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Five Seniors Honored at Haskell Senior Night Celebration

by Charlie Perry

Five Senior basketball players were honored recently at Coffin Complex as part of Haskell's Senior Night Celebration featuring a double header against York College. 3 young ladies including; Jenine Coriz, Tahnee Stands, and Tiffany Sullivan were honored alongside 2 gentlemen; Randy July and Stand Lovato. Coaches Shane Flanagan and Chad Kills-crow took a moment to offer encouraging words to their teams before an honor song was played for the seniors. The ladies were then given flowers and baskets filled with useful items and food well the men were wrapped in traditional blankets.

Haskell starting point guard Jenine Coriz could feel the emotion of the event, "During the presentation, everything suddenly became real. It was a very bitter sweet moment for me, I enjoy playing for the Haskell Community, and it is definitely something I am going to miss. That presentation made me realize all the support and love, we seniors have. Mixed emotions were running through me, I was over joyed, prideful and absolutely loved."

Guard Tiffany Sullivan expressed her love for her teammates, "Senior

night was one of the most memorable days, I will never forget it. Being around all the most important people in my life; my family, my coaches, my life, and the Haskell community was amazing. To get hugs from my team and see them

The Haskell Women's basketball team unified with their 3 senior ladies. Photo by Charlie Perry.

tear up made me miss them already. To leave a team is like leaving your family. It was good to hear words from my coach. As a senior you start to appreciate your coach's words more and listen."

Senior small forward Randy July offered his account of the event, "Man it felt really good. All that I have been through; breaking my leg, losing family members; to know that I made it, really makes me happy."



The Haskell men's basketball team stands behind two senior players who were recognized. Photo by Charlie Perry.

Haskell's all-time leading scorer Stand Lovato could also feel the positive energy in the air, "The emotion from senior night was really special. It was a bitter sweet feeling. It's still hard to believe it was my last home game here at Haskell but I've enjoyed every second of it.

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Ian and Phil Stand admire the banner raised in their honor. Senior track team members were also honored.

Haskell's Own Stand Brothers Honored with Banner Unveiling

by Charlie Perry

Senior members of the track team alongside brothers Phil and Ian Stand took center stage during halftime of men's basketball game.

Senior members of the Haskell track team were recently honored at Coffin Complex during halftime of the Men's basketball game against York College. Talisa Budder, Ashlee Wermey, Leslie Waseta and Ian Stand took center court to be showcased. Homecoming King and Phi Sigma Nu Vice President Ian Stand was also honored alongside brother and Haskell Alum Phil Stand with an unveiling of a banner dedicated to their All American academic achievements in 2013 and 2014. Coach Al Gipp was on hand for the celebration offering hugs and kind words to his team.

to grow and find myself as a person. Haskell's a huge family and it is so amazing to be honored by my family and the community that I feel such

feeling right now, it's so amazing. I never expected this to happen. To see all the love and respect from my peers and from my school feels so



From left: Ian Stand, Talisa Budder, Tamara Wermey, Ashlee Wermey and Leslie Waseta took center court to be honored.

Phil Stand returned to Haskell for the evening from Kansas University where he has transitioned to NCAA Division 1 Track play. Seeing a banner in his honor was a proud moment for Stand, "It was absolutely amazing to be honored. I feel great to be back to the place where I was able

a strong connection with. Just the feeling that the people I care about are proud of me is unexplainable."

Ian Stand felt a great deal of emotion following the unveiling, "I can't describe the emotion I'm

good. I can feel the love for all my fellow students, athletes, teachers and staff. We're like one big family. To be recognized by each and every one of them is like being recognized by my mom and my dad if he were here."



Native American Journalists Association

Spring 2015 Welcome Back Pow Wow Draws Large Crowd

by Charlie Perry



Above: Fancy dancers display their skill at the Welcome Back Pow wow. Below: Haskell Color Guard leads the grand entry. Photos by Charlie Perry.

The Spring 2015 Haskell Welcome Back Pow Wow brought in a large number of Natives and non-Natives alike who were anxious to sample delicious foods, do a little shopping, and enjoy a night of dance and drum.

Haskell Alum and Army National Guardsman Ronald Rousseau made it just in time for Grand Entry at 6:00 P.M. "I don't think I've seen a Pow Wow this big in my time here at Haskell, it feels good. I got off work at 5:30 P.M. and headed down here for grand entry. I didn't want to come down in my

uniform because I didn't want to be looked at as showing off, but my sister didn't have my laundry done, I just wanted to stay humble. When I walked into the gym I saw all of my friends, I got a little emotional. I felt so many good feelings. Manny (King) gave me a shout out and I got red because I was a little embarrassed. It felt really good."

Rousseau and other veterans were honored to begin the event. Grand entry then took place, followed by a round dance, a Haskell tradition. Manny King played Master of Ceremonies for the event as completion dance began. Some of the dances included; Grass, Fancy, Ingle, and Shawl. Other honor

dances took place for students graduating, elders, and children.

A blanket dance was held for former Haskell student Wyatt Waters who recently passed away in an automobile accident. Freshman Derek Ziegler, a good friend of Waters, gave his thoughts on the dance, "Wyatt was such a great guy; it was so tragic that we lost him. To have the Haskell community honor him and help his family was so great. It was a very emotional moment for me. I felt his presence there and send my love and prayers to his family." Haskell helped raise \$160.00 for the Waters family.

There were a number of vendors at the Pow Wow selling a variety of things such as; clothing, blankets, jewelry, toys and food. The Phi Sigma nu fraternity of Haskell provided inexpensive snacks and beverages. Phi Sigma nu President Winston Robinson enjoyed the opportunity to vend the Welcome Back Pow Wow. "I think it's really awesome we got the chance to vend here. It gives the fraternity a real chance to get our name out there in the Haskell community. There's a lot more people here, I've seen an increase in traditional people attending as well. The Welcome Back Pow Wow is always a big event due to a lot of families coming down and showing their support from all across the United States. Even non Natives from the Lawrence community have come out to show their support for Haskell.

POETRY

Stepping Stones

by Skyler Taylor

From the beginning of our lives,
Stepping-stones have been laid at our feet.
A single path that eventually divides,
Creating goals for us to complete.
We all want to travel in the right direction,
Though we may fail and falter at times.
But these struggles and imperfections
Are what make our character shine.
Although we may stumble over the stones,
And trip and lose our way.

We will never be alone
For God is with us everyday.
Look to the future of possibilities,
And focus on what is in store.
Don't discard your many abilities,
Strive to become something more.
Let your stepping-stones guide you into the next chapter,
Where opportunities are never ending.
May your life be filled with happiness and laughter,
With the blessings of new beginnings.

Native American Church Club Responds to Desecration

by Lori Hasselman

The Native American Church (NAC) grounds on Haskell campus, just south of Parker Hall were desecrated in October 2014, just a few months prior to the recent vandalism and desecration reported at the sweat lodge grounds on Tuesday, January 27th. Several symbols and words were carved into the ground where NAC raises their teepee for prayer.

“We set up our tipi to pray for the students, maybe someone saw it and didn’t understand. Maybe they thought we had other intentions. Maybe they never asked anybody what we were doing,” said Eileen John, Vice President of the Haskell Native American Church club.

After the ground carvings were discovered, church member, Robbie Wood unsuccessfully attempted to remove them using a broom and then a shovel. The desecration remained on the grounds until a former club president tilled the ground for his son’s birthday prayer meeting because he didn’t want other church participants who would be praying for his son to be distracted by the carvings.



Several words and symbols were carved into the Native American Church grounds on Haskell campus in Oct. 2014.

“It was such a shock...All we could do was pray about it,” said John. “After years of having meetings on those grounds, nobody could remember a time when we felt so threatened.”

According to John, club members make every effort to educate students about their prayer meetings.

“We try and inform students during Highlight Nights, but that doesn’t guarantee that we reach everyone. We’ve also encouraged our club members to bring friends and roommates to our meeting too, but there’s a good deal of students that we never get to talk to. But nonetheless, we’re here for them. Our prayers revolve around the focus and success of our student population. Haskell

can only succeed if the students succeed. The majority of the people that come in and pray with us are after the same things. They want their children/ students, wherever they may be and however old they are, to succeed and come back and help their people. They want them to carry on their traditions and make a good name for themselves and their elders. We don’t encourage one denomination over the other, we don’t encourage one fireplace over another. We’re just here to show the students we care, doing what we love; singing and praying in our own traditional languages,” said John.

Anyone who may have information about this or the sweat lodge incident is encouraged to contact the President’s office or the Lawrence Police Department.

Phi Sigman Nu Holds 1st Annual Valentine’s Day “Speed Dating” Event

by Charlie Perry

Haskell students jumped out of their comfort zone for some good clean fun.

Love was in the air as students gathered at Curtis Hall to participate in the Phi Sigma Nu 1st annual speed dating event. 75 students showed up in all, consisting of 50 young ladies and 25 gentlemen. Students enjoyed conversation and snacks before the event kicked off, a courtesy from Phi Sigma Nu and the Changing Women Interest Group. Students then took their seats to begin the event. Students were given 3 minutes to exchange conversation and a flyer featuring talking points. Phi Sigma Nu Fraternity President Winston Robison offered his reasoning for the event, “This event was something the fraternity wanted to do to get people out of the comfort

zone and connected to others around campus they wouldn’t usually talk to. Since the event students have been inquiring about a follow up event

from Phi Sigma Nu.

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Freshman Bayli Schultheiss took part in the event with a few of her peers from Pocahontas Hall, “The speed dating event was fun. The environment was wonderful and the fraternity did great. Also the girls of the Changing Women Interest Group did really well decorating! Just wish they would’ve let us meet everyone!” The event had to be cut short due to time restraints. Freshman Cheyanna HighElk offered her opinion on the evening, “I meet a lot of people and really had a great time.”



Haskell students begin to file into Curtis Hall to participate in Phi Sigma Nu's 1st annual Valentine's Day "Speed Dating" event.

Haskell Students to Perform with Robert Mirabal at Lied Center of Kansas

by Lori Hasselman

Four Haskell Indian Nations University students will join Grammy Award-winning Native American flutist, Robert Mirabal along with progressive string quartet, ETHEL at the Lied Center of Kansas in Lawrence on February 26th. Dr. Mirna Cabrera, Haskell Chorus Director, has selected Doris Watts, Easton Bark, Marissa Torres, and Deanie Lucero. The Haskell students will be joined by a select group of twelve students from the University of Kansas (KU) Chamber Choir under the direction of Cabrera's former teacher and the current Director of Choral Activities at KU, Dr. Paul Tucker.

"I'm really proud and excited they picked students from Haskell," said Lucero, sophomore, one of the Haskell students selected. "There's a lot of talented students here that are artistic and they are talented through the arts and I'm glad that we have that chance to show that."

Cabrera knew about the Mirabal performance through her relationship with the educational branch of the Lied Center. After learning that a choir would be participating in the Mirabal concert, Cabrera reached out to her former teacher. Once the sheet music was received, Tucker contacted her with the details. Sixteen total singers were requested and would be composed of four Haskell students with twelve from KU.

"The criteria with which I selected my students to participate, for the most part, was students who have a good voice but who also know how to work the way I teach them because my teacher (Tucker) and I both teach very similar," said Cabrera.

The students selected from both schools have scheduled joint practice sessions outside of class leading up to the concert.

"It's very challenging music--not all but most of it. It's a suite, which means it's a set that encompasses two or three songs and in this case it's three," said Cabrera.

Ralph Farris, ETHEL viola player, is the composer of the music. Cabrera said the choir would be working with the composer on Wednes-

day. "A few years of working with different choirs and with the string quartet, it's one of the most rewarding shows and the most rewarding musical collaborations that I've ever done," said Mirabal.

His collaboration with ETHEL has extended to a new project just completed called "River" based on

say "read, read anything you possibly can" but this time he says his advice was not just for students but for everyone, including himself.

"Turn your phones off. Turn the phones off and experience real life because every single day culture dies. Every single day the cultures that come from earth base, other cultures from all over the world who grew up from mouth to ear, to ear to heart, to heart to body, those cultures are dying every single day and I'm not just talking here in the states I'm talking all over the world," said Mirabal.

Deanie Lucero is also excited that Mirabal is coming to Lawrence. She says she was first exposed to his music through her father and that she looks up to Mirabal.

"I feel exceedingly blessed to be part of this opportunity. Performing is something I really love to do whether it's through singing or acting. I feel like it's my release... There's no limits when you are

performing. To be performing with Mirabal, I look up to him because he is a Native artist who has made it really big in the industry and he is not only picking our music as a way to reach out to people, but he is also open-minded to other people and letting them in by fusing the music together so we are all united. I think that's pretty cool," said Lucero.

Lucero is excited but says she isn't nervous about the performance. "I'm more nervous to meet him (Mirabal) than about performing and the group ETHEL too because they play really great music. It's really beautiful music."

Tickets for the show can be purchased by visiting <http://lied.ku.edu/events/ethel.shtml> or in person at the Lied Center of Kansas box office.



Robert Mirabal, center, performing with ETHEL. Photo by Jennifer Killion.

day before the concert. According to the ETHEL website, Farris is a founding member, Artistic Director, and a Grammy-nominated arranger. A sound check and rehearsal will be done the afternoon of the concert with Robert Mirabal and any other musicians present.

Mirabal is Pueblo and describes the program "Music of the Sun" that will be presented in Lawrence.

"To me it's kind of a modern look at what would be considered a musical ceremony and the whole evening is based around celebration of the people of the sun--how we are from traditional times and how we have used the sun as a huge element of our traditions and our cultures and how we are as a people. It's a celebration in that and it's a very, very new way of looking at music and it's kind of an interesting process. In the past

the honoring of the river and the waters of the world.

"These guys (ETHEL) have a really, really strong sense of home community and understanding and respecting culture through music. I'm really blessed to be with them. You guys are going to hear Native flute and native vocals in a way that you've never heard. I get a little chicken-skinned every time I play with them," said Mirabal.

One of the most popular Native artists today, Mirabal has been successful in other aspects of his illustrious career in addition to music and crafting flutes including writing, storytelling, and painting. He is excited to come and be part of "young Native minds that are experiencing life to the fullest." When asked what advice he had for students discovering and cultivating their talents, he said he used to

What's Your Perception of a Hitchhiker?

by Ronald Rousseau

An inspirational true account shows that helping the less fortunate is something we must all take part in

I was feeling a little stressed out after a long weekend. I traveled all the way to California for a basketball tournament. I had to borrow money from my parents because I had not received my income tax return yet. Additionally my team lost out of the tournament and missed out on an anticipated share in the jackpot. With my last \$60 I landed back in Spokane. I spent \$10 on a sandwich and \$16 on my airport parking. I left the airport parking lot and was headed south, back towards Moscow where I go to school. I was still stressed thinking more about how broke I would be after filling the gas tank on my car. I barely had enough gas to get me home.

As I was driving along the heavily crowded highway and before I had a chance to fill my tank, I saw a young man hitchhiking. I quickly weaved through the traffic and pulled off onto the shoulder. I always pick up hitchhikers because I recall a few times in my past when I was stuck hitchhiking myself. Therefore my only explanation for why people do not pick up hitchhikers is because they do not

know how bad it feels to struggle and to be without.

As I approached the young man I rolled my window down and told him to hop on in. He sat down in my car and placed his backpack on his lap. By the musky smell I could tell that he had been without clean clothes for many days. I struck a conversation with the young man. I asked his name, where he was from; you know, just the basics. It turned out that the young man is named Ronnie, twenty-three years old, and homeless. Ronnie was an orphan child who was adopted at the age of twelve. He never met his biological parents. To make things worse, the parents who adopted him never sent him to school. Instead, they made the fraudulent report that he was home schooled without actually providing him an education. Thanks to them the young man has only a 2nd grade education with no opportunity to pursue a GED because he was homeless with no family. As we discussed his challenges I could only imagine the struggle in which he faces on an everyday basis. The more he talked the more I realized how privileged my life is.

My heart was heavy and a lump be-

gan to swell in my throat as we neared his destination. There was one thing I desired to give him after a word of advice but because of my emotions I couldn't get it out very effectively. However, I maintained my composure and shared my advice with him (in short sentences to avoid breaking down in tears). I told Ronnie, "When my relatives back home come to me in a hard time, I always tell them that there are people out there who are experiencing worse things than you. I was feeling sorry for myself before I seen you walking. Now, after hearing your struggles I want to let you know that if I could, I would give you everything possible to get you on your feet and help you get that GED. Because I do not have the means, here is some money and my business card. Try calling me in a few years. Maybe I will be rich one day and I can better help you then." I gave Ronnie my last \$36 as we parted ways.

There are no more humbling

experiences in my life than when I help those in need. If an education were not so important I would drop out of school right now and help people for a living. If you are reading this short story please send a prayer to those in need, and to those who are in worse shape than you. Never forget that when you are down on your last buck, there is always someone out there who has it worse than you.

I consider myself a modern day warrior for my tribe. It is not enough to pursue an education; you must also remember those less fortunate and unable to pursue an education themselves. If the cards were shuffled any differently it could be any one of us stuck in Ronnie's shoes.



Haskell Welcomes Two New Additions to Student Senate

by Charlie Perry

2 New Representatives and a community website are here to help Haskell

Lawrence- 2 students were voted on to the Haskell Student Senate board recently. Derek Ziegler was voted in as Freshmen Representative as well as Andrea Spottedhorse as Senior Representative. Ziegler stated, "I appreciate everyone who voted for me. I'm super excited to get to work, and to be a great asset to this university, leadership runs in my blood. This is a great opportunity and a huge step to my success. Onward Haskell! Spottedhorse was also excited for the opportunity stating, "thank you everyone this is a great honor."

The student senate announced that Haskellife.com, a website dedicated to the Haskell community, was launched. Students and Faculty alike can use the hash tag #onwardhaskell on social media sites such as Twitter and Facebook, to share upcoming events or event ideas. The hashtag will automatically link the event to the website for the community to view and comment on.

The American Indian College Fund deadline for TCU scholarships is coming up. Students make sure to have your paperwork completed by February 18th. The Native American Church will have its next ceremony on February 28th at 6:00 P.M. and is open to all. Keep an eye out for

the tepee around campus. Shout Out club will be selling candy grams in Curtis Hall at lunch and dinner up until Valentine's Day. Candy grams range from \$1.00-2.00. If you enjoy gardening, check out a Haskell Gardening club meeting at the greenhouse on Monday's at 4:00 P.M.



Andrea Spottedhorse and Derek Ziegler are new Student Senate Reps.

Domestic Abuse Q & A Held in Curtis Hall's Rose Room

by Charlie Perry

Haskell students gathered in Curtis Hall's Rose Room to voice their opinions on domestic violence.

"A heterosexual Native American Female will return to a domestic abuse relationship on average 24 times before they leave for good," said Kristine Chapman a representa-

in an abusive relationship for 14 years. The first 4 years were great; the abuse started when I got pregnant with my daughter. My husband said he would leave me if I ever got fat so I started to eat so he would let me go." Chapman offered insight stating, "Abuse all goes back to having power and control over someone."



Kristine Chapman of the Willow domestic abuse shelter addresses Haskell students about various forms of abuse

tive for The Willow Domestic Violence Center of Lawrence who was on hand as students shared stories and ideas to put domestic violence to an end.

Student Body President Beverly Foley was the first to give her account of domestic violence, "I was

Students were then asked to give their opinions on what domestic violence entailed. Responses ranged from; manipulation, fear, financial abuse, to physical, emotional, and spiritual harms.

Haskell Freshmen, Derek Zigler gave his thoughts, "I experienced

domestic abuse first hand as a child. It not only affects the mother, it can have a strong effect on the children as well."

Domestic Violence is an issue affecting a large number of Americans. A 2010 study by the Center for Disease Control concluded that, "1 in 3 women and 1 in 7 men experience domestic abuse in their lives."

Chapman told her story of abuse as well. "I came to college and fell in love with this beautiful boy. I didn't realize that he was putting me down when he made fun of me. I felt stupid and down. I didn't know what to do. There is so much shame associated with domestic violence."

Students then asked how they may be able to help those they know experiencing domestic abuse. Answers ranged from listening, to reporting the act, regardless of the victim's feelings about the issue. However it really all comes down to the victim. "Nobody but us can make decisions for ourselves," Chapman stated.

Chapman then urged students to contact the Willow Domestic Violence Center. Willow opened its doors in 1976. The first domestic violence shelter of its kind in Kansas, Willow has been helping victims of abuse ever since. Some of the assistance Willow offers include; safe



Marce Antonio grips a pamphlet for The Willow domestic abuse shelter and a Haskell "end the violence" ribbon.

shelter, 24 hour crisis assistance, children's services, work programs, and court advocacy.

If you are someone you know is struggling with domestic violence The Willow Domestic Violence Center can be contacted VIA a 24 hour hotline at 785-843-3333 or toll free at 800-770-3030. Willow also has a website that can be accessed at www.willowdvcenter.org.

The Haskell Counselling Center located in Stidham Union is also available for assistance. The counselling center is open from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday through Friday.

Why Students Must Leave Dorms During Breaks

by Marissa Torres

Students keep asking the question "why can't we stay over break?"

There is continuing debate on whether or not students from Haskell Indian Nations University get to stay in the dorms during summer and winter breaks. "It would make my life easier if I could stay in the dorms. I wouldn't have to quit my job," commented Cara Martin, current Haskell student.

Some students have a hard time making it back home during breaks because of financial issues. According to, Thomas Spottedhorse, Hous-

ing Supervisor at Haskell, "There are two main reasons why students cannot live in the dorm rooms during summer and winter breaks."

The first reason is that there is less coverage during the breaks especially summer. Workers have to leave during the summer due to using or losing their annual leave. The budget is already set up a certain way that there would be no room to add in the cost of housing during breaks. The second reason is during winter the basketball team allows it's players to stay in the dorm rooms due to games still continuing during the

break when they travel. According to Spottedhorse, "the preassignment during the breaks makes it difficult to put people in rooms when everyone's belongings are in certain areas." That would mean students would be scattered everywhere as opposed to have them all in a specific dorm.

"A lot goes on during the summer and the best we can do is transfer them to the counseling center," said Spottedhorse. "Maintenance is very



Winona Hall dorm.

particular in getting things ready and prepared because it gives them more time to fix appliances in the rooms. The best thing the housing staff can do for the students is offer winter storage ongoing for ten years now."

Haskell Community Available for Students At Risk For Drug Addiction

by Hallie Long

Some Haskell students are prone to drug addiction. There are many resources available to help.

Over the past couple of semesters I have noticed something that really bothers me. We as Native people are here at school to learn and get an education. This way we can go home and help our tribes and change the lives of others. Unfortunately, not all of us are here for the same reason. Some of us seem to fall under the trap of others. By this, I mean that some people while here, are helping others find their way to drugs, whether it is on or off campus it is still happening.

It is really annoying to walk anywhere on campus and just get the thick smell of marijuana or someone who has on too much cologne or perfume because they are trying to hide the smell of marijuana. Another thing that students do is wear sunglasses. Everyone knows why you are wearing your sunglasses. You are not fooling anyone. I am sure that marijuana is not the only drug that has made its way to students on campus, but it is one that we know by looks and smell alone.

There are many options on campus that can help you with your addiction. You can always go to a CRA, SRA, Counselor, or even IHS. Just know that you are not alone in your battle. There are many people here on campuses that are willing to help you.

Haskell students can enjoy free healthcare for the Haskell Indian Health Services (IHS) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

According to a website called <http://www.helpguide.org/articles/addiction/drug-abuse-and-addiction.htm>, there are some signs and symptoms of someone who may have a drug addiction--

- You're neglecting your responsibilities at school, work, or home (e.g. flunking classes, skipping work, neglecting your children) because of your drug use.

- You're using drugs under dangerous conditions or taking risks while high, such as driving while on drugs, using dirty needles, or having unprotected sex.
- Your drug use is getting you into legal trouble, such as arrests for disorderly conduct, driving under the influence, or stealing to support a drug habit.
- Your drug use is causing problems



A student passed out in Roe Cloud.

in your relationships, such as fights with your partner or family members, an unhappy boss, or the loss of old friends.

- You've built up a drug tolerance. You need to use more of the drug to experience the same effects you used to attain with smaller amounts.
- You take drugs to avoid or relieve withdrawal symptoms. If you go too long without drugs, you experience symptoms such as nausea, restlessness, insomnia, depression, sweating, shaking, and anxiety.
- You've lost control over your drug use. You often do drugs or use more than you planned, even though you told yourself you wouldn't. You may want to stop using, but you feel powerless.

- Your life revolves around drug use. You spend a lot of time using and thinking about drugs, figuring out how to get them, and recovering from the drug's effects.
- You've abandoned activities you used to enjoy, such as hobbies, sports, and socializing, because of your drug use.
- You continue to use drugs, despite knowing it's hurting you. It's causing major problems in your life—blackouts, infections, mood swings, depression, paranoia—but you use anyway.

There are also some warning signs that a friend or family member is abusing drugs.

Physical Warning Signs of Drug Abuse--

- Bloodshot eyes, pupils larger or smaller than usual
- Changes in appetite or sleep patterns. Sudden weight loss or weight gain
- Deterioration of physical appearance, personal grooming habits
- Unusual smells on breath, body, or clothing
- Tremors, slurred speech, or impaired coordination

Behavioral Warning Signs of Drug Abuse--

- Drop in attendance and performance at work or school.
- Unexplained need for money or financial problems. May borrow or steal to get it.
- Engaging in secretive or suspicious behaviors.
- Sudden change in friends, favorite hangouts, and hobbies.
- Frequently getting into trouble (fights, accidents, illegal activities)

Psychological Warning Signs of Drug Abuse--

- Unexplained change in personality or attitude.
- Sudden mood swings, irritability, or angry outbursts.

- Periods of unusual hyperactivity, agitation, or giddiness.
- Lack of motivation; appears lethargic or "spaced out."
- Appears fearful, anxious, or paranoid, with no reason.

Warning Signs of Commonly Abused Drugs--

- Marijuana: Glassy, red eyes; loud talking, inappropriate laughter followed by sleepiness; loss of interest, motivation; weight gain or loss.

- Depressants (including Xanax, Valium, GHB): Contracted pupils; drunk-like; difficulty concentrating; clumsiness; poor judgment; slurred speech; sleepiness.

- Stimulants (including amphetamines, cocaine, crystal meth): Dilated pupils; hyperactivity; euphoria; irritability; anxiety; excessive talking followed by depression or excessive sleeping at odd times; may go long periods of time without eating or sleeping; weight loss; dry mouth and nose.

- Inhalants (glues, aerosols, vapors): Watery eyes; impaired vision, memory and thought; secretions from the nose or rashes around the nose and mouth; headaches and nausea; appearance of intoxication; drowsiness; poor muscle control; changes in appetite; anxiety; irritability; lots of cans/aerosols in the trash.

- Hallucinogens (LSD, PCP): Dilated pupils; bizarre and irrational behavior including paranoia, aggression, hallucinations; mood swings; detachment from people; absorption with self or other objects, slurred speech; confusion.

- Heroin: Contracted pupils; no response of pupils to light; needle marks; sleeping at unusual times; sweating; vomiting; coughing, sniffing; twitching; loss of appetite.

If you feel like you are exhibiting any of these 10 signs you can call 1-800-662-HELP in the U.S. to reach a free referral helpline from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Mining of Uranium on the Navajo Reservation Must End

by Domonique Lowden

The mining of Uranium on the Navajo Reservation has been taking place since the conclusion of World War II

Uranium mines placed on the Navajo Reservation are leading to water contamination. Not many people throughout the world are aware that uranium mines are dangerous. Water contamination from the conflict of having uranium mines can be very critical.

Think about it. People throughout the world are trying to make money every day. Some of those ways are dangerous. Uranium is dangerous. Uranium is a chemical element of atomic number 92. It is a gray dense radioactive metal, a radioactive ore in high demand after the development of atomic power and weapons at the

close of World War II in the 1940s. Uranium is used as a fuel in nuclear reactors. It occurs in most rocks in concentrations of 2 to 4 parts per million and it is common in the Earth's crust. Uranium was discovered in 1789 by Martin Klaporth, a German chemist. Why is it so dangerous? It consists of radioactivity and can cause major dysfunctions to the human body.

The lands of the Navajo Nation in New Mexico consist of 27,000 square miles spread over three states in the Four Corners area. The distinctive geology of these lands is what makes them rich in uranium. From 1944 to 1986 about four million tons of uranium ore were withdrawn from the Navajo lands under leases with the Navajo Nation and many of the Navajo people worked on uranium

mines with their families.

Today, uranium mines are closed on the Navajo reservation due to uranium contamination. Over 500 abandoned uranium mines caused contamination to people's homes and drinking water sources with

elevated levels of radiation. Health effects include lung cancer from inhalation of radioactive particles, bone cancer and impaired kidney function from exposure to radionuclide in drinking water.

In January 2013; the EPA, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Department of Energy, the Indian Health Service, and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry in consultation with the Navajo Nation, concluded a five-year effort to address uranium contamination in the Navajo Nation. It focused on the most impending risks to people who are living on the Navajo Nation.

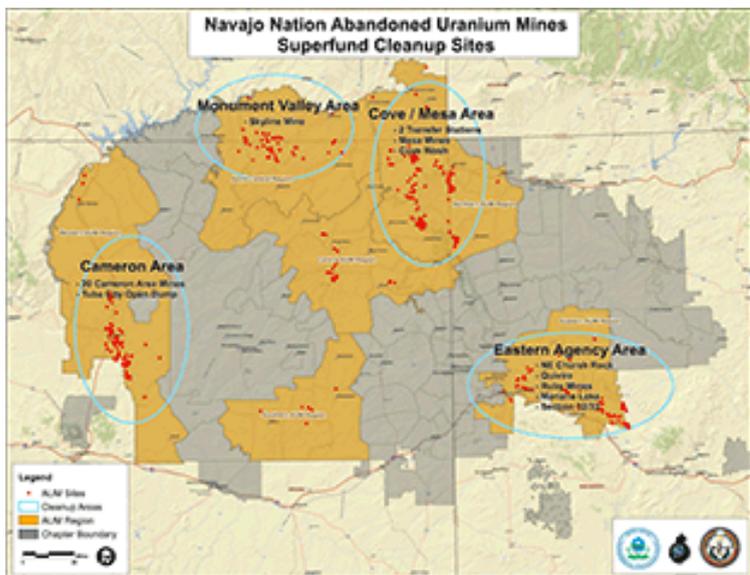
In the last five years the study has represented a significant start in inscribing the legacy of uranium mining. Although there is a lot of work to be done and the same federal agencies have worked together to issue a second 5 year plan of action. The purpose of the second 5 year plan is to build on the work of the first plan, make some accommodations based on information that is gained during this period, and plan the next steps in addressing the most significant risks to human health and the environment. The second 5 year plan includes notions to; re-mediate homes, increase



Members of the Navajo nation protest the expansion of Uranium mines. Photo obtained from www.masecoalition.org.

water infrastructure in mining areas, focus on 43 priority mines located near homes, cleanup Northeast Church Rock mine, Cleanup Tuba City Dump, Treat groundwater at mill sites, conduct health studies, and expand inter-agency outreach.

The; NNEPA, EPA, The DiNEH Project, CDC, and University of New Mexico applied a complete outreach and educational campaign that warned the residents about the risks of drinking contaminated water. As of this day, there are many other projects and many people who are now involved in keeping areas of which uranium mines once were, safe. Protecting the lands of the Navajo reservation are still of being protected by many agencies but the mining of uranium must come to an end for good.



A map of uranium mines on the Navajo reservation shows an environmental impact. Photo obtained by www.epa.gov.

Haskell Shifts Focus to a More Sustainable Campus

by Taylor Hall

2 Grants Make it Possible for Haskell to increase sustainability

Change is in the air. Haskell has a new focus on sustainability. In the coming years Haskell is looking to improve issues on campus such as recycling, water conservation, energy efficiency, and sustainable landscaping. A project to propel Haskell towards a more sustainable campus is in the works. The project is funded by two grants from the United States Department of Agriculture. According to Megan Fisher who is Haskell's Extension Coordi-

nator, this is a "four year grant and this is year one".

On February 5th contract solicitation closed for a company to landscape the campus. Throughout campus native plants and trees will be planted. Haskell is looking forward to many; edible plants and trees, berry bushes, walnut trees, and even cilantro. These are just ideas a few of many ideas in the works. A sustainability workshop will be held to determine the layout plans for Haskell's landscape. This will include an overview of sustainable

landscaping, and then everyone will share their ideas and wants for the project. "The sustainable landscape master plan workshop is tentatively planned for March 28th", stated Megan Fisher, and "everyone in the Haskell community is encouraged to come."

Later in the project there will be a fruit tree landscape workshop open to the public, no date has been set for this. A number of faculty members have been pushing for this project. Recently Haskell Extension has shifted its focus and is now work-

ing closely with sustainability staff to support many efforts; including on-campus vegetable garden, food waste reduction, food sovereignty, and outreach education on climate change. "By reducing our carbon footprint we are better stewards of the earth, but also it is an economically wise thing to do", said Haskell's Extension Coordinator Megan Fisher while commenting on why Haskell needs this project.

I hope everyone is as excited as I am for this; Onward Haskell!

Native Youth Experience Racism at Hockey Game

by Madeline Buckman

January 24th, 2015, Native students and staff of American Horse school which is located on the Pine Ridge Reservation. AHS 21st century club (which is students who exemplify good behavior and grades in school) left the reservation to attend a Rush hockey game at the Rushmore Plaza civic center in Rapid City, South Dakota. All 57 students and staff were looking forward to a night full of fun and optimism for being rewarded. Unfortunately, the night took a drastic turn when some Caucasian men sitting in the Very Important Person area decided to harass the students and staff then by throwing beer on the children. The racism prolonged as the men yelled at them saying, "Go back to the reservation!"

I know this is an issue that is very touchy, but as a Native American, people need to know that racism incidents such as this exist. Incidents like this are frequent and brushed under the rug. I can't help but feel angered, indifferent, and sad about the incident that happen to our Native youth. It is utterly

disturbing, disgusting, and unacceptable for anyone. These children did not deserve this kind of treatment, to be humiliated and have their safety risked. I mean, can you imagine having to relive that experience? Having to explain to their parents why they smell like beer? I can't. My heart cringes at the thought, the amount of anger I have is beyond words.

This story has reached another level including an unjust headline by a newspaper company in Rapid City which stated, "Did Native American Students stand for National Anthem?" Rapid City journal targets young Native grade school students for allegedly "not standing" for America's National anthem, so apparently that is justice for grown men to racially attack kids with beer while yelling. "Go back to the reservation."



A cartoon depicting a racially charged event in South Dakota. Photo obtained by the Lakota Times.

As a Native American I've experienced racism and understand that racism for Natives still exists. A very strong comment was made by Haskell student Raven Ware, a member of the Kiowa tribe in Oklahoma, she says, "I feel angry about it. It's stupid they should be making more of deal out of this. The native stuff is swept under the rug and it's

not right." Ware also stated "Even if they didn't stand for the national anthem that doesn't give them the right to humiliate them. They took the pledge of allegiance out of schools it's a freedom of speech so they had no business doing that to them." The incident is growing day by day and hopefully justice is served for the obvious hate crime.

Valentine's Day Mishaps

by Nathan Porter

With St. Valentine's Day just around the corner many students here at Haskell are making special plans to celebrate the occasion, however many students are not. Things don't always go the way people plan on this holiday, in some cases things go very wrong. While sometimes these things are silly,

other times they're heart breaking.

One student had an unfortunate experience saying, "I got dumped, on Valentine's Day, ever since I really don't care too much for Valentine's Day."

Another student found out his girl-

friend spent the holiday with someone else. "She cheated on me that day, found out later that week she spent the day with my best friend."

Sometimes having a Valentine go too far is the mishap, as one student describes his dilemma. "I gave her a card and she took it way too far,

I ended up dealing with her till the end of the school year before I went on to high school."

Hopefully these mishaps will not occur for the students of Haskell, however for those who have had a bad February 14th in the past just know you are not alone.

Health Benefits of Curtis Hall

by James Paddlety

Students need to be aware of how many calories they're eating at Curtis hall. Did You know if you choose ranch as a dressing, one serving is 145 calories? Truthfully not many people put one serving of ranch on a salad or get one bowl of salad.

Haskell football player Stallion Collins commented, "Curtis hall has its moments. They have a salad bar

that gives out various fruits that is really helpful at being healthy but we as student athletes need food that will keep us lean and not just gain weight. Having meat or steak would be good, but covering it with gravy is another thing,"said Collins.

A recent calculation of breakfast, lunch, and dinner add up to 2,000 calories or more each day but only

if you eat three meals which a lot of Haskell students do. According to www.WebMD.com's weight loss and diet plans, "the average calories for a person depends on their weight and if they want to maintain or lose or gain weight."

Haskell student Orion Ennis commented, "I think Curtis is great because it feeds college students who

don't have any money to eat on and serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner."

Curtis serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner at the following times: Mondays-Friday breakfast: 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m., lunch: 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., and dinner: 4:30 p.m.-6:30p.m. Brunch on Saturday and Sunday: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and dinner 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

“Precious Gemstones” Poem Inspires Natives Against Suicide

by Chaundelle Jayde Fritzler

Always be there for those who matter. Tomorrow is never guaranteed.

On February 4th of 2013 my cousin Dale Ellen Cuny took her life. She was an athlete, a sister, a friend, a role model, our Cowgirl. No matter what she set out to do she would succeed. She was looked up to because of her positive attitude, strength, and perseverance. Even though she was such an accomplished young woman it didn't mean she didn't struggle. When this happened it was tragic and heartbreaking. Dale touched so many different lives in so many places. When she left it brought everyone together through the love they had for her. She is an inspiration for me, and many more, to be caring and positive because life is unpredictable.

Suicide is a difficult topic to discuss and it is more common among our people than we would like to believe. This tragedy hits home for many of us whether it is our own struggle or the struggle of a loved one. Reach out and take care their hand, let them know they are loved and cherished. They may not feel that they are and could decide this life is no longer worth it. Change their mind because everyone is worth fighting for. No family should have to feel this type of loss. Change somebody's life for the better because they are precious and rare, a love like theirs is hard to find in this world.

“Precious Gemstone”

We had no idea you were masking a troubled soul
Behind a brilliant smile and eyes that shined like emeralds
Never did it occur to us that you were so hopeless
A life we thought was so full of joy and accomplishment
Was tarnished by a darkness we couldn't see in you

We had no idea the toll this life had taken on your heart
Live fast die pretty was something you used to say
We didn't think those were your words to live by
To us you were the strongest one, a diamond personified
Glass is more appropriate, beautiful but fragile and breakable

We had no idea the heartache that would be left in your wake
You left a hole in all of us, an emptiness filled with you
Questions needing answers, like what could we have done
The memories you left are our most valuable possessions now
More meaningful than any ruby, sapphire, topaz, diamond, or emeralds
like your eyes

“Selma” Movie Sheds Light on Martin Luther King and Civil Rights

by Marc Crooked Arm

**Selma does a great job educating
and entertaining about Martin Lu-
ther King, Jr.**

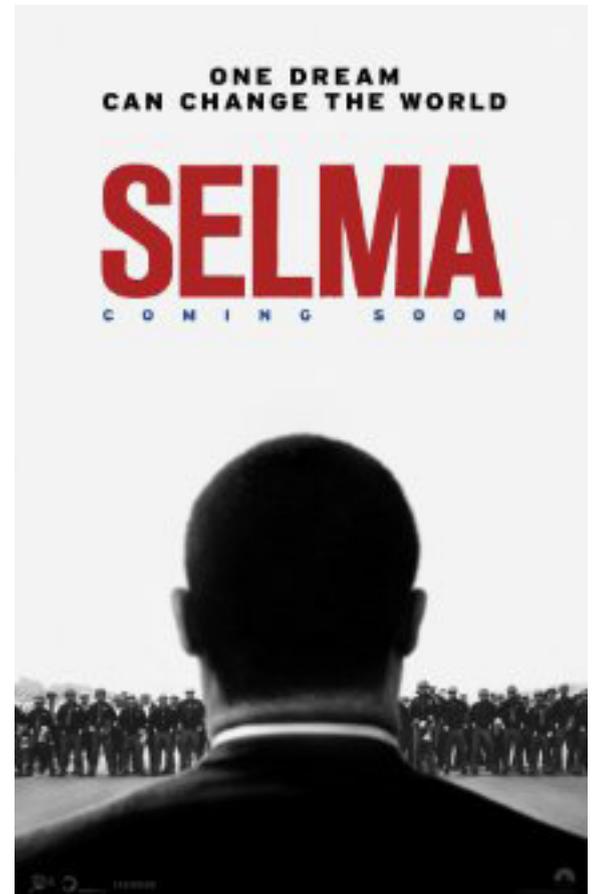
David Oyelowo's portrayal of Martin Luther King Jr. was truly loyal to the image of who we see in the history

February is Black History Month and a great way to celebrate the occasion is to watch the movie “Selma” directed by Ava DuVernay. A film that is as informative as it is entertaining. “Selma” follows the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in one of the most trying times of his life, during the march from Selma to Montgomery in 1964. The film provides an insight into his personal life that many do not consider. Emeka Okwusa, a 21 year old Lawrence community member had this to say about the film, “It was amazing. I feel like it told us to stand up for what you believe in.”

“Selma” paces itself to cover only the most integral moments of the 1964 equality issues. The pace does well to move the plot of the movie along. “Oh yeah, it's a long movie. But it does well to convey the messages of MLK.” says a Regal 14 movie theater employee.

The cinematography in the film is also quite hard-hitting. All the authentic sets and costumes support the era of the film's setting. Creative decisions like using authentic FBI recovered tapes and old stock footage of the political march and race riots drive the film in what could be described as a “classical yet modern feel.”

books, all the while bringing a sense of pressure that was clearly imminent in the events that take place in the film. The dynamic cast was brought to life by many characters influential in the history of the Civil Rights Movement. Many characters create an excitement in seeing famous figures like Malcolm X and Lyndon B. Johnson. Exiting movie goers had this to say about the film “I thought it was great, it touched on a part of MLK's story that many people didn't know about.”



Valentine's Day “Speed Dating” Event

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Robison would like to have more events upcoming, “I believe we are going to hold another event probably within a month. We would like to start hosting events every couple of weeks.” Robison went on to say, “It actually felt great knowing that we as a fraternity were helping others get out of their comfort zone and meet new people. Phi Sigma Nu wants to thank all the individuals that participated. It

wouldn't have been as great a turnout if it wasn't for them. At the end of the night all of Phi Sigma Nu was satisfied with their efforts.”

Be sure to check out the Indian Leader on Facebook for links to more upcoming events or log on to www.haskelllife.com.

The Phi Sigma Nu fraternity had a “lovely” time hosting the event.



The Blind Spot

by Rachel Whiteside

A few students that are Alaskan and Eastern Native are feeling overlooked compared to the Western Native tribes that attend Haskell Indian Nations University. Diamond Williams, an Alaskan commented, "The history classes here don't really teach about our culture because we're so far north that we weren't really involved in the drama down south. That doesn't mean I don't want to learn about my history as well as others."

She also mentioned, "I think they should teach more about my tribe and have more activities for us because the Alaska Club needs to be more public. Other students should know that we exist."

Dr. Dan Wildcat, a professor of American Indian Studies at Haskell said, "I call it a 'Blind Spot,' that there is ignorance towards the other tribes. Unless they are huge and important they are forgotten and that includes Northern and Eastern

tribes." Wildcat continued, "Demographically speaking most students that attend Haskell come from Western tribes and the stereotypical Indian or Native American viewed to a non-native is a Western or Plains Indian."

Although he speaks about Haskell mainly being towards Western/Plains Indians, he doesn't completely ignore the other tribes. "I prefer not to use the term American Indian. I think about all tribes and if I could change it I would call it Indigenous Studies instead of American Indian because we are not the only native tribes out there. There are many tribes in other countries and regions. There are people in Hawaii that are natives, the natives in Africa and Australia; we aren't the main one out there."



The American Indian Studies mural in Parker Hall. Photo by Lori Hasselman.

What can Alaskan and Eastern tribes do to try and be more organized and public? Clubs and group activities help promote their culture at Haskell. The Alaskan club is open to everyone not just Alaskans.

Hopefully, Haskell will be able to get more involved in these smaller tribes activities and bring their culture in as well as the Western tribal ones so it can no longer be seen as a "blind spot."

Pueblo Club Hosts Traditional Throw

by Obadiah Eastman

In a cultural sharing event Haskell students can only experience at a tribal college, the Pueblo Club hosted a throw celebration for Pueblo basketball seniors who were playing their last home game.

Seniors, Stand Lovato and Jenine Coriz, both from Santo Domingo Pueblo, played their last home games at the Coffin Complex for the Haskell men's and women's basketball team. The fans gathered after the game down on the court and prepared for the throw where they received free items from the club.

The Pueblo club tossed items such as toilet paper, Ramen noodles, and candy. Throws are usually done in Pueblo communities to honor a person or family member. In this case, the club was honoring their two of their senior members.

Pueblo Club throw honoring basketball seniors.



Summer Opportunity for Native Actors!!

"Unto these Hills" is an outdoor drama located in the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina and on the Qualla Boundary more commonly known as the Cherokee Indian Reservation. Cherokee Historical Association has produced this epic show about the Cherokee people for many years. We have several roles that we are casting. If you're a male or female ages 18-60 we'd love to hear from you! Rehearsals will begin May 10. Our season runs from May 30 through August 15. Pay ranges from \$200- \$400 per week. We do offer on-site housing for \$20.00 weekly. There are also job opportunities at our other attraction; the Oconaluftee Indian Village which is a re-created Cherokee village of the 1700-1800's. Here we depict life as it was through historical interpretation and have people in character roles. This venue is open from May 1 through October 24. We are happy to accept video auditions. Please include a monologue- 2 min. maximum, 16 bars uptempo, 16 bars ballad if you sing, movement reel (fight or dance) and a picture and resume to Marina@cherokeeadventure.com or you may call 828-497-3652 if you need more information.

Haskell Students Have Access to KU Libraries

by *Deron Suneagle*

Haskell students have access to the University of Kansas (KU) library resources by filling out a registration form. “The whole process of registering at KU library is time consuming and somewhat frustrating, but it’s worth it.” Shelby Herrod, Haskell student.

To register, students need a Haskell I.D. card and one federal

government I.D. such as a driver’s license, state identification, or active military identification. Before entering the Watson Library, ask the personnel at the front desk for a registration form. “Haskell students need to make sure to input the entire identification number on the Haskell I.D. cards, otherwise the computer won’t recognize the number despite the recording meant for KU I.D. cards only,”

instructs KU library staff.

There is no cost for a library card and the process may take up to 20 minutes. Once completed students have full access to all three libraries including unlimited number of books checked out for a time period of 2 months. Renewing books can be done over the phone by calling (785) 864-4715 or online at lib.ku.edu/Watson. Library

fines are two dollars per day up to twenty-five dollars for short term books and four dollars a day up to twenty-five dollars for reserved books.

Anschutz Library, 1301 Hoch Auditoria Drive, hours: 12:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; Wheat Law Library, hours: 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; and Watson Library, 1425 Jayhawk Blvd, hours: 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.



Left: Watson Library
Right: Anschutz Library.
Photos via ku.edu



Internet in Dorm Rooms Coming Soon

by *Rustie Anglin*

Student complaints about the lack of internet in their rooms will soon be over as phase three of the dorm room internet project is nearing completion. Alyx Stephenson, Roe Cloud Hall resident, says that she would like to be able to do her homework whenever she wants to saying, “I would focus better if I could get the internet in my room. With so many people in the common area it makes it hard to focus.”

Joshua Arce, Chief Information Officer in the Haskell IT department sent out an email to the dormitory staff at the beginning of the semester. The email outlined the three phases of the dorm room internet project for Roe Cloud, Blalock, and Pocahontas Halls.

The first phase was placing the internet lines and the second phase was getting the equipment ready to activate. The last phase, which is yet to be complete, is to update the current bandwidth with a contract modification. Arce commented, “We are very excited to finish the final phase.”

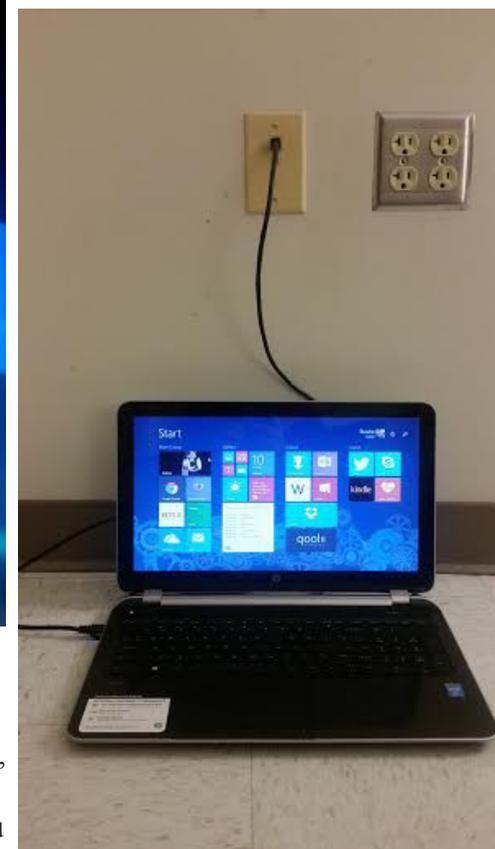
A bandwidth is a range within a band of frequencies or energies which have the capacity for a data-



transfer of electronic communication systems according to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary. David Latta, former Accutech (Internet Company) employee commented, “If you

have more bandwidth you’ll receive more data at the same time than with a smaller bandwidth.” Latta also said that the bigger the bandwidth, the faster you will receive data.

Arce, who has been working on this project since September of 2014,



said that he hoped to have phase three done back in September but they are waiting for the General Service Administration’s Contract Officer to approve the bandwidth modification. “It’s 2015 and every room should have internet” Arce said.

Students pay an internet fee of \$50 dollars but according to Arce, that doesn’t go far. It will be about \$5,000 a month for the updated bandwidth. Arce questions, “Should it be the schools responsibility to provide internet? Should students have to share the burden?” He thinks the school and the students should share.

Once the internet is on in the dorm rooms, it will bring on five hundred new port connections and will allow the students to reach more resources according to Arce. He says this is a huge step for the school and he is very excited to have it completed. Arce mentioned that he is very student focused, “As an alumni, I want students to have the best opportunity and the best resources.”

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Internet in Dorm Rooms Coming Soon

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With the current bandwidth students have limited availability to some internet sites like Netflix which is blocked during the week from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. but unblocked at night and on the weekends. Arce said "Once we see how the new bandwidth is used we can ask to have Netflix unblocked." He suggested that some trials may be run

to see if it would be better for the bandwidth to have it blocked or unblocked. Arce also said that students shouldn't leave Netflix running when they aren't in the room because it will continue using the bandwidth. You should close down your browser when you aren't using it.

Stephenson said that she thinks that

internet in the rooms will be good but it could cause laziness. "People will just be in their rooms more often and they won't socialize since they don't have to go down to the common area." Stephenson also commented that with the ports fixed people would just find something else to complain about.

Until phase three is complete there are several hotspots and computer labs around campus to use. Hotspots include: Curtis Hall, Stidham Hall, all academic buildings, Tecumseh, Coffin Complex, the library, the auditorium, and the lobbies or common areas of all the dorms. The labs are located in all the dorms, the library, and the academic buildings.

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Haskell WBB Wins Heated Defensive Contest

by Tyler Jones

The Lady Indians Advance to 8-3 in the MCAC with the Win



(PHOTO VIA CHARLIE PERRY)

The last Friday Night Hoops matchup of the 2014-15 season took place Friday at Tony Coffin Sports Complex for the Haskell Lady Indians. Haskell (18-6, 7-3 MCAC) was looking to continue their momentum, as the Lady Indians had come into Friday winning six out of their last seven games. The opponent for Haskell would be York College (9-14, 3-7 MCAC), out of York, Nebraska. Last month the two faced off in York and Haskell defeated York 75-61.

In the first half, the offense was clicking for Haskell, shooting 48%

from the field. The Lady Indians never trailed in the first, but York stayed within reaching distance of Haskell in the first. York shot just 28% from field goal range, but outrebounded Haskell 23-17. Unlike Haskell, York took care of the basketball with just 7 turnovers, while Haskell doubled that number with

14. At the half, Haskell led York 34-30.

For half number two, York got off to a fast start and took their first lead of the game. That lead did not last though, as Haskell answered with a 12-0 run of their own that ended at the 12:01 mark. As the lead continued to build, Haskell never trailed again. The Lady Indians took down York by a final score 66-56.

The leading scorers for the night were York's Mackenzie Eller and Cory Minjarez with 17 points each. Haskell had four players in double-

figures on the night. The leading scorer for the Lady Indians was Jenine Coriz with 15 points, followed by Kelli Warrior and Kourtney Meat with 12 points each and Tahnee Stands with 10 points.

Haskell Coach Shane Flanagan after the game said, "This was an important win for us and a sloppy game." He was not wrong that it was sloppy for sure, as Haskell turned the ball over 28 times and York accounted for 20 turnovers. Both teams combined for 48 total turnovers. Haskell shot 44% from the field, while York struggled shooting, with a poor percentage at 25%.

After Friday's loss York falls to 9-15 overall and 3-8 in the MCAC. York is eliminated in the race for a spot in the MCAC Tournament. York will move on Saturday to

take on Oklahoma Wesleyan, before two home games against Waldorf College and College of Saint Mary to wrap-up the regular season.

With the win, Haskell advances to 19-6 and 8-3 in the MCAC. The Lady Indians have also locked up a spot in the MCAC Conference Tournament later this month. On Saturday, Haskell will take on Central Christian College on Senior Night. It will be the final home games for Tahnee Stands, Jenine Coriz and Tiffany Sullivan. Next week, Haskell will wrap-up the regular season on the road at College of the Ozarks and against Central Baptist College.

(PHOTO VIA CHARLIE PERRY)



York Takes Down Haskell in Slugfest

by Tyler Jones

The Loss Was Not So Sweet for Haskell at Home Against York

With the final games of the MCAC regular season around the corner, Friday's night matchup was ever so important for both Haskell (6-20, 4-6 MCAC) and York (13-12, 4-6 MCAC). Both teams stood 4-6 in the MCAC and were in a four-way tie for 4th in the MCAC. Haskell and York met last month in a classic shootout, with Haskell coming out on top 107-100, but Friday's game was little different between the two teams compared to their previous meeting.

In the 1st half, York shot 42% from the field. York Forward Devaun Evans led the way with a monstrous half, with 16 points and was 7/11 shooting from field goal range. Lel-

don Love and Johnny Cooksey also made key contributions for York with 6 points each in the first.

Haskell's offense did not give a glimpse of their previous performance against York, as the Fighting Indians shot a low 39% from the field. Wilber Everett generated some offense for Haskell off the bench with 10 points in the first, followed by 6 points from Tsalidi Sequoyah in the first half as well. York led at the half 39-28.

In the 2nd Half, Haskell made dramatic improvements offensively, shooting 44% from the field. The Indians pulled within two, but could not continue to hang with York. York in the second shot 47% from field goal range. By the end of the night Haskell shot 42%, while York

finished shooting at 44%. Haskell fell short, by a final score of 77-68.

Haskell Coach Chad Kills Crow described the loss and said, "We shot the ball poorly, gave them too many second chance opportunities and our inability to rebound cost us the game." Tsalidi Sequoyah led Haskell in scoring with 25 points, followed by 17 points from Everett Wilber and 10 points from Randy July.

Devanu Evans led York in scoring with 24 points and Kills Crow said, "We had problems defending him and we would just lose him in the matchup zone." Behind Evans was Terrence-Cole Michael with 9 points, while Tre' Howe and Johnny Cooksey also contributed with 7 points.

With the win, York advances to 14-12 on the year and 5-6 in the MCAC. On Saturday, York will travel to Oklahoma to take on Oklahoma Wesleyan, before two home games to wrap-up the regular season next week. York will battle with two of the MCAC's top three teams to end the year, as they take on Waldorf College and Bellevue University.

Haskell falls to 4-7 in the MCAC and 6-21 overall, making it tough to stay alive for a spot in the MCAC Tournament. Haskell will host their final home game of the year on Saturday against Central Christian College, before a two-game road trip against College of the Ozarks and Central Baptist College next week to end the regular season.

Central Christian Defeats Haskell in Overtime Thriller

by Tyler Jones

Haskell Comes Up Short on Senior Night

The emotions were running high Saturday for the Haskell Men's Basketball team, as it was Senior Night, the final game for the senior class at Coffin Sports Complex. It would be the last game in front of a home crowd for Randy July and Stand Lovato. Haskell (6-21, 4-7) would be taking on the Central Christian Tigers (14-11, 4-7), in a battle to stay alive for a spot in the MCAC Conference Tournament.

The first half was a close contest between the two squads. Central Christian led most of the way and their lead was up to 11. Off the bench though, Sophomore Guard Zack Bruns emerged with 12 points and two threes to give Haskell the lead late in the first half. Central

Christian responded though and took the lead by halftime, leading 42-41.

Bruns led Haskell in scoring in the first, followed by 9 points from Randy July and 5 points apiece from Duelle Gore and Stand Lovato. The Indians shot 52% from the field in the first. For Central Christian, they shot 42% as a team from the field. The Tigers were led by Michael Gholston in scoring with 12 points, followed by Alonzo Stafford with 10 points and Dustin Rojas with 9 points.

The second half was a shootout between the two teams. Trailing late, Zack Bruns hit a three at the 2:09 mark for Haskell. After that basket the run continued, as Stand Lovato would hit a game-tying three, with little time left. Following the three

was a major block from Randy July to send the game to overtime. Haskell finished regulation on a 12-4 run.

Each team shot 46% from the field for the game. In

overtime though, the game was decided by turnovers. Haskell gave up 25 turnovers compared to 17 from Central Christian. Central Christian walked away with the victory 110-107.



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Central Christian had three players with over 20 points on the night. Michael Gholston led Central Christian in scoring with 25 points, followed by 24 points from Alonzo Stafford and 22 points from Dustin Rojas.

For Haskell, it was the two seniors that stepped up. Stand Lovato led Haskell in scoring with 25 points, while Randy July had a big night as well with 18 points. Zack Bruns and Tsaldi Sequoyah each had 15 points, while Duelle Gore made an impact as well with 11 points. Haskell Coach Kills Crow after the game said, "This game came down to the wire. They (Central Christian) did their homework. They did their research and new how to defend us." Kills Crow went on to say, "I

was proud of our seniors (July and Lovato) on how they played. I was really proud of Zack Bruns as well and I want him to be the next Stand Lovato."

With the win, Central Christian advances to 5-7 and 15-11 on the year. The Tigers will take on Bellevue University and Waldorf College next week to end the regular season. Central Christian is still alive to compete for a spot in the MCAC Tournament.

After the loss, Haskell falls to 4-8 in the MCAC and 6-22 overall. Next week, Haskell will take on College of the Ozarks and Central Baptist College, but will not make the cutoff to be in the MCAC Conference Tournament the following week.



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Haskell WBB Takes Down Central Christian

by Tyler Jones

The Lady Indians Dominate at Home from Start to Finish

Love was in the air Saturday afternoon at Coffin Sports Complex, as the Haskell Lady Indians would be playing their final home game of the year on Valentine's Day. Not only was it the loveliest day of the year, but Senior Day for Haskell. Saturday's matchup would be the final game at Coffin for Tiffany Sullivan, Jenine Coriz and Tahnee Stands. Haskell (19-6, 8-3 MCAC) came into Saturday, winning six out of their last seven games and would be looking to do more of the same

against Central Christian (9-18, 3-8 MCAC).

In the first, Haskell was money shooting wise, with eight three-pointers and shot 44% from the field. The Lady Indians also dominated the boards with 21 rebounds in the first, compared to just 13 from Central Christian. In her final game at Haskell, Jenine Coriz led Haskell in scoring with 11 points in the first, followed by 9 points from Arnetia Begay. Central Christian shot 37% in the first, led by 11 points from Ashlyn Garza and 6 points from Caitlyn Campa off the bench.

It was more of the same for both sides in the second half. Haskell outscored Central Christian in the second 34-27. The Lady Indians shot 48% from the field in the second and finished the game at 46%. Senior,

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Jenine Coriz led Haskell in scoring with 13 points, followed 11 points each from both Kelli Warrior and Arnetia Begay. Seniors Tiffany Sullivan and Tahnee Stands also contributed in their final games at Haskell, as Sullivan scored 6 points and Tahnee Stands scored 3 points.

Coach Shane Flanagan after the game said, "I think everyone contributed. We shot the ball extremely well." Flanagan also talked about

the importance of getting the win for the seniors, "Our goal before the season was 20 wins and we got that today. It is amazing to see the progress of these girls (Stands, Sullivan, Coriz) or the last three or four years."

For Central Christian, they shot 34% for the game and turn the ball over 24 times. Ashlyn Garza led them in scoring with 14 points, followed by 7 points from Raven Void and 6

points from Caitlyn Campa off the bench.

Central Christian College falls to 3-9 in the MCAC and 9-19 overall. Next week, Central Christian will finish the regular season with back-to-back home games against College of Saint Mary and Waldorf College. With Central College's 3-9 conference record, they will not be eligible for the MCAC Tournament the following week.

Haskell racks up their 20th win of the season and moves to 20-6 overall. The Lady Indians stand at 9-3 in the MCAC and have already locked up a spot in the MCAC Tournament. Next week, Haskell will take on the College of the Ozarks on the road, before they finish off the regular season against Central Baptist College. The week following, Haskell will play in the MCAC Tournament at a site that is to be announced.

Basketball and Beyond with OSU Guard Lakota Beatty

by Tyler Jones

The OSU Sophomore Looks Beyond Basketball for Success, as Native Fans Support

Some people have nunchaku skills, others have bow hunting skills or even computer hacking skills. Lakota Beatty has basketball skills. The Anadarko, Oklahoma native took her talents to Oklahoma State in 2013 and has been looking for her opportunity.

Before arriving in Stillwater, Beatty had an impressive career at Anadar-

After a great high school career, Beatty did not see the floor as often in her first year at Oklahoma State, a year ago. Beatty only played in 11 games in her 2013-14 campaign, but did get some time in the Cowgirls NCAA Sweet Sixteen matchup against Notre Dame.

The 2014-15 appeared to be more of the same for Beatty, only seeing limited minutes, until everything changed. On January 17th, Guard Brittany Atkins suffered a season-ending meniscus tear, which opened

On Saturday, the 5'8" sophomore traveled to Lawrence with her team, looking to steal a conference road victory. Beatty struggled, but a lot of it was the nerves of playing at historic Allen Fieldhouse, she said, "I was very nervous, but you just gotta play through it. I did what I can and got a sub in for me." Despite a sub-par performance from Beatty, Oklahoma State failed to beat Kansas on the road.

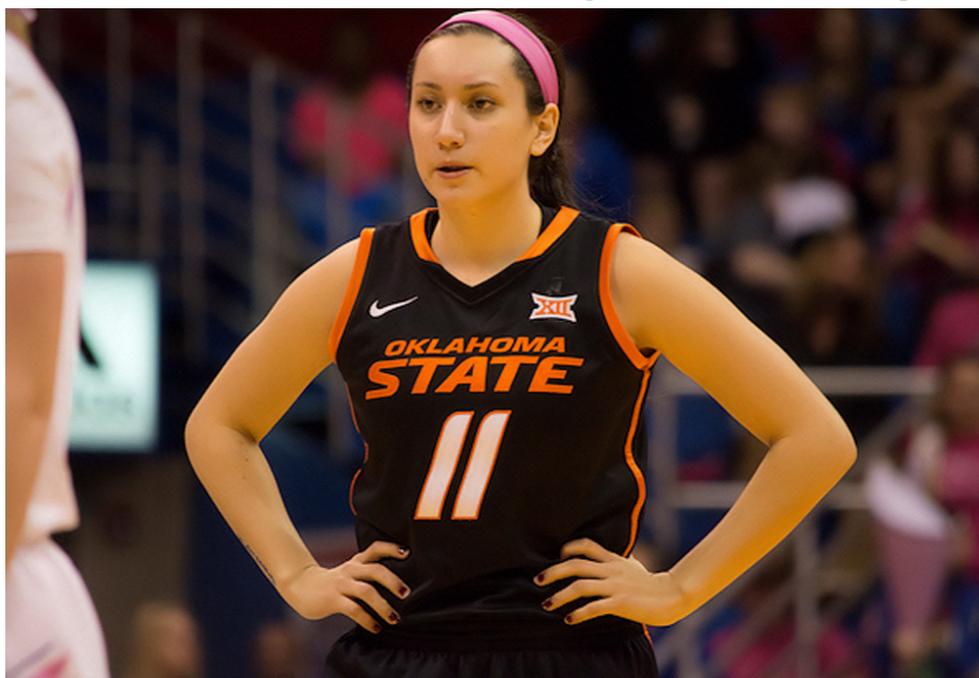
Where Beatty goes, fans go. There is a lot of support from the Native American community everywhere. Haskell IHS Staff Member Eldwood Ott was in attendance with his family and spoke about going to the game, "My son and I enjoy going to sporting events, and we support teams with a Native American on the roster! My son feels a connection to those native athletes because they are accomplishing what he is working hard towards. As a parent we have to show our youth that with hard work, dedication, and staying focused their goals are obtainable. Taking my son to watch Native Athletes helps to reinforce that message

For Beatty and company, it does not get any easier in the Big 12 Conference. Beatty spoke about the battles of the Big 12 and said, "You just gotta fight, can't quit, anything can happen. We're just working hard every day."



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While her basketball skills, have taken her along way, Beatty says it is beyond basketball that drives her. To get to where she is today, Beatty attributes it to her Native American background and her faith in God. While her enrollment is with the Catto Tribe, Beatty has connections by blood with the Sioux and Gros Ventre Tribes. Beatty said her mom doesn't let her forget it either, "Before seasons, my mom always smudges me." Smudging is something used to purify and bless people. During games, Beatty's faith is also reflected on one of her arms. Her arm reads, "I AM SECOND". To this day, Beatty is also an active member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes as well, now at Oklahoma State.



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ko High School. She was a two-time Oklahoma High School State Champion and received the Oklahoma Gatorade Player of the Year title her senior season. Beatty is just one of two Native Americans to ever earn the award (Angel Goodrich, 2007).

a door for Beatty. A few games later, Beatty got her chance to start on the road at Kansas State. Beatty embraced the moment and scored 14 points in 37 minutes for the Cowgirls. Beatty has started every game since then.

Bronson Koenig (Ho-Chunk) Finds a Home Away from Home on the Road

by Tyler Jones

The Wisconsin Guard Has Become the Nation's Most Popular Native American in Men's College Hoops

The battle goes on for Bronson Koenig, as the 6'4" Sophomore Guard looks for a road victory at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska. While the atmosphere is a nightmare for road teams with an electric crowd in a fairly new arena, Koenig finds it as a home away from home. Koenig said, "My mom came to support me tonight and last year when I came here, I got to speak to some Winnebagos (Tribe of Nebraska) who had come here off the reservation."

Although Koenig is from La Crosse, Wisconsin and wears the Wisconsin red, the support for Koenig is nationwide. Koenig has become the most notable Native American in Men's College Basketball. Koenig said, "I look up in the stands and I see all kinds of natives everywhere I go. It really means a lot to me."

Koenig is a proud member of the Ho-Chunk Indian Tribe and says it is all from his mother. "My mom is 100% Ho-Chunk and my dad is German, so I'm 50% Ho-Chunk." Koenig's popularity is gaining traction



as he's gotten more playing time. Koenig began the season averaging 19.8 minutes per game in a sixth man role, but has since moved into the starting lineup after the Rutgers game and has scored in double-figures in 7/8 games since.

On Tuesday, Koenig shined on the bright stage with 13 points and two three pointers on the night. After the win though, Koenig is his own biggest critic, "I thought I could have done a lot of things better, finishing at the rim and being more aggressive, stuff like that." The road environment did not phase Koenig

though, as his Badgers walked away with a 65-55 win over Nebraska.

While the Badgers are ranked fifth in the country according to the AP Poll, Koenig is taking things one step at a



time. "The Big Ten is a tough conference and we were just looking to win a Big Ten Regular Season Championship, then focus on the Big Ten Conference Tournament and NCAA Tournament."

The road to the Final Four does not get easy for Koenig and the Badgers though. Koenig said, "We have our tougher games down the stretch." Wisconsin is currently in first place in the Big Ten and will look to stay there with seven games left in league play. The Badgers will battle in the Big Ten Tournament next month in Chicago, before the NCAA Tournament.

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Jaime Roe: From Navajo Country to Now

by Tyler Jones

Jaime Roe (Cherokee) Has Had Quite the Journey to Be Where She's At Today

From Tuba City, Arizona to Lawrence, it was quite the journey for Jaime Roe to get to Wednesday night's game against the Kansas Jayhawks. Roe, currently serves as a role player for the Texas Tech Lady Raiders and has not forgotten what got her to this point.

The Junior Forward graduated high school in 2012 and was Arizona Small High School Player of the Year. After two years of junior college at Central College in Arizona, Roe found herself making Lubbock, Texas her new home, playing for Texas Tech under Head Coach Candi Whitaker.

While she grew up in a Navajo community, Roe was considered a minority where she grew up in Arizona. While Roe is not Navajo, she is a part of the Cherokee Nation. Roe says she has not forgotten where she came from though, "I'm not Navajo, but it's totally awesome to represent them. Coming from there and being born and raised, I wouldn't be the person I am today if it weren't for them."

On Wednesday, there was a crowd of 1,937 in attendance and a portion of them were Native Americans, in support of Roe, including a group from Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence. Haskell Recreational Staff Member Leandra Galindo said, "We set up the group to the game to see Jaime. We love to see Native American athletes and try

to go every chance we get."

Roe spoke about it and said, "It is awesome to have people I know and look up to me. I'm so thankful to be an idol for them. For me to have an opportunity like this, I couldn't be more grateful."

For the season, Roe has averaged 4.1 points and 3.5 rebounds on the year for Texas Tech and on Wednesday, she outplayed her season numbers. Roe accounted for 6 points and 6 rebounds in a loss to Kansas, 71-67. Roe spoke about her performance and said, "I'm just happy to get the opportunity to do so, having my coach trust me and my teammates trust me to come off the bench and make the plays that I do. I can't be anymore thankful."



After the loss, Roe's Texas Tech team fell to 13-9 and 3-7 in the Big 12, but they're not done yet. Roe said, "It doesn't get any easier playing in the Big 12. It is going to be a battle for sure." Roe will travel on the road four more times this year (TCU, Kansas State, Iowa State and Baylor), as well as four more home contests (Iowa State, Baylor, Texas and Oklahoma State), before the Big 12 Tournament next month in Dallas.

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I enjoyed the presentation I just want to thank God for blessing me with the opportunity to be able to here at Haskell and to be able to represent our fellow Native Americans throughout the country has been an honor.”

Haskell Indian Nations University itself has also left a major impact in the life of this senior group. Coriz explained, “Haskell has made a very positive impact in my life. Being a student athlete is a lot of hard work but it is very rewarding. The Haskell community has given me a sense of belonging. Haskell has impacted my life in various ways, mainly getting me ready for the fast paced world in which I am about to join after graduation.

Sullivan expressed the acceptance she has felt from the Haskell family, “I know I will always have the support of my team and the Haskell community. The connection we all share has been a great part of our success. I’m very thankful to be a part of a team like this. Whatever the future holds for all of us we will always share together this season.”

For July Haskell was all about relationships, “I have made so many friends here that I would consider family. I just love all the support I get from Haskell.”

Lovato has grown very much since coming to Haskell; he’s truly come out of his shell. “Haskell has impacted my life in many different



Haskell's all time leading scorer Stand Lovato for the Men's team, shares a hug with head coach Chad Kills Crow.



Point Guard and leading scorer for the Lady Indians, Jenine Croiz shares a smile with her family.



3 point leader Tahnee Stands embraces her coach.

ways. When I first stepped foot on campus I was a really shy person and didn’t know anyone besides my sister. Throughout the years I’ve been able to become more outgoing and thanks to Haskell I have many different friends across the country and have gone places that I never imagined I would go.” Dreaming big and reaching for the stars is a major priority for this group of young leaders as well. All are ready to begin the next chapter in their lives. Coriz detailed her next step, “Once I graduate, I plan on furthering my education. I don’t know exactly where yet.”

Sullivan plans to enter the corporate business world after graduation, “I’ll be headed to Bentonville Arkansas to start my life in the corporate environment. I’m taking a position in the front offices of Walmart to gain business experience. Graduation is in May and its coming fast. That will be the next big step. Thank you Haskell, ONWARD. July will continue to overcome obstacles to achieve his dreams, “My goal has always been to take basketball as far I can. Hopefully I can make it overseas and continue to do what I love.”

Randy July takes a moment to reflect on his journey.

Ultimately Lovato would like to give back to the future leaders of Native America, “The next step in my journey is to keep working on my education and graduate with my Bachelor in Environmental Science and move back home to New Mexico and help out my tribe. I also would like to become a coach so I can help mentor young Native American kids so they too can be able to achieve the dreams they have in life.

The Indian Leader Newspaper would like to congratulate all of the senior athletes who were honored recently you are an inspiration to us all.



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