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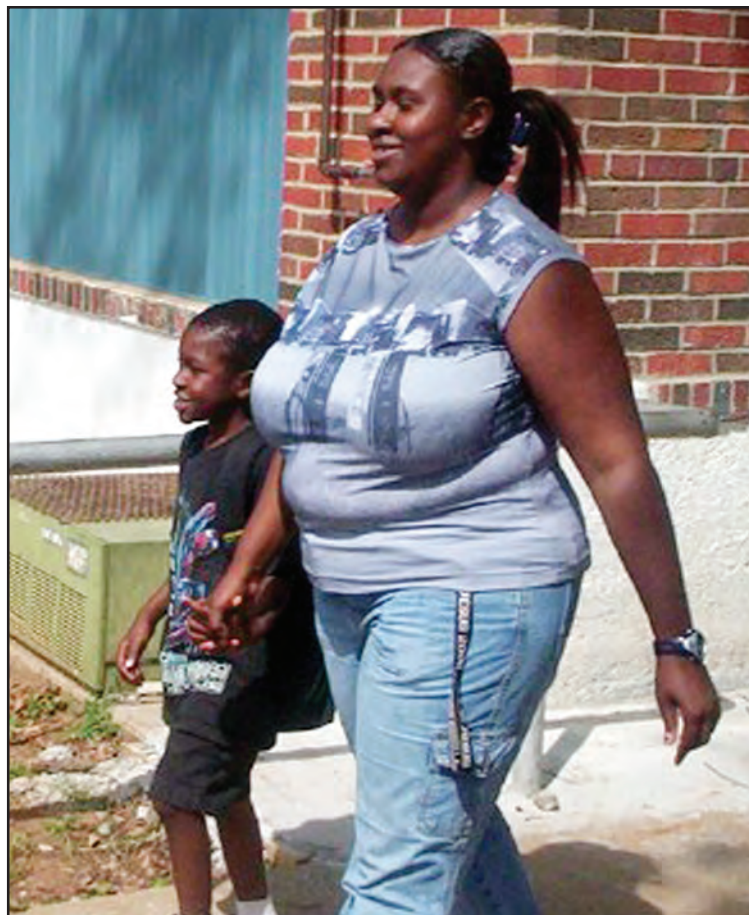
Baby on Board: Student parents juggle children and college life

BY MICKI BIDDLE
Senior Staff Writer

At first glance, Langston University looks like any other college. Although small, it still bears the markings of larger schools. The library clock tower, the proud statue of the Langston Lion at the university's entrance, brand new apartments and playground equipment adorn the campus. Wait . . . playground equipment?

Strollers being pushed across campus by parents with a book bag in one hand and a diaper bag in the other are quite a common site. According to Alice L. Strong-Simmons, the director of Langston University's Early Childhood Laboratory, there are approximately 140-150 families at Langston University.

The challenges of parenting, combined with the pursuit of a higher education, create a whole new set of hardships on a student. It is virtually unheard of for a university to help students overcome such adversities. Usually students



Chanel Roland, a freshman accounting major, walks with her six-year-old son, Keenan, after picking him up from school.



Head Football Coach Greg Johnson calls the shots at the first game of the season, LU vs. Paul Quinn.

Coach Johnson works to revive the LU Lions

BY JIMMY EARLY

When Greg Johnson accepted the head football coach position last spring, he knew the Lions' legacy was on his shoulders.

The Langston University football team had a losing season with two wins and eight losses last fall, prompting many people to doubt whether LU would see a win this semester. Yet as an optimistic person, Coach Johnson believes the sky is the limit for Langston.

"My future plans are to revitalize this program and take the team to the playoffs, championship, Division II, or Division 1AA," he said.

Coach Johnson understands, however, that making a losing program successful does not come overnight. His strategy to improve the football program includes building team comradery, rising above mediocrity, and doing whatever it takes to win. These are challenges the Lions will have to face in order to bring Langston's football program towards consistency in the winning column.

To know where you're going, you have to know where you've been. Coach Johnson was born and raised in Watonga, Okla. He received part of his education at Langston; however, he graduated from Northwestern University of Oklahoma. Coach Johnson started his coaching career at Tennessee Tech University (TTU). After leaving TTU he did a short stint at LU, and then he went on to coach at Prairie View A&M University, Middle Georgia Junior College, Hearn Texas High School and Jackson State University. Coach Johnson returned to dear old Langston University in the spring of 2003, and he's glad to be back.

"I'm comfortable with the Langston alumni and I feel they're comfortable with me," Coach Johnson remarked. "I'm not a Langston graduate, but I'm a stepchild of Langston's."

With such an ambitious head lion of the football field, the Langston Lions should roar with success. As Coach Johnson states, "I'm very confident about the upcoming season and the future of the program; the only limitations are ourselves."

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receive a "sink or swim" attitude from today's professors and instructors.

I know firsthand how stressful balancing parenting and schoolwork can be. In the spring of 2000 I was walking in their shoes. There I was, waddling to class, swollen feet and all, hoping to finish the semester before my baby was born. But, as we all may know, babies come when they want to. Two weeks before finals, I gave birth to a beautiful baby boy. But I still had finals to worry about!

So, I strapped a baby carrier to my front side and a book bag to my

back. My diaper bag doubled as my purse and I marched right into my classes as if nothing had changed. Not one time did a faculty or staff member attempt to prevent me from continuing on the course of obtaining my degree. Recently, I had the wonderful opportunity to meet others who are going through the same situation. They shared their experiences, challenges, blessings and struggles with me.

Keysha Whiteside, a freshman accounting major from Coyle, and her 2-year-old little boy, Vershon,

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Scholars urged to apply for Alpha Chi

Langston University's Delta Chapter of the Alpha Chi National Honors Society is inviting all scholars with a 3.5 grade point average, and are classified as juniors or seniors, to apply for membership in this prestigious organization.

This is the first time Langston University has had an induction during the fall semester. "We had several scholars tell us last year that they were unaware we were accepting new members," said LU Alpha Chi Student President Desmond Harvey. "Some were very disappointed about missing out, so we decided to give them an extra opportunity this year."

Alpha Chi participants are from the top ten percent of the university's students. They pay a \$45 membership fee which is good for a lifetime. They remain members of both the local and nationally recognized Alpha Chi Honor Society. College honor societies promote academic excellence and scholarship. Membership in an honor society also bestows prestige and a lifetime distinction. In addition, some federal government agencies offer Alpha Chi scholars higher beginning salaries.

Members may also apply for scholarships from the national organization. These are available on both the graduate and undergraduate level. In addition, two new scholarships have been added this year.

New members will be inducted on October 12, 2004 in a 6:30 p.m. ceremony in the lobby area, second floor of Page Hall.

"Those with the required grade point average and who will have accumulated at least 61 college credit hours (or more) by the end of the fall 2004 semester are qualified to submit an application," said Dr. Jo Ann R. Clark, Dean of the Honors Program, and local sponsor. "They should bring their transcript to 111, 110, or 109, University Women Building. They may apply there and obtain further details. Applications must be submitted by September 30, 2004."

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Rolicia Richards and her infant, Trinity, wait to pick up her 4-year-old daughter, Reahna, from school.

were sitting on a bench in the shade, waiting for one of her classes to begin. When I asked if I could take some photos and ask her a few questions, Vershon started hamming it up! He wanted to show off his backpack that was "just like mommy's."

Whiteside is married and also has a 10-month-old son at home that grandma baby-sits, but Vershon goes to classes with mommy. I asked if any of her instructors cared and she said, "No. As long as Vershon is occupied with a coloring book or toy and doesn't disrupt things, no one seems to mind."

She says the most challenging aspect of her situation is that daycare is so scarce in this area. "The on-site daycare only takes 3-year-olds. They are not equipped for infants and toddlers. That makes it hard on people in my situation," she explained. On the other hand, she is grateful that her teachers let Vershon go to classes with her. "I don't know what I would do if he couldn't—I guess just wait to get my education," she said.

Finding after school daycare is another dilemma for students with children. Freshman accounting major Chanel Roland said, "Soon, the BSU (Baptist Student Union) will resume after school care. That

will be a big help to me." As the mother of a 6-year-old-boy, Keenan, she knows what it is like to have a tag-a-long during class time. "Keenan has been to government, elementary algebra and English composition with me with no trouble at all!" Roland said.

While finding childcare may be a bit of a conundrum, locating a suitable place to live has not been that difficult for many students with children. The Commons, located across the street from Langston University, accepts students with kids.

Danielle Ballard, a freshman criminal justice major also from Coyle, has a 2-year-old daughter, K'Briauna, and appreciates Langston for building apartments with families in mind.

"The staff here is real helpful with helping you get the things you need in order to start school," she said. "Mrs. Ashley helped me get my apartment, a two bedroom at The Commons, and I really like the little playgrounds they have for toddlers."

Rolicia Richardson, a sophomore in the nursing program, is a single mom of two children—3-month-old Trinity and 4-year-old Reahna. She also appreciates the convenience of her apartment at The Commons.

"Now I don't have to carry kids with me to do laundry!" she exclaimed. "The program and school work is hard and being a mom makes it even harder to find the time to study."

She offers this advice to others in the same predicament: "Network with other moms. Utilize the community. Meet your neighbors. Maybe you can make new friends and swap childcare."

Administrators at Langston University are aware of the lack of available childcare. Meanwhile, Langston University's Early Childhood Laboratory, located at Breax Hall, has a capacity which allows for 60 children.

"We know there is a great need and I hope to expand in the future to meet everyone's needs," said Strong-Simmons.

That is good news to the student parents. Until then, most of Langston's classroom settings are casual enough to allow students to bring their children when necessary. It is beneficial for our children to see their parents pursuing a higher education. Their minds are impressionable and they will be able to look back and remember that if mommy and daddy could do it, then I can do it too! What a legacy to pass on to our children.

LU Voices

It's Langston, get used to it?

BY KEVONO HUNT
Assistant Editor

Everywhere you go on campus you can hear students and faculty badmouthing Langston University. "It's Langston, get used to it," has become a much too common phrase. Well, I disagree. It's not Langston. It's our acceptance that this is how it's going to be. We accept the fact that Financial Aide loses paperwork on a yearly basis. We accept that it takes you all day to get enrolled into 12 hours. We accept that our tuition rises every year but the number of courses offered stays the same. We accept the fact that we pay a \$6.00 per credit hour technology fee for a computer lab that is either always full or is part of a network that's down. We also accept that we pay hundreds of dollars each semester to live in a dorm without air. We pay over \$1000 to eat in a cafeteria that serves mediocre meals and has a poor selection. These are only a few of the things I know that students would like to see changed. But if we continue to accept these things they will never change.

Now, let's compare Langston to U.C.O. I attended U.C.O for two semesters and I never had to resend financial aide documents. I was able to enroll via the Internet, and the campus has three computer labs whose networks are hardly ever down. The food in the cafeteria is good, hot, fresh and edible. You know there shouldn't be such a large difference between these two campuses because both of them basi-

"You must understand that what you put in is what you get out. So if you don't speak up for yourself when you're wronged then no one will ever know how you expect to be treated."

cally cost the same to attend.

But it's Langston, so I suppose I should just get used to it. Since I shouldn't be troubled over anything, I guess it's a waste of time to mention how a lot of the faculty act as if we're bothering them when all we want is for them to do their jobs. Am I wasting oxygen by complaining about all the lackadaisical staff members in the offices here at LU? Am I wrong to think that since this is an institution of higher learning everyone would act and treat it like one?

You must understand that what you put in is what you get out. So if you don't speak up for yourself when you're wronged then no-one will ever know how you expect to be treated. Langston University is providing a service and we are the customers. So we should demand the services that we are paying for. If you were at a department store and couldn't get what you needed you wouldn't just let it go. You would talk to a manager about the service you had received, or about getting what you needed. Well, the same applies here. If you receive poor customer service in any department on campus talk to the director. If you're not satisfied with the food in the cafeteria join the food committee and help select it. If you're upset over LU's lack of resources then go to the SGA and voice your concerns.

My mother always told me that if you're going to complain about something, you had better have a solution. You already know what you want. Don't be afraid to voice your wants, needs and concerns to the people who can change it. I challenge you to speak up.

Seize the day

Marcus Aurelius, who is regarded as one of the greatest emperors in Roman history, once said, "Time is a sort of river of passing events, and strong is its current; no sooner is a thing brought to sight than it is swept by and another takes its place, and this too will be swept away."

My dear Langstonites and neophytes, I dedicate my 130th epistle and first Chapy's Corner of the fall 2004 semester to those of us who are trying to "carpe diem," or "seize the day" of this inevitable commodity in life called time!

Dictionary.com defines "time" when it functions as a noun as: "1. (a) a non-spatial continuum in which events occur in apparently irreversible succession from the past through the present to the future; (b) an interval separating two points on this continuum; a duration; (c) a number, as of years, days, or minutes, representing such an interval; (d) a similar number representing a specific point on this continuum, reckoned in hours and minutes; (e) a system by which such intervals are measured or such numbers are reckoned."

In a letter to his son dated Nov. 6, 1747, English statesman and author, the fourth Earl Lord Philip Dormer Stanhope Chesterfield (b.1694—d.1773), warned, "Take care of the minutes, for the hours will take care of themselves."

If there was only one precious commodity in life I would love to

have more of, it would not be money, gold, silver or "bling-bling." It would be time!

For you see, time is the essence

In 1595, English poet William Shakespeare (b.1564—d.1616) wrote that the main character in his play, Richard II, discovered this axiomatic truth regarding time. King Richard said, "I wasted time, and now doth time waste me."

In this new academic semester upon the hill, as we embark upon

Chapy's Corner

By Dr. Eric Anthony Joseph
Chaplain
Coleman Heritage Center



of life. It is the fulfillment of a series of sequential elements of milliseconds, seconds, minutes, hours, days, months, years, decades, centuries and millenniums.

Time is the only thing in life that cannot be replaced with a substitute; however, it is the most wasted, misused, and miscalculated element on earth. There are those "playa-haters" who even believe that time is wasted upon the youth!

I agree with the sentiments of French moralist Jean de La Bruyere (b.1645—d.1696) who said, "Those who make the worst of their time are the first to complain of its brevity."

There is a popular Sprite commercial that insists "image is everything." My dear brothers and sisters, timing is everything! I am fully persuaded that time is the only enemy we will have to fight against during our lifetime. Time will be our main adversary because it waits for none of us. It is a non-renewable resource or commodity.

another pilgrimage through a newness of time, I firmly believe that the Creator will not only convict but judge humanity on how poorly they manage and appropriate their time (see *Matthew 25:14-30*).

My new supplicants, please do not waste time. Instead, "seize the day" that the Creator has given you to participate in this race called life! Enjoy what Langston has to offer you and take your gifts back to the hood and do good!

Remember, "Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. And today? Today is a gift. That's why we call it the present." —quote by Babatunde Olatunji, Grammy Award winning percussionist.

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"Some stories don't have a clear beginning, middle, and end. Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment and making the best of it, without knowing what's going to happen next. Delicious ambiguity." —Gilda Radner

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Rise in college tuition becomes major worry for students

BY LATRISE HORTON

Keeping up with the constant increases of tuition seems harder and harder to do each semester. Students are finding it extremely difficult to pay for school and many are “dropping out” because of a lack of finances. Many students have begun to ask, “What is up? Why are we paying so much for an education?”

Angela Kelso-Watson, Vice President for Administrative and Fiscal Affairs, responded to this question by explaining that the Oklahoma Regents for Higher Education and the State Legislature have approved all Oklahoma universities increasing tuition “by a margin” to keep up with the costs of keeping schools open.

“The school has two main revenues to help keep Langston up to

par: state funds and tuition and fees, and since the state does not help to cover in full all the necessities needed (i.e. funding for teachers, maintenance, new housing facilities, etc.) we have to fall back on the tuition and fee payments.”

Kelso-Watson also said that though the tuition is higher than previous years it is not at its highest. “If you look at OSU and OU you can see the dramatic difference.

Some of those schools increased tuition by about 15 percent. Langston only increased tuition enough to cover what needs to be covered.”

However, when students look in the schedule of classes for the 2004 school year vs. 2003 or 2002, the difference stills seems a bit steep, especially for out-of-state tuition.

To help defray the cost of college, students should look into

other ways of paying for tuition besides loans and the money they or their parents have saved.

“A lot of students do not take care of their financial aid in a timely manner,” explains Kelso-Watson. “They miss out on some of the best funds possible to a student, like the Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant (OTAG), the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), and Federal Work Study. But you have to apply early for these things. Also, students should work at keeping their GPAs up because there are a number of

scholarships available to them that they could be eligible to apply for. Go on the internet and surf the web, you will be surprised with what you find.”

Though many students find it hard to keep going to school, Kelso-Watson advises against dropping out.

“It is a very expensive thing to get an education, but it is so worth it,” she said. “It takes meticulous and careful planning, and looking for every option and advantage you can find.”

Tuition for undergraduate students per credit hour			
Residency	Year/Semester		
	2002	2003	2004
In-State:	\$61.20	\$60.60	\$63.65
Out-of-State:	\$118.20	\$181.00	\$199.00

“Shades of Blue” to give students a taste of jazz

RASHEEM JAMES
Senior Staff Writer

The Shades of Blue Jazz Ensemble will perform September 12, 2004 at 3:00 p.m., in the I.W. Young Auditorium.

The 18 professional musicians boast a repertoire that ranges from traditional big band and jazz, to bebop, swing and even modern jazz. The event is being used to promote cultural awareness as well as a recruiting tool for students who are interested in joining the US Navy.

Albert L. Jackson, director of the Langston University Marching Pride Band, said the concert will offer a great opportunity for students to learn more about the different varieties of music.

Jackson insists that students attend the event with an open mind and have fun while enjoying the Shades of Blue.

“Everyone should come. I want everyone to leave with an appreciation for jazz, and an appreciation for professionalism, so that their personality will become more enriched,” he concluded.

SGA appoints new leaders



Langston’s new SGA officers, (l-r) Joshua Busby, vice president; Vanessa McGlothen, president; and Roy Henderson, activities coordinator, are sworn in by Dr. Elbert L. Jones, Vice President for Student Affairs, at the annual SGA Installation Ceremony, held on August 26th in the I.W. Young Auditorium.

BY MICHEAL CLAYTON

The Student Government Association (SGA) recently held its annual installation ceremony for the newly appointed SGA officers, Vanessa McGlothen, Joshua Busby and Roy Henderson.

SGA is the only organization on campus in which every student is a member. It promotes the students’ welfare, establishes a more self-governing body, and provides students with a means to increase

unity.

McGlothen was named SGA’s president and is a senior sociology major from Las Vegas, Nevada. A member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity, she also served as the vice president of the SGA during the 2003-2004 school year.

McGlothen asked students to make the most of their time on campus.

“I challenge you to be leaders

upon this campus. I challenge you to fulfill your potential. I challenge you to pray and receive God.”

“I challenge you to learn about different cultures, politics, religions, and traditions,” she added. “Langston University is just as good as Howard, Southern, and Hampton. Langston is a bomb university.”

Joshua Busby, vice president, is a junior agribusiness major from

(Please see SGA on pg.7)



The 18 member Shades of Blue Jazz Ensemble will perform this Sunday at 3:00 p.m. in the I.W. Young Auditorium.

Sports

Langston Lions stand 1-1, prepare for another battle

BY JAMUEL WALLACE
Sports Writer

After two games, the Langston Lions record stands at 1-1. Some might say big deal, but this is the first time the Lions had been at .500 in three seasons. Langstonites can give some of the credit to Head Coach Greg Johnson and his coaching staff.

In the season opener on August 28th, the Lions smashed the Paul Quinn Tigers of Lancaster, Texas 30-7.

After Paul Quinn returned the opening kickoff to take an early 7-0 lead the Lions reeled off 30 unanswered points to pick up the victory.

The stat of the game was time of possession as the Lions controlled the ball for over 35 minutes.

The Lions' defense held Paul

Quinn to 176 total yards and forced three turnovers.

Running back Jimmy Scales finished the game with 113 yards on 15 carries.

Ross Smith finished with 86 yards and a touchdown pass to Jimmy Early. Early finished with 41 yards on two catches.

Jason Fobbs led the way for the Lions with eight tackles. Charles Casey added five tackles, while Dexter Falls had five tackles, two sacks and a forced fumble. Eric Cooper chipped in with three tackles and an interception.

In the second game of the season, the Washburn Ichabods nearly outplayed Langston in every aspect of the game in their 30-7 win over the Lions at Yager Stadium in Topeka, Kan.

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Lions' running back Cermase Berry (36) eludes a Paul Quinn defender late in the second quarter of the Lions' 30-7 victory over the Tigers.



Lions' cornerback Jamal Harley (4) runs past Paul Quinn's Larry Blackman (59) in the first quarter after the Tigers took an early 7-0 lead.

LU Athlete of the Week

BY JUDY YATES

Quinton Morgan

Quinton Morgan, #18, is an offensive player who is a running back/wide receiver specializing in punt and kickoff returns. He carries 180 lbs. on a 5'10" "scat-back" frame. Morgan is a transfer from Jackson State University in Jackson, Miss. Part of the reason he came to Langston was so that he can continue playing for Coach Greg Johnson, who he played under at Jackson State.

Morgan is a senior in class and a junior on the football field with two years left of eligibility. He is majoring in Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER).

His high school years were spent at Bonnabel High in New Orleans, La., where he excelled in baseball. "I was an all-district, all-state pitcher with the opportunity to be drafted for baseball out of high school, but I hurt my shoulder and had to have rotator cuff surgery. After rehab I went back to football."

Quinton likes the surroundings on the campus. "I haven't experienced anything negative and I appreciate all the support."



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Penalties killed the Lions in the first half as they committed 11 of their 13 penalties for 73 yards.

Washburn scored the first 30 points until quarterback Tony Williams hit Jimmy Early with a 26-yard touchdown pass.

Kendrick Dozier led the Lions in rushing with 96 yards on 12 carries. Tony Williams passed for 87 yards in the fourth quarter to lead the Lions in passing. Jimmy Early had five catches for 79 yards and a touchdown to lead the Lions in receiving.

Darnell Brown led the Lions with eight tackles and Dexter Falls added seven tackles, while Jason Fobbs came out with six tackles. Emery Gibson churned out four tackles, two fumble recoveries, and a blocked kick.

After two games, Jimmy Scales and Kendrick Dozier are leading the way in the rushing category. Scales has 179 yards after two games, while Dozier has 140 yards on 23 carries.

Ross Smith is leading the way with 116 passing yards and a touchdown.

Jimmy Early leads the receiving core with seven catches for 120 yards and two touchdowns.

Jason Fobbs has 14 tackles to lead the Lion's defense, while Dexter Falls delivered 12 tackles and a team high two sacks. Charles Casey added nine tackles and a team high two pass break ups.

The Lions next opponent will be the Texas College Steers, a team that defeated the Lions last season 13-6 in the T.M. Crisp Classic. The game will be played in Tyler, Texas on Saturday night at 7p.m.



Lions' defensive back Darnell Brown (33) makes an open field tackle on Washburn's wide receiver Jerrod Tetuan (23) in the fourth quarter of the Lions' 30-7 loss to the Ichabods

Sooners and Cowboys ready to battle with help of new recruits

With football season already here, Oklahomans are ready to support their favorite NCAA college football teams. It is that time of year when players are dedicated and concentrated on one thing, and only one team can bring it home—a championship!

THE STALEY REPORT Inside Oklahoma College Football

by Quinton Staley

What's going on inside Oklahoma football?

The Oklahoma Sooners are ranked number two in the standings after their sluggish ending last season in which they were beaten by Kansas State in the Big-12 Championship and lost to Louisiana State University in the Sugar Bowl.

Yet, the Sooners are expected to do big things with the help of freshman runningback Adrian Peterson from Palestine High School in Texas.

Peterson was a highly recruited runningback and a Blue Chip All-American. As a senior he ran for 2,960 yards on 252 attempts and averaged 11.7 yards a game with 32 touchdowns. This is a player to be reckoned with on the field and he has much to prove as a Sooner.

Unfortunately, Peterson's shoulder injury cost him a chance to start, as he competed with junior runningback Kejaun Jones. Peterson will be third string running back behind DJ Wolfe, a freshman runningback from Lawton Eisenhower High School in Oklahoma.

Oklahoma State University Cowboys are expected to have a spectacular season, but during spring practice one of their most promising new recruits, freshman Bobby Reid, suffered an injury to his shoulder.

Reid is a 6'3", 225 pound quarterback from Galena Park, Texas. He attended North Shore High School where he won the Class 5A Division I title.

Reid was expected to make an immediate impact for the Cowboys before his injury. Despite Reid's tremendous ability to run the ball like a tailback and his throwing ability, he will have to sit out and watch Donovan Woods take the snaps.

Woods, a redshirt freshman from Millwood High School in Oklahoma, also has the ability to run the ball with good quality and can make a move out the back field. He is a great option quarterback!

But will Woods be able to handle the pressure for the Cowboys? Will he be able to follow the legacy of his brother Reshaun Woods? He will definitely have his hands full this season.

During his senior season Woods led Millwood to three Class 2A State Championships. He rushed for 1,081 yards and 15 rushing touchdowns, and threw 2,453 pass yards and 32 passing touchdowns.

Woods' throwing ability on the collegiate level has been underestimated. Do not count this young man out because he is a player with excellent skill.

LU to compete in Battle of the Bands

BY RASHEEM JAMES
Senior Staff Writer

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) will soon prepare for the third consecutive Honda Battle of the Bands program.

Forty-one schools will participate in a one of a kind program that features the historic spirit, pageantry and showmanship of traditional HBCU marching bands.

The best band will also receive bragging rights as the number one HBCU marching band.

American Honda Motor Co. Inc., will award a total of \$141,000 in grants to the participating marching bands and their institutions.

Albert L. Jackson, director of the Langston University Marching Pride Band, said, "There were sixty thousand people who showed up from all over the country last year and it was sold out three days before it started."

fore it started."

"It provided a very positive image for the university because we don't get as much recognition as we should, due to most of the HBCUs being on the east coast or down south."

The election process for the Invitational Showcase is based upon a three-tiered evaluation.

One-third of the points will come from online fan nominations received at www.HondaBattleoftheBands.com.

Another one-third will be from the commissioners and school presidents of the four conferences. HBCU band directors will provide the final one-third to make the points total out to 100 percent.

Commissioners, presidents and band directors cannot vote for their own school. All online surveys must be completed and submitted by November 5.

"For the past two years, the LU Marching Pride Band has come in second place in the popular votes," said Jackson.

"We don't have a problem with the popular vote, but what is hurting us is the presidents' vote and the commissioners' vote," he added.

Ten bands will be chosen in the overall categories and win a chance to receive \$10,000 to assist with their band program, which includes \$1,000 to each school for their half-time performances at selected football games throughout the season.

Students are encouraged to show their support by logging on to the website and nominating the LU Marching Pride Band.

For more information on the Honda Battle of the Bands or how to go to the Invitational Showcase, visit www.HondaBattleoftheBands.com

Support our Lions! Cheer them on in Tyler!

LU Health Watch: Tuberculosis: A deadly disease of the past?

BY MICKI BIDDLE
Senior Staff Writer

Before anyone can start classes at Langston, or any other university, they must pass a tuberculosis (TB) skin test. Students questioning the necessity of this test should be aware of some daunting facts.

According to Dr. Alan Greene, clinical faculty member at Stanford University School of Medicine, TB is the third leading cause of death in the world. Numbers one and two belong to respiratory infections and malaria, respectively. AIDS falls behind TB in the ranking as the fourth leading killer.

TB, caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, most commonly affects the lungs, but may cause disease in any tissue or organ in the body. However, only the pulmonary manifestation or disease in the upper respiratory tract is communicable.

TB is spread by airborne-droplet nuclei containing the bacteria and is generated by sneezing, coughing, speaking or singing. People who share the same airspace with someone who is infected are at a greater risk for infection. Infection occurs when a susceptible person inhales the nuclei containing the tuberculosis bacteria and the bacterium becomes established in the lungs, spreading

throughout the body.

Symptoms of active TB begin gradually and develop over a period of weeks or months. You may have one or two mild symptoms and not even know that you have the disease.

Common symptoms may include:

- Coughing up thick, cloudy and sometimes bloody mucus (sputum) from the lungs for more than two weeks.
- A rapid heartbeat.
- Swelling in the glands of the neck.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), people who are most at risk of becoming infected with TB are those who:

- Have had close contact with someone who has active or latent TB. Active TB is very contagious.
- Live or work in crowded conditions that may have untreated active TB. This includes people who live or work in dormitories, prisons, nursing homes, military barracks, or homeless shelters.
- Those who have traveled to or from regions where untreated TB is common, such as Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Russia.

Gladys Brown, a nurse at Langston's Student Health Center, said there was one known case of

tuberculosis on campus last year. "So far, we don't know of any this year, but we do see it occasionally."

Why is it so important for students to be tested? According to The American College Health Association (ACHA), 20 million non-immigrant visitors and students enter the United States without a pre-entry medical evaluation, and students who are here for several years to complete their studies are not routinely screened for tuberculosis (ACHA TB Guidelines, 1996).

The CDC published national TB surveillance data for the past decade and indicated that "the number of TB cases among persons born in other countries increased from 4,925 in 1986 to 7,702 in 1997.

The CDC estimated in 1997 that seven million foreign-born persons residing in the United States are infected with TB and that 140,000 to 210,000 will develop the disease after immigration unless they complete a regimen of preventive treatment.

According to the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) Tuberculosis Division, Oklahoma County had the most reported cases of tuberculosis in 2002. Oklahoma County ranked first with 53 reported cases and Tulsa County came in second with 25.

The TB skin test only takes a few seconds and is not painful. A small amount of a harmless substance called PPD Tuberculin is placed just under the top layer of the skin on the forearm with a small needle and syringe. It is not a shot, only a small prick is felt.

The TB skin test must be checked after the necessary waiting period of two to three days. People who have recently had a TB skin test with a reaction that has not been measured by a health professional during the allotted time period should see a doctor as soon as possible. This measurement is important in deciding whether one needs more tests or treatment.

Would you like to know what students on campus think about an issue/subject. Send your question to LUGazette@yahoo.com

What's the Word?

COMPILED BY KEVONO HUNT, Assistant Editor

Who would best represent you as President of the United States? Why?



"Bush needs to be elected again because I believe if a president goes to war while in office the war should be finished under his leadership. They know the mistakes that were made and they could better correct them."

John Loudermill, sophomore
biology major



"Kerry would better represent me because he cares more about the people and not about just going to war for no apparent reason. His plan for the economy would provide more jobs."

Lairnaldo Hudson, junior
criminal justice major



"Bush, because even though he's made mistakes, I still believe that if this country needs to defend itself he would be the best person for the job."

Kimberly Brownie, freshman
criminal justice major



"Kerry would be the best candidate because he tends to be more focused on the welfare of the middle class, he has a more peaceful approach to dealing with our terrorism problem, and his education platform is excellent."

Rachel Goff, junior
elementary education major

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Oklahoma City. He currently serves as the president of the Beta Epsilon chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and the Minorities in Agricultural Natural Resources and Related Sciences Club.

Roy Henderson, a senior health, physical education and recreation (HPER) major from Oklahoma City, will serve as Activities Coordinator.

Henderson is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and a former starter for the LU Lions basketball team.

Dr. Elbert L. Jones, Vice President for Student Affairs, made the

induction official by swearing in the new officers.

The officers will be expected to take their positions with the confidence and skill necessary to allow them to be ready to step up and serve as leaders.

As President Ernest L. Holloway addressed the students, he said, "Everyone can receive A's. You [already] have the A in your hand, keep it; even the students on academic probation."

"If you came to Langston as a loser, you will leave as a winner," he concluded.

LU Calendar

Ongoing Events

National Association of Black Journalists: The National Association of Black Journalists is a student organization on campus aimed at undergraduate broadcast journalism majors and those interested in journalism. Meetings are every Wednesday at noon in Sanford Hall, room 310W. For more information call Dr. Karen M. Clark at ext. 3297 or Steve Jackson at (405) 834-4829.

University Women: Free AIDS testing is available every first working day of the month at Langston University's Clinic, which is located on the first floor in the University Women building.

Alpha Lambda Omega: The Anointed Ladies of Alpha Lambda Omega Christian Sorority Inc. invite you to receive free food for your soul. The ladies will serve food at bible study every Thursday in the Young Hall Lounge at 7:00 p.m.

Immediate Events

Friday, September 10th

Back To School Revival: Rev. Donald Woody, Pastor of the Judah Christian Assembly in Edmond, will speak at the revival. This is the last night of the three-day event. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. in the Mt. Bethel Baptist Church.

Sunday, September 12th

Department of Music: The Langston University Department of Music and the Instrumental Music Department presents the United States Air Force Jazz Band, "The Shades of Blue," on Sunday, September 12th at 3:00 p.m. in the I.W. Young auditorium. Admission is free with a ticket. If you would like to attend, please contact Mr. Jackson, L.U. band director at extension 3418.

Sunday, September 12th

Comedian and speaker Bill Cosby will be performing at Rose State College on Sunday, September 12th. He will be speaking at 2:00p.m. and 5:00p.m. For more information call (405) 733-7960.

Monday, September 13th

G. Lamar Harrison Library: Instructors will offer basic computer training at G. Lamar Harrison Library. Students can sign up in the library in person or call 466-3298.

Lion of the Week

BY SHAUNNA COOPER, Assistant Editor

Roy Henderson

Roy Henderson may be one of the hardest working men on campus, but he still knows how to have a good time.

Students may have seen him all decked out in orange and blue body paint at the season opening football game against Paul Quinn in Dallas, showing tremendous school spirit.

His animated antics helped him stand out in the eyes of many, thus ending the *Gazette's* quest to find Langston



University's first Lion of the Week.

Henderson, a senior health, physical education and recreation (HPER) major from Oklahoma City, was a former hoop star for the LU Lions' basketball team.

Since he has seen both sides of the athletic coin, first as a student-athlete, and now as an excited spectator on the sidelines, he intends to increase campus participation in student athletics. "I know the importance of spirit, just having people behind you; you know, fan support," he explained.

He wants LU students to be pumped up about their teams, particularly the way larger

schools seem to be. He feels if people go the extra mile for the athletes, it may increase the players' morale, leading to more victories.

In addition to his mega school spirit, Henderson also represents the student body in the Student Government Association (SGA) as Activities Coordinator. He plans to use his position to promote unity among the different classifications of students. "People tend to be cliquish, [and they] don't really get to know each other by name," he said. He would like to see things revert to the "old school," way of life, in which people would establish life-long friendships and appreciate the value of the relationship.

Henderson is also a professional D.J. who offers his services for various on and off campus functions in his spare time. "I just like music," he said. "In a party you can play something and people [may] run up to you and say 'Ooooh, that's my song!;' you feel like you did something good for them for the night."

After graduation, Henderson said he wants to be an entrepreneur and he has already put some of his ideas in motion.

"I'm in the process of trying to purchase my own club," he revealed. He feels that opening a club would create revenue for the Oklahoma City area and its surrounding communities. "I like the Oklahoma area because it is one of the cheapest spots to live," he expressed.

Many students may wonder how Henderson is able to maintain such a cool composure in light of his many obligations and aspirations.

"College is a stepping stone for the real world. You've got to be motivated and self-motivation is one of the best qualities for a person to have. I enjoy being here, free and alive. Not many people can say that."

To nominate an outstanding LU faculty, student or staff member for The Lion of the Week profile, send an email to LUGazette@yahoo.com with the person's name, contact information, and explanation of why they should be nominated.

Tuesday, September 14th

SOEA Meeting: There will be a SOEA meeting Tuesday, September 14th in Sanford Hall, room 218W. All education majors are invited.

Thursday, September 16th

G. Lamar Harrison Library: Instructors will offer basic computer training at G. Lamar Harrison Library on Thursday, September 16th. Students can sign up in the library in person or call 466-3298.

Wednesday, September 15th

Mary Mahoney Health Center: The Mary Mahoney Health Center will provide a free dental screening on Wednesday, September 15th. The screenings will begin at 1:00 p.m. The Mary Mahoney Health Center is located on the main campus and the screening will be provided on a first come first serve basis.

Tuesday, September 21st

Teacher education majors: An important meeting for all teacher education majors will be held on Tuesday, September 21st in Sanford Hall, room 218W. Teacher education majors include Biology, Chemistry, Early Childhood Development, Elementary, English, Family and Consumer Science, Mathematics, Music, Physical, Special, and Technology education majors.

September 25th-October 2nd

Library Event: Banned Book Week. For information on this event please contact Njambi Kamoche, director, University Libraries at 466-3294.

Thursday, September 30th

Student Government Association: The SGA will have a student body meeting on Thursday, September 30th in the I.W. Young Auditorium. The meeting is scheduled to start at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact the SGA president Vanessa McGlothen at ext. 3443.

To submit your event or short announcement to the Gazette, email it to LUCalendar@yahoo.com. You must include the name of the event, sponsoring organization, a short paragraph of what the event entails, the time, date, cost (if any), and contact information. All entries must be received by the Tuesday before the Gazette is published to be included in the newspaper.