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Dr. Venida Chenault Named President

Ryan Coody

NEWS

Dr. Venida Chenault, Haskell's Vice President of Academic Affairs, was announced by the Bureau of Indian Affairs Friday as the next President of Haskell Indian Nations University. A true Jayhawk, Dr. Chenault received her Bachelors in Social Welfare (1986), Masters in Social Welfare (1990), and her PhD in Social Welfare (2004) from the University of Kansas. She started her career with Haskell in 1991 teaching American Indian Studies and Social Sciences courses and has held vital roles with Haskell including Dean of Humanities, Dean of Natural and Social Sciences, Dean of Professional Schools, Director of the Haskell Library, and most recently the Vice President of Academic Affairs. According to her blog, Chenault has won awards such as “the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Award in 2006 and the Haskell Alumnus of the Year Award in 2009.”

The position became vacant when Chris Redman resigned last May, and Chenault was the clear choice of students, alumni, and employees alike. Ernie Stevens Jr., a Haskell graduate currently serving as Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association, told The Indian Leader after then announcement that he is “tremendously excited” and “cannot see anybody as close, in their heart, for Haskell as Venida Chenault.” As someone that is a well-known advocate for Haskell and whose family has been a part of Haskell for generations, Stevens said “there is no better school than Haskell Indian Nations University” and credits the school and it's leaders for giving him the push he needed in life. He stated he is “100% behind Venida” and knows she will “continue to build Haskell and continue it's legacy.”

Readers of The Indian Leader's Facebook Page voiced their votes after the vacancy

was announced, months before it was even released that Chenault was a candidate. Ramona Cole said, “Venida Chenault, she has been there from the beginning as a student !!!!”

Chenault is the 7th President of Haskell, which opened in 1884 as the United States Industrial Training School and is the first Haskell alumnus to lead the school.



Photo courtesy of Rhonda Levaldo

Laundry Fee Kicks In; Machines Expected Soon

Ryan Coody

NEWS

Students returned to campus two weeks ago and were surprised to find out the new laundry machines had not yet been installed. A \$50 Laundry Fee was put into effect, at the request of Student Senate, beginning this semester with the agreement stating new efficient machines would be installed that students could use without feeding quarters into them.

Most students were expecting the machines to be in place upon their return, but according to Mike Lewis, Haskell's Acting President at the time, the contract wasn't awarded to ASI, the same company currently providing these services, until mid-December. Lewis stated that “During the transition [of] installing new washers and dryers, the coin mechanism will be taken off the machines so the students will not have a cost to do their laundry during the switching over of machines.” Jim Tucker, Director of Housing, said it would take another 3-4 weeks to install because the company was still working out the details on their end, but that the company is willing to come to campus and explain the benefits of the new machines to students once they are installed.

Upon learning of the much awaited progress, students voiced their excitement via Facebook. Former Student Senate Presi-



The old machines, pictured here, required students to deposit \$1.00 to wash, \$1.25 to dry, in quarters, which without a change machine, was sometimes difficult to come by last minute.

Photo by Ryan Coody

dent Joel Hernandez, who is credited with beginning the initiative to install the new machines, said “Yay!! All our hard work!!!”

The initiative to bring in the new, more efficient machines began nearly two years ago. The Laundry Fee was part of an overall fee package approved by the Haskell National Board of Regents last semester, although the \$50 Laundry Fee is the only portion taking

effect Spring 2014 with the remaining fees taking effect Fall 2014.

You can view the full fee schedule and breakdown on Haskell's website.

ASI, the company contracted to install and maintain the machines, did not return a request for comment.

Indian Leader Entering 117th Year

Ryan Coody

NEWS

2013 has been a great year for The Indian Leader. We have seen some great changes and improvements, and vast increases in our online circulation and followership. We are able to share Haskell's news with people around the world via our Facebook page and website. We have reported on breaking news items, such as being the first to break the story of former Haskell President Chris Redman's resignation last May, and began disseminating urgent safety information during the numerous water and gas line breaks we've seen on campus this past semester, before the official campus-wide emergency alerts were even issued. In addition to the breaking news items, we have covered various athletic events, social events, and a wide range of community interest stories. Several articles and photographs created by our staff members have been reprinted in other newspapers and online news sources, and we have been speaking with several other Native news agencies regarding the building of relationships where The Indian Leader can serve as a primary creator of content...

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Flu Season is Upon Us

Ryan Coody

NEWS

This article contains information that was compiled from various online sources cited below and is not intended to serve as a replacement for professional medical advice or to assist in self-diagnosis. If you believe you are getting the flu, speak with your medical care provider as soon as possible and take general precautions to prevent the spread of infection to others.

For many people, this time of year brings memories of snow angels and hot chocolate. For others however, it is yet another battle against the influenza virus. January and February is prime time for the flu according to the Center for Disease Control, and sometimes the season can extend as long as October through May, so it is important to take care to prevent infection and spread.

Haskell's campus is not immune to these outbreaks. At least two students, one on campus and one off campus, have confirmed with The Indian Leader that they have tested positive for Influenza A. At least one of these students originally stated he/she had H1N1, but did not confirm that when asked. H1N1 is a subtype of Influenza A commonly known as "swine flu" that caused the pandemic in 2009, although some now say it is a seasonal flu. Haskell administrators said they were not aware of the infections, but were looking into it.

With various seasonal strains of the flu getting more attention in the media in recent years, it can be hard to dig through all the information when you start getting sick, and with rising medical care costs people are relying more and more on the internet to self-diagnose instead of visiting doctors and

clinics. Many people easily remember the outbreaks of H5N1 Bird flu in 2004 and the H1N1 Swine flu in 2009, so people are quick to fear they may have one of these strains when they start showing signs of the flu. While these have mostly remained quiet in recent years, a press release issued today by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment stated that "a distinguishing feature of this influenza season appears to be the re-emergence of the 2009 influenza A/H1N1 strain as the dominating virus."

The latest rare flu causing concern is the H7N9 Avian flu, which recently caused two deaths in China, the only country where it has been detected so far. The CDC notes that if you start seeing symptoms of the flu, "your symptoms are most likely caused by seasonal influenza. H7N9 and MERS-CoV are less common and have not been reported in the United States."

The most common influenza virus that infects humans is influenza A, the symptoms of which include fever (not everyone with the flu gets a fever), cough, runny or stuff nose, muscle or body aches, headaches, fatigue, and vomiting and diarrhea (more common in children than adults), according to the CDC. If you start experiencing these symptoms, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services advises "you should stay home and follow your health care provider's recommendations. Talk to your health care provider or pharmacist about over-the-counter and prescription medications to ease flu symptoms and help you feel better faster." In addition to medication, they suggest you can ease the symptoms by getting plenty of rest;

drinking clear fluids like water, broth, sports drinks, or electrolyte beverages to prevent becoming dehydrated; placing a cool, damp washcloth on your forehead, arms, and legs to reduce discomfort associated with a fever; putting a humidifier in your room to make breathing easier; gargling salt water (1:1 ratio warm water to salt) to soothe a sore throat; covering up with a warm blanket to calm chills.

If you believe you are getting sick, do not attend class and notify the Haskell Counseling Center at (785) 749-8445, and contact the Haskell Health Center at (785) 843-3750 to schedule an appointment as soon as possible.

You can still purchase the current seasonal vaccination locally and the CDC urges that it is not too late to get. Karrey Britt, Communications Coordinator for the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department said "the Lawrence-Douglas County does provide flu shots on a walk-in basis in our clinic, 200 Maine St. No appointment is necessary. The flu shot is \$25 for children ages 6 months to 3 years old and \$30 for anyone 3 years old and older." According to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, "Vaccination is especially important for protecting those at high risk for serious flu complications, including young children, pregnant women, adults 65 years and older, and anyone with chronic health conditions like asthma, heart disease, diabetes."

The Haskell Health Center did not immediately return a request for comment, but in the past they have provided flu vaccinations as well.

AIBL Christmas Party

Cortney Bales

NEWS

American Indian Business Leaders would like to thank everyone who came to the Christmas party. It was a tremendous success. Party-goers enjoyed many activities including a cookie walk, gift swap, and raffle. During this time of severe economic hardship, AIBL truly appreciates all the local businesses that support our organization, such as QT, Panera Bread, CiCi's, and Family Video. Without these donations, the AIBL Christmas raffle would not have been possible.

AIBL is currently working on more donations for future raffles. They are planning to have more raffles with great prizes, plus a multitude of workshops including resume writing and interviewing skills. American Indian Business Leaders wants to help Haskell students be ready to face the outside world. AIBL meetings will be Thursday at 4:30pm in Blue Eagle room 123.



Photos by Taylor Hicks

Haskell Community Loses Former Faculty Member

Lori Hasselman

NEWS

Former Haskell student and long time humanities faculty member, Dr. Joni Lisa Thompson passed away on December 9th, 2013. During her career at Haskell, Thompson had a significant role as the founding advisor of the Haskell film club and played a large part in forging a closer relationship between Haskell and KU through activities her students participated in at the Spencer Art Museum.



Dr. Thompson pictured on one of her many travels. Photo courtesy of Colin MedicineHorse.

Thompson was an intern at Spencer Museum where she curated the exhibition 40,000 Years of American Art: The Work of Jaune Quick-to-See Smith and was guest curator for the exhibit Discourse on Discovery: Native American Perspectives on the Trail. She was also curator for the traveling exhibition Native Threads that debuted at Haskell library. Thompson contributed to a biography of Jaune Quick-to-See Smith at the Smithsonian NMAI.

Joni was the recipient of The American Indian College Fund Mellon Foundation Fellowship and traveled to Nepal under the auspices of the Fullbright Foundation. She

obtained a doctorate of philosophy from the University of Kansas where her thesis Beyond sweetgrass: The Life and Art of Jaune Quick-to-See Smith is catalogued by the KU libraries under the headings of Biography, Art History, Women's Studies, and Native American Studies. She was a citizen of the Muscogee Creek Nation.

"I will miss Joni's larger-than-life presence. I will miss her acidic sense of humor, her street smarts, her humor, her stories-told as only she could tell them-and her flawless memory," said Roger Shimomura, Artist and University Distinguished Professor of Art Emeritus, University of Kansas.

Haskell faculty, administration, and students remember Dr. Thompson fondly, here is what they had to say:

"Dr. Joni Thompson was well-liked by both her Haskell colleagues and her students. Her wonderful laugh, her spirit of enthusiasm, and her passion for her students were

characteristics that marked Joni's career at Haskell. She is greatly missed by all who knew her and there is a definite void in Ross Hall right now." --Sharon Condon, Haskell Communication Studies Dept.

"She went over and beyond to for all her students with anything. I went to her for... an Internship. Joni started right away with calling people and emailing. I've never seen an instructor move so fast to help a student. She helped me land a lot of internships, even HERS along with multiple scholarships. I think every effort she put in towards helping students counted. Since I've known her, she's helped two students get into law school and had helped me get into grad school. She told me I was brilliant, intelligent, and brave. She gave me hope to know that I can come from Haskell and go on to a private university like Washington University in St. Louis" --Veronica Bruesch, Haskell Alumni

"Thank you family, friends, and Haskell staff for visiting Joni. A big thanks to those

who contributed to her husband, Colin's leave and for those who attended the memorial fire on Haskell campus. I wish Joni and I would have had more time together because we had many of the same interests," Nadine Milne, Joni's mother-in-law.

"Thanks Haskell staff and students for all your support during this difficult period. Above all, Joni loved her students and teaching. She often spoke of her time spent with her students. Even during her cancer treatments and illness, she wanted to come and teach her classes and be with her Haskell family." --Colin MedicineHorse, husband of Joni.

The Spencer Museum of Art will honor Joni's memory and legacy by establishing the Joni Thompson Memorial Fund.

"This endowment fund will be used to support the Spencer's growing commitment to Native American issues, including collecting works by Native Artists, hosting events on Native culture and history, and sponsoring lectures and discussions on topics pertinent to Native peoples," said Roger Shimomura, University of Kansas.

Shimomura also noted Dr. Thompson's email signature—

"You have enemies? Good. That means you stood up for something, sometime in your life." --Winston Churchill.

Contributions to the Joni Thompson Memorial fund can be made online at KUEndowment.org using the "Make a Gift" box and adding "Joni Thompson Memorial Fund" under special instructions. Contributions can also be mailed to: KU Endowment, PO Box 928, Lawrence, KS 66046. Please note "In memory of Joni Thompson" in the memo of the check.



Pictured Left to Right: Joni Thompson, Wed Studi, Rhonda LeValdo. (Photo courtesy of Rhonda LeValdo)

117th Year

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... relating to Haskell that will be repeated, reprinted, and rebroadcasted by other agencies.

Over the past summer, The Indian Leader was awarded 8 of 11 awards at the annual Native American Journalist Association (NAJA) conference, including 1st in General Excellence, something we hope to duplicate in 2014.

During Fall 2013, each and every issue we produced was 8 pages in length, which is consistent growth above last year and rep-

resents a doubling of coverage and content, with fewer staff members than normal – and with the rare exception, every article and story was original content, created by current Haskell students. The past few months have seen aesthetic improvements and layout changes designed to recapture lost interest in printed newspapers and help encourage and motivate younger students to join the staff and help curate the paper.

In 2014, we look forward to continuing to grow and develop, and we are working hard

to serve the Haskell community through the next year. The Indian Leader is entering its 117th year of production and we are proud to say we are still the oldest student-operated Native American newspaper in the country and will be here for many years to come.

I want to thank our student team members and staff, our faculty advisor, the Haskell community, and all of our readers, near and far. Without all of you, The Indian Leader would not be possible.

In the spirit of growth and change, I invite

you to review the first-ever completely online edition of our most recent issue, exactly as it was printed. Head on over to TheIndianLeader.com and click on Online Issues to view last year's papers. This is a new tradition we hope to continue, but to be clear, we have no interest in ceasing the printed version. We simply hope to make The Indian Leader more available to our extended family and physically distant friends.

Highlight Night a Big Success with New Students

Ryan Coody
NEWS

Every semester Haskell's Student Activities and Recreation Department hosts "Highlight Night," where freshmen and transfer students get the opportunity to visit with and meet other students. Tables are set up by student clubs and organizations, as well as a few local businesses and non-profits. In addition to meeting new people, students are also able to win some free door prizes and usually pick up all kinds of free trinkets at all the tables.

For students, getting involved right off the bat is one of the best ways to be successful. "Join school organizations and clubs, it helps give you experience by working with peers and teaching you communication, social, and work skills," according to Staci Kaye, the Student Senate president. "Being involved also provides many different opportunities. For example, attending conferences, internships, and networking."

Students aren't the only ones that get excited about Highlight Night; for clubs, this can be the most important recruiting event for them and many clubs double or even triple their numbers. However, that all depends on the incoming class of students. "The freshmen seemed more interested and proactive this time around. More freshmen actually came to our first meeting [...] than they did last semester so that was a plus for us," American Indian Business Leaders chapter president Anita Hankinson said. Winston Robison, president of Phi Sigma Nu, the campus' only greek-letter fraternity, said Highlight Night "helps us interact with the



Student Senate President Staci Kaye, left, talks to new students at a club booth at Highlight Night last Tuesday. This event, held once every semester, seeks to get freshmen involved in the local community by introducing them to the various student clubs and local businesses. Photo by Ryan Coody

new incoming freshmen and let's us get a first impression of each other. We had a great turn out of young men that were interested in Phi Sigma Nu."

While Highlight Night may be the best and fastest way to meet clubs, it's not the only option if you're looking for some extracur-

ricular activities, whether you are looking to pad your resume or just spend some time away from homework. Haskell's Student Senate holds meetings every week, currently Wednesdays at 5:00pm, with members of all the clubs present, and in addition to Highlight Night, the Student Activities and

Recreation Department hosts a number of fun and free events for students, such as bingo, intramural sports, and even giving away free movie tickets. Their calendar can be found on Haskell's website.



Students introduce themselves and ask a series of questions in two-minute "speed meetings" designed to meet the most number of new students as fast as possible. Photo by Ryan Coody

New Student Icebreakers Serve to Get Students Involved Early On

Ryan Coody
NEWS

The newest Haskell students were invited to attend a New Student Gathering on Saturday night that serves as an "icebreaker" encouraging them to branch out and meet other new students. The event was well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Students participated in a "speed meeting" event, where they got just a few minutes with another student to ask questions of each other before rotating to the next one. They also played a quick game of "autograph bingo" where students had to go around the room and get other students to sign off on accomplishments such as speaking their native language or having parents that attended Haskell.

What do you think of the new president?

by Hallie Long



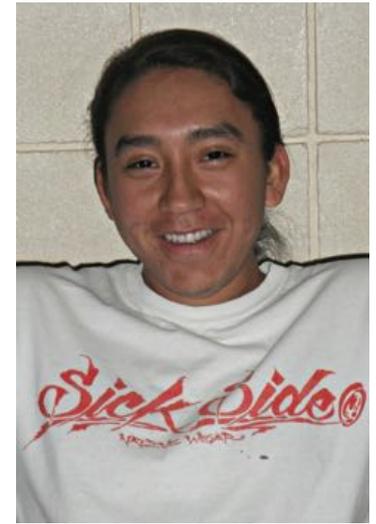
"I was rooting for her from the beginning. I'm glad she got the position."
T.C. Buck, Junior
Muskogee Creek



"I have high hopes for our new president but I hope that the Haskell network sees that immediate change may not be possible."
Jacey Lamar, Sophomore
Blackfeet and Wichita



"I look forward to seeing how our new president helps the current and future students of Haskell."
Jesse Rankins, Sophomore
Osage



"I do not know you that well but I would like to know more about you. It would be cool to see you sit and eat at Curtis Hall with the student body so we can get to know you better."
James Napoles aka Dancing Circles
Junior
Paiute and Navajo

Keith Buster
NEWS

Jamie Scott: Entrepreneurial Haskell Student

Jaime Scott (JSK) came to Haskell in the summer of 2009, but long before he became a college student JSK was out learning the ropes of the music industry. He got his start on the "karaoke machine" but his reputation as a "rez rapper" was proceeded as a "native who was doing some big things with a lot of mainstream artists. As a veteran concert promoter and record exec JSK has worked his way back and forth across from California, to the Mid-West, the South-West and back again. He worked with many west coast artists like Awax, B12, and Latino HipHop artist Big Gemini. JSK worked for Bayside Ent. Distribution (B.E.D), Mac Dre's Thizz Entertainment, and Yukmouths Smoke-a-lot Records. His titles included: tour manager, retail coordinator, street team manager, and even tour security.

JSK talked about how things were different when he first started in the business. "I come from that era of sitting on the street corner and pestering...somebody to buy your cd." He said, "I think that's why there's a lot of rappers who are on the same level...They don't get out there and do the grass roots work that all the older dudes use to do." He blamed the internet for making it too easy by saying, "Now it's, be my friend, like my status, download my cd..."

When JSK became a student at Haskell he planned to concentrate on his education and no longer be involved in the music industry. He quickly noticed that the Haskell community was segregated from the Lawrence community because most venues and clubs catered to "KU students." There was a void that he felt needed to be filled. After spend-



ing "15 years in the business" it was something JSK had the skills and knowledge to do. So he decided to revamp a company he co-founded in 2007 named F5 production.

F5 Production was a company founded by JSK and his business partner Jordan Gilbert. With an initial investment of \$75,000.00 dollars they went to the "west coast and put out a couple of cds and did a festival called The Huckleberry Jam." After the Huckleberry Jam JSK said, "We came back with our tails between our legs." The company, after exhausting all its resources, had only yielded \$23,000.00 dollars. But true to the entrepreneurial spirit JSK didn't let that keep him from setting new goals and pursuing them.

He renamed the company F5 Entertainment and began recruiting rap artists and musicians from Haskell. The company started out doing small shows and eventually began bringing in well known acts. Don't be surprised, you've probably been to one of the many shows the company was involved with

one way or another. If you bought tickets to the Too Short concert last November or if you caught the Ritz and Snow the Product show that same month, you can thank F5 Entertainment. Everything didn't happen overnight though. JSK said, "They might say I'm relatively new as far as the F5 thing, but it's been in effect since 2007...from the conceptual stages of it...and then revamping it in 2009-10."

JSK juggles family life, student life, and a business that's continually growing. When asked how he does it and what advice would he give other Haskell students considering starting their own business JSK said, "have a plan...make sure you have it all mapped out." He quipped, "If you don't have a map, you're lost." He pointed out that businesses "open up shop at 8am...and you have to get up at 6am to prepare." He claims to sleep 3 or 4 hours a night and "coffee induced adrenaline fuels..." his daily task. He recognized that Haskell represents a great op-

portunity for Natives and if he were in the position many of the Haskell students are in he would take full advantage, especially while young with little responsibility. "I would like to join a few clubs on campus... you might have seen me on the football team if it weren't for my knees," JSK explained. For now though his life outside of Haskell keeps him too busy for external extra-curricular activities. His company is bustling promoting shows and has plans in the works for Haskell, but promoting on campus comes with its controversy. Last semester Haskell put a new policy in place that banned flyers and venue promotions under that guise that it promoted drinking. JSK said, "I understand the policy...I'm a promoter and we're gonna try every antic possible, including handing out flyers."

He differentiated himself from some of the other promoters handing out flyers. He felt by providing a concert "that was directed towards" Haskell "instead of going to the weekly dj/bar thing" was a positive service he could provide for the Haskell community. "I felt like I got misconstrued with the 508's and other venues that are targeting the Indian community," he said. He understood why Haskell wouldn't want bars targeting their community, but he spoke about living on campus and what it's like for students. "They (Haskell) need to provide more programs and activities for kids to do," he said. "The whole reason I started this was to cater to...my native audience." Despite the controversy JSK plans to continue building F5 Entertainment and still caters to the Haskell community. If you're interested in joining



HASKELL SPORTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 24

**WOMEN BB vs.
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN
COLLEGE @ 5:30**

MEN BB vs.

**CENTRAL CHRISTIAN
COLLEGE @ 7:30**

JANUARY 25

**WOMEN BB vs. YORK
COLLEGE @ 3:00**

**MEN BB vs. YORK
COLLEGE @ 5:30**

Lady Indians Four Game Winning Streak!

Charlie Perry
SPORTS

Haskell @ Kansas Wesleyan 12/2/2013

The Haskell Ladies traveled down to Selina Monday to face Kansas Wesleyan for the first time this season in what turned out to be a defensive battle for both teams. Both teams had trouble making shots throughout the game as Haskell only shot 16 for 63 from the field making just over 25% for the game. Kansas Wesleyan was having even more trouble, putting away only 13 out of their 57 attempts. Three-point shooting was also a rare occurrence this contest as the Indians went 1 for 15 from downtown, which kept in line with Kansas Wesleyan's 2 for 18 shooting performance. Keli Warrior was the only Haskell player to score double digits this game. Warrior went 7 for 13 from the field to go along with 4 points from the line racking up 18 points to go along with 8 rebounds. The Indians went into the half down seven and fought back winning the second half by two, but it wasn't quite enough to get past Kansas Wesleyan.

Final Score: Haskell 40, Kansas Wesleyan 45.

Haskell @ William Penn University 12/7/2013

The Lady Fighting Indians hopped in the bus for an extended road trip to Iowa Saturday, as they took on William Penn. Haskell was looking forward to shooting better than their last match up against Wesleyan where they only shot just over 25%. The overall shooting was much better this game as the Indians shot 25 for 54 for 46.3% for the contest, out shooting William Penn who hit 41.7% percent of their shots. Two players scored in double digits for the Indians, Jenine Coriz went 6 for 14 alongside a perfect 10 for 10 from the free throw line to finish with 23 points. Keli Warrior had another double digit performance, putting up 17 points and pulling down 6 rebounds. Although Haskell's field goal shooting was better overall they still struggled at the three point line, hitting only 2 out of 12 attempts. William Penn on the other hand thrived from beyond the arch hitting 12 out of 28 from downtown. Three-point shooting seemed to be the difference in this one as William Penn won both the first and second half.

Final Score: Haskell 68, William Penn 84.

Haskell vs. Peru State 12/14/2013

Peru state came to town Saturday to take on an up and down Haskell team looking to bounce back from a two game slide. Overall shooting for both teams was a bit rough in this one as Peru state shot a sloppy 23 for 80 overall making just over 28% for the game. Haskell shot a bit better overall as they were able to drop in 36% of their buckets. Three point shooting beat the Indians last game so they focused on tightening up their down-

town defense. The plan worked as Haskell held Peru State to a 1-16 performance from three hitting only 6.3% from beyond the arch. The Indians on the other hand did much better from downtown dropping in 5 out of 14 buckets shooting a solid 35.7%. This contest was all about point guard Jenine Coriz who absolutely blew up, scoring 30 points and hitting 4 three point shots. Coriz also added 5 steals 3 rebounds and 2 assists to her effort. The Indians played a sound defensive strategy which ended up in a victory. Final Score: Haskell 65, Peru State 55

them on a heart breaker, buzzer beater, to steal Haskell's home opener just two months before. Ridding a two game winning streak, the Indians kept pace with McPherson out shooting them 34.6% to 29.5 percent for the game. Haskell also out shot McPherson from the three point line making eight buckets from deep range well McPherson made only five. Haskell played great defense forcing McPherson to commit 20 turnovers. Jenine Coriz had another solid outing going 6 for 12 and adding 5 three point shots for a total of 18 points. Great team ball and a sold six point lead at halftime helped the Indians



File Photo from 2013 game against Saint Mary. Photo by Ryan Coody

Haskell vs. Bethel College 1/3/2014

The Lady Fighting Indians were hoping to start off 2014 right as they welcomed Bethel College to Coffin Complex Friday as part of the McPherson January Class. Haskell was looking to continue their win steak after a solid victory over Peru State. The Indians looked great in all areas of the game as they shot 22 for 51 for the game hitting 43.1 percent shooting well shutting down Bethel College who only could muster 26.8% shooting for the game. Haskell also continued their solid shooting from long range, as they shot 56.3% hitting 9 out of 16 buckets, well holding Bethel to just 22.2% on 4 for 18 shooting. Haskell had three ladies in double digits for this game as Jenine Coriz put up 16 points, Kortney Meat also added 16 points, and Jennah Williams contributed 11 points. Haskell won both halves on their way to two wins in a row to start 2014 off right. Final Score Haskell 63, Bethel 54

Haskell @ McPherson College 1/4/2013

The Lady Indians Traveled down to McPherson looking for revenge on a team that beat

pull down their third win in a row getting a bit of revenge from the home opener. Final Score Haskell 48, McPherson 42.

Haskell @ Saint Mary 1/6/2014

The Lady Indians traveled down the road to take on Saint Mary Monday night. Looking for their fourth straight win Haskell came in focused and determined. This was a solid offensive outing for both teams as Haskell shot 51% on 25 for 49 shooting and Saint Mary kept pace, shooting 44.4% overall making 20 shots. It was all about small edges in this one as Haskell out rebounded Saint Mary 24 to 20 well forcing 21 turnovers to the Indians 16. Both Teams shot well from downtown with Haskell draining 7 three shots to Saint Mary's nine three pointers. Jenine Coriz had another double digit performance putting up 19 points on 7 for 9 shooting. Kortney Meat followed suit with 15 points and 6 rebounds, again Keli Warror scored double digits putting up 12 points and adding 5 rebounds. The Lady Indians remain undefeated in 2014 with their fourth straight victory. Final Score: Haskell 67, Saint Mary 56

Men's BB Recap by Charlie Perry

Haskell @ Ottawa 11/23/2013

The Haskell men's basketball team traveled to Ottawa for the second meeting between the schools in 8 days. Ottawa won a decisive victory 90-78 the previous meeting at Coffin Complex. The game featured solid shooting from both teams as Ottawa went 43.8% on 32 for 73 shooting, well the Fighting Indians hit 23 of 65 shots overall. Both teams shot well from long range with Haskell hitting seven threes outdoing Ottawa's five three point shots. The difference in this contest was the ability to hit free throws. Haskell was only able to drop 16 out of 30 shots hitting just over 53%. Ottawa on the other hand shot 71.4% from the line knocking down 15 shots. Grant Proctor had another solid outing putting up 15 points on 5 for 12 shooting. Blake Pittman also scored double digits going 5 for 9 for 13 points. The fighting Indians hung tough throughout the game, but missed opportunities at the charity strip lead to Ottawa pulling away late. Final Score: Haskell 69, Ottawa 84

Haskell vs. Saint Mary 11/26/2013

The Fighting Indians were looking to bounce back from a loss to Ottawa their previous outing Monday as Saint Mary traveled to Lawrence. Haskell played a solid first half, taking a 35 to 29 lead into halftime. Both teams throughout the game were a bit unorganized as they combined for 39 turnovers (Haskell 23, Saint Mary 16). Haskell and Saint Mary mirrored each other's play throughout the contest, knocking down 8 three point shots and shooting around 35% overall for the game. Three players stepped up, scoring in the double digits. Bo Schneider led Haskell with 14 points, followed by Zach Bruns with 11 points, and Stand Lovato contributed 10 points. Saint Mary outscored Haskell 39 to 32 in the second half helping them to pull out a win handing Haskell their third loss by less than 4 points. Final Score: Haskell 67, Saint Mary 68.

Haskell vs. Peru State 12/3/2013

Peru State traveled from Nebraska to take on Haskell in what would be an offensive shootout. Both teams combined for 95 points in the first half as the Fighting Indians held a 48-47 advantage at half time. Haskell shot much better percentage wise overall from their last contest, as they put down 50% of their shots, compared to Peru State's 45.5%. Both teams spent a great deal of time at the free throw line as Haskell went 25 for 37 to keep pace with Peru's 27 for 36. Each team had stand outs on offense as Nate Bohy went 15 for 25 shooting to put up 40 points for Peru State. Haskell shared the love on offense, having five players score in double digits. Zach Bruns had his second double digit game in a row putting up 18 points. Stand Lovato led Haskell with 20 points as Dillion Thompson added 13 points. Wilber Everett contributed 10 points alongside TsaliDi Sequoyah's 11 point outing. The Fighting Indians held off Peru State in the

second half on route to their first victory in three games.

Final Score: Haskell 100, Peru State 90.

Haskell @ Saint Mary 12/16/2013

It was Haskell's turn to travel, as Saint



File Photo from 2013 game against Saint Mary. Photo by Ryan Coody

Mary hosted the two team's second match in three weeks. Saint Mary came out with the win 68 to 67 over Haskell in the last meeting, but the Fighting Indians were looking to make it two wins in a row after a decisive ten point win over Peru State on their last outing. Saint Mary came out on fire in the first half shooting lights out from three point range hitting 7 from downtown. Haskell tried to keep pace with the long range shooting of Saint Mary but couldn't knock any three point shots down in the first half. Saint Mary went into the locker room with a 48 to 24 lead over the Fighting Indians. Haskell kept pace in the second half hitting 3 buckets from long range and outscored Saint Mary 17 to 11 from the free throw strip, yet Saint Mary forced Haskell into 14 turnovers which helped them ride their decisive first half lead to victory. Dillion Thompson led the team with 17 points, followed by Wilber Everett contributing 14 points, and TsaliDi Sequoyah with 13 points.

Final Score: Haskell 70, Saint Mary 95.

Haskell vs. Baker University 12/31/2014

Baker took a quick bus ride to Lawrence to take on the Haskell men Tuesday night. The Fighting Indians were on a mission to gain their second win in three games. The fighting Indians played solid defense throughout the game holding Baker to 38% shooting overall well shooting 48% themselves. Both teams played a trap style defense which resulted in 20 turnovers for Baker and 23 for Haskell. Rebounding was the difference in this game, with Haskell winning the battle pulling down 45 boards to Bakers 39. Two Fighting Indians scored double digit points in the contest. TsaliDi Sequoyah had a game high 19 points on 9 for 14 shooting well Ron Rousseau added 14 points to the cause lead-

ing the Fighting Indians to their second win in three games.

Final Score: Haskell 72, Baker 62.

Haskell @ Bethel 1/3/2014

Haskell made their way to Bethel hoping

Haskell @ McPherson College 1/4/2014

The Fighting Indians traveled to McPherson College hoping for a bit of revenge on a team that handed them an opening night loss 76-75. This game turned out to be a thriller. McPherson won the first half 42 to 38, but Haskell stormed back winning the second half 45-41 to take it to overtime, and then a second overtime! Haskell shoot 48.2% for the game hitting 41 of 85 shots and added 11 three pointers. Not to be outdone McPherson shot 53% for the game hitting 35 of 66 shots and draining 8 downtown shots. Three Haskell players stood out in this game. Blake Pittman had a team high 22 points on 8 for 15 shooting alongside Grant Proctor's 19 points and three, 3 pointer effort. Ron Rousseau also had another outstanding game putting up 17 points on the board. Unfortunately McPherson had just a little more energy in the second overtime outscoring Haskell by seven.

Final Score: Haskell 105, McPherson 112.

Haskell @ Tabor 1/6/2014

Haskell went on the road Monday to kick off back to school week hoping to bounce back from a double over time lose to McPherson two days prior. Tabor College started out quickly putting up a 41 to 23 lead heading into the half. The Fighting Indians charged back keeping pace the second half shooting 37.3% for the game, compared to Tabor's 52.6% shooting. Turnovers were an issue for Haskell as they gave the ball up 25 times compared to only 16 turnovers for



File Photo from 2013 game against Saint Mary. Photo by Ryan Coody

with some lock down defense, being held to 29.1% on 23 for 79 shooting. Haskell on the other hand had no trouble finding the bucket, shooting 48.4% on 30 for 62 shooting, and knocking down 5 three point shots. Dillion Thompson put up a game high 17 points on 5 for 10 shooting. Ron Rousseau contributed 14 points, and Stand Lovato had 13 points. A solid team effort for Haskell helped propel them to their third win in their last four games.

Final Score: Haskell 87, Bethel 70.

Tabor. Ball movement was also an issue in this contest. Tabor almost double Haskell's assist total dishing out 22 dimes to the Fighting Indians 12. Four players put up significant points in this game. Stand Lovato had a game high 19 points, well Ron Rousseau followed suit with 18 points. Blake Pittman added 13 points to the effort and Dallas Rudd contributed 10. A solid scoring game for these players, but it wasn't quite enough to come back from the 18 point 1st half deficit.

Final Score: Haskell 73, Tabor 96.

Thorpe Fitness Center Offers Help for Healthy Living

Colton Butler
OPINION

One of Haskell Indian Nations University's best resources on campus is the Jim Thorpe Fitness Center. Jim Thorpe Fitness Center opened in 2007 and on average has over 3000 visits each month serving Haskell Students, staff, faculty, and community members.

Here we are just a couple weeks into the New Year and this is the perfect time to start training hard to get that desired summer body you have always wanted. Or maybe it's time to just be more active and feel healthy. Whatever the case might be it's a great opportunity to make the most of your experience at Haskell and enjoy the free gym membership.

The Jim Thorpe Fitness Center hours are Monday-Friday 8am-10pm and Saturday and Sunday 1pm-5pm. They also have Deere's Dynamic Training and Fitness which offers Haskell Students physical training sessions for only \$10 a session and the first session is FREE!

The training sessions are brought to you

by Adam Deere, a certified personal trainer through the National Strength and Condi-



Photo by Colton Butler

tioning Association, who has worked with college wrestlers, football, basketball, and baseball players, and has coached youth baseball for three years. Deere has lost 75 pounds and he knows what it takes to achieve fitness and has a good story to tell.

Deere didn't gain the typical "freshman 15" his first year of college, he gained 30 pounds. He soon realized that the amount of food and drinks he was consuming was too much and harmful to his body. When he went back home after his freshman year Deere decided to turn things around and went from 275 pounds to 200 pounds! That weight loss inspired Deere to become a personal trainer and he feels he can relate to his clients more because of his own personal experience with weight gain, and not being happy with what his body looked like. Since he knows how hard it can be to lose weight and be fit, he wants to help everyone meet their personal fitness goals.

Deere's Dynamic Training and Fitness has a flexible calendar and is willing to work around your busy school schedule for a training session. Deere trains individuals of all ages and fitness levels so don't hesitate to start your first free session today!

Adam states that, "I know how hard it can be. I haven't always been in good shape. I'm just trying to help everyone out in the gym whether it's just on form, nutritional info, or workouts. I'm not trying to hide anything.

I know how tough it is. The biggest step is just opening those doors and coming into the gym. If you have a question on how to use a machine or need a spot, I'm always here and happy to help."

I personally wanted to experience a training session myself, so this week I signed up for the first free session. Adam provided an intense and challenging training session for me and that is exactly what I needed to achieve my fitness goals. He even followed up with me the next day to see how I was doing. That really impressed me. Adam Deere is a great physical trainer who really cares and wants to see you succeed and achieve all your fitness goals. Adam Deere can be reached at 785-331-5064 and at deeretraining@gmail.com.

Remember to take advantage of the Jim Thorpe Fitness Center and Deere's Dynamic Training and Fitness, this is a great way to start your year off right and achieve the looks you want by Summer or possibly even Spring Break 2014!

Haskell Track and Field Underway

April Dodge
SPORTS

Do you like watching the USA track and field games on ESPN? Have you ever participated in Track and Field? Haskell offer sports such as basketball, cross country, football, softball, volleyball, golf, and you guessed it, track and field. In fact, this year's track coach is one of Haskell's dedicated worker, Al Gipp.

Gipp is known for his stellar teaching abilities, both in the classroom and on the track. The track team has around thirty-five students usually. Haskell students have the opportunity to practice with a wide array of equipment for track and field. Haskell offers the equipment for shot-put, discus, hammer throw, weight throw, and javelin. The track team also has the equipment for the meter

dashes, mile relay, long jump, and the triple jump. There currently is no hurdle dash equipment or high jump equipment available due to the weather. Gipp said, "there were some minor injuries and others getting [a] cold," so make sure to bundle up if anyone decides to come out. The Teams first meet of the season took place at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park Kansas, on January 17, 2014.

For more information, or to look ahead of their meets, you can go online to www.haskellathletics.com. Please show your support at the meets! The track practices will meet every day at 4:00pm to 5:30pm at Jim Thorpe Fitness Center. Even though practice has already started, it is not too late to join



On the left, freshmen Cherish Mallory throws a 20 lb weighted ball with teammates watching nearby. Above, Hunter Collins leaps into the sand pit at the end of the long jump course. Photos by Ryan Coody

Freshmen Check-In

by Lori Hasselman

Haskell freshman moved into their new homes today beginning at 8 a.m. The first floor of Pocahontas Hall was full by 11 a.m. with ladies still checking in before the freshman welcome slated for 1 p.m.



Cheyenne Lynnabeita, Navajo, arrived at 5 a.m. from New Mexico and checked in to Pocahontas Hall. "I went to Lone Star College in Houston, TX one semester and there was no Natives there. I came to Haskell because I wanted to experience other tribes and to get to know more Native American people."



The Ellinwood sisters from New Mexico check in with College Resident Assistant, Wanda Trujillo.



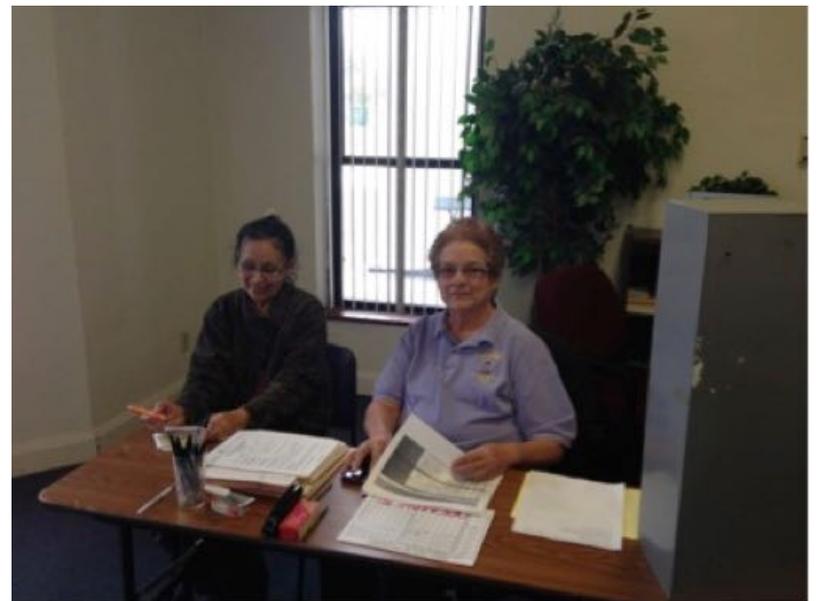
Hailey and Tesia Want, Wailacki/Yuki, move in to Pocahontas Hall. The cousins traveled from Round Valley, CA to attend Haskell.



A very excited Benjamin Hiseley, Potawatomci Citizen Band/ Cherokee, checked into Blalock Hall arriving this morning from Vinita, OK. "I came to Haskell to further my education, to better myself, and to open up more doors and opportunities." Benjamin is interested in pursuing a Business Administration degree or possibly the physical therapy field.



Daryline Dayzie, Chinle, AZ completes dorm paperwork as her mother assists.



Pocahontas CRA's Nadine Milne (l) and Wanda Trujillo (r) get their paperwork ready for the spring 2013 freshmen.

Mouth Music: The Language of Beatboxing

Stephen Sisk
OPINION

My name is Stephen Sisk, but people call me by my stage name, Siskquatch. My tribes are Osage, Shawnee, and Delaware. I beat box and have been beat boxing since the third grade, although I didn't know I was beat boxing at the time because it was just a weird little noise that had no rhythm or beat whatsoever. Now I'm an amateur beat boxer and have done two shows since I've been here in Lawrence. I'm trying to represent Haskell Indian Nations University as a first year student as best I can.

I didn't really look into beat boxing until about a year ago this month. When I first started to pick up on beat boxing a little bit more I was mind blown. The first video I ever watched had me so interested I had to keep looking it up and researching beat boxing. The video was of an 18 year old male from the United Kingdom explaining what

beat boxing meant to him. He explained it as if beat boxing had it's own little world, come to find out it really does. The beat boxing community is still in a toddler stage but growing because of social media, I mean I wouldn't be writing about this if it wasn't for social media. The beat boxer I first watched called all beat boxers across the world a beat box family, because you don't have to learn a language to talk too another beat boxer. Beat boxing itself is it's own language;2 I like to call it "mouth music".

People all across the world beat box. Even though beat boxing isn't a huge ordeal like hip hop, rock, or dub step, it's still an art form of music. Beat boxing has been around for a very long time, to the first instrument every created, your voice. People already know of beat boxing but that's all they know. It's just beat boxing to them, I've heard "oh

he's hyperventilating," "he's having an asthma attack," "he's just spitting everywhere" but to a person like me and many other people across the world who beat box 24/7 and loves every second of it, it means more. Beat boxers put in a lot of work and time to make the noises that we do, it's really under appreciated because it's not really known by the world. We use every muscle in the lips, mouth and throat, from the stomach to how much air you can hold in your lungs.

Beat boxing to me is a comforting thing. For example; when I get nervous, sad, angry, excited, depressed. It's an escape from everything, also a habit; sometimes good sometimes bad. It's definitely an ice breaker as well, especially in an awkward situation. I've noticed over the past couple of months from trying to get people to beat box is that people feel self conscious about how they

sound, then I remembered how I felt when I first started to beat box. I thought I sounded ridiculous and just spit everywhere. I'm a really shy and quiet guy but I feel like beat boxing helped me with my self esteem and people skills just because of all the people I've met through beat boxing and performing.

I have yet to meet another Native American beat boxer. I would like to inspire other native students at HINU to beat box, maybe even start a beat boxing club. If you like hip hop, R&B, reggae, rock, jazz, dub step or any other genre of music; you don't have to learn how to use any instrument but your mouth to make music.

To contact Stephen about upcoming beat box shows, or to show your interest in forming a Native Beat box and music club feel free to email him at reaper5468@yahoo.com

Think Before You Inject

Sarah Hicks

OPINION

"I do not trust those who make the vaccines, or the apparatus behind it all to push it on us through fear." -Billy Corgan

Making decisions about your child's health is very important, and it is easy to become overwhelmed by the numerous methods of preventative care. According to their website, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) "recommends vaccination against 16 vaccine preventable diseases for children." The CDC states that "children are given vaccines at a young age because this is when they are most vulnerable to certain diseases. Newborn babies are immune to some diseases because they have antibodies given to them from their mothers. However, this immunity only lasts a few months." Despite these claims, I believe that there are numerous reasons not to subject your child to these vaccinations; the cons far outweigh the pros.

Unless the parents themselves are medical professionals, they often rely on the medical community's advice and procedures to ensure their child's health and well-being. With a little research, one can find countless facts and arguments surrounding the controversy of vaccinating children. One major argument made against vaccinations is the many adverse effects reported each year. Because this is such a problem, the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act (NCVIA) was passed in 1986. According to the CDC's website, "The NCVIA requires health care providers to report adverse events (possible side effects) that occur following vaccination, so the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and CDC established the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS) in 1990. VAERS is a national passive reporting system that accepts reports from the public on adverse events associated with vaccines licensed in the United States." The CDC also states that "Approximately 30,000 VAERS reports are filed annually, with 10-15% classified as serious (resulting in permanent disability, hospitalization, life-threatening illnesses or death)." These are staggering numbers that cause great concern when considering that your child could be one of the 30,000 adversely affected.

You may be wondering what these vaccines could contain that would cause such adverse effects "resulting in permanent disability, hospitalization, life-threatening illnesses or death". The CDC reports the common substances or additives found in vaccines. Such additives include aluminum, formaldehyde, and thimerosal.

How can aluminum affect children? Ac-

ording to the Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry (ATSDR), "Brain and bone disease caused by high levels of aluminum in the body have been seen in children with kidney disease. Bone disease has also been seen in children taking some medicines containing aluminum. In these children, the bone damage is caused by aluminum in the stomach preventing the absorption of phosphate, a chemical compound required for healthy bones." In tests on animals, "Very young animals appeared weaker and less active in their cages and some movements appeared less coordinated when their mothers were exposed to large amounts of aluminum during pregnancy and while nursing. In addition, aluminum also affected the animal's memory. These effects are similar to those that have been seen in adults."

How can formaldehyde affect children? According to ATSDR, "The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has determined that formaldehyde is a known human carcinogen (causes cancer)." Exposure to formaldehyde affects many organ systems such as Dermal (Skin), Gastrointestinal (Digestive), Immunological (Immune System), and Respiratory (From the Nose to the Lungs).

How can thimerosal affect children? The CDC reports that "Thimerosal is a mercury-containing preservative used in some vaccines and other products since the 1930's." The potential link between thimerosal and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) has sparked much controversy. Although "A new study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has shown that prenatal and infant exposure to vaccines and immunoglobulins (antibodies) that contain thimerosal does not increase risk for autism spectrum disorder (ASD)", the effects of mercury on children are devastating. According to ATSDR, exposure to mercury can cause harmful effects that include "brain damage, mental retardation, incoordination, blindness, seizures, and inability to speak. Children poisoned by mercury may develop problems of their nervous and digestive systems, and kidney damage."

The CDC justifies the inclusion of these toxic substances in vaccines. Aluminum is included to "help the vaccine stimulate a better response. Adjuvants (a substance that enhances the body's immune response to an antigen) help promote an earlier, more potent response, and more persistent immune response to the vaccine." Formaldehyde is used to "inactivate bacterial products for

toxoid vaccines, (these are vaccines that use an inactive bacterial toxin to produce immunity.) It is also used to kill unwanted viruses and bacteria that might contaminate the vaccine during production." Thimerosal "is added to vials of vaccine that contain more than one dose to prevent contamination and growth of potentially harmful bacteria." This may seem more acceptable if exposure to these substances occurred only once in a child's life, but following the CDC's recommended yearly "vaccination against 16 vaccine preventable diseases for children" from birth until age 18 can only yield unprecedented results.

Many may also weigh the paths of natural infection/immunity against acquired immunity/immunization. According to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, "Vaccines consist of killed or modified microbes, parts of microbes, or microbial DNA that trick the body into thinking an infection has occurred. A vaccinated person's immune system attacks the harmless vaccine and prepares for invasions against the kind of microbe the vaccine contained. In this way, the person becomes immunized against the microbe." However, they point out that "Infants are born with weak immune responses but are protected for the first few months of life by antibodies they receive from their mothers before birth. Babies who are nursed can also receive some antibodies from breast milk that help to protect their digestive tracts." The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia adds that "It is true that natural infection almost always causes better immunity than vaccines. Whereas immunity from disease often follows a single natural infection, immunity from vaccines usually occurs only after several doses."

With the medical community's pressure to vaccinate your child and their reassurance of the safety of the chemical substances, additives, and preservatives contained in the vaccines, doing the research to find the facts on vaccines is of the utmost importance. While both natural infection/immunity and acquired immunity/immunization have their own pros and cons, the cons of immunization far outweigh its pros. The atrocious number of adversely affected vaccinated children per year, the toxicity of the common substances found in vaccines, and greater immunity from natural infection should be more than enough evidence to deter you from vaccinating your child, if not inspire you to think twice and research first.

Alumni Hosting Open House in New Office in Tecumseh

Ryan Coody

NEWS

The Haskell Alumni Association has a new office location on campus this semester. After the Campus Shop relocated to Stidham and changed their name to Purple Threads, the Alumni Association moved into their old space in Tecumseh. They are excited about the move and excited to share it with the campus, so they are hosting an open house to get people to come visit.

The open house will be on Saturday, February 8th from 12pm to 3pm, just before the Welcome Back Powwow. According to Joseph Gray, the president of the Alumni Association, "there will be refreshments and opportunities to get involved with the alumni, we hope everyone joins us."

During the move, the association came across a large amount old yearbooks which they will be offering for sale in the coming weeks, according to Joel Hernandez, the group's vice president. According to Hernandez, the yearbooks will be \$5 each and they have some as old as the 1950s.

Other Announcements and Events

Ryan Coody

NEWS

Starting this Friday, the staff and residents of Winona Honors Dorm will be selling chili from 8pm to 11pm in order to raise funds for the dorm council.

The spring's Welcome Back Powwow is scheduled for February 8th, 2014 with a gourd dance beginning at 4pm in Coffin Complex. After a brief dinner break, the party will fire up again, with Grand Entry starting at 6pm.

Women's intramural basketball league starts on Thursday night at 6pm in Tecumseh.

Several athletic events are occurring this week, with men and women's basketball playing Friday and Saturday. On Friday the Indians take on Central Christian College; women play at 5:30pm, men at 7:30pm. Saturday, the Indians face York College with the women taking the court at 3:00pm and the men at 5:30pm.

Have a club or other student event happening? Let us know to get in the paper. Shoot us an email at indianleader10@gmail.com

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Not Possible to Eat, Breathe, Sleep, or Play Anymore

Elliot K. Bryant
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Nelson Mandela adin jini. Niłchi bee naalkid dóó niłchi bee baa hane'. 'Nelson Mandela has passed on according the news and multimedia through the wind.' No matter how complex and how urgent messages are presented, my mind receives and translates them into informal, slow-paced Navajo language. As the world gears into hyperspace, to keep up, I restate undesirable situations into oral Navajo storytelling mode which, at oftentimes, are humorous and teaching moments. Man's greatness, according to Dr. Mike Murdock, founder of Wisdom Center, lies in the power of thought.

How have I been confronting the heightened changes, both exciting and dangerous, in the world? I am by nature an adventurer, seeking for satisfying occupations. To reach for higher aspirations, you must go beyond your comfort zone. "If you were hit by a car, and you have one minute to sing your last song. One more song of how you felt about your time on earth." A quote taken from the movie, Walk the Line. When a challenge and opportunity arises, and it often does when I have limited possessions, my thinking turns into my native language that I first spoke until I turned 14. I began a dialogue to myself by asking lengthy questions.

When someone close is motivating me to a higher level, I restate their words into Navajo. These moments become oral storytelling mode. Memories of talks and lectures from parents, relatives, and friends from long ago come back. As I use this strategy, obstacles become manageable. And I am able to solve a problem and move forward. In some unplanned situations, I laugh to myself as I remember viewing something different. For example, in the 80's action movie Cobra, a

man is sharpening a knife. I remembered one of my male cousin said in Navajo, "What! He's sweating just for sharpening his pocket knife?" Everybody laughed because it sounded funny in Navajo.

Everyday, all around me, I often witness tragedies and human sufferings; many of them can be reversed and solved. I shake my head in disbelief and say in my mind in Navajo, "It's not even possible anymore to eat, breathe, sleep, work, and play. Anything and anybody could kill you in a moment. There is too much fear and dependence on things." If one could start walking and run in the morning, confront the hot and cold weather; you can develop a strong resistance against the flus, sicknesses, depression, suicide, and failure. If you could just start wresting with the sheep, climb on the rocks, and hike; you will have develop better plans and come up with new creativity.

I am 39 years old now, and 'I got the air in my lungs. And I love walking up the mornings, not knowing what's ahead... You take life as it comes at you. To make it count.' A quote taken from the movie, Titanic. What would be like if I stayed at my sister's trailer in fear and not auditioned for talking role in Navajo as Hans Solo in Navajo Star Wars? I'm in two Albuquerque news stations. One of them I was interviewed on channel 13 after hitchhiking. Not mention that I also translated four children's books into Navajo which are sold on Amazon.com: How the Fox Got It's Colors, Alphabet Alliteration, Dance of the Caterpillar's, and Where the Hummingbirds Come From.

Speaking engagements coming up soon, and even a book.

Student Poetry

Taylor Hicks

CULTURE & ARTS

The Shipwreck is Remembered Only by the Sea

In love, in lust
In bed, in dust
We lie together
Blind and deaf
Mere sheep
Till the day of death.....

Tell them I'm Government
That I did came
Only peace and virtue
Flow from my name
And if you don't listen
It's a god damned shame.
Far from fame
I cure thy lame
The youth I'll train
To die
To fight
To pillage
To plight
With pen
With knife
From darkness til light
To believe and receive
To kill that which you conceive
With anger and greed
An unstoppable seed
Drug and arm these streets
The bass and the beats
Under the Cadillac seats
Next to the stamps with which you eat.....

God is online

A friend of mine
In a lighted box
With airwaves of angels
Joining both you and me
Why can't you see
The bullshit they feed
The bulletins and tickers
Lollipops and stickers
Flashes and flickers of Truth.
But we don't see
For our eyes are covered
When we are mothered by Them.

Green Salty Matter of Affair

I've felt it down deep inside.
For how long I just don't know.
It clogs up all natural function.
Drives me to seek it out, to show.
To dig.
To pillage.
To plunder.
From the onset of the morning sky.
I lie and I wonder.
A vibrant mass of warm air
Becomes overshadowed
By a green devil of no affair de coeur.
Of salty and putrid flair. Pure evil I'm sure.
I blow and blow but away it does not go.
Fighting and scratching and snorting and spitting.
Plucking and pulling and pressing and fitting.
Oh here it comes, such a wonderful feeling.
Yea tis truly sweeter than sugar.
Guess it wasn't some existential, angsty feelings from a relationship gone sour.
Nope, just a booger.

Free Bowling on a Friday Night

Hallie Long
ENTERTAINMENT

On January 17, 2014, Student Activities decided that they would pay for students to go bowling at Royal Crest Lanes. There were 12 lanes reserved. There was a huge turnout as many students came out and bowled. There were even students waiting to bowl because all the lanes were full. Everyone seemed to have a good time. Students are very thankful that they get chances to do activities like this. On campus during the weekend there usually is not much to do. So, many students took this opportunity and got a break from classes and homework. Students make sure you participate in all activities that happen on campus because Student Activities puts a lot of effort into them. I would like to Thank Student Activities for giving us all of these opportunities.



Photos by Hallie Long

Student Senate President Welcomes Students Back

Staci Kaye

OPINION

Welcome to a new year and a new semester! We like to congratulate the new University President, Haskell Alumni and long time employee of Haskell, Dr. Venida Chenault! To the new and transfer students, welcome to the Haskell Family! Classes are in full effect and so is the Student Senate.

To explain the basic function of the Student Senate, we advocate for ALL Haskell students. We communicate the interests and needs to the administration, faculty, and staff. We are the student governing body on campus. Every student has the right for their voice to be heard. Class representatives or student clubs/organizations can help, if needed, to speak on behalf of any student.

There are two freshman and sophomore, and one junior and senior class representatives. The class reps will speak on behalf of the student for any concerning issue(s) that arise within the University. These class reps

help to make up the rest of the Executive Team.

This year, the Executive team is composed of the Student Senate President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Miss Haskell, and a Parliamentarian. These members represent the students at University Council, Faculty Senate, Commencement Committee, and Student Life and Policy groups on campus. These meetings develop positive relationships between the administration, faculty, staff, and students.

The Student Senate also oversees the thirty-two officially recognized student clubs and organizations that are on campus. Clubs such as the Alaska club, H-Club, Native American Church, Softball Club, and Winona Hall to name a few.

Also, there are student committees working on issues such as sustainability, constitution amendments, and campus renovation.

The Green Committee is off to a wonderful start this semester. Collaborating with Acting Dean of Natural, Social, and Environmental Sciences Dr. Brewer, and Instructors Dr. Wildcat, Mary Stuckey, Vicky Rodgers and Bridget Chapin to restart the campus wide sustainability efforts. Facilities manager Lee Pahcody is also a part of the collaborative group.

Every week there will be a General Assembly where all clubs and organizations gather to discuss current issues, interests, concerns, needs, and/or events on campus. The idea of these meetings is to keep all our students, clubs, and organizations in "the loop" so that we all know what is happening on campus. The General Assembly and committee meetings are open to ALL students. You do not have to be in a club or represented by a class rep to attend.

The Student Senate is a powerful govern-

ing body on campus. When issues, such as, a proposed fee increase, dorm concerns, and university policy changes occur, the university administration makes certain to get either, a vote of confidence or a vote of no, from the Student Senate. This is how our voices are heard and decisions are made. We encourage you to know who your class representative is, or join a club, because you don't want to be left out of "the loop" and risk not having your voice heard.

For more information on meeting times, clubs, committees, and representation, or if you have issues, concerns, and ideas please stop by the Student Senate office located inside Stidham Union. Or, email us at student.senate@haskell.edu. For current updates, like us on Facebook!

Our Native Culture: Little People

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There are many different and unique things that make a Native American, from rich histories to deeply rooted traditions, and tribal cultures. Some tribal traditions are very much the same, well others differ greatly. With that being said I will be writing an occasional analysis of traditions and folklore that many Native tribes share in an attempt to illustrate that though we may be of different tribes, we are still one great people.

Since I've been at Haskell I've actively discussed many different cultural viewpoints with fellow students from a wide variety of tribes, spanning from the blue, ever flowing waters of the Great Lakes, to the rocky and rich soils of the South West. My peers share many different views on life and what it is to be a Native American, yet one thing they all are akin to is their standing belief in the existence of Little People.

Little people are in essence small fairy like creatures, or in some case dwarf like, that share many of the same features of humans. They span from eight inches to four feet in height and dress in a quaint Native traditional fashion. Little People live in hiding as they stand ever vigilante over their individual tribes, helping to ward off evil spirits and disease. They are also geared towards a bit of mischief at times towards adult Natives such as hiding objects and whispering in a Native dreamer's ear to influence their journey through the dream world. The Little People's paramount objective is the protection and well-being of children and will become violent with anyone who threatens or attempts harm to a child.

There have been thousands of sightings and stories from all walks of Native life over the last few hundred years involving these fairly like protectors.

One such story from the Mohegans, tells



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of a great storm ripping through the surrounding forests causing much destruction and sickness. In the midst of the chaos a Mohegan woman heard a knock at her door, upon opening it she bared witness to a tiny man who was in urgent need of help for his wife. Thinking this was just a child playing a game the Mohegan women followed the little man deep into the forest where they eventually found his home. Walking through the small house to find a small sick lady, the Mohegan women knew that in fact she was in the presence of little people. Tending of the wounds of the little women was successful. Very pleased, the little man blindfolded the Women and led her back to her camp. Over the course of the next few days the women would open her door to find many small gifts as thanks for her charitable service in time of great need.

Another such story from the Menomini Tribe tells of a little man who looks much like a human being standing three to four feet high who turns invisible at will. He has one purpose, to bring slumber to those he encounters. When dusk comes he begins his

work, staring at a person they cannot help but fall asleep. For those who are already in their beds, he softly hits them in the head with a pillow, starting with babies and moving forward to the older people. He is called the Master of the Night and it is said that those who feel his strike will live a very long life. This story may seem familiar to many of us and is most likely the basis of what most Americans know today as the "Sandman."

The most famous story of a Little People encounter was passed down from the legendary Crow chief Plenty Coups (Alek-chea-ahoosh). Plenty Coups tells a tale happening to him shortly after his brother, a great and noble warrior, was killed in battle by raiding Lakotas when Plenty Coups was nine years old. Feeling much heartache for his lost brother, Alek-chea-ahoosh fasted for four days, used the sweat lodge, rubbed his body with sage and cedar and ventured into the nearby hills to have a vision.

In this vision he encountered the chief of the little people who took him into a spirit-world lodge and showed him all the beauty of nature. The little chief demanded Plenty Coups count his great deeds, yet he was but nine years old and had no great deeds to count. The little chief made it clear to Plenty Coups he would accomplish two great deeds for his people among many others. One of which was that he would become chief of his people if he used his wits. The other was that Plenty Coups would help deliver his people from pain and suffering brought on by settlers. Upon returning to his tribe Plenty Coups now had a clear mind and a clear mission.

When Plenty Coups was eleven he had his second and most influential vision involving the little chief. After fasting for two days and walking the Bear tooth Mountains hoping for a vision, he found none. He returned home a few days later where he cut off the tip of his left index finger as an offering to

the spirit world. That night the chief of the little people came to him in a dream where he was introduced to a buffalo that turned into a man with buffalo like features (the buffalo-man) who led him underground, down tunnels towards the Pryor Mountains of present day Montana. Plenty Coups saw many great bison coming out of the tunnels only to disappear into the light. A voice told Alek-chea-ahoosh that the time of the Plains Indians was ending and that the white man would swarm over the land like buffalo and the only way to survive the change would be to listen to the Earth. Plenty Coups did just that securing the land seen in his vision around the Pryor Mountains and holding it for the Crow people to this very day.

Physical remains of little human like people have been reportedly found in numerous locations around the United States, particularly Montana and Wyoming yet have also been uncovered in Southwestern states such as Arizona and New Mexico. They are usually described as being "perfectly formed" and dwarf-sized, helping to contribute to public belief in the existence of groups of a little prehistoric people. Though some are elaborate hoaxes or deemed mummified children, other discoveries to this day cannot be explained.

Many Americans look at little people as no more than a fairy tale. In this day and age of I-pads and Smart Phones it's usually deemed silly to believe in magic. Yet we as a Native people are much different, not only do we all believe in Mother Earth and Father Sky alongside the spirit world, we actively pay homage and invite magic into our cultures and lives. Being a Native in itself is magic regardless of tribal affiliation. So if you see a little person don't be afraid because we are one of the few that has our eyes open enough to do so.