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Patriot's Welker Recognized by Cherokee Nation

By Ryan Coody

On January 14th, 2013 the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council passed a resolution recognizing Wes Welker, a Wide Receiver for the New England Patriots and citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, for his "outstanding athletic accomplishments," according to the resolution cosponsored by Councilors Jane Fullbright and Don Garvin.

For those unfamiliar with Welker's NFL career, here is a brief summary of his accomplishments as taken directly from the legislative text:

- Welker is tied with Jerry Rice in NFL history with 17 games of at least 10 catches;

- Welker is on pace to break a tie with Cris Carter as the only player to catch 120 passes in a season twice;

- Welker has the most receptions in the past six seasons (646), by a large margin over Brandon Marshall (565);

- And with 8 more catches, he will break a tie with those retired NFL stars and Welker will become the first player with 100 receptions in five different seasons.

During the introduction of the resolution on Jan. 14th, Councilor Garvin pointed out that Welker had already completed the necessary eight catches to break the tie indicated in the resolution's text during the Patriot's victory over the Houston Texans.

The other councilors were visibly impressed with Welker's achievements and happily passed the resolution very quickly and without opposition, ending with a brief suggestion that they find a way to present the honor to Welker in the near future. Councilor Fullbright did not return a request for comment right away, and Welker was unavailable for comment at print time.

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Disbursement of Pell

By Hallie Long

Currently there are between 75 to 100 students that have not yet received their Pell check. The checks were all ordered in advance, scheduled to arrive and be available to the students on Wednesday the 23th. Unfortunately, many of the checks did not arrive, the reason is currently unknown. Students are advised to return Wednesday the 30th at 1 P.M. to see if their check has arrived. The business office will be closed

Monday the 28th and Tuesday the 29th, due to construction.

During interviews with students about the way that Pell was disbursed, Most of the students, receiving Pell, are happy about the larger amount being given first. Most of the students that were interviewed are upper classmen and they stated, "Getting the big amount first helps to pay bills, buy books and necessities." Another student said that they are frustrated with the lack of com-

munication. "We keep going to the business office and all they would say is not today. Some of us have things that we need to use that money for." I have also found out that Pell benefits everyone who gets it in many different ways. Some students are getting aggravated because their friends received their Pell and they did not. It seems like most people are quite happy with the way Pell is being given out.

Sports Corner

Haskell women's basketball scored a victory Friday night against the Central Baptist Mustangs. Jenine Coriz #4 was the top scorer with 15 points and 11 steals, followed closely by Sidney Jessepe #13 with 14 points and 6 assists. The final score was 64-58.

The men's team kept it rolling, pushing the score almost off the board. Detailed stats were not immediately available, but the final score was an outstanding 105-84.

Over in Johnson County's Cavalier Night Relays, the Indians brought home a few wins courtesy of the Haskell Track and Field Team. Talisa Budder won her 1600m heat and 800m race while Angelo James took second in another heat.

Haskell students were very excited and very proud of all their Indian Athletes, with Facebook and other social media outlets exploding with photos and congratulations to the teams.



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As a student or member of the Haskell community it is our job to ensure you are represented to the best of our ability. Please send in any concerns, issues or other info that you would like to see within The Indian Leader.

All letters received are subject to edit, refusal or publication. By submitting a letter you are giving us permission to publish and edit. You also acknowledge that you are the author and accept all responsibilities. Your full name, Haskell email and cell number, if you have one, MUST accompany all submissions and are subject to verification.

--Thank You-Staff--

New Washer/Dryer Policy

By Hallie Long

Representatives from Coinmach's ASI Campus Laundry Solutions initiated a proposal to the former Student Senate Officers in spring of 2011. This proposal called for the replacement of current washers and dryer on campus with new energy and water efficient LG Commercial equipment. These new washers and dryers will be unlimited usage for all on campus students, and they will be energy and water efficient. The implementation of the washer and dryers will increase on campus student fees by \$50. Increasing the student fees raised questions and concerns, because of this student senate begin gathering student's opinions.

The former Student Senate officers invited ASI representatives to come present and answer student questions. This meeting was held on November 8, 2011, which resulted in Student Senate Assembly of Students fully supporting the installation at the February 21, 2012 meeting with the understanding that the \$50 housing fee increase is the proposed ceiling price. In addition to the February 21, 2012 action taken by Student Senate to move forward with this initiative, the current Student Senate conducted a sample survey of Haskell Students to gather their opinions regarding new ASI washer and dryers along with a fee increase of \$50 to support this cause. A total of 113 surveys were taken at random. Question 1 revealed 99% of the student

in favor of the installation and question 2 showed 97% of the student body is willing to pay \$50 per semester.

Following this, members of the student senate drafted petitions for each dorm. After acquiring signatures, Tyler Levier and Shere Wright attended a Student Life and Policy Committee meeting on January 25, 2013 to get approval for the implementation of the washers and dryers. The next step is to take their proposal to University Council and if they approve it, it will go to the Board of Regents for final approval. If everything goes smooth Haskell will have new washers and dryers by next semester, and the \$50 fee increase will also go into effect.

Meet the Editor

By Ryan Coody

The Indian Leader's Editor, Benton Cooksey, is picking up where he left off last semester. Elected toward the end of the semester last year to replace graduating student Janice Mendez, he was reinstalled for the spring 2013 semester at our first meeting. Benton, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, grew up in Flute Springs, Oklahoma and is a senior majoring in Business Administration.

Benton has spent his entire Haskell career in service to the students and Haskell community, and brings plenty of leadership experience to his newest venture. He set this pace during his first semester when he was elected President of Blalock Hall, the dor-

mitory for male freshmen. He continued on to become the President of Roe Cloud Hall, the University's largest dormitory, where he continues to serve today. During his time at Roe Cloud, he led the hall's in-house store, affectionately known as the Pop Shop, supplying students with all kinds of goodies at a convenient location and price.

Always smiling and optimistic, Benton has high hopes for the newspaper this semester. His ultimate goal is to use the newspaper to further educate the Haskell community on important issues. He encourages students to join in, saying, "Come out and get involved with the newspaper - it belongs to the students of Haskell and will not succeed without your help!"



Benton Cooksey, Editor
Photo courtesy of Ryan

Welcome Back

By Shere Wright

Mitakuyapi naha maskepi, micante etan iyuha nape ciyuzapi ye.

Relatives and friends, I welcome you with handshake from my heart. My name is Shere Wright, I am a Sicangu Lakota, from Rosebud South Dakota and I am the current Student Senate President.

It is great to see all the new faces of freshmen and transfer students; I hope your experience here at Haskell is a great one. To all the returning students, welcome back, I hope your winter break was wonderful and rejuvenating. I am happy you made it back safe and are ready for a new semester.

Student Senate is here to help serve the needs of all students and be a voice for Haskell Students. If you have issues, concerns, or ideas stop by the Student Senate Office and visit with us, the office is located

upstairs in Tecumseh. You may also contact us through email at student.senate@haskell.edu or find us on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/HINUSenat>.

I would like to take some time to introduce our Student Senate Executive Board.

- Ø Tyler Levier, Vice President
- Ø Beverly Foley, Secretary
- Ø Brenda Rhodes, Treasurer
- Ø Staci Kaye, Parliamentarian
- Ø Ira Mesplie, Senior Class Representative
- Ø Victoria Albers, Junior Class Representative
- Ø Daniel Tanner, Sophomore Class Representative

- Ø Sarah Gowen, Freshman Class Representative
- Ø Haskell Brave - Dave Waybenais
- Ø Miss Haskell - Kelly Walker
- Ø Advisor Shannon LaVallie
- Ø Advisor Melanie Cesspooch

There is a vacancy for Sophomore Class Representative; I encourage those interested to pick up a Letter of Intent/Petition for Candidacy form at the Student Senate Office.

In closing I would like to share some advice that was given to me by a Haskell Alumni "Participate in every school activity that you can, join clubs and be involved in Haskell Community while you are a student so when you look back at your years here at Haskell, you will have no regrets."

Bedbugs At Blalock

By Hallie Long

Around the 12th of January there was a report of Bedbugs in someone's room in Blalock Hall. So right off the CRA used their training and took action. They first had to identify the bug, move the person out of the room with only what they have on and clothes for a week. They are then taken to the washer and dryers where they have to wash and dry their clothes in heat. Since heat is the only way to kill Bedbugs. They also had to find out where the student may have travelled and see if they had brought them or if they were present.

Luckily, the Bedbugs were in a room that did not have carpet and the cold floor slowed down their movement. "The student was all chewed up, it was so bad that it looked like he had chicken pox." Shannon Ross stated. The student went to the clinic Thursday to get checked out and received medication for the bites. An Exterminator was called in Thursday the 17th. The rooms affected by the bug were closed off and they then started to heat the rooms to kill the Bedbugs.

So in future reference, be aware when you are travelling. Keep your bags off the floor or in the bathroom. Always check beds, corners and crevices before you bring anything into the room. Bedbugs look like ticks, they are flat, brown and blind but they can see heat. That is how they know to bite humans. Bedbugs like very clean places but they will not go into bathrooms likely because there are no places to hide!

AIS Club, Book Drive

by Lori Hasselman

The Haskell AIS club will begin the Warrior Reads Book Drive, Friday, January 25, 2013. The books collected by the club will benefit the local Native American Community.

"Our target right now is to donate the books to benefit the Native American inmates at Leavenworth, Kansas," said Anthony Tarin, AIS club President. "There is a specific program we are trying to target but there is also some red tape. We wanted to get a jump on collecting the books and we hope the number of donations will allow us to donate to more community organizations."

The first book donation drop off is at Haskell's Tommaney Library on campus. A large container painted to look like a water drum will be placed in the library with another drum container, currently being constructed, to be placed at locations that the club will announce at a later date.

By Patti Tanewasha

Near downtown Lawrence at South Park, Saturday, January 12th, 2013, "#IdleNoMore" in Lawrence, Kansas has started on "Indian time." Right at 2pm you could hear the singers pounding on their drums, and notice the participants starting to dance. Some of the youngest participants showed up in cradleboards, we had a mixture of young adults to elders that came together to let the Lawrence area that we are "#IdleNoMore."

Our people continue to hold flash mob as we help our first nations people fight against the bill C-45. Starting December 11, 2012, Chief Theresa Spence started a fast, she was fasting until she could arrange a meeting with Canadian Prime Minister (PM) Stephen Harper regarding the C-45 bill. Chief Spence Announced via twitter on January 24th, 2013 she has ended her fast.

PM Harper met with First Nations Leaders on January 11th, regarding C-45 Bill, and concerns about rights. However the hash tag #IdleNoMore has increased in popularity, over twitter, YouTube, and Instagram. Natives, and First Nations youth has discovered the power of social media and how you could stand up for a cause online.

Two of Haskell's Very own new, and transfer students took the lead at the event. Donnie Eastman, and Elton Two-Hawks. Lawrence Flash mob was arranged via Facebook, and twitter. Two-Hawks found out about the flash mob from word of mouth, Eastman, "I found out from Cherokee Dave." Both Eastman, and Two-Hawks showed up to help sing; however they were



Students who would like to donate should check the AIS Club's facebook page for updates on drop locations and community organizations that will be benefiting from the book drive at: [facebook.com/Haskells-Indigenous-and-American-Indian-Studies-Club/](https://www.facebook.com/Haskells-Indigenous-and-American-Indian-Studies-Club/) /293122544051?fref=ts

Haskell is #IdleNoMore



the first Drummers to show. Eastman, "I thought there would have been 10 or more drummers already there. I showed up, and this guy that was putting it together was like go for it." Two Hawks and Eastman took turns on who had the lead on several of the songs.

Donnie Eastman, from Sisseton Wahpeton, SD a member of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribe is a transfer student here at Haskell, majoring in AIS. Elton Two-Hawks is from Ft. Thompson, SD, member of the Cheyenne River Sioux tribe. Eastman, and Two-Hawks was recently asked via twitter to sing the flag song before the girls and boys basketball game on January 25th, 2013. Since attending Haskell their experience so far has been a bit of a surprise.

Eastman mentioned, "We were kicked out of Roe cloud for singing, we did not even finish with the 1st push up." Eastman and Two-Hawks have been asked to keep quiet while trying to sing outside of blalock, they were asked due to noise complaints. Two-Hawks, "I mean we come to a Native American University you would think they would let us sing." Both have tried to find an area to have a jam session no luck yet.

Eastman, and Two-Hawks mentioned when they are home all they do is sing. Eastman, "Back in boarding school when they would load the buses up our group would just go out and "Jamm" until it was time for them to leave." Two-Hawks would sing at his dad's office and at his own home, "When I am home everyone just comes over and we sing". Both were curious to wonder how come Haskell does not have their own drum group to sing more often out on campus, and at other events.

Many Haskell Students showed up with signs, Members of Tribes from the surrounding areas showed up with flags. Elders to the side would watch as the younger participants would dance, and some would sing with the drummers. The Drummers would sing popular round dance songs composed by several popular drum groups in Indian country.

Saturday on "Indian time" Haskell students, and Natives from and around the area helped out our First Nations Brothers, and Sisters. The Flash mob was a success and Haskell is #IdleNoMore.

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