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NCAA D1 Athlete and Haskell Alum Phil Stand

by Charlie Perry

While many of us are still tucked away in our beds, Haskell Alum, Phil Stand pulls his windbreaker tightly around his face as he takes a breath and heaves his disc. The object, despite its heavy burden, cuts through the air and disappears into the sunrise. Stand graduated from Haskell last semester and has since transferred up the hill to Kansas University to continue a stellar academic and athletic career in discus. A standout on Haskell's track team, Stand has won numerous awards and accomplished much in a short time. What Stand is most proud of is his journey from humble beginnings to achieving his degree at Haskell. The Indian Leader had a chance to sit down with Stand to talk about sports, life, Billy Mills and honoring our ancestors.

Indian Leader: So tell our readers about getting into track and Coach Gips influence on your development?

Stand: I was working out in the gym (Jim Thorpe) one day and coach Gip came up to me and ask me if I wanted to try out track and field. I said, 'when's practice? Let's give it a shot.' Coach Gip was always there for me.

Indian Leader: Can you go into detail about what you do to stay motivated?

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Stand: I told myself when I was accepted to Haskell that I was going to do whatever I had to do to be successful. I made a promise to not go home unsuccessful. I was tired of looking in the mirror and seeing someone who didn't have any goals, who didn't accomplish anything.

Indian Leader: We've heard Billy Mills is a big influence on you and you got to meet him recently at the Kickapoo Pow Wow. Can you tell our readers what you talked about?

Stand: We met for about 45 minutes recently; he's a very humble person. I'm still trying to analyze and shuffle through a lot of what we talked about. I do remember he told me if you represent yourself than you represent your people. If you represent your people than you represent America.

Billy also told me a story about his father. He was going through a hard time so he went and spoke to his father and his father said that you need to dream and you need to go into your deepest dreams to figure out what the real answers to your problems are. As he trained for the Olympics, he decided he was going to go for his deepest dream and win the race. By winning that race he cured his broken heart and proved to himself he could do anything he wanted to do.

Billy told me I have sacredness to me as a discus thrower. That was really humbling for me to have someone with an Olympic gold medal to pay me respect like that.



Haskell Track and Field Coach Al Gipp (l) awarding the first place medal to Phil for the discus throw, the event in which Phil qualified for the national championship. Photo by Ryan Coody.

Indian Leader: What is it like transitioning from NAIA play to the NCAA?

don't perform they could lose their scholarships. It's definitely more pressure. I have someone breathing down my neck every day.

Indian Leader: Can you tell us about some of the cultural differences with Haskell compared to Kansas?

Stand: It's empowering. When you play at Haskell you are the top athlete from your native community. When you're at KU you want to be a top athlete for many communities. I have people on my team from Jamaica, Kenya, Australia, and Israel; all over the world really. As a Native, it's my responsibility to help shine light on our people. We all know public schools aren't doing it. I hope to bring my team down to Haskell for a pow wow.



Phil pats his fellow teammate on the back after watching his race.
Photo by Ryan Coody

Stand: The difference between the NAIA and the NCAA is the different types of competition. If those athletes

Indian Leader: If you have one piece of advice for other young Native Americans, what would it be?

Stand: We as Native Americans are descended from the most influential leaders and the strongest warriors to ever walk this earth. We owe it to our ancestors to do something for them. If we don't do something for our lives we aren't doing them justice. They sacrificed so much for us just to have the opportunity to have a better life. We can do anything. It's in our blood. Dig deep and really look at yourself. Ask what you really want and when you have an idea of what that is do whatever you can to make it happen.

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--Thank You-Staff--

Art Returns to Curriculum

by Faith Tallchief

Imagine you walk into a studio where you can sit down, put your headphones on and listen to your favorite song while you pick up a brush with just a hint of paint and create a picture out of your own imagination. A white canvas is at your disposal and you can paint whatever color you want. Or imagine you can sit down across from a friend to hang out while music is playing in the background as you feel soft, sticky, red clay on your hands. You can mold the clay into whatever shape and size of your own chosen design. Fortunately, you can do all those things because the arts have returned to Haskell Indian Nations University.

"We're coming together from all different departments to bring the arts back to all the students here at Haskell," said Joshua Fallfealf, Acting Dean of Humanities. Many faculty members have

a vision to put art classes back into the Haskell curriculum with hopes of the program continuing to grow and expand for students to enjoy now and in the future.

Excitement!

That's the word Dr. Theresa Milk, American Indian Studies instructor, used to describe this year's new art program. Haskell is now using the studio facilities in Parker Hall for the art classes this semester offering ceramics and painting. In addition to class times, student artists can now paint or create their pottery on their own personal schedule.

Students can learn how to make pottery or paint a picture or learn to create the color wheel. If a student is an intermediate ceramic artist or painter, there are lessons for them too. Essentially, there is always a project a student can create at any skill level. One student, Sarah ThreeWhiteHorses is a seasoned artist who has some of her work on display in Australia.

Art instructor, Gina Adams gives the students a theme and allows the students to create from there. One theme is "masks." Each individual student creates his or her own interpretation of what the theme "masks" means to them.

"If I told them what to create or how to create it then the students have lost their individual creativity," said Adams.

Students in both the ceramic and



Sarah ThreeWhiteHorses' work is on display in Australia.

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"Who is to say"

by Ashleigh Shohn

Is it my CDIB, this little card that apparently validates my ancient blood?
Puts an expiration date on my kin and reminds me of white supremacy and sin
Quarter, Half. Not enough, too much; Not good enough
Is it my thick dark hair, that lays like a cloak when I let it grow long
My high Sioux-ian cheek bones that say I'm here...
My squinty Ojibwe coke-cherry eyes; that have always said more than my words could
Is it my beautiful little brown grandma, who's watched me grow and always helps me along
They say with Indian women you can never go wrong
Not knowing we're forced to be strong; In this little world that went oh so wrong
But who is to say, whose official and who's not?
Ultimately we are all one people
Same features or not



Students from the Haskell art department.

painting classes seem to do well with the class structure.

"I like how Gina allows me to come at my own schedule and if I get lost or have a question she'll help me," as one student commented. Another student said, "Gina's amazing and she's a great teacher, because I didn't know how to paint when I started and now I'm painting the color wheel."

Other students said that they enjoy coming to class every week. For some, it's a way of relaxation and a way to release stress from their workload from other classes. Art is also something new that some students say they wanted to try. One student is using the art classes as a way to learn about a different field of interest. Elena, who wants to be a fashion designer, is learning how to use texture and color techniques and is allowed to create her fashion designs for the painting class.

Both classes will be offered in the spring semester. The classes are a beginner and intermediate painting and ceramics.

Student work will be displayed on December 5, 2014 in the art studio on campus. If you love art then come down and support your fellow students at the art gallery.

Haskell Students attend Plains Indian Exhibition

by Lori Hasselman

A bus left the Cultural Center parking lot at noon on Sunday transporting more than 25 Haskell students to

showing at the museum. The trip was sponsored by Haskell Student Activities.



Garment worn by Chief Red Cloud was displayed along side a picture of him wearing the shirt.

the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City, MO. Students were able to see the exhibition, "The Plains Indians: Artists of Earth and Sky" currently

Contemporary paintings and some mixed-media pieces by Native artists were included with the exhibition along with a video display of photographs by Alexander Gardner.

"I really enjoyed the exhibit," said Tylynn Broncho, freshman who also took notes throughout the exhibit for some extra credit for one of her classes.

Several large, Native-tanned leather robes were displayed with etched scenes from Plains Indian life along with an Oglala Lakota feather headdress standing 72 inches high. Many pieces were wood-carved while several displayed pipes were clay sculpted. Tobacco and medicine bags highlighted the skilled Plains Indian bead work as well as many clothing pieces and cradle boards.

One of the clothing pieces displayed was worn by Chief Red Cloud. A photograph of the Chief wearing the shirt on a trip to Washington D.C. was posted along side the garment.

Freshman, Josh Dotomain, who is an artist, loved going to the museum.

"I had fun. I loved it! I'm a huge art person and to see all those other paintings and sculptures; it blew my mind. It made me want to become a better artist," said Dotomain.

Dotomain explored other areas of the museum and said he was able to see art from all over the world.

Camilla Hately, freshman from the Yupik tribe in Anchorage, Alaska was excited to see different tribes represented in the exhibit.

"I have seen the Smithsonian exhibit back home of our tribes and it was just really cool to see other tribes represented because I've never really seen stuff like that. It's also really cool to see different parts of the museum that



Leandra Galindo, Student Activities, and Haskell students view part of the Plains Indians Exhibition at the Nelson-Atkins Museum.

I would never get a chance to see if I had not gone on the trip," said Hately.

The museum also celebrated the Mexican tradition Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) on Sunday. Students were entertained with live musical and dance performances and were able to participate in art activities related to the tradition. Students were also treated to a pizza lunch at the museum.

New Furniture For Blalock Hall

by Lori Hasselman

Students have been sleeping on the same beds in Blalock Hall since the 1970's until new furniture was delivered and installed this week at the freshman men's dorm. According to Jimmy Tucker, Director of Haskell Housing, the project has been in motion for several months.

"Facilities Management secured the

funds to start working on this building. This is just the first phase," said Tucker.

In phase I, furniture replacement includes new beds, mattresses, desks, and under-the-bed drawer storage. Contractors are working one floor at a time so students only have to be absent from their rooms for short periods of

time during the new furniture transition.

"I'm kind of excited. The drawers under my bed are broken so I'm pretty excited to get the new furniture and have the drawers under the bed work so I have more space to put my stuff," Said Reid Williams, Blalock resident.

The carpet in the building will be replaced in phase II of the project and in phase III, all bathrooms will be redone along with building repairs.

Blalock Hall holds 126 students at full capacity. The housing and facilities departments will be working jointly on the project.



Local Native Youth Raise Funds For Pageant

by Lori Hasselman

The frybread was so crispy and light it melted in your mouth! Haskell students and local residents lined up outside The Lighthouse on the outskirts of campus Friday for an Indian taco lunch.

The Free State High School Native American Club sold food to raise funds to host the 2015 Indian Youth Pageant at the Lawrence High School powwow.

The Miss, Jr. Miss, Brave, and Jr. Brave titles will be crowned at the pageant.

"The money is to help pay for the crowns and sashes. It was also to help out the head lady dancer a little for the Haskell Veterans pow wow," said Andrea Spottedhorse, youth sponsor.

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Right: Matthew Coversup, Jr. gets ready to flip frybread with a hand-crafted utensil made especially for frybread as Melissa Solis watches

Halloween Lunch Held at Curtis Hall

by Charlie Perry

Curtis Hall was invaded by a wide range of monsters and ghouls when cafeteria staff held their annual costume contest and Halloween themed lunch. Students were served choices between gigantic turkey legs or chicken leg along with all the classic Halloween candy and treats they could eat. Staff greeted students in costume where they received candy and were informed

about the costume contest. Students could enter to win prizes ranging from candy to gift cards.

Little Nations made the walk up the road with the little ones dressed up in costumes themselves. Little Nations students did a mini parade around the lunchroom while staff and students snapped pictures. After the parade the

children were seated at their own special tables and served lunch by Curtis staff.

After Little Nations took their seats the costume contest began. The elementary education department rolled in with a multiply person costume featuring the complete Magic School Bus gang. Other notable characters included Cheech

and Chong, The Big Bad Wolf with Little Red Riding Hood and a "Nut in a Tree," a local fan favorite. However, it was Brian Johnson with his "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" themed get up that took down the costume contest.

The Indian Leader would like to thank Curtis Hall staff and all those who participated in the event.



Brian Johnson took down the contest with his "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" costume.



"Don't mind me, I'm just a nut in a tree."



This little unicorn has the Indian Leader's vote for cutest costume.



Cheech and Chong stopped by Curtis Hall for some lunch.



The education department hoped aboard the Magic School Bus and headed to lunch.

Local Native Youth Raise Funds For Pageant

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"Since the head lady is a Free State High School student, if she wants a special or a giveaway, the club is able to provide that for her now. But funds will

be mainly used for the pageant."

Students used a special stick to flip the frybread. Karla Coversup, a Free State

High School parent, told Spottedhorse her Uncle crafted the unique utensil for her because she helps out with making frybread so often.

Native students from Lawrence High School also helped with the sale by providing desserts and drinks.

Thunderbird Theatre's Haunted Maze of Terror Big Hit

by Charlie Perry

Haskell students from Thunderbird Theatre came together with student volunteers to put on a fiendishly good time for their peers to celebrate Halloween. Haskell's Haunted Maze of Terror was held at the pow wow grounds for three scary nights.

"They say the maze was created as a punishment for the human race. Not everyone is a beast. They say that deep in the maze there is a family who actually survived and went insane inside of the maze. Like the monsters, they now find their sustenance from human flesh. No one escapes

the maze alive. Can you?" This is the Facebook slogan that quickly had students buzzing.

Students and volunteers met the week before opening night to plan out the maze and secure materials for construction. The maze went through many different stages before the students found just the right combination to make the multi-room maze a success. The maze featured an extensive cast of frightful characters including evil clowns, zombies, dark men, and psychopaths who tormented Haskell

students as they made their way through the maze. Each room had a different theme and obstacle to overcome such as crawling through a tunnel complete with spider webs blocking the path.

The end of the maze had a memorable exit where students were chased by monsters back to the dorms.

Thanks to the Thunderbird Theatre for a great event. If you would like to get involved with the Theatre club be sure to head to Taminend Hall.



The dark man is waiting for victims.

Trail of Terror

The mayor of the small rural town of Marble City, OK invited Haskell students to participate in the annual Trail of Terror event. The event is hosted by the Noisy family in northeast Oklahoma on several acres of wooded land. After agreeing to participate, the students made their way into the *Cherokee Phoenix* on Oct. 21.

Nine students represented Haskell in Oklahoma at the yearly spook trail (like a haunted house but through the woods). This is the fourth consecutive year that Haskell students have volunteered their time and efforts to the event.

"This is the ninth year that we have put on the Trail of Terror, and it is continuing to grow. We hope that we can keep relying on the awesome students

by Benton Cooksey
of Haskell in the future," said Mayor, Tamara Hibbard.

Upon arriving the group was given a tour and a run-through of the trail. The group began the day by building three new scenes to scare people. The first, ran exclusively by Haskell, was a disorientating maze of hanging sheets and strobe lights. At this location, maze participants would hear a member hanging from a harness next to a hanging dummy. As the trail goers came through the hanging member would scare them as two others would come out of the walls and surprise them.

The second location was a joint effort between Haskell, the community, and the local eighth grade class. This was a torture scene where one person would



Josh H., Zach M., Corn, Cupi, Obi E., Ray P., Caleb W., Hallie L., and Benton C.

be chained upside down as the torturer went to work on the one chained to the ground. The last scene was a crawling zombie scene and was also ran exclusively by Haskell students.

The mayor said she can't wait to see what the students of Haskell come up with next year.

NFL Play 60 Event Comes to Lawrence

by Tyler Jones

While the Kansas City Chiefs are 4-3 on the season, the best story comes from outside the locker room. Chief's quarterback, Tyler Bray (Potawatomi-Citizen Band), Derrick Johnson, Charchandrick West, Josh Martin, and even the Chiefs Mascot, the KC Wolf, made an appearance at the brand-new sports pavilion in Lawrence on Tuesday. This event was part of the NFL Play 60 program where kids get the chance to workout and stay active with local NFL players.

The event was hosted by the Indian Health Service Haskell Diabetes Prevention Program and its program manager, Elwood Ott. The connection was great for both the Diabetes Prevention Program and NFL Play 60 since they share similar goals. The goal of the NFL Play 60 program is to make the next generation of youth the most active and healthy, while the Diabetes Prevention Program leads the effort to educate people with the goal to eradicate diabetes in the Native

American communities. The activities for the hour included a football toss, standing jump, shuttle run and more. Local Native American youth worked with the athletes directly in every drill. Approximately 60 students were in attendance from the grades of 3rd through 6th. After the event, the kids took pictures and got autographs with every Kansas City Chiefs player who participated.

Former Tennessee Vols and current Kansas City Chiefs backup QB Tyler Bray was one of the headliners for the event. Bray, currently in his second season with the Chiefs said, "I'm thankful to give back to the community; the Chiefs kingdom is great. We get to play in the loudest stadium in the NFL and I couldn't ask for anything else."

While Bray had never been to Lawrence before Tuesday, he shared a special connection with some of the other Native

Americans at the event. Bray said, "I've spent some time in Oklahoma learning about my heritage, where my grandma is from." Bray went on to say, "It is great to be able to represent as a minority in the NFL."

Bray is one of three Native Americans in the National Football League. The others included, Rams QB Sam Bradford (Cherokee) and Chargers CB Keenan Allen (Lumbee). Bray was a four-year starter at Tennessee and went undrafted. Bray, a California native, is currently on the injured reserve list. Since 2007, the

NFL has donated \$200 million to youth health and wellness through the NFL Play 60 program. The fitness campaign focuses on increasing the wellness of young fans by encouraging them to be active for at least 60 minutes a day.



Bray demonstrates his arm strength to students. Photo by Tyler Jones

CAMPUS QUERY : What's your favorite scary movie?



"Insidious. It's the only scary movie that made me jump at the end."
--Stephan Kelly, Freshman



"I like watching The Conjuring."
--Caleb Washington, Freshman



"The thing is I laugh at scary movies, so I don't really have a favorite one."
--Dan Tanner, Senior



"The Leprechaun used to freak me out when I was a little kid."
--Ashley Ignacio, Senior



"Hocus Pocus. It's not really scary. It's cute but it sticks closer to the Mexican belief 'Day of the Dead' which is where Halloween came from."
--Rene Cook, Senior

Chemtrails are Hurting the Sky

by Dallas Rudd

Look up in the sky. It's a bird! It's a plane! NO! It's CHEMTRAILS! Chemtrails have become the talk of the conspiracy theorist world and now a more politically correct term has even been given to this phenomenon by scientist-geoengineering. In Kansas, the presence of chemtrails are very high. Sometimes, on bright sunny days, you can see 4-5



A Chemtrail over Lawrence.

planes flying back and forth making patterns in the sky.

Scientist say the main focus is to help with global warming by blocking much of the sun's rays and bouncing them back towards space. Think of it as a shield made out of chemicals. The chemtrails start off as long white trails of smoke released from planes which are sprayed throughout the sky in specific coordi-

nates. Slowly, the chemtrails start to disperse completely blanketing the entire sky within hours. While they are dispersing, the chemtrails look like stratus clouds so they are easily ignored by most people.

There are two different types of trails left by planes--contrails and chemtrails. Chemtrails are different from contrails because they linger in the sky, unlike the contrails, which fade away. Contrails are left by planes and jets that fly at a very high atmosphere. The water and vapor that is pushed out of the engine is turned into ice. The term contrail is short for condensation trails. The chemtrails are said to be trails left by planes with motives ranging from helping with global warming to weather manipulation and to even more extreme theories of depopulation. The reason they are called chemtrails is because they are loaded with chemicals in order

to serve the purpose they need. The chemical list includes aluminum, lead, mercury, and uranium.

I started to take notice of these trails when I moved to Kansas three years ago. My daughter and I would go outside to play and there would be designs in the sky right above our heads. Sometimes, there would be three or four planes at one time flying back and forth laying out checker board designs or huge X's.

In doing some research on the subject I found that this is happening all over the nation. Many people have dedicated their lives to exposing the truth of what's really going on with these chemtrails.

One of the arguments against chemtrails is that the chemicals from the trails trickle down into our air we breathe, the crops we eat, and into the water supply we drink from. In some areas, there are reports of people coming down with allergy and flu like symptoms. Many studies are now being conducted in the regions that experience the most chemtrail activity.

So the next time you are outside, look up and take notice of what's going on in the skies right above you. Look at how on a sunny day the planes can take hold of the skies and turn it into a man-made cloudy day. Does this bother you? Let's say it is just the government trying to prevent global warming or help stop bad weather from starting, but at what cost? What chemicals are really in these chemtrails? Is this something you want your kids breathing? Should the American people at least have a voice in the situation? These are the questions that are being brought to the government. This is an issue that affects the whole nation.

Are these chemtrails good for the environment? Or are there other cleaner ways of taking care of our earth and the global warming problem? We live in harsh times where there are many different problems we face every day. I feel we shouldn't have to create new ones by spraying chemicals in the air.

We have a voice and if we never speak up on these issues we will never be heard. Being Native people, we have a

strong connection with the Earth, and we should help protect it at all costs. We shouldn't destroy it.

Take notice of things that are happening around you. Dig deep and look for answers. There is always more out there to be explored and questioned. Don't be scared to push the limits. Like they say in class, "no question is a dumb question."

Women's Basketball Looking to Make Deep Run

by Charlie Perry

The Haskell women's basketball team will start their season on the road against Bethany College as they look to improve on last year's fourth place conference finish (8-8 Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference). Coach Shane Flanagan returns for his third year and is very optimistic about this year's team.

"I'm excited about this year. We have a couple of all conference girls coming back--Kelli Warrior and Jenine Coriz. We finished fourth in the conference last year and I think we're one of two teams to return all their starters. That's encouraging and I've liked how we've looked in the preseason. Realistically I think we're going to finish in a higher spot this year," said Flanagan.

Flanagan was also impressed with the team's improvements in strength and conditioning.

"I think we've made great improvements in our strength and conditioning. The girls have been running two-a-days pretty much since they got here. We're really working them hard and they're looking stronger and healthier. We all even gave up soda."

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Haskell Men Fall Short Against McPherson

by Reid Williams

The Haskell men's basketball team tipped off the season against McPherson. The Indians got off to a fast start thanks to Dallas Rudd scoring at the start of the game. Haskell came out ready to play and really put it to the Bulldogs.

The Indians had a 19 to 13 lead with 9:26 left in the first half. As the half continued McPherson was able to narrow Haskell's lead to only 2 thanks to 10 first half points from Bulldog guard, Tj Grant. With the clock winding down, Stand Lavota drove the ball baseline and hit a huge buzzer beating jump shot to give the Indians a 45-41 lead.

After an entertaining half time show from the Haskell dance squad, the men came back out hoping to extend their lead. Unfortunately, this would not hap-

pen. The Bulldogs came out on fire and quickly erased the Indian's half time lead. Late in game when victory was slipping away from the Indians, forward, A'ram Johnson and guard, Blake Pittman hit back to back big shots to give the Indians a much needed spark and cut the Bulldog lead to 10 points. The spark was short lived and McPherson would end up running away with the game. The final score was 94-81 in favor of the Bulldogs.

Even though Haskell came up short, they did show us some positive play that could lead to future success. The Indians got after it on the defensive side of the ball and are a very well rounded team. Four players had double digit points for the Indians. Stand Lavota led the way with 19, Blake Pittman had 17, Dallas Rudd finished up with a solid 16,



Senior Stand Lavota drives in on the Bulldogs. Photo by Reid Williams.

and Randy July posted 13 points.

Haskell looks to pick up its first win of the season on November 4th at Midland University. That game will be the first of back to back road games for the Indians.

After the game at Midland they travel to Ottawa on November 7th before returning home on November 11th to play Kansas Wesleyan. Tip off for the Wesleyan game will be 7:30 P.M. Be sure to come out and cheer on your Indians.

Haskell Women Beat Bulldogs 76-55

by Charlie Perry

The Fighting Indians played their first home game Saturday hosting the McPherson Bulldogs at Coffin Complex.

McPherson came into the meeting looking for some payback from last year's defeat where the Indians came out on top 48-42 on the road.

The game was a back and forth affair early on as each team drained mid-range jumpers and worked the paint under the bucket. Guard, Kortney Meat helped push the defensive tempo late in the first half resulting in three turnovers by the Bulldogs that the Indians capitalized on by sinking two 3-point shots back to back. Meat would finish the game with 12 points and two 3-pointers.

As the buzzer rang on the first half, the Indians headed into the locker room leading 36-26.

The second half was all the Indians as they kept the pressure on the Bulldogs through a series of half-court traps and double-team defensive plays. Jennah Williams led the charge on offense in the second half. Williams had her way with the Bulldogs under the bucket and her efforts in the post resulted in 19 points to lead all scorers.

McPherson tried to rally a comeback, cutting the Indians lead from 21 to 8 points with just over 8 minutes remaining. Kelli Warrior took notice and stepped up to put the game away. Warrior went 9 of 10 from the free throw line showing a great improvement on a 60% free throw average as she ended the game with 13 points. The Indians were able to extend their lead and ended up winning the contest 76-55.

Coach Shane Flanagan talked about his views on the early season matchups with



Kelli Warrior stepped up her free throw shooting as she made 9/10 from the line. Photo by Reid Williams.

Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference opponents such as Bethany and McPherson.

"I like playing KCAC teams. I think we match up pretty well and traditionally the KCAC has always looked pretty good. I'm really excited to play these teams and think it sets us up well for

MCAC play. I'm giving the girls tomorrow off and then we'll see what happens," said Flanagan.

Haskell improves to 2-0 and will face Park University on November 6th at Coffin Complex set for 5:30 p.m.

Haskell Community Celebrates Historic Royals Run

by Tyler Jones

For the first time in 29 years, the Kansas City Royals not only made the playoffs, but reached the World Series. At the All-Star break it was highly unlikely that the Royals would reach the World Series and was not what the doctor ordered, to say the least, for this season.

Haskell Indian Nations University is less than 50 miles west of Kauffman Stadium. By a vast majority, students and staff are Royals fans. For years, the Haskell Student Activities & Recreational Department has taken students to the K to see the

Kansas City Royals.

Unlike other years, this year was different. The Haskell community rallied around the Royals right until the end. English instructor, Lorene Williams described this team as "homegrown" and went on to say, "All year long I just wanted this team to go .500. In the back of my mind I was hoping (that they make it to the World Series)."

Brent Cahwee of NDNSports.com and Haskell Staff Member said, "Its been great for the community and all of the Kansas

City area communities have rallied around the team."

The Royals came up short losing the series to the San Francisco Giants 3-2. World Series MVP and Giants pitcher, Mason Bumgarner had two wins, a save, and only gave up one earned run. Despite the loss, Haskell students were pretty pleased with the season.

Haskell student, Julian Wahee said, "I was disappointed as any Royals fan, but at the same time I was very proud of them. They repre-

sented Kansas and did a really good job."

With the end of one season, comes the start of another season. Next year's Royals team will look different. James Shields, Billy Butler, Aoki, Hochevar, Ibanez, Willingham, Frasier and Downs will all be free agents this off-season. The Royals' quest to defend their American League Series crown will start in February when pitchers and catchers report to Sprint Training at the Cactus League in Arizona. The MLB's Opening days are slated for April 5th-6th.

Haskell Men Look Forward to Successful Season

by Dallas Rudd

On November 1st, the Haskell Indian Nations University men's basketball team takes center court against the McPherson Bulldogs at Coffin Sports Complex in Lawrence, Kansas to tip-off the 2014-2015 basketball season.

The team is deep this year--more so than in years past. They have nine returning from last season's roster and head coach, Chad Kills Crow has brought in nine more recruits and walk-ons as well. These additions to the program has upped the intensity level in practice and competition is tough as the men compete for the five available starting spots.

Recently, coach Kills Crow talked about what makes this year's team different from previous teams.

"This is my fifth year as head coach. The system I have built in my returners, they all understand it and have brought that leadership this year. The guys are more disciplined and more committed to ball than years past. They are more dedicated and everyone has one common goal and that is to win. Nobody wants to jeopardize that," said Kills Crow.

Coach goes on to say, "The chemistry and leadership this year really stands out. We are a well-balanced team, we have good guards, good shooters, and good size. The way I have been recruiting we have more role players, great guard play, and 'bigs' that can bang with the best of them. We match up well with everyone in the conference."

McPherson College has become one of the team's biggest rivals in recent times. For the past six seasons, Haskell has fallen short to the Bulldogs but the losses are not typical lose-by-a-dozen or so games. Last year's game at Coffin Complex was decided by a last second shot thrown up by McPherson at the buzzer to win. And then at their gym, the game went into double overtime with Haskell falling short again.

The team is eager to get another chance at the Bulldogs. Coach Kills Crow is excited for what lies ahead too.

"McPherson--I'm the type of coach that doesn't look too far ahead. All of my focus is on McPherson. Oral Roberts University, who is an NCAA division 1 school will be an exciting game and will give my guys experi-

ence. But the most important game is always the game in front of you," said Kills Crow.

The same thing is on senior guard, Stand Lovato's mind.

"I'm most excited to play against McPherson in the home opener. Ever since I've been here we have never beat them," said Lovato.

Much of the Indian's leadership comes from Lovato who led the conference in points per game averaging 20 points in conference play per outing. He also finished in the top 25 in 3-point percentage and second in the conference in 3 pointers made. Lovato has played all three years at Haskell, and was named honorable mention All-Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference at the end of the 2013-14 season.

When asked what he was most looking forward to in his senior season Stand said, "spending time with my teammates in my final year and the memories we will share. Second, I want to go out on the court and give it my all one last year. The team has many goals this year with the main goal of reaching the National Tournament in Point

Lookout, Missouri."

Stand's goals for the season are, "have the team end the season above .500 and making it to the conference tourney." Stand goes on to say, "Another goal for myself is being an all-conference player and making the 1000 point club."

The Haskell Indians men's team is looking forward to the upcoming season expect a huge following of alumni wherever they play. Circle December 28th, 2014 on your calendar when they travel to Tulsa, Oklahoma to take on Oral Roberts University as one of those huge following games. Last season the University's alumni nearly accounted for half the crowd when the Indians played against the University of Tulsa on their home court.

A livestream of the November 1st matchup with McPherson is available for those unable to attend the home game by visiting www.haskellathletics.com.

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Conditioning is really a big part of it as well so we're really paying attention to the little things. I want to play at a faster pace this year and they're looking good," said Flanagan.

Kelli Warrior returns for her sophomore year to the Indians coming off a stellar freshman year where she took the MCAC Freshman of the Year award averaging 16 points per game and 6.5 rebounds. Flanagan commented on Warrior's progression.

"Well her big thing was conditioning last year. I think she averaged twenty minutes or less and sixteen points a game. I needed to get her minutes up. She lost over thirty pounds over the summer. She's stronger and running the floor much better than she's ever done. She's posting up well and we're working on expanding her game with other moves and increasing her role. We've really gone to work on conditioning. She's motivated. She texted me over the summer about how excited she was for this year and she's come in a different and more mature player and that's exciting. I don't know of any other teams that really have a player that has the size and the athleticism to stop her inside," said Flanagan.

Warrior also commented on her progression over the summer. "I really wanted to get in shape because last year conditioning was a really big problem for me. Over the summer I really took my training seriously. I changed my eating habits and lost anywhere from 10-15 inches around my waist. I can see the improvement and my coaches and teammates can too. Hopefully I'll be able to play more minutes than I did last year," said Warrior.

The Indians return three seniors as well this

year with Jenine Coriz, Tahnee Stands, and Tiffany Sullivan. Flanagan is very impressed with them.

"Coriz came out of Santa Fe and was highly recruited. She's a great leader she plays and she talks to her teammates. She shot great last year; I think close to 40% on 3-point shots. Free throw wise, we're still working on that but she's doing fantastic. She's in shape and strong and was the defensive player of the year in our conference last year. I'm expecting big things from her. I'm putting more of an offensive emphasis on her to look to score and be more aggressive," said Flanagan.

"Tahnee Stands is going to be a senior this year and has been with me all three years," continues Flanagan. "She had a couple injuries early on but she was looking very good in practice. She did all the things we needed her to do and is very understanding of her role. If we can get her playing well I think we're going to do very well this season. She can take some of that pressure off and has a lot of ability."

Tiffany Sullivan comes in as a senior hoping to make an impact as well.

Jenine Coriz gave her thoughts on her final year on the basketball team. "Being a senior is bitter sweet. It definitely has been a great adventure. I have gained so many memories and experiences. Me and my fellow seniors know how dangerous of a team we can be as long as we trust each other and play to our full potential. I know we can be a very successful team when we play together as a unit," said Coriz.

Haskell has five newcomers which will help add depth to both the back and front court. Flanagan gave his insight on the freshman.

"I really like my freshman. Lynnail Curley has come in and pushed starters, Arnetia Begay and Courtney Meat for time. She's somebody that has really responded to coaching. She's competitive, tough and fits right in," said Flanagan.

"We had an issue with depth last year pulling people in and out, so I brought in Courtney Jones who's a junior college transfer out of Tahlequah and I think she averaged somewhere around 20 points in high school," continues Flanagan. "She's come in and done well at guard off the bench. Jenna and Savanah are returning to help us out in the post. Brandi Buffalo's conditioning is a huge factor with her. I gave her the most improved player of the year award last year. She's really picked things up."

With Warrior and Coriz accounting for over fifty percent of the team's offense, coach is looking for others to step up and put points on the board.

"Arneita Begay has come in and looked fantastic. Her shot is on right now and she has been running the floor very well. Courtney Meat is more motivated and is probably our best overall athlete at the guard position. Tania Murphy is doing very well with her outside shooting. Courtney Jones has shown flashes of being a big scorer. That's what she did in high school. She has a pretty good outside shot and a nice first step. They all have the potential to step up on any given night," said Flanagan.

Haskell will travel to Lindsborg Kansas to take on the Bethany College Swedes who finished 5-25 overall last season placing them in ninth place in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference. After watching the tape, Coach Flanagan had these comments.

"They like to switch every screen and double team the low post. They'll press and trap first pass. They want to make the game look ugly. It's probably going to be one of those games where it's going to be a little messy. I think we're going to rely on the returners and working on switching screens. I think we're prepared and ready. It's a good matchup and should be a fun game for everybody but the couches," said Flanagan.

Jenine Coriz also gave her thoughts on the matchup. "We have been working very hard for weeks for our season opener and now that it's here, we are excited and eager to start the season and communication is key. We are looking to play collectively and aggressively. We want to set the tone early and play two halves of Haskell basketball. We want to start strong and finish strong."

Kelli Warrior gave her own thoughts on the matchup. "We expect to see a very well-conditioned and disciplined team come in. At the same time we've been going hard since we got here. My team's mentally prepared for Bethany. For the past two weeks we've been working on switch screen plays and hopefully we can attack them with full force."

Be sure to check out the season schedule at haskellathletics.com.