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An arborist trims a large tree branch.



A heap of tree trimmings piled in front of Tecumseh Hall.

Photos by Zachary Arquette

Uprooted: Decaying Trees Plan to be Repurposed

Zachary Arquette

As you were on your way to class in the first week of February, you may have noticed numerous aerial lift trucks and tree chippers hard at work. The commotion was hard to miss. The Kansas Tree Care (KTC) company was commissioned to remove and trim various trees on Haskell Indian Nations University (HINU) campus. It begs the question as to the reasoning behind such a decision; at first glance, it may not seem like they even needed to be removed. For various reasons, there were 7 trees in total that were taken down. The professional arborists at KTC have provided substantial insight into the root of the problem.

Kenny Flanders, a Haskell alumnus, was one of the workers from KTC. He was able to clarify why trimming and cutting down certain campus trees was necessary. The biggest issue was the impact of the emerald

ash borer on white ash trees. Originating in Asia, this beetle found its way to Michigan in 2002 through shipments and eventually made its way to 33 states and several territories in Canada — killing millions of white ash on the way. Unfortunately, there are no viable means to bring back a tree already infected with this beetle. Flanders spoke about the condition of the trees behind Pocahontas Hall saying, “...the top branches were visibly decaying”. From a visible inspection of the pile of wood, there is evidence of extensive rotting. The emerald ash borer has no natural predators on Turtle Island. It became obvious that these white ash trees were going to meet their demise sooner or later.

Besides being cut down, many trees were also trimmed. Flanders also spoke about the importance of tree trimming in late winter. “This is usually to slow or stop the spreading of any diseases the trees may have been infected with and even to help the tree maximize their resources”. Essentially, the water and nutrients that would have gone to the decaying branches can now be used much more efficiently throughout the whole

tree. KTC plans to come back in a month to trim more.

The other trees that were taken down were considered hazards to either pedestrians or buildings. For instance, the tree in front of Sequoyah Hall was severely damaged from a fungus. Professor Tyler Kimbrell, who was a crucial decision-maker for this project, called the tree a “hotel for squirrels”, speaking about the extent of the damage. Since this is an area where students and faculty frequently walk, there was no question on the fate of this tree. A few healthy trees by Coffin Complex were also taken down but for a different reasons; their proximity imposed a risk to the integrity of the building because of how close they were allowed to grow to it.

Now that these trees are taken down, they are considered resources for the HINU campus to utilize. In fact, Kimbrell expressed how this was part of the plan: for the wood to be repurposed to enrich the culture here on campus.

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HINU SP20 Convocation

Jared Nally



Leroy "Buster" Silva
Photo by Connor MacDonald

Be engaged. Convocation speaker and Haskell Indian Nations University Alumni, Mr. Leroy "Buster" Silva, brought students and faculty to their feet delivering a message to engage with your friends and neighbors here at Haskell.

Silva started his Haskell journey through the encouragement of his family and community to go and play basketball. That journey was made possible through the connections he made along the way. Silva arrived in at the airport in Kansas City not knowing how he was going to get to Haskell, but a stranger noticed him and saw him already as part of the Haskell community and offered to give him a ride. That was a start to a shift in his attitude that Haskell was more than an outlet for him to pursue sports, but it was a connection that led him to be the person he is today and impactful in the work he does.

His message is encouraging to students, that through the activities he had students and staff engage in throughout his talk, they were building a community, fostering connections and that those will help you succeed. This is the magic of Haskell: the Haskell community.

Haskell Visited by Chaney

Jared Nally

A Night with Chris Chaney — Haskell's event welcoming Chris Chaney, Senior Counsel for Law Enforcement and Information Sharing, part of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Tribal Justice brought students and community in to discuss national crime information, including the Tribal Access Program (TAP). The event promised knowledge, door prizes and pizza.

Chaney, an enrolled member of the Seneca-Cayuga Nation, said I consider it an honor to be here, and I want to thank Haskell Indian Nations University for asking me to come out. I want to encourage students to pursue law. I also want them to understand that law affects everyday lives and a career in law can help both communities and people.

Junior Laravie, a Haskell student, was part of the group honoring Chaney with a song. Laravie said "I respect where he's at and what he's trying to do and the task force he's trying to establish. That's good. We need people like that in there that are validating our voice and giving strength to our people." Laravie also said he thinks that "ultimately the solutions are going to have to come from us... where we come from and then here at Haskell."

Main Problems

Jared Nally

Haskell Indian Nations University's plumbing requires the water main for the entire campus to be turned off when working on a single building's plumbing. This weekend, attempts to fix plumbing in Navarre Hall required a projected two hour window for repairs. The reality was that campus water was shut off until 12 pm., 3 hours past the 7 am - 9 am window.

Curtis Hall, the student cafeteria, could only provide a partial menu that morning, without water they couldn't make gravy or wash dishes. This impacted their cooks and bakers. Students were given disposable plates, cups,

New Beginnings

Jamie Colvin

Orientation for Haskell Indian Nations University's new, transfer, and returning students was a successful turn out. Workshops ranging from advice panels, class scheduling and a lot more were taking place over the five days before the official start of classes. Students were settling in, taking care of logistics and finalizing personal affairs, but there were also opportunities for engagement with other students. Familiarizing themselves with their peers allows new students to feel comfortable. Group activities were created for this specific reason. Game night, dodge ball, icebreakers, and a trip to Main Event were just some of the many ways students had the chance to really understand that they have now entered the Haskell family. Thanks to our Haskell's faculty, staff and student ambassadors, Haskell welcomed 105 students that started their journey here for their spring 2020 semester. To our new, transfer, and returning students, have a wonderful and successful semester filled with excitement, accomplishments and growth; onward Haskell and make sure to go to class!

and cutlery to cut down on backed up dishes as well as an assortment of bottled beverages since the beverage dispensers weren't working.

What worried students the most was their inability to shower, and after the first few visits, not having access to a clean toilet. Students were actively checking water taps to see if the water had been restored. It was a literal relief for some when they were.

AIHEC Uproar

Jared Nally

Students in the American Indian Higher Education Consortium Club were upset with Haskell's Administration. This club's focus is "to prepare Haskell students to participate and or compete in American Indian Higher Education Consortium's Annual Student Conference". The club's order of operations includes eligibility and requirements for attending AIHEC. Years prior, AIHEC Club sponsors selected active club members to take to AIHEC conferences; the club perceived that this year Haskell's administration was removing the club's ability to self elect participants and was making student selections outside of the club regardless of active club participation.

AIHEC Club members were disappointed. Many members who have been active participants and involved in previous semesters and leadership of the club were concerned they would be excluded from the list of approved students.

The AIHEC Club reached out to Jim Rains, PhD., expressing their concerns in a letter.

The main points in the letter were that the club disagreed with excluding students based on academic probation that didn't factor in their cumulative grade point average, that active AIHEC members were not prioritized, and that AIHEC Club's coaches were limited in the decision making. The AIHEC Club also felt that the unspoken attitude spurring these changes stemmed from an expectation for Haskell to bring back trophies.

A preliminary list of approved student participants was sent out to prospective conference attendants that echoed the concerns of the club; it excluded many active members and included students who were not part of the campus organization.

Concerns from students necessitated further meetings with administration. The results of the talks created explicit outlines for student selection. Students would be required to have a 2.0 cumulative GPA as well as good social standing; considerations would be made for active AIHEC Club members and students at sophomore status or above.

When pressed with questions, the administration defaulted and answered that all

misunderstandings were taken care of at the meeting which allowed for previously excluded AIHEC Club members to be considered for the final student selection.

Daniel Wildcat, PhD., acting President, said "...we are attempting to make sure we have the broadest student and university participation possible in as many competitions as possible. I have full confidence that the process and determination of student participation will be fair. We should expect nothing less. We do appreciate the AIHEC student club participation and are thankful for their enthusiasm".

What was not answered were questions regarding the legitimacy of the Student Government Association approving the sanctioning packet that included AIHEC's policies alluding to their authority to organize and oversee Haskell student participation at the AIHEC Student Conferences. This raises the question of whether the student government has the authority to delegate to a student organization the authority to oversee student interests when funding is provided by the administration who is wanting the most bang for its buck.

Uprooted *(Continued from cover.)*

Zachary Arquette

One of the obvious ways to use the wood is for fires. The fire pit in front of the Auditorium can directly benefit. Some other ways the campus can use the firewood is for sweat lodges and even Native American Church services. It was made clear that with collaborative planning and predetermined intention, the wood can have boundless uses.

For instance, some of the thicker logs are being dried out so they can be turned into drums. Drums Kimbrell hopes can be in use at HINU for years to come. He also anticipates other projects that could require some logs to be turned into lumber. One proposed project is raised garden beds for medicinal

and vegetable plants, a project currently in the planning phase.

All that remains is the question on the replacement of the fallen trees or if they should be replaced at all. Kimbrell expressed the desire for there to be a geographic representation of the many tribal students that attend HINU. This would entail reaching out to tribal communities to potentially have trees from various geographic areas. Yet, there are also many native Kansas trees that can be propagated. These trees would have the best chance of thriving in the clayey soil type of eastern Kansas. After all, much of the reason trees start to decay is because the trees were stressed in some way. Whatever the decision, it is of utter importance we be mindful of the implications.

Overall, it is sad to see our elders leaving,

yet their legacy will not just be embers in the wind. It is our responsibility to make sure that is not the case. The re-purposing of the ones who have looked down upon us will, without a doubt, enrich our HINU experience. The framework for the re-purposing of decaying trees can be implemented in the future when others eventually meet their demise. Yet it is even more important to care for the ones that are still standing because many times the damage can be mitigated or even avoided altogether. The next time you come across a campus tree (or any, for that matter), remember to embody graciousness in their predetermined presence.

I solemnly acknowledge Tyler Kimbrell's leadership and planning in ensuring these trees were taken care of in a respectful way.

Red Racism

Jared Nally, myaamia

Red racism is more than just a football game — it's systemic and the attitudes of professional sports teams and fans are an indicator of disproportionate racial issues Native Americans face outside of the stadium.

According to the National Congress of American Indians' website, the NCAI has been fighting against the use of "Indian" mascots since it launched its campaign efforts in 1968. Fifty-two years later, tensions are still high between Native American communities and Kansas City's football franchise who just won the Super Bowl — fans were dressed in insulting costumes, including reface, and participating in demeaning behavior. Celebrating a win they've been waiting 50 years for, while we're still waiting for ours...

The NCAI has seen the bigger picture surrounding mascots, something few fans are willing to see now. The publication Touchdown Wire credits fans saying: "...[they] have no issue with [the] controversial 'Arrowhead chop'." These fans fail to grasp that this single action is just part of a larger problem with Native Americans being negatively stereotyped, being dehumanized, and having culturally significant items and customs appropriated. This affects Native American communities in very measurable ways.

Erik Stegman and Victoria Phillips reported for the Center for American Progress that stereotypes created by these mascots create hostile environments for Native American children and these mascots negatively affect their self-esteem and mental health. Their article "Missing the Point" credits suicide as "...the second leading cause of death for [Native American] youth ages 15 to 24 — a rate that is 2.5 times higher than the national average." This is the highest rate among all ethnic groups according to the NCAI.

These mascots are also affecting non-native

students. Stegman and Phillips say that mascots create cultural bias from these derogatory and stereotyped images representing Native Americans; this affects views of Native Americans both past and present and affects students' education surrounding Native People. This warping of historical contexts grows up from a playground prejudice to prejudice being fought in the courts, in the workplace, in the stadiums, and in the streets. Natives are the last race to still receive this type of overt racism in sports and it shows in racial statistics.

While racial disparities show up across the board, the most significant statistics are those relating to public safety. Public safety problems are largely caused by non-natives, a direct result of prejudice coming out of the stereotypes and dehumanization of Native people.

Native Americans have a higher rate of death among police shootings than any other race according to CNN.

Counties, consisting of a majority of Native land and subject to federal jurisdiction for homicide, are reported by the Department of Justice to have rates for homicides of Native American women up to 10 times higher than the national average.

The DOJ's 2008 report says Native American women are "significantly more likely to experience rape in their lifetime" at rates higher than both White and African American women.

According to a 2016 report from Urban Indian Health Institute, only 0.02% of reported cases of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls were logged into the DOJ system.

All acts of red racism are significant.

2020 Career Fair

Jared Nally



One of the representatives at the Haskell Career Fair
Photo by Jared Nally

Over 30 businesses and organizations made an appearance at the 2020 Haskell Career Fair. The event included raffles, a resume contest, and a best-dressed contest. The booth setups contained a wide variety of occupations and organizations that gained student interest.

One booth had a message that both graduates and undergraduates could appreciate. Kathryn Holler, Ph.D.; Director of Community Engagement and Diversity Outreach for Harvard University, wanted to tell students, "You shouldn't let your financial situation dictate your dreams." The lesson is that there is funding to provide education to Native students.

Harvard's endowment income goes directly to student financial aid which can provide a full-ride scholarship, including housing, for Native students accepted to Harvard for their undergraduate in the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. Harvard offers extensive other financial aid options for Native Students, this also includes a graduate program that pays Native students in Science and Engineering. That's "pays students", not just having tuition paid for! Harvard has also come out with a law school scholarship and many of the other discipline schools offer their own forms of financial assistance.

The career fair offered many options for students to start their next steps or begin dreaming of the future — a future that doesn't need to be limited to what they can pay for today because there are options out there for them!

Fightin' Indians

Jared Nally

ESPAÑOLA, NM, December 15 — Tensions were high last semester at the Northern New Mexico College and Haskell Indian Nations University men's basketball game. Throughout the course of the game, players from both sides racked up over five technical fouls. Ryan Cordova, Northern New Mexico's athletic director, said that by the second half, a loose ball was enough to set the players into a full-fledged fight according to an article in the Santa Fe New Mexican.

Ted Breidenthal, commissioner for the Association of Independent Institutions, qualified this event as the worst he'd seen in his 13 years working for this conference. He did, however, commend some of Haskell's athletes and coaches for their behavior in trying to stop the fight. Haskell players 22, 32, and 40; Aspen LaPointe, Albert Dean, and Robert Beaulieu were recognized for being on the court during the fight and not participating.

The game ended with 8 minutes and 15 seconds left. The clock stopped as players left the bench to join their teammates. The scuffle necessitated police escorts for Haskell's safety to leave campus however, no police report was filed says the Santa Fe New Mexican. A video of the fallout was reviewed by the A.I.I. which set strict penalties for the teams.

I was disappointed with how the Northern New Mexico team, both coaches and students, handled the situation said Breidenthal. A total of 11 players from the Northern New Mexico Eagles were suspended. Three of the players were suspended for the remainder of the season, three more suspended for five games, and five were suspended for leaving the bench during the fight which required a one-game suspension.

While reviewing the tape, Breidenthal noted that one North New Mexico player tried to throw a punch at Matthew Downing Jr.,

Haskell's head coach and another of their players knocked Macaulay Brown, the assistant coach, to the ground. Both coaches were trying to stop the fight.

Haskell's own "Fightin' Indians" got their share of penalties too, thirteen in total. Number 11, Gino Torres was suspended for the remainder of the season; numbers 2 and 3, Robert Wesley and Tristan Keah-Tigh were suspended for 5 games; no. 5, Edward Chambers, was suspended for two games; no. 10, Bryon Elledge, was ejected from the game for two technical fouls and suspended for one game; and players 1, 4, 12, 14, 15, 20, 21, and 23, Elias Her Many Horses, Antwon Winn, Justin Curley, Kobey O'Rourke, Ruben LaSarge, Jordan Goodwill, and Xavier Littlehead, left the bench during the fight and were suspended for one game. Player no. 14 for Haskell was also reported as leaving the bench but did not show up on the roster.

A joint statement was released by the head coaches from both Haskell and Northern New Mexico with a subsequent statement by the Presidents of the Universities. These statements do not condone the actions of their players and address policy changes and procedures to ensure proper behavior in similar situations. When asked more about these policies Haskell's Athletic Director Gary Tanner said that Coach Downing was doing a great job with the players, meeting all the requirements of both the A.I.I. conference and Haskell. He was also noted as utilizing this experience as more than just punishment but a tool for training.

Initially the A.I.I. required Haskell to forfeit their next two games. That was later rescinded, but by that time arrangements with the other teams could not be undone. After forfeiting two games, Haskell's first game back was going to be a home court rematch against Northern New Mexico College — a show of sportsmanship.

Both teams were no less than professional when they came head to head again on Janu-

ary 3. Tanner described the atmosphere of that game as really good on both sides, but neither team wanted to lose. The game was close with Haskell edging out the Eagles in a 61-60 victory. In not winning, the Eagles showed great poise said Tanner.

“Inter-nation-al”

Jared Nally

How many institutions can boast over 150 nations attending their university? Acting President Dan Wildcat, PhD. frames Haskell Indian Nations University as an “inter-nation-al” institution made up of the diverse tribal nations of Haskell's students.

Haskell is looking to add to student diversity through an exchange partnership with Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi, The Maori Indigenous University. This partnership would include a graduate program for Haskell students. Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi already has partnership programs with other schools and is looking to add Haskell to that framework.

University professor and Chief Executive Officer Wiremu Doherty from Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi visited the campus and met with Haskell's President, Vice-President, Academic Deans, and the Haskell Foundation Director.

The day ended with a presentation in Tommaney Hall. Doherty outlined the political and social issues the Maori have had to overcome to have Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi as their university and for it to serve the needs of their community. Doherty also highlighted the similar narratives both Native Americans and the Maori face as Indigenous People.

This opens up many opportunities for students, especially those studying Indigenous and American Indian Studies who can explore a broader sense of what it means to be Indigenous.

Emotional Support Animal Spotlight

Joe Singh

“Brown Sugar”

Brown Sugar was adopted out of Layton, OK in November 2017. She currently resides at Roe Cloud Hall and serves as an emotional support animal to her owner. Brown Sugar helps her owner control anxiety and depression. Brown Sugar is very sweet as her name states, but is also very protective. She likes to play hide and seek and go outside, but her favorite thing is to cuddle with her mom. She is a very private chihuahua and does not get along with other animals very well. Her favorite food is chicken, especially from Chick-Fil-A.

When interviewing Brown Sugar, I noticed she was wearing a pink sweatshirt that read “mommy’s little princess” and I thought that was funny as it described her personality. As she sat nestled next to her owner, I could not help but feel that I was in the presence of royalty. If you happen across Brown Sugar on campus, be sure to approach her slowly and gently as she is a precious and valuable service animal. She likes Haskell and we like her. If you see any service animals on campus, please be respectful as these special creatures serve more purposes than we know.



Student Retention and Attraction

Joe Singh

To keep students at Haskell until they complete their two year or four-year degrees, I would recommend uniting student life and offering a wider variety of bachelor degrees. In order to attract students here until their graduations I would suggest having a Master’s Degree program, Changing the name of the school, and admitting Polynesian and Maori people. These are some far out ideas, but out-of-the-box thinking is good.

Student life is lonely. Many people have segregated into groups and small cliques, some of which participate in damaging activity. As such, there is not a uniting thread amongst students. I would suggest an increased amount of school sponsored events like concerts, proms, and parties.

Subsequently, offering more bachelor’s degrees would be progressive. We have Environmental Science, AIS, Business, and Elementary Education. I would prescribe more programs that cater to the sovereignty of Indian Country like health care and medicine, biological science, and technology. We could be leaders in health care if we exercised our sovereignty and capital; stem cell research and application, regenerative medicine, and DNA manipulation could be some degrees. Offering Masters Degrees would be key in the longevity of a student’s education. Additionally, it would also create stronger and more prominent leaders.

The name of the school is dated. We should drop the “Indian” and replace it with Indigenous. I think it would improve moral and help bring our true identities back. Then we could allow students like Polynesians, Canadians, and transfer students from Indigenous communities here.

We are The People and should be all inclusive. If Haskell wants to change, then I believe some of these suggestions will be helpful.

What’s the Difference?

Delila Begay

Darla Harrison, College Residential Assistant, was attacked by an emotional support dog at OK hall, but generally, ESAs at Haskell Indian Nationa University are not a problem and are welcomed if you need them. They are, however, a responsibility for those who have them.

ESA stands for Emotional Support Animal; people who have mental health issues use ESAs to comfort them and help them feel better. Whether it’s from social anxiety, panic attack or separation anxiety, the ESAs are there to help the person calm down. In order to get an ESA you must have a condition that requires one. Then you’d need to get a letter from your doctor or therapist for Dr. Perry Graves. He is the one that will see if all the paperwork is correct. Dee Hernandez has a cat as her Emotional Support Animal. She has stated that her cat, Sasha “...helps to calm me down and helps to talk about serious topics”.

ESAs are not commonly talked about like service animals are. ESAs and service animals are very different; service animals are DOGS that are specially trained to perform tasks that benefit a person with disabilities. Although ESAs and Service Animals may seem similar they receive different treatment from businesses and people. Service animals are allowed in buildings and businesses while ESAs are not always allowed in. This is because service animals are specially trained for their owners. Since Service animals are working when with their owners you are NOT allowed to pet them; they will see you as a threat and act to protect their owners. An ESAs owner will tell you if you are okay to pet their animal. Remember ESAs are not service animals, they are for comfort and care for the person that owns them.

The Unsung Heroes of Curtis Hall

Joseph Singh

Being hungry sucks. I am grateful for the Curtis Hall staff and the food they prepare. In my life I have gone without; I have stolen food and eaten out of the trash. Life can be hard and the world can get cruel. I am all the more appreciative of having a hot, healthy, and delicious meal at Curtis Hall. For someone that does not have a home, at least I can enjoy, what I feel, is the best home cooking in Lawrence.

One of the best aspects of Haskell Indian Nations University is the Curtis Hall cuisine and their stellar staff. The workers in Curtis Hall do not get enough credit. These people have been working, cooking, and serving for many years. They have the recipes down to a science. They arrive on campus around 5 am, when most of us are still asleep, and they

get to work. Sometimes the weather does not permit classes to be held, and these essential staff members brave the elements so we may be nourished.

A great many thanks is owed to Margaret Wermey, Colin Medicinehorse, Cheryl Gillespie, Richard Allen, Henry Pohocsucut, Jason, Pat Thompson, Nia Schnexider, Debbie Griffin, Roberta Kay and Barbara Stumblingbear for always making us feel at home. I know they have brightened many a dark day for me personally. Many are people behind the scenes that we never see. Nonetheless, they do their part for us; cooking, lifting, opening, and cleaning are not the most luxurious of tasks, but they do them, and they do them for us. I think sometimes as students we forget these saints of scrumptiousness. Our lives are so focused on working, studying, and succeeding that we forget that some of the loudest voices cheering us on are the same ones that fill our bellies.

I have never been disappointed with a Curtis Hall breakfast, and I have these special individuals to thank for that. The food at Curtis is diverse, abundant, and made with love. The pizza always hits the spot along with side dishes like mozzarella sticks, jalapeño poppers, and mashed potatoes. I could not ask for more. There is so much on the Curtis menu that is delectable and delicious. The desserts are to die for. I give special praise to the magic bars, “better than sex” cake, and dirt pudding. There is some evidence for the freshman fifteen myth and it has to do with the excellent spread that Curtis Hall produces.

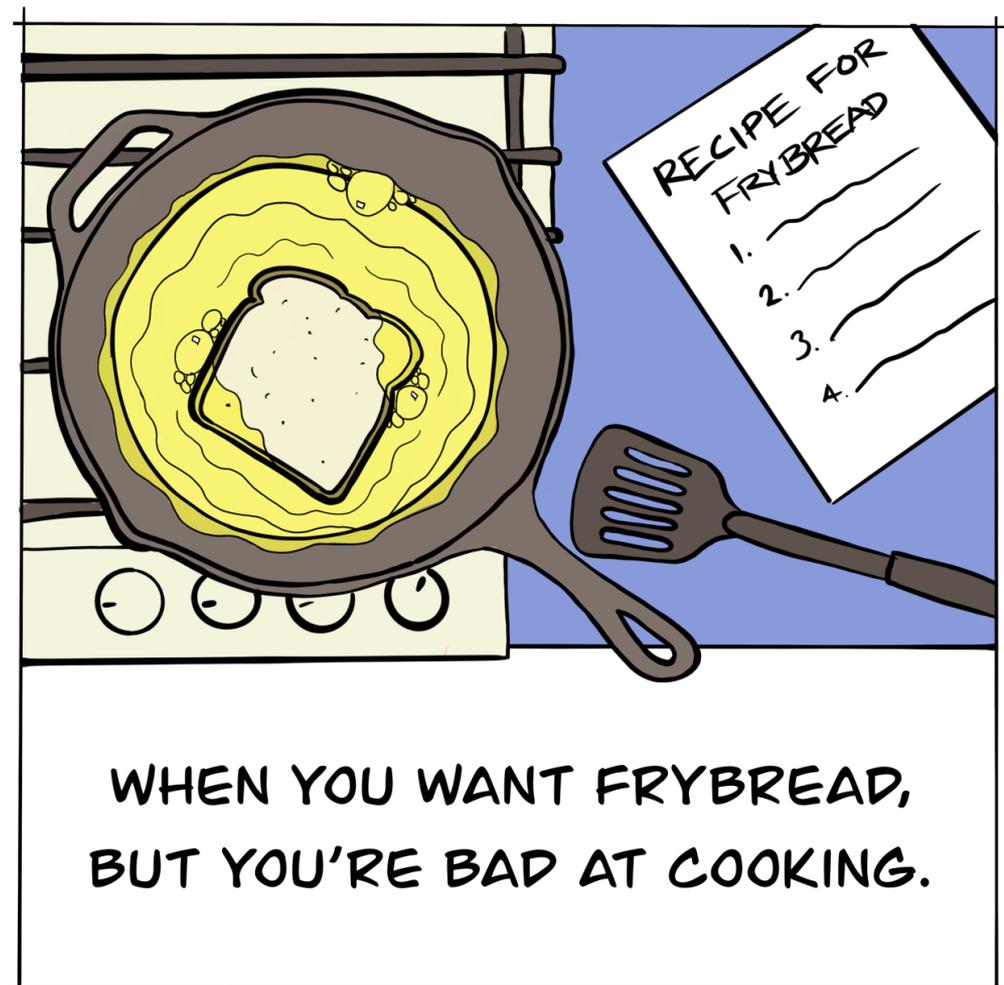
Just writing this article has made me very hungry and you know what? I am heading to Curtis right now. I am trying to lose weight, but they make it difficult to only stick to the salad bar. Thank you Curtis Hall staff! Keep up the great work! It is noticed.

Athlete Recognition

Jared Nally

Over the break, Haskell Indian Nations University student athlete Nakia Hendricks was recognized as the Association of Independent Institutions’ player of the week for the week of January 6. Hendricks’ previous weeks score and rebound high was against Northern New Mexico college with 16 points and 22 rebounds along with the win. Haskell also played Wilberforce University that week bringing Hendricks’ average for the week to 15.5 points and 14.5 rebounds.

Haskell Athletics also recognized Antwon Winn and Justine Butterfield both as a Haskell Athlete of the Week. Winn is credited with leading the Fightin’ Indians in points the previous week and contributing to Haskell’s win against Crowley’s Ridge College. Butterfield was recognized for her contributions on the field as well as her soon to be status of the first triple sport athlete Haskell’s had since



Haskell Horoscopes

JOE SINGH

Aquarius

(Jan 20 - Feb 18)

Happy New Year Aquarius! You have done well. Though large tasks are at hand, you have what it takes to do it. You have leveled up. Be smart, intelligent, and compassionate with your new gifts. Do not forget with great power comes great responsibility. Congratulations!

Pisces

(Feb 19 - Mar 20)

You have done well as well Pisces. You have filled your emotional canteen and are ready for big moves. Be diligent and patient. Your future is unfolding before your very eyes.

Aries

(Mar 21 – Apr 19)

This is your month for love Aries. Look for the one who sees the true you. Do you know who that is? Make sure you are ready because worthy companionship is on its way.

Taurus

(Apr 20 - May 20)

Get a head start Taurus. Focus on the ability to do things as soon as they are given to you. Do not wait. The universe urges you to stay on top of things, and you will be pleasantly

surprised by the relief you feel.

Gemini

(May 21 – June 20)

Hey Gems you are looking good! Keep on top of your health. Working out and being physically active will help you through the last winter months. Get good at racquetball.

Cancer

(June 21 – July 22)

I am so happy for you Cancer! The universe has blessed you with abundance, we hope you notice it and are grateful. Everyone watching is so proud of you. Keep it up.

Leo

(July 23 – Aug 22)

Some people in your life might not be at your level. Do not be afraid to politely move on from toxic relationships or any relationships that are not in line with what you want. Do you know what you want?

Virgo

(Aug 23 – Sept 22)

Careful with your emotions Virgo, they cannot be replaced once hurt, only grown back. Be on the lookout for energy vampires and see people by the works they do. Refuse to be deceived. It is alright to learn from your past. Do not repeat mistakes.

Libra

(Sept 23 – Oct 22)

Take time for yourself Libra. Binge watch shows you have been wanting to see, read that book you have been yearning to read, or write that song that has only been in your head. Be good to yourself, you have earned it.

Scorpio

(Oct 23 – Nov 21)

Time to get back to work Scorpio. Time to earn your next adventure. You can do it. Be gracious and kind to others as you charge ahead.

Sagittarius

(Nov 22 – Dec 21)

You will obtain advanced knowledge this month Sagittarius. You feel ready for the tests to come. Trust your feelings and be excited! Your growth is at hand. You are ready.

Capricorn

(Dec 22 – Jan 19)

Alright Capricorn, time to put your money where your mouth is, that is to say, match your words with your big talk. Take every advantage for aid. Aquarius and Pisces are especially helpful this month. Do not get frustrated, remember that everyone is on your side. Have a sense of humor this month.

Steps Towards Sustainability

Luisa Garcia

Americans make up 5% of the world's population and consume 26% of the world's energy according to Point Park University's "Fun Facts about Sustainability". Just 5% of the world goes through 26% of the total energy! Ouch, that's hard to read isn't it? As reported from the U.S. Census Bureau's website, in the United States alone, the college and university population was 19.9 million as of fall 2018. As college students, our daily choices will accumulate to make a momentous mark on the planet. Here at Haskell, there is the Sustainability Program to help the university and its students. This program was

founded in September of 2014 and is funded by the Equity grant from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture. Joe Brewer, Bill Welton, and Megan Fisher were all advocates for its start-up.

Since its beginning, the Sustainability Program has built a greenhouse and research vegetable garden as well as began a recycling program. The program has also been collecting recyclables at events like the art market or powwows. In addition, student interns have been hired to manage all the work and services. The long-term vision of the program is to grow in understanding of what sustainability and environmental resilience means on Haskell's campus and to meet those needs.

