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Dr. Sloan Steps Down

Written by Elaine Kiefer

Continuing health problems have forced Dr. Gail Sloan to step down from her position as Natural Resources Liaison at Haskell Indian Nations University.

Dr. Sloan had been limited in her ability to work during the past two years due to continuing medical problems. Her physicians had strongly advised against air travel. Over the past year she had worked very limited hours, most of them from home, and had been on sick leave since October 2001. In January Dr. Sloan was officially approved for disability retirement from the Forest Service.

Dr. Sloan began her association with Haskell Indian Nations University in 1984 as an instructor of Humanities teaching Speech Communications courses. In 1985, while attending Graduate School at the University of Kansas, she established Haskell's first Career Planning and Placement Center. During her five-year tenure as director of the Placement Center, she started the college's annual career fair, the natural resources advisory board, Haskell's first recruitment plan, and the cooperative education program.

It was Dr. Sloan's work with the cooperative education program that led, in 1989, to her employment with the US Forest Service as their liaison to Haskell.

Dr. Sloan and Dr. Swisher last fall during the Natural Resources awards reception.

Photo by Terra Houska

Dr. Sloan was hired under a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Haskell to assist in the continued development and implementation of a natural resources program designed to recruit, retain and prepare American Indian students for professional level careers in natural resource related fields. The cooperative education program developed into the current SCEP (Student Career Experience Program) and STEP (Student Temporary Employment Program).

Based on the success of the Forest Service programs, in 1998 the Bureau of Indian Affairs approached the Forest Service to administer its SCEP program - and the National Center for Cooperative Education (NCCE) was the result.

Three years later the combined Forest Service and BIA programs provide temporary jobs each summer to over 60 Native American students at Forest Service units, BIA agencies and tribes all over the United States. Dr. Sloan was thrilled to discover, in 2000, that two graduates of the Forest Service SCEP program - Jim Archuleta and Adam Blackwood - were themselves supervising Haskell STEP/SCEP students in summer jobs. The process had come full circle. In 2000, the Haskell Recruitment Initiative won the Forest Service Chief's Award for Multicultural Organizations for its successes. The Natural Resources Liaison's Office at Haskell is no longer a one-

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woman show, with one part-time and two full-time people working to keep the programs growing and improving. What started out as Dr. Sloan's vision has become a working reality. Dr. Sloan has been recognized and honored at several recent events. During the Honor's Reception on October 31st, 2001, she was presented a certificate of appreciation from the US Forest Service. Curt Peterson, head of Human Resources in the Regional Office in Ogden, Utah, made the presentation. Also during that event, Dr. Karen Swisher, President, and Dr. George Godfrey, Vice President of Haskell Indian Nations University blanketed Dr. Sloan in appreciation of her years of service to Haskell and Haskell students.

In January, during the Building on Success Conference, Dr. Sloan was recognized by Joe Limberhand, representing the Billings Area Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and by Arch Wells, representing the BIA's Albuquerque Area Office. Jim Archuleta and Mike Benedict also blanketed her on behalf of former students in the programs. Dr. Sloan would love to hear from former students, friends and co-workers at:

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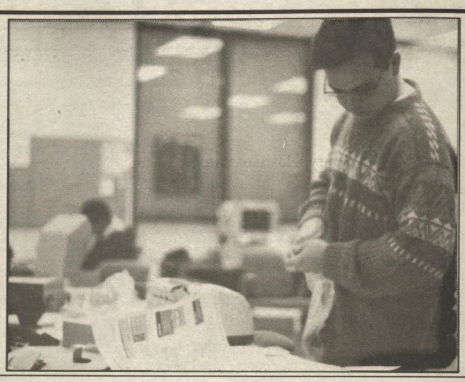

Mike Marlett Installing the new computers.
Photo by Tommy Hulbutta

Indian Leader gets donations from local newspapers

Written by Dale Bullcok
Indian Leader staff writer

The Indian Leader has received a donation of new and used computer equipment to help in the production of the newspaper. A computer, printer, and other related hardware equipment were donated through a Knight Foundation grant. The grant is administered by Jim Gentry, Dean, School of Journalism, Kansas University.

According to Tom Eblen, a retired general manager and news advisor of the University Daily Kansan, four used computers have also been provided for use by The Indian Leader.

Configuring the computer hardware and software required the expertise of Mike Martlett, a designer at the Wichita Eagle, who made several trips to the Haskell Indian Nations University campus to do so. Eagle editor Rick Thames approached Martlett, a former student editor of the Daily Collegian at Kansas State, and asked him to assess the equipment needs of The Indian Leader.

Martlett came to Haskell on his own time and networked the computers used by The Indian Leader staff. "What it took was the cooperation at every level," said Eblen. " I was very pleased to see the Indian Leader take such a forward step."

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March 2002

Intertribal Indian Society of Greater Kansas City Spring Powwow -
March 9th
Harrisonville Armoury, Harrisonville Missouri
Head Singer: Max No Ear, Head Man: Josh Cedarstrom, Head Lady: Crystal Palace, Head Gourd: Al Midkiff, AD: Don Hoffman, MC: Bob Blue, Color Guard: Indian Veterans Warrior Society of Kansas City. Arts and Crafts from 10:00am to 10:OOpm. Potluck Dinner, Dinner break at 5:30pm
Gourd Dancing at 1:00pm. Intertribal at 7:00pm
Raffles, 50/50s, Cake walk **Public Welcome!**

Joining of Hands, Honoring and Social Powwow - March 9th, 2002
Creative Arts Building at the New Mexico State Fair Grounds, Albuquerque, NM
Head Man Bruce Klinekole (Mescalero Apache), Head Lady Marjorie Oldhorn (Crow/Sioux), M.C.-Frank Adakai (Di neh') Head Gourd Dancer-Lawrence Shortman (Southern Cheyenne) Arena Director-Leonard Atcitty (Dineh')
1:00pm to 5:00pm-Gourd Dancing, 5:00prn to 6:00pm-Supper break and a special flute preformance by Andrew Thomas (Dineh'), 6:00pm to 7:00pm-Gourd Dancing ,7:00pm to 11:00pm-Grand Entry, Honoring and Social Dancing, and Quitting. Vendors Welcome call-Robert Nez at (505)255-1623
All Gourd Dance Societies, Dances, Drum Groups, Royalties, and the public are welcome. Powwow Committee and Staff will not be liable for accidents, personal injury, theft, damages, or lost articles. This if a non-alcohol, drug-free environment.
Host Drum Northern -Wild Boyz, Southern-Southern Mix
For more information contact Harold Yazzie at (505) 839-2400 or email him at deyaz2000@yahoo.com, official PowWow email is NewFeather@yahoo.com

Little Eagle Spring PowWow March 21st-23rd 2002
James Bridger 8th Grade Center
18200 East M-78 Hwy. (east of 291 & 23rd Street)
Independence, Missouri
For PowWow information contact Max Noear (816) 231-2242
This is our largest yearly PowWow within Kansas City, don't miss this one!

Buffalo Horse Camp First Annual Wacipi - March 16, 2002
Redwood Falls Civic Arena, Redwood Falls MN
Head Man TBA, Head Lady TBA, Host Drum- Buffalo Horse Singers & Dakota Nation, MC- Jerry Dearly. More than $7,000 drum and dance money. First six drums registered receive $500 each. Dance money for registered dancers and traditional feed Saturday evening. Team dance and other specials. Vendors welcome-$150 for weekend. For more information contact Virgil Mountain at (507) 697-6497 or by email Buffalohorse1@aol.com

Natchez PowWow - March 22nd-24th 2002
Grand Village of the Natchez, Natchez, MS

Denver March Powwow - March 22nd-24th 2002
Denver Coliseum, Denver Colorado
Denver March is one of the largest powwows there is, for 27 years it has been known as the Powwow that kicks of P owwow Season with over 50 drums and thousands of dancers. This is an amazing event! Under 6 and over 60 FREE, $6 per day, $12 for 3/day Button. Tickets sold at the door.
http://www.denvermarchpowwow.org

38th Annual Hozhoni Days Pow-wow - March 29th-31st 2002
Fort Lewis College, Durango CO
Head Man: Julius Not Afraid, Allen, South Dakota; Head Lady: Raelene White Shield; Head Gourd Dancer: Larry TuckerOur; Master of Ceremonies: Dale Old Horn;Arena Director: Randy Medicine Bear;Host Northern Drum: Plainsmen; Host Southern Drum: YoungBird; Head Gourd Dancer: TBA Grand
Entry: March 29, @7pm, March 30, @1 pm & 7pm,March 31, @1 pm-??Drum Contest, Dance Contest in all categories, Tiny tots paid per session, Gourd Dancing Saturday & Sunday 11am - 12pm
This year it will be held at the Durango High School, Durango, COVendor Space Avalaible: Deadline February 28, 2001
For more information contact Chanda Rendon at **(970) 247-7221 or email** csioux@hotmail.com
Pow Wow Website http://hozhoni.fortlewis.edu/powwow.htm

12th Annual Washington University Pow-wow - March 30, 2002
St. Louis,MO
For more information contact Tescha Hawley at (314) 935-4510 or email tah1@qwbmail.wustl.edu
visit their website gwbweb.wustl.edu/users/buder/powwow.html

Third Annual Circle of Friends Intertribal Powwow - March 29th-31st
Location: Wiley T. Jones Fairgrounds, Forrest City, Arkansas.
Notes: Demonstrators: Primitive Encampments by Grey Squirrel Lodge, Osage Orange Bowmaking by Two Eagles Starns, Storytelling, Flute Playing and more. Primitive camping is available at no charge, Campers and RVs are welcome as well. Electric hookups available. Hotels are available within a few miles. Breakfast and dinner provided fordancers and vendors. All pets must be on leashes. Vendor registration required by March 1.
Contact Frank or Cindi Brent at (870) 295-4060 or email justalittleotter@juno.com

A Piece of Haskell History Lost

BY GENE LEITKA
HASKELL CLUB OF NEW MEXICO PRESIDENT

As part of Haskell's Centennial year celebration in 1984, the local Lawrence Haskell Alumni Chapter financed the restoration and the framing of many photographs. Each photo framed was done with long lasting acetate backing. Many photos were enlarged and a touch-up performed by experts before they were framed. 'The chapter's responsible committee included Louis Taylor (president 1982), Gene Leitka (committee chair) and Ira Salvini. The chapter allocated between $3,500 and $4,000 for the project. The idea was to preserve the photos for their historic value and for the benefit of the institution as well as for the future generation of students yet to come to Haskell.

The collection had a history of not being able to find a permanent home on the campus. In 1984 they were displayed in the Haskell Library for nearly all of the centennial year. Thereafter, they were stored in a small room in the library until the Dean of Instructions (Gene Leitka) left the school (1985) and the photographs were moved out of the library and into the small portable building designated as the "Alumni Shack." The collection became very vulnerable to pilfering or just outright taking them out of the shack.

According to the numbering system given to each photo, there should be at least seventy photos, however, from a recent report, more than half (36) are missing. The committee that organized the specific photos selected only those pictures that were thought to have certain historic value worthy of preserving. There would be no way to replace any of those missing.

Perhaps the fault lies with all of the alumni for failing to be more cautious in how we were to protect the photos and also for not developing a plan to display them on special occasions only. As chairman of the committee in 1982, I perhaps, more than anyone else stand responsible for the loss of those irreplaceable valuable historic items. I should have anticipated that someone among us might resort to this level of behavior and perhaps recommended that the chapter designate a safe location for safekeeping, and also for one or two persons to act as guardians for the photos.

In the beginning, the overall idea was for the general public, former Haskell students, and current student body to view the evidence of what past Haskell students had accomplished in athletics and other professions. The greatness of Haskell was to shine through its graduates in years to come. It's apparent there are those among us who don't share similar ideas or have no thoughts of preserving certain highlights of Haskell's history.

Now! How do we recover the photos that have been removed? Chances are we could never get them all back but it would be worthwhile to attempt and perhaps begin the search by means of a National Haskell Alumni Newsletter asking every alumni to assist in locating and reporting the whereabouts of some of the missing photos. Or perhaps asking those persons who might have "borrowed" a photo or two to return them to a certain location, or to a designated individual on Haskell campus, or to someone appointed off campus. We want to get the word out and hope the photos will be returned to the alumni.

If anyone has information about any of the photos taken from Haskell campus, please contact Rosemary Jimboy, Haskell campus, Gene Leitka (505) 299-5231, or Louis Taylor, National Haskell Alumni President (505) 831-6522.

Yearbook
meetings
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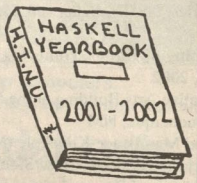
Navarre Hall
rm 122



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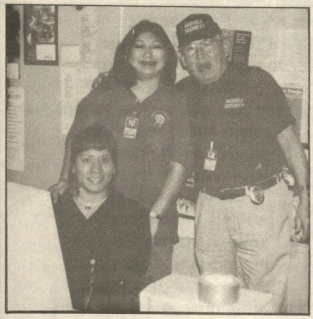

Haskell faculty.

Photo by Elder Penrod

Air Roman Nose.

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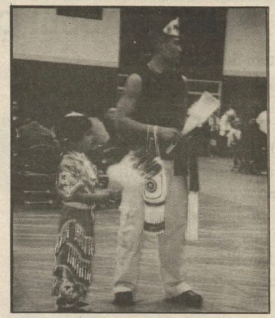

Leroy Silva as Miss Haskell.

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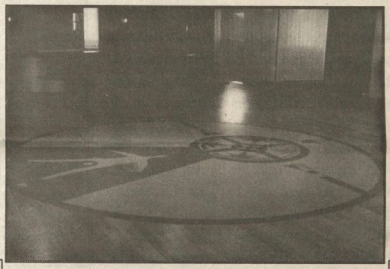
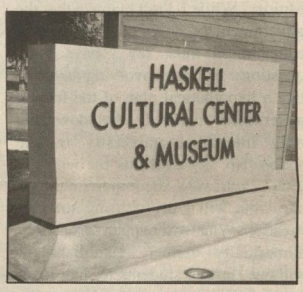
Shelly Bointy, Toni Tsotoke, and other women are honored at womens basketball game

Photo by Tommy Hulbutta



The floor in the new museum.

Photo by Alexander Naha



Sign in front of the new museum.

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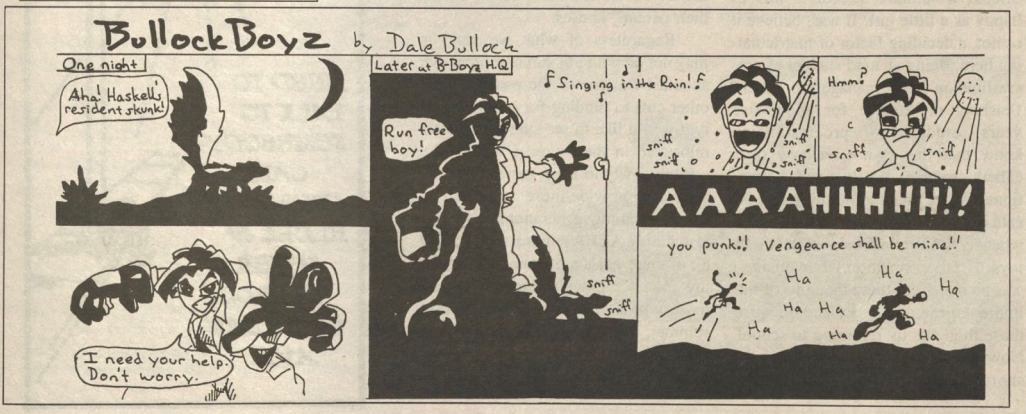

What About Dr. Nasty?

Written by C. Masoka
Indian Leader Staff Writer

Well boys and girls it looks like our beloved institution will not be having a summer session this year. While in times past I can recall the anticipation of summer vacation, I must say that this new development vexes me. I'm terribly vexed. Here I was all prepared to weather the summer in fair Lawrence only to discover that my plans have been thwarted by a shrinking cashbox. Can it be that the federal government knew that I was planning to stay at school this summer? Is it a conspiracy? Should I call Agent Mulder? While I don't blame either the government or our hallowed halls of education, I must say I have some questions. Nothing involving anything like a hypothetical plan of the federal government to slowly shut down the only intertribal university in the nation. No, my concerns are with the details. You know, the important things like what will I do with my summer vacation. What will happen to a certain numerically named establishment without Haskell students to give them money? What about Dr. Nasty, the skunk that runs around the parking lot in front of Parker Hall? Who will love him in our absence? Is this just the begining of things to come?

When I found out that Haskell offered a summer session I was as happy as a little girl. It was, believe it or not, a deciding factor of matriculating here. Being an avid student of procrastination I had managed to put off finishing my degree for about five years. Students of procrastination know that this is not an easy task. (There are many positive and motivational things about continuing to educate oneself which can be a hinderance when concentrating on the nefarious joys of procrastination.) Eventually I was no match for these thoughts of self improvement and I decided to quell those thoughts by returning to school. Now how does one get a degree in the shortest amount of time? Sally Struthers? While I can't say that TV and VCR repair aren't lucrative fields, I'm not sure that they're for me. Thus, I decided that if I go back to college, it would be to one that offers courses year round—which is why I chose Haskell.

Now that I've come all this way (half a continent, kids), I have to decide just what I'm going to do with my summer. The last time I took a summer off of persuing my degree I didn't step back into a classroom for five years. Can I afford another summer of "eaming money for school?" Maybe I should just return to my old job of bartending in a resort town for upper crusties and their little dogs too. Maybe I should wait tables. Maybe I should find out just how many licks it takes to get to the tootsie roll center of a Tootsie Pop because that's just about how useful any activity other than furthering my education will be.

What of our furloughed faculty? To whom will they bestow their praise and disapproving looks to when the student body departs? Will they stand on the corners of Massachusetts pontificating to the crowds? If a friend is late meeting them will they consider that friend absent? Students and faculty are symbiotic—like the clown fish and the sea urchin, Ben and Jerry, or Lea and Perrin. We need each other. If nothing else than to keep the faculty off the streets and the students out of their parents' houses.

Regardless of what we may or may not do with our summer break we should be aware of the possibility of other cuts to funding for our university. I would like to see summer session reinstated in the future. I would like our university to keep growing and to be able to provide more opportunities for the coming generations. I would also like an ABBA reunion tour. I think all of these goals are attainable. That's my food for thought, kids. To all of those who'll linger in Lawrence this summer, take care of Dr. Nasty, he'll need love too.

Promises

Promises, Promises
Are they going to keep
their promises
the promises of their forefathers
Promises their forefathers
had trouble keeping.
Always trying to change
the promises
will this generation
keep the promises
made to the elders
of my native people.
The promises made
in Washington D.C.
to the Chiefs of
the Native people.
Promises made in
exchange for our land.
Promises we couldn't understand
Now we understand the promises
but will they honor the promises
Just words written down
so they could take our land.
Are they just promises
made without honor
just meaningless words
or are the promises
worth the land
that was given for the promises?

Rich Freeman

HOROSCOPES

By Mellissa Catron
Indian Leader Staff Writer

Aries (March2l-April 19) Lucky day: Tuesday You can look into new jobs but don't count on getting help from someone who may have promised you assistance. Be careful what you consume this week. You can expect to experience delays or additional red tape if you deal with institutions.

Taurus (April 20-May20) Lucky day: Thursday Avoid being overly opinionated or you alienate friends. Try to channel your energy into professional endeavors. Be cautious of making any residential changes this week. Look into ways of making extra cash.

Gemini (May2l-June 21) Lucky day: Friday You won't get the reaction you want from your mate this week. Any intimate relationships with colleagues will lead to gossip that could easily affect your position. You will enjoy the interaction with youngsters and take great pride in the projects you've completed.

Cancer (June22-July22) Lucky day: Monday You may divulge private information without realizing it this week. You need an energetic outlet that will help you dissipate your anxiety. Try out for local sports team. You need activity.

Leo **(July23-Aug 22) Lucky day: Friday** Friendships could be terminated quickly if disappointments occur. Try to calm down about financial issues. Your inability to take advice from others may have cost you dearly in the past. Learn from your mistakes. Children may cause you limitations.

Virgo (Aug. 23- Sept 22) Lucky day: Thursday Reward, gifts, or money from investments or taxes can be expected. You are best not to retaliate if members of your house, hold are trying to pick a fight. Your stubbornness will only make matters worse.

Libra (Sept 23-Oct 22) Lucky day: Wednesday Your health may suffer if you don't control your present situation. Your personal partner may be less than willing to accommodate you this week. Try to be there for them. Work hard on improving your living quarters.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.21) Lucky day: Saturday A change of attitude has probably disrupted your home environment. Verbal abuse may lead to walkouts; don't make any rash statements you may regret later. Don't let friends or relatives rule your life.

Sagittarius (Nov.22-Dec.21) Lucky day: Wednesday Try to bend to their wishes if you want to avoid conflict. Abrupt changes concerning your professional position are evident. You can surprise members of your family, which in turn will bring you a pat on the back.

Capricorn (Dec.22-Jan.19) Lucky day: Friday You may have trouble dealing with elders. They will not have the patience to wait for you to complete things that they've asked you to do. You must not allow them to force you to rush.

Aquarius (Jan.20-Feb.18) Lucky day: Saturday Accept the inevitable, and opportunities for advancement will follow. Stay our of other people's affairs. Don't make any rash decisions that may affect friendships. Don't let any money slip through your fingers this week.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March20) Lucky day: Monday You may have some difficulties with someone you live with. Travel will be exciting. Unforeseen changes in your location are apparent. Double check before you go out. You may find out that someone you live with may be irritable; your best to leave them a lone.

In Loving Memory Of

Lawrence Birdsbill
1913-2001

Lawrence was born April 18, 1913, to Plainhouse and Anthony Birdsbill on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, ND. He married Geraldine Henson on February 4, 1939, in St. Michaels, AZ. Throughout his life he displayed a kind heart and a most generous nature. He will be deeply missed by all those who were lucky enough to have their lives touched by this wonderful man. He was a VAMC volunteer for 38 years. He was a past commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 401; a member of the Military Order of the Cooties No. 7; a past commander, Disabled American Veterans Post 3; a member of an all-Indian American Legion Post 300. He was a member of the Haskell Indian Club, the Cherokee Club, and the Claremore, OK, Elks Lodge. He was a retired accountant from Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico.

Students that attended the 2002 Grammy's. Rusty Diamond, Toni Tsatoke,and Sam Cook.
Photo by Toni Tsatoke

If You Sponsor It, It Will Come

Written by Ruben Fuentes
Indian Leader staff writer

Many of you already know that that Haskell does not have a men's baseball team. If you are asking "Why ,not?" then there are some things you should know. First, there is a baseball club here at Haskell. Second, like any other sports program, such as football or basketball, the baseball club must wait one year in order to gain official status. The baseball club is in the process of this task.

One of the requirements a sports club applicant must follow is obtaining a sponsor. Two individuals have stepped up to the plate to represent the club. Their names are Jenni and Teddi James and they work as staff at Roe Cloud Hall. These sponsors do not support the team financially, but are required officials who oversee the sports club and make sure they adhere to the rules and regulations.

One major need necessity for a club to survive is financing expenses. As of right now, the baseball club receives no support from the school and is in need of team uniforms and equipment. Any monetary or equipment donations should be referred to Jake Isaacs, team manager, at (785) 979-8788.

Attention Seniors!

If you are like a lot of seniors who needed only a couple of credit hours to graduate and were affected by the cancellation of summer classes, you may want to talk with your advisor about directed work study. This might be a way for you to complete your degree requirements without having to wait till the fall semester to graduate!

F I G H T I N' I N D I A N S

SPRING GOLF 2002

MARCH 6-7
BETHANY INVITATIONAL
SALINA/McPHERSON. . KS

MARCH 10-11.....
NEWMAN INVITATIONAL .....
WICHITA, KS

MARCH 22-23
TABOR INVITATIONAL
JUNCTION CITY, KS

MARCH 28-29
BENEDICTINE INVITATIONAL
ATCHISON, KS

APRIL 1-2 .....
CULVER-STOCKTON INVITE. . . . .
QUINCY, IL

APRIL 9- 10 .....
KANSAS CITY C.C. TOURNEY. . . .
SUNFLOWER HILLS CC

APRIL 15
HASTINGS INVITATIONAL
HASTINGS, NE

APRIL 21-22 .....
M.C.A.C. CONFERENCE .....
LAWRENCE. KS

APRIL 26-27.....
MINNESOTA STATE .....
MANKATO, MN

MAY 2-3
NAIA REGION V CHAMPIONSHIP
SPRINGFIELD, MO

MAY 14-17
NAIA CHAMPIONSHIP
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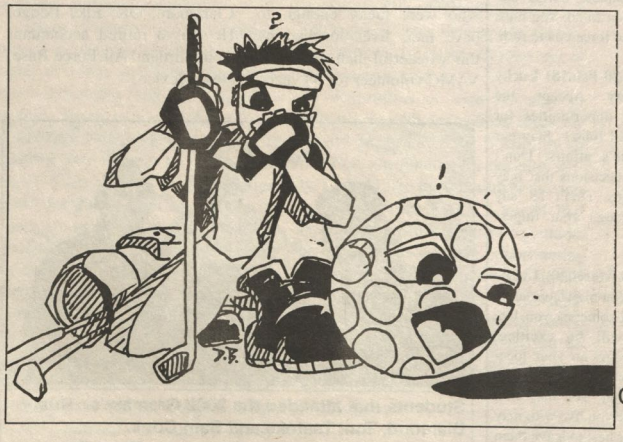

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