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Haskell faculty and staff photo taken after being recognized for their hard work with the HLC review by Dr. Chenault at the State of the University meeting. Photo by Steven Walker.

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-President VenidaChenault

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NEWS



Accreditation Reaffirmed!

Hard work pays off for administration, students, and faculty and staff.

LORI HASSELMAN

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) reaffirmed the accreditation status of Haskell Indian Nations University. In a letter dated August 4, 2015 to President, Dr. Venida Chenault, the Commission gave official notification of its action to continue the accreditation status. The action confirms that Haskell's academic programs meet nationally recognized standards.

The university was under a 10-year review process in April with an HLC visit to campus. A steering com-

mittee was assembled to conduct a self-study as part of the process. In a press release announcing the HLC action, Dr. Chenault noted the dedication of those involved with the success of the visit.

"When we bundle our commitment together, we can accomplish much for tribal students seeking to realize their dreams and potential through higher education," said Chenault.

In addition to members of special committees and faculty and staff, many students were heavily involved in the HLC visit. The

Haskell Student Senate executive board and campus club leaders presented their tribal flags and gave testament to the positive impact of the university to the HLC panel.

Chenault also extended her appreciation to the Haskell Board of Regents, Dr. Charles Roessel, BIE Director, the University of Kansas, the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, the Lawrence community, Haskell alumni, and tribes.

At the faculty and staff "State of the University" meeting held during fall 2015 orientation week, Chenault

asked all those involved in the HLC review to stand at the edges of the auditorium and be recognized for their efforts during the review.

The Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission did require Haskell to provide an Interim Report on a revised policy on Assignment of Credit Hours by 7/31/16.

Haskell had been accredited since 1979 with the last HLC review occurring in 2005. The next review for reaffirmation is scheduled for August 2025-25.

Stidam closed for repairs

RUSTIE ANGLIN

Students will be looking for a new place to hang out on campus for the 2015-16 academic year. Stidham Hall is home to the student union as well as several other offices that have been moved to other locations while a new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system can be installed.

Angelina Adams, Counseling Center staff, relocated her office to a first floor office in Winona Hall. The Counseling Center remained in Stidham up until June with no air conditioning.

"It was hot," said Adams who said they will be digging up lines and replacing pipes as part of the project. "It should last about 20 years," said Adams, once the project is complete. Adams said Stidham is projected to be reopened in the fall of 2016.

Some students were disappointed to find out they would not have access to the student union.

"My friends and I used to go to play pool sometimes and it was actually a larger space so that people could actually go in there and hang out," said sophomore,

Baron Hoy. "I'm definitely going to miss those pool tables."

Haskell student, Leo Salomon used to go to Stidham about three times a week. "They had everything condensed in that building, but now this semester it's a bit scattered," said Salomon.

Salomon explained that people may not know where everything is at now, especially the counselors.

"We just got back together two years ago," Adams said. "We used to work in different dorms. I was in OK hall for three years."

Adams warned students not to worry saying, "We're still doing the same programs and all the same things, just in separate places."

Salomon said he understood the need for the construction saying, "If it's going to better Stidham in the long run then that's fine."

Lee Pahcuddy, Haskell Facilities Manager, was unavailable for comment at press time.

FA 2015 Offices in Stidham Union have moved to the following locations

Counseling Services

Angelina Adams, Counselor
Ofc: (785) 830-2775
Winona Hall, Room 172

Burgess Tapedo, Counselor
Ofc: (785) 830-2774
Osceola-Keokuk Hall, Room 1026

Carol Walker, Counselor/Intern
Ofc: (785) 764-1870 -- (as of 8/24/15)
Pocahontas Hall, Room 130

Janet White, Program Support Assistant
Ofc: (785) 749-8445
Pushmataha

Trio Ross Hall, Room 133

Mioshia Wagoner
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Ofc: (785) 830-2714

Ronald Mckinney, Assistant
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Tecumseh Hall

The Grill House
David Cesare, Manager
Ofc: (785) 830-2749
Lower Level

Purple Threads
Lonnie Stroud, Manager
Ofc: (785) 832-6619
Lower Level

Student Senate
Second Level, Conference Room

KU Exchange Program holds first Haskell orientation

LORI HASSELMAN

Haskell Indian Nations University and the University of Kansas (KU) have maintained a thriving partnership for many years that has provided students with course opportunities at both institutions. Last semester KU took that relationship a step further when Becky Welton accepted the position of Haskell Community Liaison. Welton held the first orientation this week for Haskell students enrolled or planning to enroll in classes at KU through the exchange program.

Approximately 15 students attended the orientation in Pontiac Hall to hear about resources and share information with Welton's direction. Enrollment, credits, transportation and parking, KU libraries, and the perks of having a KU identification card were just a few of the subjects discussed. Campus tours were also scheduled for the following day.

Welton says she hopes to make student transitions into the program seamless by providing information and resources before classes start. After working with Haskell students through the 500 Nations Bridge

Program for 10 years, Welton understands the importance of preparation when it comes to student success. The bridge program supports a similar exchange agreement between Haskell and KU but is science specific.

"I think it's important for students to understand that for every hour you're in class, you should spend a minimum of 3 hours of study time for that class. So if you are taking a 3-hour class, you should be spending a minimum of 9 hours during your week studying. If students do that diligently, then their rate of success should be good," advises Welton.

In her position, Welton reports directly to the Vice Provost of Diversity and Equity, E. Nathan Thomas, III. Thomas announced the creation of the position last fall at a panel discussion regarding Native American education equality and told The

University Kansan, "We want to work on building community so that [Native American] students feel a sense of belonging," Thomas said. "So students feel like they're not surviving, but thriving."

Welton balances her time between two offices she maintains in Sequoyah Hall at Haskell and also in the Sabatini Multicultural Resource Center at KU. She is available for students who have questions about

the program or who need assistance and can be reached at 816-213-1053.

It's been great because we've never had an opportunity like this to get everyone together and answer questions. I think this opportunity to meet with everybody and share experiences of students who have already taken KU classes, plus the tours, will really make a difference for students," said Welton.



Becky Welton, Haskell Community Liaison, speaks to students taking advantage of the exchange program.

Haskell fraternity helps at cemetery after summer vandalism

LORI HASSELMAN

The Haskell community was shaken over the summer when vandalism at the cemetery was reported. Within two weeks of the police report being filed, Phi Sigma Nu fraternity held their 10th Annual Chief Convention on campus. Phi Sigma Nu chapters from across the nation converged on campus and the brothers stepped up to help with cemetery clean up.

According to Winston Robison, President of the Haskell chapter at the time, a community service project is part of the convention agenda each year. Once on campus, the Haskell fraternity sponsor, Brent Cahwee, approached the men about working at the Haskell cemetery and they all agreed to do it.

In the July heat, 33 fraternity brothers

cleaned and repaired what they could by trimming grass around headstones and clearing brush and growth away from the fence.

"Haskell really helped us out last minute by approving our stay here (on campus). When we talked about the community project and we were thinking about doing something off campus, we decided we really wanted to keep it on campus and give back to Haskell," said Robison.

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Damaged headstones at Haskell cemetery. Photo by Ron Brave.



Student Activities: It's where the fun is!

Haskell isn't all classes and homework. Just ask the many students who have participated in the all the recent events hosted by the Student Activities Department.

ALINA SERIO

Bingo

It was bingo night for students held the first week of school at Tecumseh Hall. Twenty-five students participated with two boards each in a 14-stage game. Winners received prizes for each round as follows:

Round 1: Traditional play: Justina Coriz-\$5

Round 2: Traditional play: Lamont Echohawk-electronic football game

Round 3: Traditional play: Lani Hansen-Farkle game and deck of cards

Round 4: "T": Diamond Rock-Connect Four game

Round 5: Double bingo: Butchie Eastman-3 disc golf starter set

Round 6: Mini cross: Tamara Yazzie-Don't Take My Word game and mini speaker

Round 7: "7": Jenine Coriz-Jayhawk T-shirt and Chess/Checkers/Tic Tac Toe game

Round 8: "H": Marcell Grant-Hamper Hoops indoor basketball game

Round 9: Arrow: Raquel Aguino-Archery Trainer arrow game

Round 10: Square: Raquel Aguino-Movie ticket and water bottle

Round 11: Women only: Angelique Weed-Over-the-door mirror and cell phone charger

Round 12: Men only: Evan Zumstein-Bluetooth speaker and cell phone charger

Round 13: Four corners: Tamara Yazzie-\$20

Round 14: Blackout: Jenine Coriz-\$30 Nike gift card



First place scavenger hunt winners left to right: Brandon Oaks, Colt Salcedo, and Sean Parrish.

Scavenger Hunt

It was a mix of fun, prizes, and learning to navigate your way through campus as students gathered for a scavenger hunt. Six groups had one hour to produce various items on their lists that included taking pictures, signatures from other students, and items such as a pink plastic shower cap.

"Lots of fun, friendly competition, and interesting hiding places so the students can explore more parts of the campus than they ever did in orientation week," said Rex Cully, Recreation Assistant.

Student groups joining the fun were: Group 1: Angelique Weed, Yasmin Denny, Jacobee Dreadfulwater, and Brandon Hoaglen. Group 2: John Goombi, Connor Veneski, Kenny Stands, and Brandi Buffalo. Group 3: Bryan Simpson, Diamond Rock, Nicole Burnside, and Lani Hansen. Group 4: Tyler Sumpter, Cindy Farlee, Shayla Whitebird, and Nateland Denny. Group 5: Brandon Oaks, Colt Salcedo, and Sean Parrish. Group 6: Kari Snelding, Taylor Hall, Cerissa Honena, and Joshilyn Pete.

Winning the 1st place prize of a \$75 gift certificate to Purple Threads campus shop was Group 5 who split the prize among teammates. Second place went to Group 6 who was awarded a \$15 gift certificate to pizza shuttle for each teammate. Third place winners were Group 1 winning a \$13.75 gift card to Goodcents Subs for each teammate.

Movie Tickets

The line for free movie tickets started forming an hour before the giveaway was scheduled. Student Activities handed out 150 free movie passes in twenty-five minutes.

"I am very excited to get a movie ticket, I won't have to pay any money for an actual movie ticket which is great. It saves me ten more dollars!" said Mahalia Henderson, junior.

Obadiah Eastman, junior, added, "When I get my ticket, there is only one movie that I'm interested to see so far and that's Straight Outta Compton."

Approximately 20 students waiting in line did not receive tickets. According to Leandra Galindo, Recreation Assistant, the department tries to give away movie tickets at least one per month.

Haskell Cemetery (continued from page 3)

Robison said community service is a big part of Phi Sigma Nu and the Haskell chapter often exceeds their required hours helping any way they can around campus.

Next up for the fraternity will be to

assist with parking at the Haskell Indian Art Market next weekend and is closing in on their process within the next few weeks where they will be initiating young men into the fraternity.

Robison says they have talked about community service work as well.

"We would like to get out further in the community of Lawrence but Haskell is our main priority. We

love giving back to Haskell because Haskell has given so much to us, not just as a fraternity, but also as students."

From the Editor

OPINION

Firsts

LORI HASSELMAN

Being an older student didn't make my first semester at Haskell any less scary. When I was standing in the check-in line at Pocahontas Hall my first day, I imagined being the biggest surprise roommate some 18 year-old college girl was going to get. Luckily, Pokie filled up before I was assigned a room. Thank goodness some poor unsuspecting young lady was spared from the nightly trauma of my patchouli scented Ben Gay or my totally 80's poster of Michael Hutchence. Yikes!

That first week of school, I was full of questions. Would I get lost trying to find my classes, end up at the wetlands, trip, fall, and either break a limb and have to crawl back to safety or probably drown face down in the smallest puddle of water that just covered my nose and I would forget to breathe through my mouth? As you can see, at least I kept my swirling thoughts to a minimum.

So, yeah, none of that happened. I

did fall down once running across the practice field with my friend and everyone saw it. That was funny more than scary and taught me a valuable lesson; I was built for comfort and not for speed. The good news is that I did remember to breathe and that helped more than



My totally 80's poster of Michael Hutchence and his band. My kinda cool.

anything. While I was busy worrying about all the things I was doing

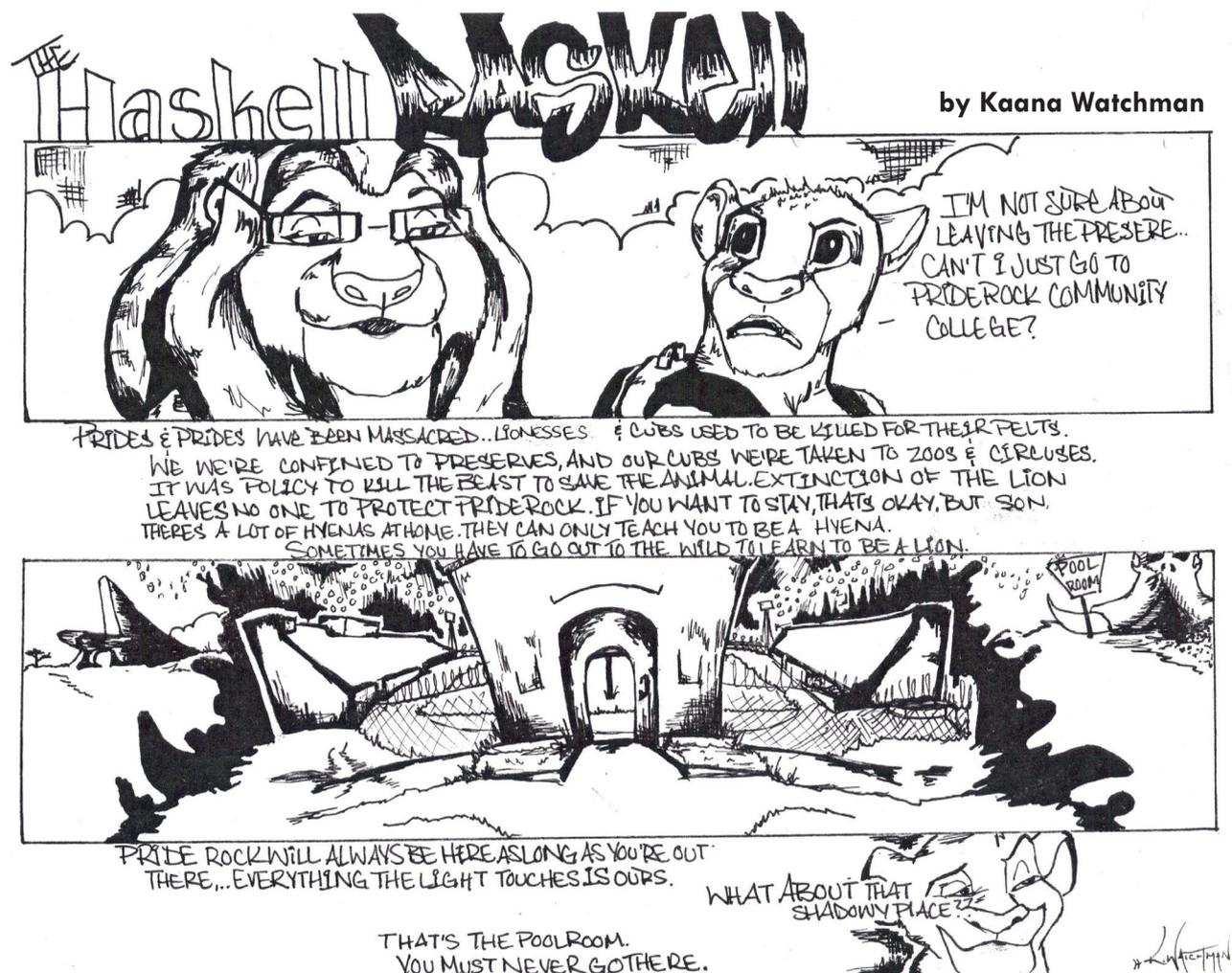
for the first time, it became easy to focus on the fear instead of remembering—in, and then out, and repeat. Before I knew it, I didn't have to remind myself...to just breathe.

Looking back now, "firsts" turned out to be a positive addition to my

life. I mean, what would have been the alternative if I didn't embrace

doing things for the first time? I would probably still be at home sitting on the couch eating Cheetos, thinking about what to do on the weekend, and surrendering my soul to the same 8-5 job that only made me passionate about paying my bills month after month. I once saw something (yes, on Facebook) that asked, "When was the last time you did something for the first time?" My answer to that question could have been very different had I not taken any chances at Haskell just because I was scared.

Instead, the last four years at Haskell has been full of firsts. Whether it's your first day at Haskell or your first semester as a senior, if you leave here with an understanding of the importance of experiencing things for the first time, then you have learned something that will lead you to many wonderful things throughout your life; unless of course, you really like Cheetos. Then you might have a problem.



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Freshman Survival Guide

RACHEL WHITESIDE

Going to college can be like trying a new type of food. Most people are afraid to venture out of their comfort zones when it comes to strange-looking meals. College can be that strange-looking meal. It can be a different experience for everybody, whether it's a good or a bad one. Over two hundred freshmen moved into Haskell University for the Fall Semester. Leaving the safety of high school and parental guidance, they are officially on their own.

It is official-going to college means finally becoming an adult with adult responsibilities. That means doing laundry, finding food, waking up to go to class, remembering to go to class and much more. When interviewing upperclassmen, they gave their own version of how to survive the first semester.

"Don't procrastinate. Go to the student (success) center if you need help with classes and always ask for help if you're struggling," said sophomore, Coral Benson.

The Haskell Student Success Center is to provide centralized, accessible, and enriched academic services and programs to support and enhance the academic, cultural and career success of Haskell Students. If looking for help with classes and homework the Student Success Center, located the Sequoyah Hall, can really make college easier for you. They have tutoring, free printing, coffee, and advice on studying that will help with midterms, final exams, tests, and quizzes.

TriO is another important program at Haskell. TriO's purpose is to serve first-generation and/or low-income students with individualized support services in the areas of academic and personal need.

"Make sure you go to classes. Time management is a big deal at college. Make sure you have your schedule planned out so you have time to study. Get to know your upperclassmen because we've been in your shoes too," said Vivian Pomeroy, sophomore.

Time management is very important as a freshman and even as a sophomore, junior, or senior. There needs to be time to study and do homework as well as free time; just make sure that the free time doesn't outweigh the studying time.

Feeling homesick can be on student's minds a lot when being at college for the first time. Being alone for the first time and having to do things without parental guidance can be stressful. That stress could lead to depression making college more difficult than it needs to be.

Haskell Counseling Center can be very helpful when it comes to stress and depression. Angelina Adams is a Haskell counselor whose office is located at Winona Hall. Adams has experience working with these situations.

"Freshman are trying to adjust with being on their own and living so far away from their support system," said Adams in a past interview.

Sophomore, Kylee Autaubo added, "Always keep in contact with your family and try to get involved in activities, sports, and clubs here on campus. It really helps distract you from being homesick."

Vivian Pomeroy gave more advice on how to stay occupied at Haskell, "Meet people from your tribe or area you're from if you're homesick. I'm in the Alaskan Club and it's really helpful because it not only teaches me of my culture, but it brings together other Alaskan at Haskell. There are thirty-two clubs on campus so there are many varieties to choose from."

The first year of college is no walk



Freshman Charlene Factor, Kaitlyn Cronemeyer and Raven Johnson on move in day at Pocahontas Hall

in the park, It is a lot work and effort. There are always solutions to make it easier though including the Student Success Center, TriO, sports, clubs, and even friends help

college life a lot easier. It is a new experience but it does not mean it has to be challenging or stressful because there are solutions to stop the freak outs or procrastination.

Student Senate Notes

RACHEL WHITESIDE

Report from Student Senate Meeting, Monday, August 31, 2015--

- The Executive Board has positions open of Treasurer and Secretary.
- Sarah Hicks was voted in as Junior Senator.
- Student Senate positions are open for representatives for the sophomore and freshmen classes.
- Funds remain frozen from last semester until Student Senate President, Chris Sindone sets a budget for all clubs involved with the student senate and ask for a certain amount of funds. Sindone indicated he wants to add a procedure in the Constitution on how to allocate and request funds in the future.
- Sanctioning packet deadline for clubs is September 15th.
- Student Senate discussed a little bit about the Empowerment Summit and who they might try and bring in as mentors.
- Dr. Chernault's plans to initiate discussion on legislative changes for Haskell was discussed.

My NASA Internship Experience

RUSTIE ANGLIN

Over the summer I had an internship with NASA and their Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) in Washington, D. C. My responsibilities as a NASA intern involved archiving the relationship between NASA and Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCU) by digitizing information, organizing the history, and interviewing important people involved with the program for their historical knowledge.

My first day was different than many of the other interns. My mentor, Torry Johnson, was on the other side of the country with his daughter who was also interning with NASA in California. Johnson, Project Manager of the TCU project, recruits and assists TCU interns and helps them get to know the community and

ensures interns have fun too. I met with Janie Nall in the Office of Education who is very involved with the Native American and TCU interns and the Native community at NASA, especially at GSFC. I also met one of my office mates, Ronnette, the admin., Victor, and then met my other office mate, Lauren, the next day. Victor helped me get settled in and then after a call to my mentor, I was tasked to do a little research on the project.

When I met my mentor on Wednesday, he was very interested in what I wanted to get out of the experience. He created opportunities for me to do several events and trips that other interns didn't get to do. I met the communication team at GSFC. I was able to take a trip to Wallops Flight Facility to attend the RockOn event where I met three TCU teams participating in the event. I attended an opening exhibit at the Museum of the American Indian, and I also met the head of education at headquarters and attend one of the Minority University Research and Education Project (MUREP) meetings.

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A few weeks in, we started gathering contacts and a list of questions for short interviews. I conducted sixteen inter-



Standing in front of the office where I worked. My mentor, Torry, is also Business Manager of the Hydrospheric and Biospheric Science.

views for the project and had about fifty people on my contact list. I spoke with two former interns who are now working at NASA centers. I conducted ten interviews with NASA personnel who were involved with the program or mentored Native students. I spoke with one person from AIHEC and also spoke with John Herrington, the first tribal enrolled astronaut. Lastly, I talked to three faculty and teachers at a tribal college asking each a variety of questions to gauge their knowledge of the program and what they could tell me about the historical aspect of the program. I learned a lot from everyone.

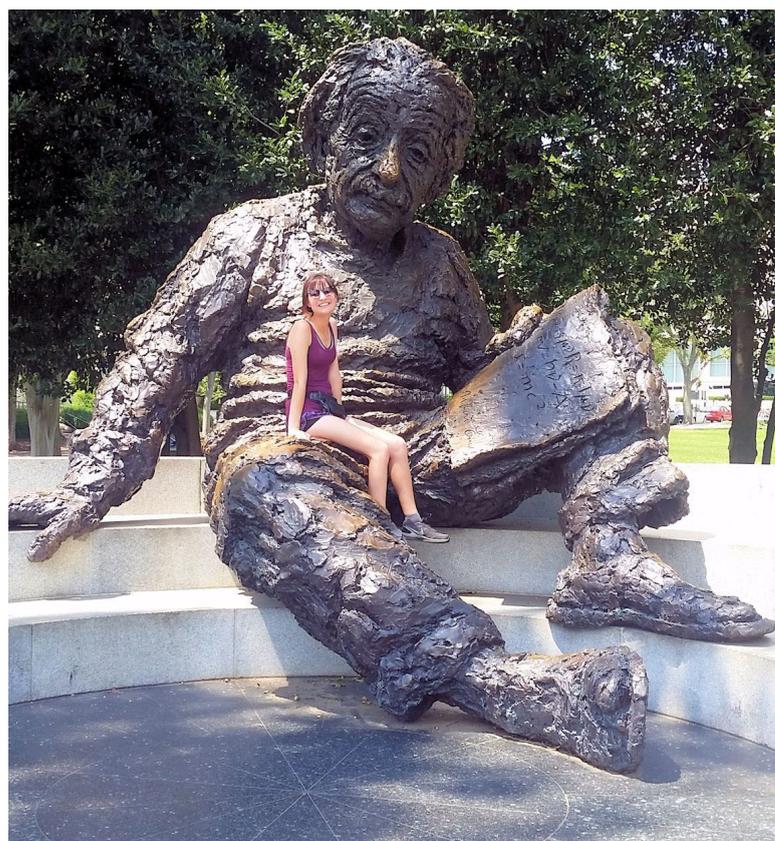
In addition to the work experience, I also got to experience Washington D.C. with several interns I met at NASA. I tried to do something every weekend even though I didn't

always meet up with other interns. From kayaking around D.C. to just visiting different monuments and museums, I always managed to do something. One weekend, I met a flight attendant who was lost and I showed her around. I met so many people and experience so many cool things; it was really a great summer!

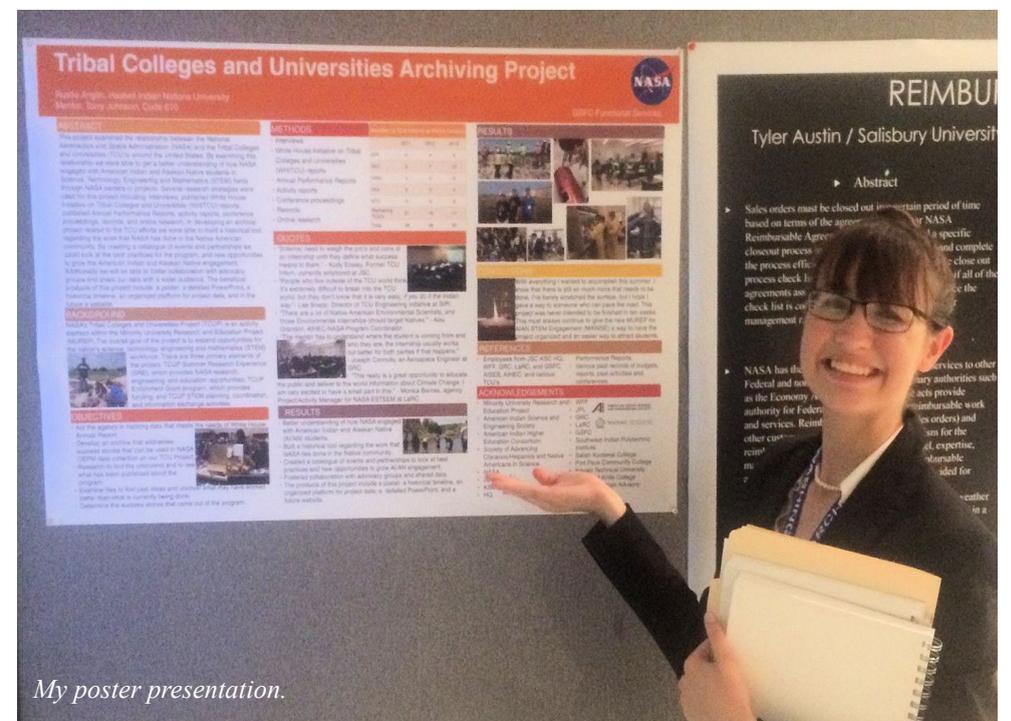
There was more than a summer's worth of information to complete the project, which my mentor and I knew when I started. I scratched the surface and paved the road for someone else to come in and continue the job. I did create a database of most of the paper information, a timeline, a database of interviews I conducted, and a database of sources who are involved in the project. It was definitely an experience I won't forget, and I hope to return next summer to work at NASA again.



Selfie taken on my last day with my mentor, Torry Johnson.



Exploring Washington D. C. with the Einstein Monument because obviously Einstein is the best!



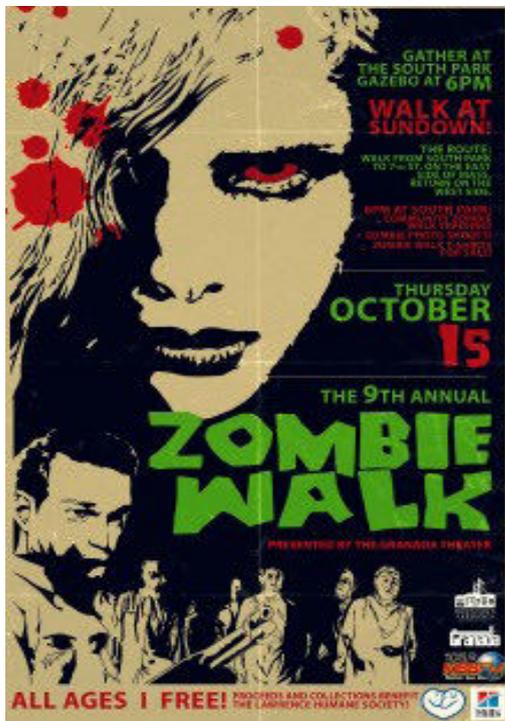
My poster presentation.

ENTERTAINMENT

Upcoming Local Events

ZACKARY TOWEY

Lawrence has a ton of small get-togethers and events thrown into the little corners and cubbies that you have to really strain your eyes to find. The truth is, unless you actively search *Lawrence.com* or any concert venue websites you cannot find an event to save your life. That's what I'm here for; the little Native angel on your shoulder. Here's a couple of upcoming local events that are both free, able for all ages, and sound pretty fun to participate in.



Want to be up all night to get lucky? Want to listen to music harder, better, faster, and even stronger? Feeling the nice evening air around the world? Enjoy shows open to all ages? Then we've found the show for you! On the sixteenth of September, the Granada will be hosting a FREE outdoors event right on their front porch of 1020 Massachusetts Street towards the beginning of the downtown area. The show is titled **One More Time: A Tribute to Daft Punk**. Gates open at 6:30pm and the show begins at nine, so get there early for the best spot!



Enjoy munching on intestines? How about slurping on brain matter? How's spooking the poop out of a house full of rowdy teens on a dark night in a cabin in the middle of the woods? To be frank, I'd rather you didn't enjoy any of those activities. Hopefully you enjoy acting like an undead spookydoo because Lawrence's **9th Annual Zombie Walk** takes place October 15th, just enough time to get spooky and enough time to spook up again for the 31st. The Zombie hoard will begin gathering at South Park right before downtown at 6pm and will hang out with their limping gout until sundown to begin the walk down Massachusetts Street.



Taste of the Town

TRAVIS CAMPBELL

When Rhonda LeValdo first approached me to write for the Indian Leader I had absolutely no idea what I could write about that would have any relevance to most readers. This went on for about a year or two; but then, Lori Hasselman and I were talking

this summer at a campus event and she mentioned the idea of a restaurant review/food column.

During the course of conversation, hashing over ideas for a food column and whatnot, Lori brought up the idea of good (locally owned) places to eat on a budget. After a little further discussion, we decided that buffets are the most efficient means of trying as many things as cheaply as possible.

Fortunately, lunchtime in Lawrence on a Sunday provides us with a few interesting options. Some of my favorites, in no particular order, are:

The Mad Greek 907 Massachusetts St.

Recommendations: Spanakopita

(A Greek pastry of filo dough with spinach and cheese)

Lunch Buffet Hours: Sunday, 11am — 2pm

Aladdin Cafe 1021 Massachusetts St.

Recommendations: Rice Pudding (Rice pudding flavored with rosewater.)

Lunch Buffet Hours: Sunday, 11am — 3pm

India Palace 129 E 10th St.

Recommendations: Chicken Tikka Masala (An improvisation supposedly originating in Glasgow, Scotland consisting of chicken in a tomato curry.)

Lunch Buffet Hours: Sunday through Friday, 11:30am — 2:15pm

All three of these establishments will run in around the \$15 dollar range, but the sheer amount and variety of foods to try at each make it well worth the cost.

Travis is currently pursuing a Bachelor degree in Indigenous & American Indian Studies with an emphasis in sovereignty. He is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. Travis is an off-campus student and a frequent diner at many local eateries.

Poetry Corner

Apollo

Come my Apollo stand before me, as slowly I shall adorn thee
With perfume from fairer lands, I will worship with silken hands

Come my Apollo lift and hold me, as in our eyes I will know thee
Raise with me from the shadows cold, in your arms I enfold

Come my Apollo shine upon me, with your warmth you comfort me
Fill my form with your light my lord, experiencing heavens hold

Come my Apollo as we bend, like strong trees in the wind
Our branches touch without sin, as passion and fire burn within

mattias flensburg

Starstruck: Native actor enrolled at Haskell

RACHEL WHITESIDE

Not many people can say they've met a celebrity in their lifetime. Luckily for Haskell, some students have gotten that chance. A hidden celebrity is among us; transfer student, Terrence Littlejohn.

Littlejohn, Cheyenne and Arapaho, is an actor on the rise. He started off acting in small roles on popular television shows such as *The Originals* on the CW network, *Banshee* on Cinemax, and in Tyler Perry's series, *The Haves and The Have Nots*.

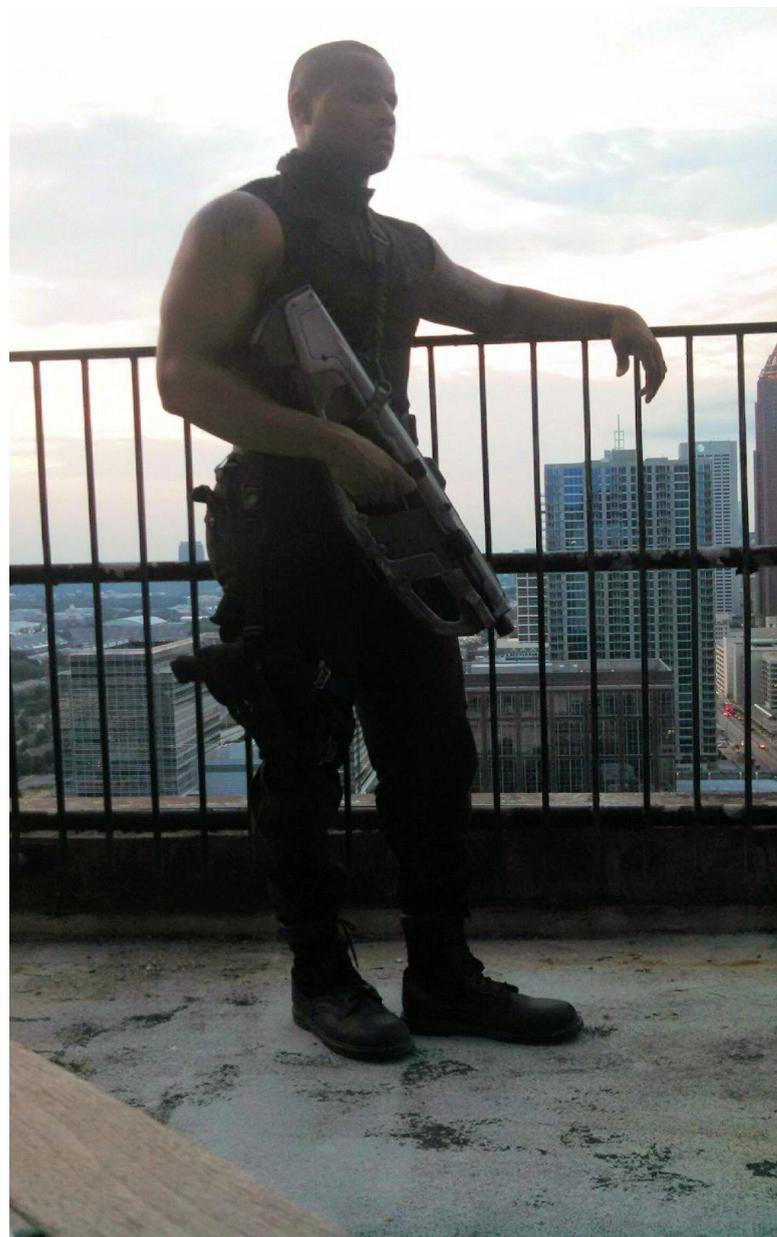
"I've been acting for two years now. It was originally supposed to be a joke because my friend submitted me for the role on *Banshee*. I ended up being cast as an inmate and when the director found out I was Native they added it to my character," said Littlejohn.

Littlejohn comes from Atlanta,

Georgia which is starting to be called "The Hollywood of the South." Atlanta has produced the very popular *Ant-Man* film and many more.

Littlejohn's acting experience has been advancing to larger roles in hit movies such as *Insurgent*, *Fast and Furious 7*, and the upcoming movie *Bolden*, starring Ian McShane and Michael Rooker.

When asked if he always wanted to be an actor, Littlejohn said, "It started off as a joke but when you start to make checks from ten thousand dollars to eighty, it goes from being a part-time job to 'I want to make it a full-time occupation.'"



Littlejohn on the set of the movie, "Insurgent."

Littlejohn's story is one people love; a military veteran turned actor, creating a new life and title for himself that most people only dream about. And even though he is in the acting business, he still gets star struck every time he works alongside famous actors such as Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Michael Rooker from *Walking Dead*, and Ian McShane.

Because of his growing success as an actor, Littlejohn advanced from being a



Littlejohn with Ian McShane on the set of "Bolden," a bio pic about jazz musician Buddy Bolden.

background extra to a lead actor. He started to get the perks and benefits of a lead actor such as sitting at the "big kids table" where all the lead celebrities ate.

"I was waiting in line to grab food to eat with the rest of the extras not realizing that being a lead actor you just go straight to the front. Ian McShane told me that I didn't have to wait that I could just go ahead and grab the food. But it was just out of habit because I started out as an extra," said Littlejohn.

With his growth in fame there also comes a lot of attention from people; some good and some bad. "People are slowly starting to recognize me. It made me more reserved and showed me who is really my friend and who is not" Said Littlejohn.

Littlejohn wanted to continue his education but didn't know where to start, so he came to Haskell. "I started going to college a few years ago but due to a recurring illness I had to stop," said Littlejohn.

He chose Haskell not just because he was Native but because his cousin challenged him to a bet. If she was able to get into the Uni-



Littlejohn on the set of "Banshee."

versity of Kansas he would have to attend a college of his choice. Terrence chose Haskell and has started as a transfer student working on a bachelor degree from the Indigenous & American Indian studies program with an emphasis in Sovereignty.

"I'm really glad I came here. I want to use this as I progress higher up as an actor and help others. If I ever make it up to the Denzel Washington level of acting, I'm definitely going to do more to help Haskell," said Littlejohn.

Photos provided by Terrence Littlejohn.

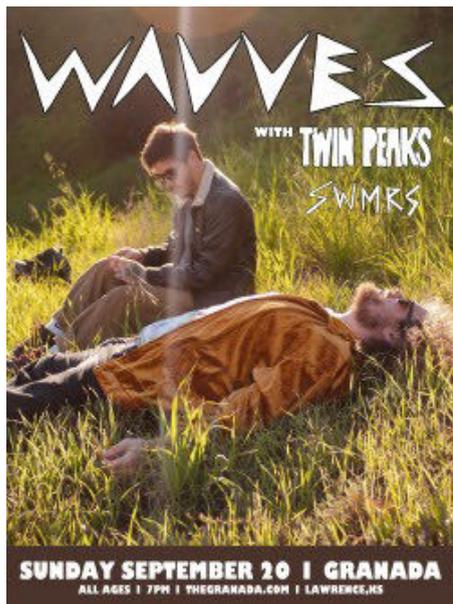
Music Events

ZACKARY TOWEY

Everyone has their own favorite pastime. Some enjoy painting, watching television, reading books, completing homework, staring at walls, and many other things. I enjoy listening to music. Growing up in Lawrence, I've acquired that small-town taste in things. I enjoy the sound of harmonies, chords, snare drums, guitar riffs, bass grooves, and most of all I enjoy experiencing music at the availability of my fingertips. Some of my favorite artists include Cage the Elephant, The Lumineers, Grouplove, Wavves, Alt-J, Young the Giant, and We Are Trees. I could go on forever listing off favorite bands, songs, and albums. Instead I'll supply you, my amazing readers, with a few local venues and some of their upcoming shows.



The Granada sits on 1020 Massachusetts Street. The look of an old-time movie theater isn't some retro attempt at popularity. The Granada was built in the 1930's originally as a silent movie theater and showed movies until the 1980's, now it's a venue for live music. The Granada has had appearances such as M83, Ben Folds, Flaming Lips, Marilyn Manson, Smashing Pumpkins, and John Mayer. The biggest venue downtown, you can't miss the Granada.



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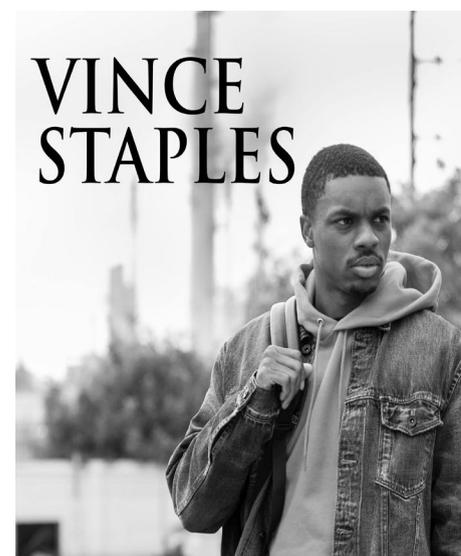
September 20th
Energetic Surf Rock
Influences: Weezer, the Pixies, Oasis
Supported by: Twin Peaks and SW MRS
Door opens at 7
show begins at 8
Tickets – Advance: 18\$
at door: 20\$



Toro y Moi

October 18th
Dreamy Electronic/Dancefloor disco-pop
Influences: Animal Collective, Daft Punk, J Dilla
Supported by: Astronauts, etc.
Door opens at 7
show begins at 8
Tickets – Advance: 17\$
at door: 20\$

Liberty Hall is located downtown at 644 Massachusetts Street. Hey Zack why does Liberty Hall look like an old-timey theater just like The Granada? Well readers, that's because it's another one of those stereotypical "Lawrence Massachusetts Street Old-Timey Theater Turned Music Venue" places that we're getting sick and tired of. What makes it better though is its extremely kind staff, next-door video store, and local coffee shop!



Vince Staples

September 29th
Rap/Hip-hop
Doors opens at 7, show at 8
Tickets – Advance: 15\$ at door: 18\$



Machine Gun Kelly

October 8th
Rap/Hip-hop
Supported by: King Los and Dub O
Door opens at 7 show at 8
Tickets – Advance: 31\$ at door: 36\$



Young the Giant

November 12th
Indie/Alternative Rock
Supported by: Wildling
Door opens at 7, show begins at 8
Tickets – Advance: 25\$ at door: 28\$

Rejuvenation of Haskell Athletics

RAQUEL BUTLER

The coming of a new academic year also brought a new Athletic Director (AD) to Haskell campus. Todd Davis has been in athletics for about 25 years and has been an AD for about 9 years. Davis said “I think the opportunity here will be great for me and I’m kind of hoping this will be my last stop. I’m originally from the Midwest. I’m actually a Cherokee from Oklahoma, so this is pretty much home for me”

He has come to Haskell with a positive outlook saying, “I’m really excited about the whole program and the potential that Haskell Athletics has.”

Davis has had meetings with both the football team and the men’s basketball team.

With the recent suspension of the football team, Davis wanted to make sure he got the opportunity to have a discussion with the players about the future of the team. Davis said, “I wanted to meet with the football team first because I know there were several juniors and seniors that were greatly effected by the suspension of the program. I wanted to make sure

they knew that they had a voice. I didn’t want to turn my back on anyone that had given anything to the university, especially athletics.”

The football program was suspended with the understanding that there was a possibility for the program to



return if the funds were there. Davis stated, “I’m 99.9% sure that for the fall of 2016, there will be no football...” He continued, “I don’t want to bring the program back without a strategic plan. I’d rather bring back a strong program instead of putting our players out there just so we can

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say we brought it back, and then end up in the same situation in a couple years.”

The main topic of the meeting Davis

to go though those applications.”

Once there is a selected coach it may take some extra time before the coach is here on campus due to moving situations they may have to undergo. For the time being, head woman’s Coach Flannigan, has stepped up to help get the guys conditioned for the preseason.

The volleyball team, cross country, and men’s golf have all started their seasons.

Davis said, “Golf has already participated and done really well. Coach Tanner has been working with the golfers and the team has gotten to a point now where they’re doubled in size. They did really well, finished second in their classic they participated in last week.”

had with the basketball team was the hiring of a new head coach. “I wanted the team to know what was going on. We are currently in the process of searching for a new head coach for the men’s basketball team. The deadline runs through September 17th and after that we can begin

Davis believes that Haskell Athletics has a great potential for success. “The foundation is here, that is what I’m most excited about. I think that over time people will realize that Haskell will be right out in front. That’s my goal and nothing is going to change.”

Haskell golf starts season strong

RAQUEL BUTLER

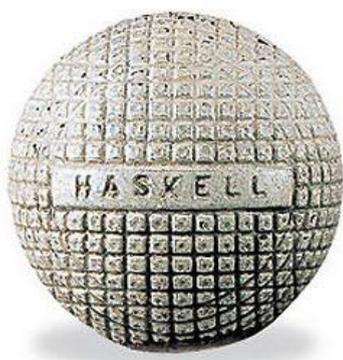
Haskell golf started off the season with the Central Christian Triangular along with Coffeyville Community College. Josiah Kurley finished in third place with 148 while Steven Harshberger came in right behind him at 150. Derek Speck was also close by at 151.

Haskell then took on Bethel College at a dual event in Emporia, Kansas. The team turned in a total of 315 with Bethel taking the competition by just eight strokes.

Golf Coach, Gary Tanner, says, “We’re probably better from top to bottom than we ever have been. Last year we had a couple of good and a couple of average players. This year we’ve got three really good players and a couple of average ones. We

have more players shooting better scores; we met our first goal to use everybody in the 70s already. We also beat our team goal to shoot under 310, we ended up shooting 303 and 305. Our new goal team is under 300.”

The team next plays in the Ottawa Invitational on September 14th.



Haskell volleyball season begins

RAQUEL BUTLER

Haskell women fell to Graceland 3-1 in the season opener. The team followed up with the 2015 LaQuinta-Kansas Wesleyan Volleyball Invitational over Labor Day weekend. The Indians won their first match against Bacone college 3-1 followed by a

loss to Tabor College 3-1. Haskell claimed a victory against Southwestern Christian College in five sets 3-2 and then lost to Bethany college 3-1.

The team will play their first home game Sept. 9th at Coffin Complex against Central Christian College with a record of 2-3.

The Mission of the Haskell Cultural Center and Museum is to provide Tribal students and communities with programs and exhibitions that enhance the understanding and appreciation of the unique history of Haskell Indian Nations University.

DID YOU KNOW?

June 20, 1924 Eight boys, walked to their homes in Oklahoma from Haskell, in order to donate their train fare to the Haskell Stadium Fund?

October 30, 1926 In the first homecoming game in Haskell history, and before thousands here for the dedication of the stadium, Haskell defeated Bucknell 36-0.

Courtesy of Haskell Cultural Center and Museum

Young team with big dreams

DEREK ZIEGLER

A new conference and spotlight to shine is on the horizon for the young and talented Haskell Cross Country team. This season the team will be joining the Alliance of Independent Institutions (A.i.i.), a new conference Haskell is participating in after the dissolution of the MCAC conference.

“The schools are located around the United States,” says Coach Al Gipp. “A couple of universities came (to the conference) from the MCAC-Central Christian, College of the Ozarks, Johnson and Wales out of Denver, and British Columbia, Canada.”

The team competed for the first time this season at Baker University on Saturday, September 5th. Haskell cross country lost a few runners from last season due to graduation and fulfilling eligibility.

The men’s team will begin the season with some strong talent. “We have a loan senior who is Dom Atcity. We have Derrick Sleeper and a transfer, Cameron Riley who is a sophomore,” says Coach Gipp. “Our conference meet to qualify to the National Championships will be on November 7th and will be at Johnson and Wales University.”

Returning to the women’s team is junior star athlete, Cherica Eckiwaudah. “Cherica is on her third year, but her second year we are shooting for a medical red shirt due to being

injured last season. Academically, she is a junior but this will be her second season competing,” said Coach Gipp.

“I left some unfinished business last year after that incident and I look forward to coming back even stronger this season,” says Eckiwaudah about her come-back season. “As a veteran of 3 years, it’s my job to step up and be team leader for my women’s team. We have 5 women on our team right now and they are all working really hard on becoming better, faster, and stronger runners.” Eckiwaudah continued, “Being team leader is just a title. We are all one unit and we work together as one unit. When one fails, we all fail but what is even greater is, when one succeeds, we all succeed. We may only have 5 runners right now but honestly, if God is for us who can be against us?”

Another new addition and a stand-out runner on the women’s team is Adrea Shields, sophomore, who Gipp considers “a really good addition to our women’s team.” After leaving the basketball team, Shields decided to transition to cross country this season. Shields says it was not a difficult transition between the two sports.

“Yes mentally it was (easy) because I had ran cross country in high school and I knew what it would take to train hard, but then again, no because physically my muscles and lungs were used to the fast short-paced feeling of running up and



Coach Gipp and the Haskell Cross Country team.

down the court,” said Shields.

Being a young team with a big dream, Gipp’s ultimate goal is to qualify for the nationals meet. “Our goal right now is when we get to regionals we want to be on top, and

from there we want our student athletes to qualify for the nationals.”

As the season kicks off, runners are training hard to reach their goals and bring a championship back to Haskell!

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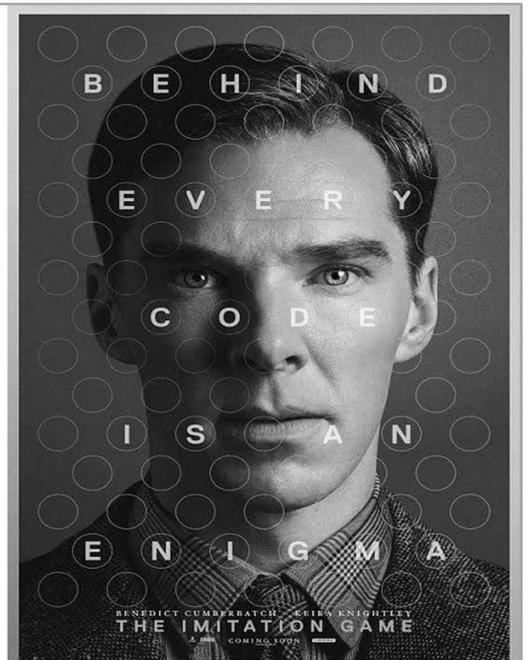
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