the best price going. My degree from Haskell is the one that I am the most proud of." - Jean Howley

"I don't get Pell. And I've paid more than \$715 for books alone at another college.. if

anything I am more than happy to receive an education at 1/4 the cost I would have usually paid." - Paul Goodman III

"It would be nice if solutions or some helpful options can be figured out for students to pay this \$715 up front and at beginning of semester in Fall 2014. Say if they are eligible for pell, for the business office to work with the student (payment plan) until that bill can be paid in full at pell distribution time." - Carmelita Sharpback

"Someone needs to take responsibility and fix the problems at hand before they take it out on the students." - Rebecca Tyndall

"what am i going do now. prolly drop out! [...] my dream, goal just been shot to hell." - Beesh Lii

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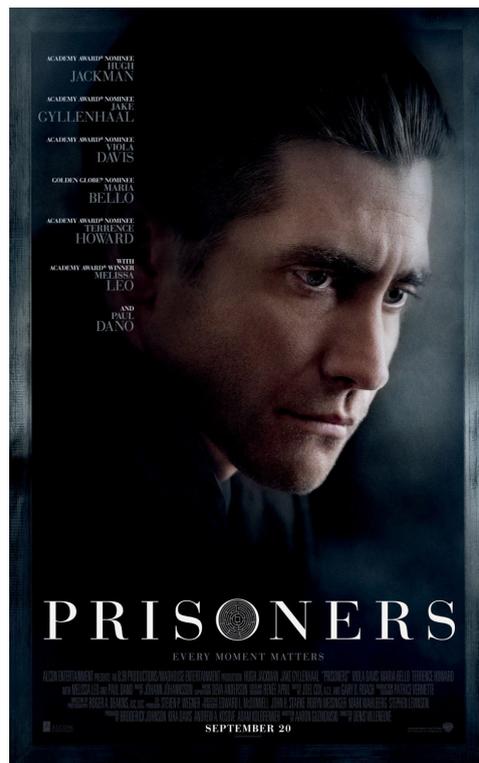
Letters to the Editor

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--Thank You-Staff--

Movie Review: The Prisoners



By Faith Tallchief-Underwood

This film is about two little girls who go missing, and every second counts. It shows how far a parent's love will go for their children.

The Prisoners was directed by Denis Villeneuve and the cast includes Jake Gyllenhaal, Hugh Jackman, Paul Dano, Melissa Leo, and Maria Bello.

The Prisoners was a great film to see because it was intense all throughout the film, but it also had some humorous moments so that you weren't always depressed. I also liked the music composition for this film it made the movie have even more emotion. Furthermore I enjoyed the setting because it really was a typical suburban home. But what I enjoyed the most out of this film is the actors performances, they made you feel as though their children were taken, and that every time they messed up, you couldn't help but feel even more sorry for them. That's how good these actors performances were. But I really liked Jake Gyllenhaal's performance as Detective Loki, because as an audience you could see how Detective Loki was giving his all in finding the girls. I also liked Hugh Jackman's performance as Keller Dover the father of Anna. Dover because His character, his emotions, and his actions are very realistic, and it shows how far someone would go for someone they love even if it means doing something questionable.

All in all I would give this film a four out five rating because of the actors performances and the script writing. This film is rated R, and it lasts for 2 hours and 33 minutes.

Cherokee Day of Celebration

On Saturday, October 26th from 1:00-7:30PM the Lawrence Cherokee Community is hosting a free and open event, and is welcoming the public to come out to learn a little bit about the history, culture, language and traditional games. The event will take place in the auditorium.

The agenda:

- 1-1:30 Welcome (Auditorium by the Acting Haskell President Michael Lewis)
- 1:30-2:15 A History of the Cherokee People (Auditorium, Benny Smith)
- 2:30-3:30 1st Breakout* (Auditorium, Navarre Hall, & Regents room)
- 3:40-4:40 2nd Break out* (Auditorium, Navarre Hall, & Regents room)
- 4:45-5:15 Break for dinner
- 5:15-5:25 Hoop Dance Exhibition (In front of the Auditorium)
- 5:30-7:00 Showing of "The Cherokee Word for Water" (Auditorium)
- 7:00-7:15 Stomp Dance Exhibition (In front of the Auditorium)

*All sessions will run concurrently

- History of the Stickball Game (Auditorium, Benny Smith)
- Cherokee Language: Beginning to Present (Navarre Hall, Andy Girty & Maura Garcia)
- "Soul Wound" (Regents Room, Christine Molle)

KU Chamber Choir Concert Presents a concert

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Genuine Imitation & Haskell Chorus*

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An Alaskan Experience with Stereotypes

By **DAVID HENRY**

I have experienced stereotyping. However it is very different in Alaska; In Alaska most people think of all Alaskan Native people as Eskimos, a French word meaning eater of raw meat. This term comes from the north as the tundra has little in the way of wood for cooking fires and meat is often eaten raw and frozen. My Tribe is very much divorced from this existence. We are a proud coastal society who relies on the ocean and the Seal for much of our livelihoods. In the past the seal would provide food, clothing, lamp oil, bone tools, weapons, and watercraft. As a collectivist society our prestige was determined by how many family members and slaves lived in our long dugout houses.

Most people know nothing of our culture and lump us in with the prevailing Alaskan Native stereotype of Eskimo. Living in a state that is 586,412 square miles gave rise to many distinct cultures, 40 in all, with 12 recognized regional tribes or Corporation who work to better the lives of their shareholders, the native people.

A predominant stereotype of Alaskan Natives comes from the largest city in Alaska: Anchorage. Anchorage, being the main hub of Alaska, attracts many people from surrounding rural villages. These people move for very different reason, some are brought in due to health concerns, others due to high fuel and food prices. Whatever the reason, some of those people are not equipped to

live within the American city structure which has sprung up in anchorage. Suddenly liquor in the village that was a hundred dollars a bottle brought in by bootleggers is at its actual 12 dollar price. This has given rise to a population of displaced natives, without marketable skills, drunk on the streets of Anchorage.

Nothing has hurt the nobility of Alaskan Natives more than the stereotype of drunk, dumb, and often mentally disturbed. Often, when I am in mixed company, (as in with non-natives) I am asked how I have adjusted so well to life in the city. People are surprised when they hear I am Native, and more surprised when they hear that I was raised in a rural village of 400 people. The expectations of anyone from the village is that we are helpless alcoholics who abuse our wives and children, take advantage of welfare systems, commit suicide in alarming rates, and are a burden on non-natives.

In actuality the village is a tough place to live, where the people work together to provide for the community. Elders are sure to have game in the village as those able to hunt will do-so on their behalf. The children play freely in the streets without fear of predation; mothers are more worried about wild animals than strange men. In the evenings the men and women bond over seeing how long they can sit in homemade steam baths (maqiq) before being "splashed out". Elders

are respected and consulted on many issues within the community. There are large pot-lucks that the entire community attend, and are generally held within the school gyms, which are essentially the town square.

The fact that many are surprised by my intellect, and ability to speak coherently without the "village on my voice" bothers me, they expect a dead eyed smelly street walker in any Native they meet. Most of the Natives I know in Anchorage are successful in their fields of work, well-adjusted, family oriented people. We are generally collectivist in nature and share our game and harvest of berries within our small family groups; these groups are much more important than the individuals within them.

I will now give a horrendous example of the stereotype of my people which I experienced. As you have noticed I am not the poster child for what an Aleut man looks like. Generally Aleuts are broader in the shoulders, Have rocks stuck under the skin of their faces, and believe it or not, are paler than I. I was going out for an evening with a congregation of mostly white friends. On the drive to this function my good friend decided to warn me, "Just so you know _____ is going to be there, He's a Neo Nazi from Alabama. But He's ok with Natives." I'm thinking to myself that now I have to be around the worst form of mindless hate. True to form he didn't say much to me, as I fit in, it was win-

ter time and I had my pale winter skins on. The event went fine and well until Mr. Racist decided that he would start speaking with a native drawl. Saying things about firewater and other racial stereotypes, violence is not one of our stereotypes; unless it's against our wives and children. My friend standing near and overhearing him taps him and politely tells him I am Native. This was my queue to meet bigotry with righteous indigenous fists. I beat his 5'4" 140 pound frame until I was pulled off. Had times been different, I would have then enslaved him and forced him to collect gull eggs on the cliffs of my Island; knowing that if he fell to his death it would be a fitting end.

I have also been on the receiving end of racism from my own people. I don't get mad when this happens, I've come to expect it, it doesn't last long when you know how to hunt and fish, pick berries, and can outlast most in the steam house. I am not Indian; I think that when people see me they may think I'm a Cherokee riding my blood to free education and healthcare; I hate this classification. What embitters me even more is that I have lived a life more in tune with the natural environment than most. Our cultures are tied to the land, and the harsh existence of our forbearers and not petty classifications imposed by a paternalist federal government.

Movie Review: Now You See Me

By **FAITH TALLCHIEF-UNDERWOOD**

This film is about four magicians who dazzle audiences with a series of dangerous and inventive heists and thus film as an all star cast. The cast include Mélanie Laurent as Alma Vargas, Michael Caine as Arthur Tressler, Mark Ruffalo as Dylan Rhodes, Morgan Freeman as Thaddeus Bradley, Dave Franco as Jack, Woody Harrelson as Merritt McKinney, Jesse Eisenberg as Daniel J. Atlas, Isla Fisher as Henley.

In this film directed by Louis Leterrier (*The Transporter*) is a great film to see because it's filled with hilarious lines, beautiful settings in Las Vegas, New Orleans, and New York.

Now You See Me also has great plot twists that will keep you guessing to the very end of the film. In this film it always keeps you guessing from how the Four Horsemen did the heists to if and who is the fifth horseman.

Throughout this film everything seems like great tricks that our just all good tricks until you find out each trick was part of a larger illusion. Because of the brilliance in cleverness of these four magicians and the way the actors portray them you'll go from hating them in the beginning to rooting for them to escape by the end of the film.

If you want to see a film with hilarious lines and actions, dangerous action sequences and spectacular twists and turns that keep you on the edge of your seat wondering what will they come up next? This is a film for you to see.

I would give this film a four out five rating because of the actors performances, the plot twists, and the hilariousness of the actions and lines in this film. This film last an hour and 55 minutes. *Now You See Me* is rated PG-13.

Presidential Search Update

By **RYAN COODY**

Since Chris Redman retired in May, Haskell has been without a permanent president. The search has been conducted up until this point very quietly and without much involvement from Haskell, but last week the campus had the opportunity to get involved in the search, at least in a small way.

The candidates, in order of appearance in the interviews, are:

- Venida Chenault
- Marie Etsitty
- Jonathan Hook
- Charles Cambridge
- Wayne Johnson
- Neil Trotter
- James Utterback

The timetable for seating the next president remains unclear as it now lays in the hands of the Bureau of Indian Education. According to comments made to students in the audience by Bart Stevens, BIE's Associate Deputy Director West, the Acting Director of the BIE will consider the top candidates for the position as recommended by the panelists from this week's interviews.



Anime Club Game Night Recap

By **BENTON COOKSEY**

On Friday October 18 from 6:00pm until 1:00am, the Anime Club hosted a Game Night. The event was free to attend and open to Haskell students and anyone in the Lawrence area. The event had a smaller than expected turnout but was a huge success for a first time event. There were several gaming systems available and tons of games to choose from, along with a variety of board/card games.

The Haskell Anime Club will be hosting another event towards the end of the semester. "We are hoping for a much higher turnout for the next Game night. We would also like to thank everyone who participated and the Haskell Anime Club members who were able to help make this event happen," said Victoria Albers, Anime Club President.

Run For Life 5K

By *ASHLEY IGNACIO*



Early Saturday morning, the Social Work Club hosted the first “Run for Life” event on campus.



Josh Farmer, a Mississippi Band of Choctaw freshman, explains that he “gave it my all” while trying to finish the run for all the suicide victims. He has not been personally affected by suicides but has seen the heartbreaks from other friends’ family members back home who have taken their own lives. Josh says we need to “influence people that it is worth living life!”



The chilly fall air filled the lungs of the volunteers and runners, who all joined together to create awareness for suicide prevention.

Freshman, Isaac Johnson (Laguna Acoma Pueblo) said while he was running he thought about all the suicide news coverage back home in Riverside, California and hopes events like this will make a difference. He says the simplest way to prevent suicides would be to “comfort people that look down, and just bring them back up”



A PLEDGE TO BE AWESOME!



PHOTO COURTESY OF SHANE SANDERSON

By **ASHLEY IGNACIO**

National Coming Out Day (NCOD) was first founded in October 1988 and it is a celebratory event for individuals who publicly identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, and/or transgender (LGBT). The coming out process can be a difficult time for some individuals, but LGBT communities from around the country strive to show their encouragement for these particular persons by dedicating a day to them.

This year on October 11th during the lunch hours in front of Curtis Hall, the Haskell Shout-OUT Club welcomed the annual LGBT celebration for the first time with an event called “Pledge to be an Ally!”

“An ally can be a straight individual who is supportive and accepting of the LGBT community.”

The common question from Haskell students was, “What is an ally?” An ally can be a straight individual who is supportive and accepting of the LGBT community. They are someone who personally advocates for equal rights and respectful treatment no matter a person’s sexual orientation. Being an ally is considered the most effective and powerful voice of the LGBT movement because it helps others understand the importance of

equality, fairness, and acceptance of LGBT individuals.

Another frequently asked question was, “What is Shout-OUT?” Haskell Shout-OUT Club is an LGBT organization started last semester, and its current president Shane Sanderson explains that “It creates a bridge between the LGBT community and their straight allies to create Openness, Understanding, and Tolerance on Haskell campus”.

After their questions were answered, most students took a minute out of their free time to willingly sign their names on the “Pledge to be an Ally” certificate and in return they were offered homemade rainbow-themed cupcakes from Shout-OUT for their much appreciated support.

One of my favorite moments while observing the event was when a group of five male students approached the area and continued to proceed towards Curtis doors, until one of them said he would pledge. His friends stopped and stood around waiting for him. The willing advocate looked up and said to his fellow peers, “and you guys should sign also!” Almost instantly, the other four gen

“We are supporting, it is a way to be a friend.”



tle men were at the table signing their names. He then continued to say, “We are supporting, it is a way to be a friend” as he grabbed a cupcake from the tin container. This is a perfect example of how it only takes one person to make a huge difference.

Most of the Haskell student’s reactions were positive and answered with, “Definitely!” “Ah Yeah!” “For Sure!” and “That’s Awesome!” Of course with positivity there is always negativity. Some students were kind enough to politely decline the offering or simply keep walking with a smile, but others bluntly said, “Nope!” “I’m NOT Gay!” and “F*** that!”

When asked how he felt about the student’s responses, Shane said “We roughly had 100 signatures within the first hour and it just shows that the supporters outweigh the non-supporters. There were only a few people that walked off once we mentioned it was for the LGBT community, but overall Haskell is pro-pride and it is really great!”

I asked what he plans to do with the collected pledges and he explained that he wants to create a collage on a big poster board and have it displayed somewhere on campus where everyone can see how many supporters there actually are on campus. “Hopefully this will give the people that did walk away today, a second chance to think it over and maybe become a supporter”.

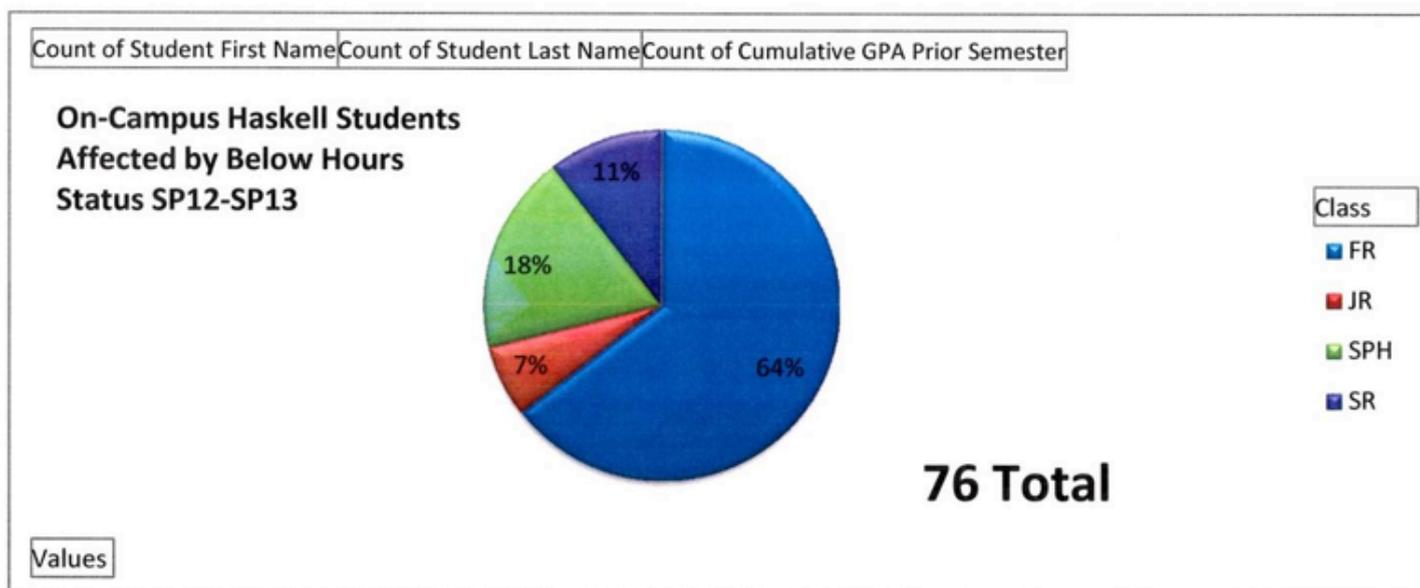
The “Pledge to Be an Ally” event hosted by the Haskell Shout-OUT Club was a success and their cupcakes were delicious! I hope to see more upcoming LGBT events on campus.



PHOTOS BY ASHLEY IGNACIO

Beason Rallies for Housing Eligibility Exceptions

Letter to the Editor



By **LORI HASSELMAN**

Student Success Technician, Jimmy Beason, presented a rough draft proposal at the Haskell student senate meeting on September 10th that could potentially allow students to maintain dorm eligibility when enrollment hours fall below the requirement. Student Senate was asked to support the initiative.

“Last spring we notice a number of students coming in (to the Student Success Center) with NTVs (Notice to Vacate) who would be at only 10 or 11 hours,” said Beason. Students are required to maintain full-time enrollment status at 12 credit hours in order to remain eligible for on-campus housing. Once a student falls below the enrollment requirement, they receive a Notice to Vacate. The notice gives students 48 hours to move out of the dorms.

Students often come to the Student Success Center seeking help. Beason and other staff assist students with enrolling in classes to meet the 12 credit hour requirement or assists students in securing off-campus housing.

Among the handouts distributed at the Student Senate meeting was a case study detailing a situation of a student who fell below hours due to a mix up with enrollment for a class at KU. The student had a grade point average above 3.5 and received a notice to vacate for falling below the required hours. Beason finds that many times this is a familiar scenario, especially among freshman students and most students who are not allowed to stay in the dorms are forced to withdraw and go home.

“When I started looking at that I wondered why we were placing students in this position and couldn’t we create a mechanism for them to have some leniency, so I started looking at the policy,” said Beason.

The Haskell General Catalog states under the section “University Residential Housing:”

“Students must maintain a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours to be eligible to live in the residential halls. Students who fall below the twelve-credit hour minimum must vacate university housing and find housing off campus.”

Beason began looking at the Student Housing Contract and found a possible direction under “Policies Governing Occupancy” stating:

“Full-time enrollment is normally required but exceptions to the full-time status requirement may be made for good cause shown by the student.”

Currently, there is nothing in place to define “good cause” as outlined in the contract. Beason’s proposal sets guidelines for students to keep their housing if they fall below hours such as performing a grade check, a letter explaining the reason for the drop in hours, obtaining a letter of support from their advisor, and good standing requirements. The proposal states the information would be considered by the Academic Review Board who would then render a decision regarding continued housing eligibility for the student.

Beason also spoke with the Assistant Housing Director at KU to explore how other colleges handled similar situations and was informed that students are not asked to vacate right away unless there is a behavioral issue. Typically, they work with students.

The issue has been addressed with Haskell housing officials, “When I brought it up with another student...they weren’t necessarily resistant to it, more so because their hands

are tied by policy. They were going by what it states in the catalog,” said Beason.

Jimmy Tucker, Haskell Housing Director said, “The 12 credit hour requirement for a student to maintain full-time status is an academic policy and we must follow that policy. We are certainly willing to comply with any policy changes academics decides upon and would welcome some clear cut guidelines as to what they (academics) tell us is “good cause.” I suspect there are other issues for them to consider when a student drops below the hour requirement and becomes a part-time student such as Pell eligibility, food service, etc. At any rate, we take our direction from academics in this situation.” Tucker also said there have never been any exceptions made under the terms of “good cause” in the housing contract. “We would work with students if it’s a medical situation; provide students with a little more time. What is good cause to one student, may mean something else for another so in order to remain fair to all, we have not made exceptions.”

Beason also presented a letter of support from Dr. Chenault along with his proposal to Student Senate. He has also presented his proposal to the Academics Committee and Student Life Committee. The matter must now be reviewed by the University Council who will decide if the proposal will be implemented.

“I’m not necessarily trying to change policy overall, I’m just trying to address the stipulation that is already there in the housing contract that states the student can stay with good cause shown. It would be better to work with something we already have instead of trying to recreate something,” said Beason.

EVOLUTION...Throughout time this word has been debated. Physical, emotional, and spiritual states constantly evolve which can be both positive and negative. In Native America today as we look around we are in constant change, by the barrage of influence both internally and externally through laws, regulations, and statutes. The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, in particular, is transforming itself. The Tribe finds itself in a jurisdictional evolution that can fundamentally change its approach to self-sufficiency and economic growth both in the present and the future. Certain states are infringing on the capability of individuals to do business in the internet commerce arena. This should influence the Tribe to evolve and adapt to the changing conditions that are perceived as negative in many of its member’s minds.

Physically, the CRST Tribal Council may need to change. If elected officials cannot commit themselves to representing it’s constituents when changes are needed to be made to promote self-sufficiency, people will look inside themselves. They will educate and unify each other behind leaders that are not afraid to challenge the powers that reside outside the boundaries of the reservation. This challenge is not for individual empowerment, it is needed so that all members may be empowered to provide for each other so that all can grow together in a healthy way. It will enable parents to provide for their parents, children, and grandchildren.

Emotionally, the CRST members will need to change. Tribal members can no longer sit on their hands and watch a jurisdictional battle being won by states within the boundaries of all reservations. A grassroots movement must begin; it has to have contributions from all the people in order for the tribe to evolve. Anger, resentment, and mistrust are some of the emotions needed to spur this action to make change in the eyes of our tribal peoples and leaders.

Spiritually, we all must change... We have to draw from the strength inside ourselves as individuals to stand up and unite. We have to defend our families, neighbors, and their families from the self-destructive practices that have prevailed across Native America. The people must put their individual agendas aside and promote the welfare of all people that fall within the jurisdiction of reservation boundaries.

Physically, emotionally, and spiritually we need to change. It is imperative that we join together and fight the outside influences that are impeding on our civil rights as Native Americans. We have to send a message to the non-Native politicians and the governments that they represent, that we are not willing to stand by and let them govern us with their jurisdiction on our land.

Today is the day we begin...
William LaPlante
Haskell Alumni 2012

Hope for Haskell

By RYAN COODY

I have been given some wonderful opportunities during my time at Haskell. Overall it has been an overwhelmingly positive and growing experience for me. Haskell is truly a special place that is much more than a college or a school, much more than just a piece of paper, and much more than a four year experience.

For many people, Haskell is a way of life, a family, and a home away from home. I certainly didn't plan on picking up that attitude when I came here, but this community has a way of adopting you in, even if you thought you weren't available. I've never seen people that cared so much about a school, and I will honestly feel the emptiness when I leave.

It's not easy for students to come here and slide through the four (or five, or six, or seven) years without learning anyone's names or joining any student clubs or organizations. In fact, the basic piece of advice I give to freshmen when I get the opportunity to speak to them is simply that: get involved. If you get involved, the Haskell community will do the rest and see that you succeed.

I very recently had the experience of sitting on the interview panel for the candi-

dates seeking to be Haskell's next President. While I can't speak about the specific candidates out of respect for their privacy, I couldn't resist the urge to share with the Haskell community a little insight I gained along the way.

Students can pick up the attitude along this process of being the most important part of this university. Sometimes they feel that without them here, the university would have no reason to exist. That statement is true.

On the other hand, without instructors, administrators, facility team members, coaches, advisers, counselors, and the rest of the Haskell team, the students would have no reason to come here. It would be an empty campus, with 0% chance of success. Also a true statement.

With those opinions in hand, sometimes it can feel as if the two groups are heading out to battle some days. It's easy to maintain the "us versus them" mentality when 95% of students, by my own assumption, will never speak to their instructors outside of the classroom. Those in the other 5%, those that get involved in a larger capacity - they get to see the other side.

Those students get to see instructors fighting for the students, for the school, and for the Haskell community. They get to witness students, instructors, administrators, and even Regents come together to solve a common problem in the best interest of the school. Eventually, they come to the realization that they are just temporary visitors to this campus that is being shared with them, and the instructors and other long-term employees here care just as much, if not more, about the issues that students are facing.

Many times these staff members have experienced the exact same issues, been in the exact same positions, and argued the exact same points against the exact same problems.

Both groups have an interest in the success of this school, and both groups rely on each other for existence. Those facts should be enough to bring the campus together to solve the issues that we face. We have to meet somewhere in the middle and work together for Haskell's benefit.

Students, I urge you not to rush to conclusions when an issue comes up. Communication is key - don't see a problem, see an opportunity to improve. Most likely, the de-

cision was made with your best interest at heart, even if that wasn't the result. Calmly explain why it didn't work, but don't stop there - provide an alternate solution instead of expecting others to solve it for you.

Staff and faculty, I would ask that you not be afraid to include students in your information gathering and decision-making. Many times when students "rise up" it is simply because we feel out of the loop or ignored. Try to remember what it was like to study management skills and strategies, and be ignored when you tried to use it. Even though we are students, many of us have tremendous life and work experiences that we would happily share with you.

During the interview process, I saw firsthand how much love there is for Haskell on both sides. If we can open the lines of communication and harness that love as a source of power for problem-solving, just imagine what we could do. Maybe when this generation of students have grown and returned to Haskell to share their knowledge and experiences, as those who have before, we won't be able to say we dealt with the same issues they are facing - maybe we can say we worked together to fix them.

Chalked

By CHARLIE PERRY

I can remember sitting through a long morning class in grade school watching the clock slowly tick down to my favorite part of the entire school day. Recess, running out those doors to a sun drenched blacktop to twenty minutes of bliss, one thing that still resonates with me about those school boy days was the hopscotch box. It would always catch my eye, squares with different numbers drawn out with the utmost detail in multicolored chalk. It was quite intriguing indeed.

Much like the hopscotch rings of our elementary school days we Haskell students are again seeing multicolored chalk on sidewalks. Chalk promotion, or "chalk ads" are starting to materialize on a weekly basis around campus. Many of these ads are promoting local 18 and over venues where students can go dance and socialize. These venues are also known to serve alcoholic beverages to adults 21 and over. There has in recent days been much debate over the ads purposes and message. If we can assume these "chalk ads" are allowed on campus there are two main schools of thought to this issue.

On one hand you have those that are outraged at the use of these "chalk ads." Many believe that these ads promote the use of alcohol and underage drinking. Some also believe that this form of promotion on a strictly native campus, does nothing more than per-



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petuate the stereotype of Native Americans being alcoholics.

On the other hand people believe we are a business driven economy and the ability to market your operation effectively is what separates winners from losers. Chalk promotion is a very cost effective form of advertising that has been used across the nation on various campus spanning all walks of life. Follows of this thought would also contend that we are all awarded out rights to free speech.

In the end it really comes down to you as the student. Most of us are under the age of twenty five and have only just begun to ex-

perience adult hood. Decisions we make in our lives here at college will truly stay with us for years to come. It's vital that we make the right ones. When it comes to advertising we see many different things every day, for things we never try or think to, yet their is always that influence, we need to be aware. We must also ask ourselves can I go out on the weekend and conduct myself in a reasonable manner, be an adult?

Life is a game of trial and error, much like hopscotch on the sidewalk, you jump and stumble sometimes. So when those kids asked me to play back then i said "thanks, but ill pass, I'm more of a kickball guy."

Spiders in Dorms

By RYAN COODY

Students in the past week or so have seen a rise in the number of spiders and insects sneaking into the dorms. While some blame it on the cold weather, that isn't always the main cause. According to the Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture in Seattle, Washington, that's one of the biggest myths regarding spiders out there.

"If a large number appear at a specific season, it is usually late summer (August and September) -- not a notably cold time of year! -- rather than fall, and their appearance coincides with the mating season of the given species. What you are seeing is sexually mature males wandering in search of mates. [...] House spiders are usually not the same species as the yard or garden spiders outside the house."

James Tucker, Director of Student Housing, shared this advice: "I think students should get the insect glue strips and place them in their rooms as they do a good job of trapping insects. We also let students know not to leave open food items in their rooms as ants and possibly other insects will be attracted to the food. All in all keeping one's room clean, letting staff know right away if they see more than the usual number of spiders or ants in the rooms so we can call facilities for some extermination work is the quickest way to get rid of the problem."

Haskell Men's Basketball

By **DALLAS RUDD**

The Haskell men's basketball team is geared up and ready to go! The team this year is very strong and capable, of going very far in the post-season. The nine returning players have played with each other for the last 2 years, and know how to function as a solid unit. Returning this year starting with the seniors are Grant Proctor, Bo Schneider, Ray Walker, and Ron Rousseau. Also returning this year is our juniors, Stand Lovato and Canku One Star, along with three sophomores, Dallas Rudd, Keenan World Turner, and Wilber Everett.

I spoke with Ron Rousseau, who averaged 11.2 points and 9.8 rebounds last season, what were his expectations for this upcoming season," Our success in the upcoming basketball season will be determined by the amount of effort we sacrifice preparing for the season."

The new recruiting class this year has brought in some very talented young guys. The three new freshmen guards, Blake Pittman, Dillion Thompson, and Zack Bruns, have come in and stepped up competition. The guard play this year will be one of the



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best in the conference. Jayson Ferris, a sophomore, will also be playing guard.

Our bench is deep with talent and everyone can play. Also, new to the team, is a 6' 10" transfer, from Northeastern State University, TsaLdi Sequoyah.

On October 6th, at the "Clash at Coffin," students got to see a little sneak peak of what they can expect for this upcoming season.

There were many dunks, nice dimes, on-point oops, and killer shots, that were put on show for the students. Students and fans can expect to see big plays, big wins, and a team that can play as one.

The turnout of fan support last year set the bar high for this season! Fans were painting their whole bodies, making signs, and jamming out with the band! The men's basketball plans to keep Coffin Complex rocking

all year, and encourages fans to come by, apart, of this amazing Haskell culture. Coach Kills Crow always asks in practice, "Can 5 play as 1?" The answer is yes! And the team is out to prove that this year! The goal for this season is for the team to play as one unit, and to win the NAIA national tournament. We have the guys, and we definitely have the talent!

CLASH AT COFFIN COMPLEX

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This year the Haskell Cheer team, along with Haskell Athletics, Haskell Band, and all the Haskell student athletes put on a great and inspiring show to get students and alumni pumped up about this year's events and programs.

Coach Gary Tanner, as the event's announcer, talked about how much work the Athletic programs and students have put into this year and worked to get the crowd excited.

Each athletic program was given a few minutes to perform a skit or show off their skills for the attending students. The Haskell Men's and Women's basketball teams each played a short scrimmage, consisting of Haskell players on both sides. The Cross Country team danced, and the Haskell Cheer team performed the famous dance from *Thriller*.

There were also chances for the students to get involved. One contest pitted students against one another in an obstacle race of sorts - they were required to spin around a baseball bat, pivoting at their foreheads, attempt dizzy three-point shots until one successfully went in, and then rush to the center of the court to search for a whistle in a whipped cream pie - without their hands. Students also had the opportunity to win

cash by placing in the top three of the dance competition. Many talented students took the stage and performed a wide variety of dances, entertaining the crowd the whole way.

Later on, a limbo contest was held by members of the Link Crew. The bar reached surprisingly low levels before all but one contestant was eliminated.

All in all students had a great time, and the stands were packed. Large crowds can be very encouraging to the student athletes during games and other events, so hopefully the crowds keep coming back all season.

The Haskell Athletic department took to its Facebook Page to thank those that were involved with the clash, saying, "Thank you to all the students, friends, family, and fans of Haskell Athletics for joining us in our first 'Clash at Coffin.' It was great fun." They continued by thanking the department's staff and student-athletes.

Haskell's next home event is also the first home games for basketball - both men and women play on October 29th against McPherson College, women at 5:30 and men at 7:00pm.

Visit From Kansas Teacher of the Year Team

By **HALLIE LONG**

On October 9, 2013 Kansas National Education Association (KNEA) had the Kansas Teachers of the Year team come and present to Haskell students. They started off by getting everyone that was there up and moving with an activity to get students engaged.

One presenter described how she gets her students engaged to start the day and get their attention. The next speaker was talking about how to get students motivated. He explained some of the ways that he got his students motivated and some ideas that we can use to get our students motivated in the future. He also explained how teachers need to relate students' interests to their lesson plans.

The teachers continued to talk and give students pointers for when they become teachers. Most of the people attending the presentation were future teachers.

According to their website, the Kansas National Education Association strives to "empower its members to promote quality public schools, strengthen the profession of teaching, and improve the well-being of members." They do this through "strengthening the teaching profession, helping teachers teach and children learn."

This year's Kansas Teacher of the Year is Dyane Smokorowski and was selected because she "radiates enthusiasm for teaching and explains that there are no walls in her classroom; students enhance their learning in the community through integrated projects and community service," according to the November-December 2012 edition of a KNEA newsletter.

The team's visit to Haskell only helps to solidify the experience that students receive as part of the education program. Earlier this year, the program received accreditation through the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), making the Haskell students competitive in their market. According to NCATE's website, accreditation is important because "an institution or program that has successfully completed an accreditation review has in place the needed instructional, student support and other services to assist students to achieve their educational goals."

The visit from the KTOY team will certainly help to encourage, motivate, and support the Haskell education program students as they prepare to enter the workforce, and the NCATE accreditation will go a long ways to getting them noticed on a national level.