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New on-air personalities to enhance the sound of KALU

BY TATYANA-LASHAY JOHNSON
Senior Staff Writer

Six broadcast journalism students joined the staff of Langston University's KALU radio station, and will now begin adding their own flava to LU's airwaves. The students are in Michael Jaye Jackson's station participation class. They are the first class to all pass the on-air exam on the first try in the five years that he has been administering the exam.

The students, Rasheem James, Bridgette Jones, Sashaye Brewer, Shaunna Cooper, Brielle Thierry and Ma Rie Hinson, had three weeks to prepare themselves for the exam to become an on-air radio personality.

"It's exciting to see we're going forward. I'm ready to see how they will do on the air," said Jackson, who in addition to teaching also serves as general manager of KALU radio, 89.3 FM.

The test was extremely difficult. Students had to know all the intri-



photo by Kevono Hunt

KALU's on-air personalities: (front, l-r) Shaunna Cooper, Bridgette Jones, Ma Rie Hinson (back, l-r) Rasheem James, Steve Jackson, Brielle Thierry.

cate details of operating a station, such as how to run emergency alert system tests and all of the machines in the control room. But now that they are officially on the air, the hard work will begin. Besides creating 30 minute news magazines and public service announcements, they must keep a log of all the mu-

sic they play, the announcements read on-air, and file music in four different ways.

"I'm ready for it! I've done pre-recorded items and promotions before, but this is my first time for an on-air shift," said Hinson, a senior broadcast journalism

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HIV testing offered free at health clinic

BY MUNIRAH SALAAM-MOORE

The Langston University Medical Clinic has begun to offer free HIV/AIDS testing so that members of the student body will not be unsure of their HIV status.

The clinic will conduct testing on the first working day of every month in the University Women building. Testing is completed by the "swab" method, as opposed to the days of old when HIV testing was performed by blood withdrawal. William Price Curtis, LU's director of counseling, says that swab testing is about 98 percent accurate—about as accurate as needle testing. Students are able to receive their results within two weeks and test results are confidential.

For years, people have perceived HIV/AIDS as a gay white man's disease. Statistics show, however, that the African-American community has been the hardest hit by the HIV/AIDS crisis.

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Freshman officially become "Langstonites"



photo by De'Shawn Saffold

Students recite the "freshman oath," read by Danielle Walker, freshman class president, during the 2004 Freshman Class Induction Ceremony. The ceremony was held in the I.W. Young Auditorium on Tuesday, Sept.21

I'm Not Drinking That! Water on campus raises health concerns

BY JOSEPH CLEMONS

When Thomas Andrews planned his budget for college life it included books, supplies, food, and room and board. But upon his arrival, fellow students quickly informed him that there was another important item that would be essential to his survival—bottled water. Andrews soon found out why. "The water tastes like rust water," he explained. "I spend more than \$10 every week on bottled water."

Many students on campus share his opinion. They complain that the water tastes bad, looks funny, and fear that the water they are drinking is not quite healthy for them. Some even wash their hair with bottled water.

"The water tastes like it comes straight from the lake without being clean or filtered," said Patrick Johnson, a junior.

However, Ruben Oliver, contract manager for facility services, says that there is nothing wrong with

Langston University's water supply. The water, he explained, is pumped through filters and tested monthly for lead and caliform bacteria. The water also meets the the Departmental of Environmental Quality (DEQ) standards.

Yet students still are not satisfied with the water.

"The water tastes like garbage and makes my skin extra dry," said Damon Herbert, a junior.

"They're doing a poor job of filtering the water because the water still comes out murky and it tastes horrible. I spend a lot of money every week on bottled water," said Tiasha Leonard, a junior.

Oliver does admit that the water is not the clearest that can be found in Oklahoma.

He says that when there is an equipment malfunction at the lake, the pipes vibrate and cause microscopic metal sediments to flare up. This causes the water to become cloudy or slightly brownish to the naked eye. Yet, he insists, the

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major from Kansas City. Hinson feels that all students should be working hard to become more knowledgeable about their field.

Steve Jackson, program director for the station, agrees.

"Hard work pays off in the end," he said. Jackson, a senior broadcast journalism major from Oklahoma City, started off as a regular student with no prior experience. As a program director he is now in charge of 70 to 80 percent of what is on the air.

Jackson feels that working with the school radio station will prepare all those who would like to pursue a career in the broadcast journalism field.

"I was basically sleeping up in the station," Jackson said, remembering when he first decided he wanted to be on the air. "Anytime that Mike Jaye volunteered his time, I took him up on it."

The prominent six have a lot on their plates. Each student will now have a chance to showcase their skills and bring new personality to KALU. They can all be heard on 89.3 FM.

Students face higher meal prices and fewer options

BY TATYANA-LASHAY JOHNSON
Senior Staff Writer

Students are paying higher prices to eat this semester, yet have fewer meal plan choices to choose from.

Each year the mandatory meal ticket prices have risen. For example, for the school year of 2003-2004, the meal plan for 19 meals a week, including \$50.00 in Langston Bucks, was \$1,035.00. This school year, for the same plan the cost is \$1,066.00—a \$31 increase in the price.

"The prices of the meal tickets are being put back into the facility," explained Angela Kelso-

Watson, vice president for administrative and fiscal affairs, referring to the remodeling of the cafeteria and the addition of a restaurant.

"Options have decreased due to the fact that when there were more options fewer students chose from them and it became too much paperwork."

Meal tickets have become mandatory for all students living on campus in both dorm halls and in apartments. When asked why students should be required to purchase a meal plan, Kelso-Watson said, "Having it mandatory is best because not all students know how

to eat healthy; they sometimes do not have a way to eat on their own and they are away from home. Housing and the President's Office put the requirement of a meal ticket in place."

This year there are only four options to choose from compared to the last couple of years when there were six options. Now three out of the four options have Langston Bucks included.

"Langston Bucks allow students to purchase food at all of the food restaurants on campus and the students voiced that they liked having more Langston Bucks," Watson said.

MEAL PLAN RATES		
2002-2003 School Year	2003-2004 School Year	2004-2005 School Year
19 Meals: \$930	19 Meals \$990	19 Meals: \$1020
19 Meals w/\$50 LU Bucks: \$974	19 Meals w/\$50 LU Bucks: \$1035	19 Meals w/\$50 LU Bucks: \$1066
14 Meals: \$885	14 Meals: \$940	
14 Meals w/\$100 LU Bucks: \$968	14 Meals w/\$100 LU Bucks: \$1030	14 Meals w/\$100 LU Bucks: \$1066
10 Meals: \$875	10 Meals: \$930	
10 Meals w/\$105 LU Bucks: \$954	10 Meals w/\$105 LU Bucks: \$1025	10 Meals w/\$105 LU Bucks: \$1055

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According to the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) 2002 data, African-Americans accounted for approximately 21,000, or 50 percent, of the more than 42,000 estimated AIDS cases diagnosed among adults in the U.S. As a people, African-Americans are disproportionately affected, as they only make up only 12.3 percent of the American population.

Students engaging in sexual relations should already consider themselves at risk of acquiring the HIV virus. Although condoms are highly effective, they are not 100 percent successful at preventing the disease.

Dominique Morris, a senior psychology major from Fort Worth,

Texas, said, "With the free HIV testing on campus there should be no excuse for students not to get tested."

For more information, contact the LU Medical Center at 466-3335.

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water is still clean and safe to drink.

As of now, there are no plans to improve the taste or look of LU's water supply. Students have two choices: invest in large amounts of bottled water or get used to the mysterious tasting/looking water that may flow from their faucets.

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LU Voices

Chapy's Corner

By Dr. Eric Anthony Joseph
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John Mercer Langston: Look where he has come!

My dear Langstonites, I dedicate my 132nd edition and third Chapy's Corner of the semester to a congressional and conservative statesman who bears the name of the only dynamic historically black college and university within the Sooner state.

Thus, this "founding fathers series" first epistle is a "shout out" to The Honorable John Mercer Langston (b. 1829—d. 1897). In the immortal words of renowned songstress and LU alumnae Mrs. Hollis Johnson Sumo, "Look where he has come!"

Who was John Mercer Langston? He was a graduate of Oberlin College in Ohio and resided there for fifteen years. An Afrikan-American leader of conviction and influence, Langston was also a visionary reformer, a man of faith, a framer of the Republican Party, an accomplished political leader, and an infamous lawyer.

Langston, the youngest of four children, was born free in 1829 in Louisa County Virginia. His father, Ralph Quarles, was a wealthy white planter and slaveholder. Langston's mother, Lucy Langston, was an emancipated slave of Indian and Black ancestry. Both parents died in 1834 after brief, unrelated illnesses. Langston was left a sizable inheritance, which ensured his financial independence.

William Gooch, a friend of Quarles who lived in Chillicothe, Ohio, cared for Langston and his brothers, Charles and Gideon. In 1838, Gooch moved his family to Missouri, a slave state. A court ruled that Langston's inheritance would be threatened if he accompanied them so Langston moved to Cincinnati. While there he became enamored with the tight-knit community of freedmen, which persisted in the face of relentless bigotry.

At the age of 14, Langston enrolled in the Preparatory Department at Oberlin College. During his tenure at Oberlin he excelled in debate. He graduated from the Collegiate Department in 1849, making him the fifth black man to do so. Inspired by his experiences in Cincinnati, he involved himself in the Black rights movement. In 1848, at the invitation of Frederick Douglass, Langston delivered an impromptu speech to the National Black Convention in Cleveland, condemning those who refused to help fugitive slaves.

Langston then enrolled in the graduate program in theology at Oberlin in preparation for later legal study. He went on to pass the Bar in 1854 and became the first black lawyer in Ohio.

His interest and commitment to Black freedom continued to flourish. With the aid of his brothers, Langston organized antislavery societies at both the state and local level. He also helped runaway slaves to escape along the Ohio post of town clerk.

Langston moved back to Oberlin in 1856 where he again involved himself in town government. From 1865 to 1867 he served as a city councilman, and from 1867 to 1868 he served on the Board of Education. His law practice established and respected, Langston handled legal matters for the town. He vigilantly supported Republican candidates for local and national office, while helping to steer the Ohio Republican Party towards radicalism and a strong anti-slavery position.

Langston grew increasingly frustrated with resistance to his ideas. In 1852, he advocated Black resettlement. Two years later, he reversed his

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Get crunk, not stupid

BY STEVE JACKSON
Senior Staff Writer

Most college students study hard and Langston University students are no different. With the outcome of the latest after-hour events, it is apparent that some LU students party hard, too.

A recent house party was shut down because the partygoers got a little too "crunk." Many people may wonder what that word means. Crunk, a slang term meaning "crazy," "rowdy," or "fun," has become extremely popular among young people. Although these meanings have innocent connotations, sometimes when people get "crunk" they get out of control.

The aforementioned party had a couple of incidents occur that made me question the rowdiness of myself and other young adults as well. The party remained a peaceful event for about three hours. No one in the party had a chip on their shoulder and for the most part everyone seemed to be having a good time. Since it was a free party, a good number of students attended. Then, the DJ played one of the summer's best "crunk" songs, "Knuck If You Buck" by the group Crime Mobb.

Once people recognized the

song, they started pushing, shoving, and bouncing around. As crazy as this may sound, that is the normal reaction for a high-octane song such as "Knuck If You Buck." I was even in the middle of the crowd, jumping up and down and having a good time. But out of the blue, more people appeared and as the

there was an unidentified gas leak. This party was more than just "crunk," it had gotten completely out of hand.

This was not the first time that I attended a party that got crazy, and it probably will not be the last. With "crunk" music reaching new levels of popularity, partygoers should expect this type of behavior to occur. It seems like music affects everything that young people do these days—from wearing a fresh white t-shirt because a rap group made a song about it, to naming a gang or a click after a rap group, to actually wanting to bust someone's head open because "Lil Scrappy" said so. I feel that no matter how much a song gets a person's adrenaline pumping or how much an artist is idolized, people should

be responsible adults first.

Think about this situation: Everyone is at a party, Trillville's "Get On My Level" (one of my personal favorites) is playing, and everyone is acting a fool. The crowd is going crazy, but it is all "innocent fun." Now picture a group of women stuck in the middle of a circle of "crunk" men. Do you stop and help the women or do you continue to throw elbows?

College teaches people many life lessons, one of those lessons is responsibility; get crunk, not stupid.

Once all the people cleared out, the house was in shambles. The living room floor had caved in, someone left a huge, body shaped hole in one wall, and there was an unidentified gas leak. This party was more than just "crunk," it had gotten completely out of hand.

song kept playing, things got out of hand. There were so many people getting "crunk" that the living room floor caved in. Over to my right, three girls (who looked like they all weighed about 80 pounds soaking wet) got squished between everybody. After 30 seconds and a warning from the DJ, the owner of the house shut the party down. Once all the people cleared out, the house was in shambles. The living room floor had caved in, someone left a huge, body shaped hole in one wall, and

"It's time to move from hope to making what we hoped about and dreamed about real. Now is the time for the prophecy to be fulfilled."—Calvin O. Butts

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Langston graduate named VP of local television station

BY RASHEEM JAMES
Senior Staff writer

Bill Maples, a 1979 graduate of Langston University, has been named vice president and general manager of KAUT UPN 43, Viacom's UPN affiliate in Oklahoma City.

Before accepting this new position, Maples served as vice president and general manager of Raycom Media's duopoly, KXRM-TV (Fox) and KXTU-TV (UPN), in Colorado Springs, Colo. While in this position, Maples reenergized the station and produced record cash flow in one of the most challenging television markets.

"It is always a pleasure to come home to Oklahoma," Maples said. "We have a phenomenal station here that is positioned to grow in the Oklahoma City market."

Maples began his career at WKY, an adult contemporary station in Oklahoma City, where he worked as a radio sales executive.

He then went on to work as the former general sales manager for WNOL, Tribune's New Orleans WB affiliate; as a general sales manager for KTHV, Gannett Broadcasting's CBS affiliate in Little Rock, Ark; and in a variety of roles, including local sales manager, at Gaylord's KTVT.

Maples earned his bachelor's of arts degree in broadcast journalism.

"There is no question that Langston University played an intricate part into getting me into this business and launching my



career in broadcast journalism," he said.

Maples advises students to not take the opportunity to receive a degree for granted, and to do whatever it takes to finish school.

"This is such a competitive industry we work in and when companies, broadcast companies in particular, look at young potential candidates, the ones with degrees are the ones they look at," said Maples.

Maples continued, "Be a student of this business. And what I mean by that is, learn as much as you can while you're at school at Langston. Because the real education begins when you start at the job."

As students strive towards being news anchors, camera operators and reporters, it is essential that they grasp the skills it takes to become the next Bill Maples.

Maples stresses that good writing skills play a major role in the communications industry. Broadcast journalists are expected to communicate accurately and honestly, as well as work under the pressures of a deadline driven industry.

While it is true that African-Americans often encounter racism while trying to break in and succeed in the media industry, Maples believes racism is an obstacle, not a barrier to one's achievement.

"In any situation, whether it's in this business or any business, I think there are certain people that are going to have their narrow-minded attitudes towards business. What I found very early in my career was that the color of money is green, and that's what people really care about in the end."

take their anger/frustration out on students who have done nothing wrong.

Professors and staff members should also keep in mind that we are all adults here; it just so happens that some of us have more experience than others. When an older adult encounters a student that is not behaving appropriately, they should assist him/her in their ongoing journey to adulthood. Attitudes, snide remarks, and sassy and sarcastic answers are not necessary and tend to get the same response. If you grant respect, then you will receive it.

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position. Langston eventually become more radical and advocated armed resistance. He conspired with John Brown to raid Harpers Ferry, but declined to participate.

With the coming of the Civil War, Langston organized black volunteers for the Union cause. As chief recruiter in the West, he assembled the Massachusetts 54th, the nation's first black regiment, and the Massachusetts 55th and the Ohio 5th. Later in the war, Langston sought military commission so that he might lead a group of black soldiers in battle. His request found support in upper ranks of the army, but the war ended before the order could be executed.

Selected by the Black National Convention to lead the National Equal Rights League in 1864, Langston carried out extensive suffrage campaigns in Ohio, Kansas, and Missouri. Langston's vision became reality in 1867, with Congressional approval of suffrage for black males.

Langston ensured that the rights of newly freed slaves were protected during his position as educational inspector for the Freedman's Bureau. He traveled throughout the South advocating educational opportunity, political equality, economic justice, and individual responsibility. His addresses, well received by blacks and whites alike, propelled him to national prominence.

In 1868, he went to Washington, D.C. as inspector general of the Freedmen's Bureau schools. This federal agency included among its programs the supervision of an educational system for blacks. His work in the national capital brought him in close contact with General Otis O. Howard, founder and first president of Howard University. Langston organized the law department at Howard University in Washington, and, in the tradition of Oberlin, made its hallmark race and gender diversity. Later, he served as vice president and acting president of the university. His 1875 bid to attain presidency over the school failed, as the trustees dismissed his candidacy on racial grounds.

The eighteenth United States President, Ulysses S. Grant, (1869—1877) appointed Langston to the Board of Health for the District of Columbia in 1871. In 1877, the nineteenth United States President, Rutherford B. Hayes, (1877—1881) asked Langston to be resident minister to Haiti and charge d'affaires in Santo Domingo. For the eight years that followed, Langston served as consul-general in Haiti.

Langston returned to the states after a contract dispute and assumed the presidency of Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute for Negroes (Virginia State University) in 1885. He relinquished this post in 1888 to run for the United States Congress.

Langston again bolstered his national reputation in 1888, running as an independent for a seat in the United States House of Representatives. His victory was contested for eighteen months and he served for six months before being unseated in the next election. Langston was the first African-American elected to Congress from Virginia.

Langston retired in 1894 and soon wrote "From the Virginia Plantation to the National Capital," his autobiography. He died in Washington, D.C., on November 15, 1897.

Although the university of Langston, Oklahoma, legally came into being in 1897 as the Colored Agricultural and Normal University, its name officially changed to Langston University in 1941 by act of the Oklahoma Legislature under the presidency of Dr. Generale Lamar Harrison (1940—1960).

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Disrespect: A growing trend

BY LATRISE HORTON

Many older adults feel that the younger generation is not very understanding, moral, and that we tend to be disrespectful. At times, this proves to be true and it is quite understandable that this can be a stereotype cast on us. However, the tables can and are often turned as older adults can be thoughtless when it comes to interacting with young adults.

A large number of students have experienced occasions when they felt disrespected and/or insulted by the way faculty or staff has spoken to or treated them. Though stu-

dents rarely speak up, why should they have to? I believe in the age-old phrase, "Treat others as you would want them to treat you." This should not only be a banner for peer to peer interaction, but for student to professor interaction as well.

In an older adult's eyes we may be "inexperienced," but that does not mean we should be treated like five year olds. Granted, if a student is acting childish at that point in time, then that is how they should be treated. However, sometimes professors/staff members become frustrated with one student and

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*Langstonites,
Look Where We Have Come!
Happy T. M. Crisp Day!*

Sports

Langston Lions poised to join the NCAA

BY KENT FLOYD

Langston University may soon join the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) at the Division II level. LU is currently a part of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

According to President Holloway, the move is set for the fall of 2005.

"All paperwork needed for making the transition is in order and has been filed. Langston is currently waiting on the approval letter, which should be received in the

next couple of months," he said.

Moving to the NCAA will benefit all sports at the university, although most of the sports programs are already up to par with the Division II competition level. However, belonging to the NCAA means LU is more likely to get media coverage, and the attention of highly rated recruits and professional scouts. Also, the NCAA allows 36 football scholarships, while the NAIA only gives 24.

Just as important, joining the NCAA will also allow Langston to become a part of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC), a powerhouse in Division II sports.

"Changing to the SIAC will benefit the school as far as recognition," said Head Football Coach Greg Johnson. "The exposure will surely increase enrollment and the total atmosphere that is concerned with playing sports at a higher level."

Many other HBCUs belong to the SIAC and students may be more likely to attend games against other historically black colleges. Another distinct advantage includes being able to participate in

nationally televised games called "Classics" that will bring in more revenue to the school.

Travel will be a major concern after making the move. The shortest trip will be 12 hours. The SIAC has eleven members from five different states, which include Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, South Carolina and Tennessee. Colleges the Lions may line up against next fall include: Albany State University, Benedict College, Clark-Atlanta University, Fort Valley State University, Kentucky State University, Lane College, Lemoyne-Owen College, Miles College, Morehouse College, Paine College, and Tuskegee University. Along with Langston University, Lincoln Uni-

versity and Central State of Ohio will also be making the move to the SIAC.

SIAC athletes and teams are known for being very tough competitors and also for excelling on the national level. Langston University will be no exception. The conference has claimed over 50 team and individual national championships. The SIAC also has over 300 former and current professional football players.

LU has only one former player in the NFL, Matt Hatchette of the Jacksonville Jaguars. LU's move into the NCAA should change that, giving the Lions more exposure on a national arena.

LU Athlete of the Week

BY JUDY YATES

Elyse Seals

With basketball season quickly approaching the basketball team is working diligently. Last week, I had the opportunity to meet with one of the Lady Lions, Elyse Seals.

Seals graduated in 2003 from Memorial High School in Edmond, Okla. While attending high school she was a member of the high school basketball team and they went to the semi-finals three years in a row in the 6A State Tournament.

Now, as a second year college athlete, she stays busy studying and practicing. She also enjoys hanging out with teammates and watching movies. As far as what she's majoring in, she said, "I'm undecided, but leaning towards nutrition."



So how does the team look?

"We are working hard at practice and learning how to play with each other," Seals said. "I'm really looking forward to the season and in the conference. Houston Baptist will be our toughest competition."

This Lady Lion seems to enjoy where she is in her life. After graduation, Seals would like to be a basketball coach.

JAMUEL WALLCE
Sports Writer

Former Langston Lady Lion, Cynthia Hogg, has signed a contract to play professional basketball in Holland for Den Helder (Cape Holland).

Hogg is the mother of two boys, Perry and Patrick, and she received her degree in criminal justice this past spring.

"Thank you God! I was getting down for a moment, but something always kept coming to me, letting me know that it was going to be all right. Now it's time to do big things," said Hogg.

"I love Cynthia's story of overcoming many obstacles. Besides her play at Langston, this is what convinced me to offer her a contract," said Den Helder Head Coach Meindert van Veen. "We look forward to her arrival and we feel she increases our chances of repeating as league champion for the 11th time in 20 years."

In her two and a half seasons as a Lady Lion, Hogg dominated the

Former Lady Lion to play pro ball overseas



post position in the Red River Athletic Conference (RRAC). Hogg scored 1,046 points and grabbed 746 rebounds in her career. Hogg is the Lady Lions' single season record holder in blocked shots and all-time leader in blocked shots.

Hogg's other accomplishments include being named to the RRAC All-Conference team three times and as a Kodak Honorable Mention All-American for the 2002-2003 season. She was also a NAIA Honorable Mention All-American for both the 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 season.

One of the opponents that felt the wrath of Hogg during her career at LU was the Wiley College Lady Wildcats. On February 1, 2003, Hogg had a career high 33 points and 17 rebounds against Wiley. In the first round of the RRAC Conference Playoffs this past spring, Hogg was two blocks shy of a triple double with 11 points, ten rebounds, and eight blocks.

"Cynthia has a phenomenal work ethic on the basketball court and in the weight room. She has the ability to push herself during individual practice and while conditioning in a manner that few coaches will witness during their lifetime. Her former teammates, my coaching staff and I wish her the best of luck in her professional career," said Langston Lady Lions Head Coach Donnita Drain.

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Oct. 2	Southern Nazarene Univ.*	4 p.m.	Lawton
Oct. 9	Bacone College*	2 p.m.	Guthrie
Oct. 16	Northwestern OSU*	2 p.m.	Wichita, KS
Oct. 23	Peru State Univ.	1 p.m.	Peru, NE
Oct. 30	SWAGU*	2 p.m.	Waxahachie, TX
Nov. 6	Oklahoma Panhandle St. (Homecoming)	2 p.m.	Langston
Nov. 13	Haskell Indian Nation Univ.*	1 p.m.	Lawrence, KS

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Don't play with plastic

Credit card basics for college students

BY MICKI BIDDLE
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Unless students are warned about the pitfalls of credit card debt, they may develop a "buy now-pay later" mentality that can snowball into something bigger than they can handle.

The "I gotta have it now" syndrome plagues many college students today. When a student is out on his or her own with a new place to live and new friends to impress, it becomes difficult to resist the temptation of using credit cards for frivolous purchases. Most high schools do not prepare students for real life financial situations, and that sets the stage for any one of the plastic hawks to come swooping in on their vulnerability. Students truly are a credit card company's dream come true!

Credit card companies set up tables on campuses and offer cool prizes just for applying with their company. Persons entering college are offered an average of eight credit cards the first week of school. "Why not? What's it going to hurt? After all, it's not *my* money!" many students proclaim. However, students may find themselves deep in credit card debt and unable to even make their minimum monthly payments. The Young Americans Center for Financial Education reports that 45 percent of college students are in credit card debt. Their average credit card debt is \$3,066.

According to the American Financial Services Association Education Foundation (AFSAEF), young people armed with an understanding of credit card basics

before they head off to college are more likely to use these cards responsibly and less likely to find themselves overwhelmed by credit card debt. AFSAEF lists these five credit card fundamentals for college students to know:

✓ **Credit cards aren't free money.** They allow you to obtain and enjoy goods and services now and pay for them later. Attempting to use credit cards to live a lifestyle you can't afford is a sure way to get yourself in financial trouble. Don't borrow what you can't repay.

✓ **How you manage your credit cards in college will affect your future.** What's in your credit report can determine whether other creditors will give you a loan to buy a house or a car, whether some companies will hire you and whether some landlords will rent you an apartment once you're out on your own.

✓ **Not all cards are the same.** Annual fees, for example, can range from nothing to \$50 or more. Compare offers from at least three issuers and pick one whose terms best suit your needs. Base your selection on terms and costs, not giveaways.

✓ **Account numbers should be protected at all costs.** Don't give them out over the Internet or elsewhere unless you initiate the transaction. If your credit card becomes lost or stolen, contact your credit card issuer as soon as possible. Extra caution can help you avoid becoming an identity theft victim.

✓ **Once you begin using a credit card, a credit report will be set up**

for you. Credit bureaus will add information to your file about any new accounts that you open and whether you're paying them on time. You can review your credit report for accuracy and are encouraged to do so at least annually by contacting one or more of the nation's three major credit bureaus: TransUnion (transunion.com) Experian (www.experian.com), Equifax (www.equifax.org).

On the other hand, just about every service or product has its trade-offs. For example, using a car for transportation may put you at risk for a traffic accident. Renting a video and forgetting to return it can mean heavy late fees. If a person misuses a product or service, it almost always increases the risks, whether those risks are physical or financial. Misuse of credit cards, not the fact of having a credit card, may cause some students to get into debt over their heads.

Students may find credit cards invaluable for traveling home and for unexpected expenses—to purchase airline tickets if there's a family crisis, or to pay for books if a loan check that was expected has not come in. Getting a credit card in college is also a way to build a credit record that can allow a graduate who gets a full-time job to qualify more readily for a car loan and then, perhaps later, for a mortgage.

However, credit card use can quickly become a nightmare if used irresponsibly. The ramifications of misusing a credit card can and will follow students for years and years to come...maybe for the rest their lives.

Blackstudents.com offers free online newsletter

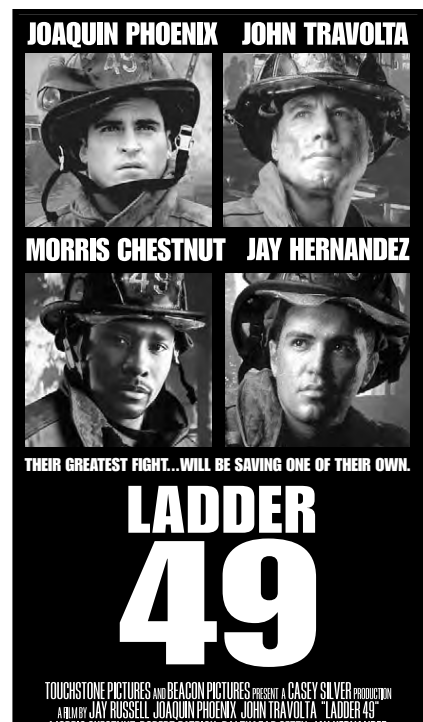
There's a new tool available for African-American high school and college students and it's extremely useful. It's called BlackStudents.com, a website that offers a free online newsletter that keeps students posted about new scholarships, internships, and entry-level jobs on a weekly basis.

Currently, there are over one million Black high school and college students in the United States. Many of these students either will not go to college or will overpay for college tuition because they are unaware of the opportunities around them. Many African-American college graduates are unemployed or underpaid—again, because they are unaware of certain opportunities.

"Our goal is to make them aware," says Dante Lee, president of Diversity City Media. "We launched BlackStudents.com because many African-American students simply don't know what's out there. There are so many scholarships and internships that they overlook." Lee continues, "We feel that our site will play a key role in increased college enrollment amongst Blacks, and in better jobs for Black college graduates."

BlackStudents.com launched in mid-April of 2004 and already has 20,000 subscribers. Interested students are only required to provide their email address, and from them on they will receive free notices about new opportunities. For more info, visit www.BlackStudents.com

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2. Joaquin Phoenix used a different first name as a child actor. What was that name?
3. Morris Chestnut's first film role was opposite Ice Cube and Cuba Gooding Jr. in this 1991 film by director John Singleton. Name the movie.

E-mail your answers and contact information by September 27 to: lumovies@yahoo.com

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Are you sure you're registered to vote?

If you mailed in your voter registration form and never received a card, you can check and see if you are on the list of registered voters. The G. Lamar Harrison Library has requested an official list of registered voters from the Logan County Board of Elections so that you can find out for sure. Just ask at the main desk of the library. If you are not on the list, you can still register to vote. The last postmark date is Oct. 8, 2004. The library has forms on site, as well as a website where you

Langston University National Alumni Association, Inc.
Oklahoma City Chapter & Cross Road Chrysler Jeep
will offer a New Car Giveaway at LU Home Games

Dates:	Opponent:	Time:	Site:
09/25	Lincoln Univ.	6 p.m.	Oklahoma City
10/02	Southern Nazarene Univ.	4 p.m.	Lawton
10/09	Bacone College	2 p.m.	Guthrie
11/06	OK Panhandle St. (HC)	2 p.m.	Langston

To enter, bring your state driver's license and/or social security card
\$10.00 per entry

Black voting rights will not expire in 2007

BY KEVONO HUNT
Assistant Editor

A fraudulent email has been sent out to millions of Black Americans warning that their right to vote would expire in 2007. This has caused a lot of panic and hysteria in the Black community. Nationally syndicated radio show hosts Tom Joyner and Skip Murphy voiced their outrage on air. Civil rights groups protested nationwide. Why were they so outraged? Black Americans are the only race of people in U.S. history who had to be given the right to vote. The mere thought of Blacks losing their right to vote is unsettling.

For those of you who have not received the email yet it may soon be on the way. Many people are forwarding it to their friends without checking the accuracy of such a contentious statement. The email starts with the writer asking the reader if they know the significance

of the year 2007, and goes on to say that Black Americans would lose the right to vote in 2007 with the expiration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The writer further calls for all Black Americans to contact their local representatives and demand that they work to have the act passed into law, which is needless and a waste of time. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 will indeed expire in 2007, but this act alone didn't give Black Americans the right to vote and thus its expiration will not take it away. The right to vote, given by the 15th Amendment, guarantees the right to vote regardless of one's race. Luckily, the 15th Amendment will never expire.

Ratified on Feb. 3, 1870, the 15th Amendment states:

"The right of the citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude."

The Voters Rights Acts of 1965 was passed in a time when counties and states were still preventing black voters from registering. Congress determined that the existing federal anti-discrimination laws were not sufficient to overcome the resistance by state officials to enforce the 15th Amendment. The legislation, which President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law, temporarily suspended discriminatory literacy tests and took other measures to stop people who were trying to get around the 15th Amendment.

This act is no longer needed because Black voters are in no danger of being prevented to register to vote. On the contrary, programs like "Rock the Vote" and "Vote or Die" urge Blacks to participate in the election process.

So, there is no need for picketing, rallying in the streets or rioting. Black Americans are in no danger of losing their right to vote. We just need to exercise it.

LU Health Watch: Flu season is upon us

BY MICKI BIDDLE
Senior Staff Writer

The Influenza virus, commonly known as the flu, can cause a campus wide disaster if left to its own devices.

The flu is a highly contagious upper respiratory disease that can cause a mild to severe illness or even death. Every year, five to 20 percent of the population in the United States catches the flu. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), more than 200,000 of those are hospitalized and 36,000 people die from complications. The only way to prevent falling victim to this infection is to get a flu shot.

The CDC encourages students, especially those who reside in dormitories, to get a flu shot every year because the vaccine changes annually. The best time to get vaccinated is between the months of

October and November. However, it is never too late. Students can get their shots well into December and later.

According to Keith Lewis, program director for the Mary Mahoney Clinic in Langston, their flu vaccine becomes available about the second week in October. The shots are only \$10.00, and if students have Medicare it is free.

"The flu is a very contagious illness and if you are around other people who have the flu, then chances are you are next in line to catch it," Lewis said. "If I could clarify one misconception about getting a flu shot, it would be to reassure people that you do not get the flu from the vaccine."

Lewis also expressed the importance of getting your shot before symptoms arise. "The thing about a flu shot is you need to get it before you get exposed, because

once you get the flu, the flu shot will not work."

According to the Mayo Clinic, a foundation for medical education and research, it is too late to get vaccinated if you are experiencing flu symptoms. Flu symptoms include high fever, headache, fatigue, dry cough, runny nose, sore throat, and muscle aches and pains.

The best thing you can do is stay at home and get plenty of rest, drink lots of fluids, and use an over-the-counter flu remedy to alleviate the symptoms. Washing your hands often and using tissue to cover your mouth and nose while coughing or sneezing will help prevent the disease from spreading.

Contact your doctor or nurse for more information about the flu. For online information, contact the (CDC) at the CDC's Flu Web site, www.cdc.gov/flu.

What's the Word?

COMPILED BY KEVONO HUNT, Assistant Editor

If you could have any superhuman power what would it be and why?



"Reading Minds—I want to know what everyone is thinking."

Marc Flemon
Assistant to the vice president
of student life
Oklahoma City



"Invisibility—so I can go anywhere I want and no one will know."

Chynna Reynolds, junior
child development major
Los Angeles, Calif.



"Omniscience—so that I can know all and see all."

Christina Buckley, junior
psychology major
Langston, Okla.



"Spirit Healing—so that I can heal the spirit, and keep people from feeling disconnected."

Keyshia Perry
Cataloging Specialist
Tulsa, Okla.



"X-ray vision: So that I can see through things."

Charles Atkins
undecided
Tulsa, Okla.

LU Calendar

Ongoing Events

The Pre-Alumni Council will have meetings the first Thursday of the month. Membership dues are \$10. The meeting location will vary. More information: Contact Vonnie Ware-Roberts, ext. 2999.

The National Association of Black Journalists, a student organization on campus aimed at undergraduate broadcast journalism majors and those interested in journalism, hold meetings every Wednesday at noon in Sanford Hall, Rm. 310W. More information: Call Dr. Karen M. Clark, ext. 3297 or Steve Jackson at (405) 834-4829.

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

Sellers Chapel A.M.E. Church wants willing workers and singers for Christ. Sellers Chapel is located on 119 Washington St. More information: Contact Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Craig, pastor, or Elizabeth Bestic, pianist at 466-4269.

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

The Langston Chapter of LUNAA will have monthly meetings in the Research and Extension Building in Rm. 105S. Please come prepared to pay your annual dues. National dues are \$50.00 and local dues are \$25.00

Immediate Events

Friday, September 24

The SGA will host the Crisp Comedy Show on Friday, Sept. 24 in the I.W. Young Auditorium at 8 p.m. More information: Call the SGA office, ext. 3443.

Saturday, September 25

A pregame barbecue & postgame party will be hosted by the Beta Kappa Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. The barbecue runs from 12-3 p.m. at Langston Lake, south entrance. A "Skee-Phi" party will take place in the multipurpose building after the T.M. Crisp Classic.

Lion of the Week

BY SHAUNNA COOPER, Editor

Benjamin "Butch" Hardin



photo by De'Shawn Saffold

How many people can say that they love all the colors of the rainbow?

Benjamin "Butch" Hardin can.

His eclectic fashion sense and brightly colored suits give this campus a unique flare.

His ability to shine throughout the years made him a perfect candidate for Lion of the Week, as he has lived in Langston longer than most students have been alive.

Born in Ardmore, Okla., Butch came to Langston University in 1961, following in the footsteps of several relatives.

After he completed his course work in 1968, Butch began working for the university, helping students get their lives together in preparation for graduation. He liked working for LU so much that he decided to stay here.

Over time his responsibilities have changed, but now he works as a custodian in the Hargrove Music Hall and the I.W... Young Auditorium. In his spare time, he also lectures students on specific aspects of music history, geography, and life.

"They know I'm pretty well-versed in music, especially the history of jazz, that's the main thing I usually lecture on," he explained.

He said that he also likes to talk about certain artists of the jazz era as well, naming historical African-American musicians Duke Ellington, Nat King Cole, and Count Basie as a few of his personal favorites.

"I have lots of recordings that range from the New Orleans style jazz on up through the rhythm and blues era, by way of the other

eras in between, like the swing era, bebop and the modern era," he said.

In fact, he also has recordings from artists who gained prominence in Chicago, New York City, especially Harlem, and Kansas City.

But his love for music does not stop with jazz. "I like a lot of show music, too," he revealed. He said he enjoys various stage productions and even has copies of his favorites at home.

In addition to being a music fanatic, Butch loves to travel and tries to take a trip at least once a year. He began this tradition back in 1969, a year after he obtained his college degree in music education.

"I've been to and through 39 of the 50 states," he said. "I even went to the Bahamas and picked up a shirt, tie, and handkerchief one time."

While on these trips, he likes to purchase those vibrantly colored clothes that people see him wearing all the time. When it comes to the colors, he does not have a preference.

"I don't have a favorite, I like all kinds. As far as shades are concerned, I do have a favorite shade and that's the bright kind," he said.

Students could learn some valuable life lessons from Butch, as he has been around for a long time. He is always eager to share his infinite wisdom with anyone willing to listen. He offered this advice for his fellow Langstonites:

"I'll never forget our very own Melvin B. Tolson was speaking at a party that the Omegas were having during my freshman year, he said that when it comes to life's difficulties, 'You cannot be a sissy, you have to be tough!' If people try to discourage you, just overlook them and just think that you can do it and you will."

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

Saturday, September 25

The T.M. Crisp Classic Football Game will begin at 6 p.m. at Taft Stadium in Oklahoma City. The Langston Lion Football Team will face the Lincoln University Blue Tigers.

Monday, September 27

A video shoot for Sony International Recording Artist Minister Kaine will be held on Monday, Sept. 27. The video shoot is open to the public with hopes of getting all the area college and high school students to come and be extras in the video. The video will be shot at the firehouse in Norman at 9 p.m. After the shoot there will be a free mini concert. More information: Call Antonio McGlothin at 405-341-3800, or send an email to Ministerkaine@hotmail.com.

Monday, September 27

A Monday Night Football party in the Scholars' Inn clubhouse will be hosted by the SGA. The party is scheduled from 8-11 p.m. There will be a live DJ and refreshments.

Monday, September 27

Langston University Libraries will offer a class on email basics at 6 p.m. This class will be taught at the G. Lamar Harrison Libraries computer lab.

Tuesday, September 28

A nutritional counseling session will be presented by Michael Phone, a registered dietitian, on Sept. 28 from 1-3 p.m. More information: Call the Mary Mahoney Health Center, located close to campus, at 466-2535.

Wednesday, September 29

Free dental screenings will be offered by the Mary Mahoney Health Center on Sept. 29 from 1-4 p.m. More information: Call the Mary Mahoney Health Center, located close to campus, at 466-2535.

Thursday, September 30

An SGA student body meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 30 in the I.W. Young Auditorium. The meeting is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. More information: Contact Vanessa McGlothen, SGA president, at ext. 3443.

Friday, October 1

A public fish sale will be held by the Langston University Aquaculture Program on Friday, Oct. 1 at the E. (Kika) de la Garza Institute farm, beginning at 1 p.m. and continuing until all fish are sold. More information: 466-3836.