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Online enrollment coming soon

BY SHAMIA JACKSON

Langston University's enrollment process could soon be upgraded. According to Gayle Robertson, director of enrollment and admissions, students may be able to enroll online as early as next spring.

The enrollment process currently requires students to arrive on campus one to two weeks prior to the beginning of the semester and stand in long lines for hours in the multipurpose center.

"If we could enroll online, it would cut back on the hassle and make things easier for most students," says senior Amesha Matias, a psychology major from Velejo, Calif. "We have to run around all day trying to get papers signed. If we had online enroll-

ment, I could take care of it at home."

University staff members are also ready for Langston to shift to an online enrollment program.

"I think we need to go to online enrollment," said Dr. Karen Clark, a broadcast journalism professor and chair of the communications department. "Most of the other universities have gone to that. It would make enrollment a lot quicker and a lot simpler. University professors can spend their time on classroom preparation for the upcoming semester, as opposed to spending a considerable amount of time enrolling students."

Stephanie Adams, executive assistant to the vice president of student affairs, thinks that online enrollment would help speed up the move-in process each fall.

"If students could handle the en-

rolling process prior to arriving, they would come ahead of schedule to move in and purchase books—being prepared for class on day one," she said.

Though most can agree that online enrollment would be a positive change for the university, some students are concerned that underclassmen will enroll in classes needed for upperclassmen and graduating seniors. But Robertson dismissed those fears, saying that the upperclassmen are a top priority for this process since they are the most concerned with graduation.

Overall, there are a lot of advantages to enrolling online. This new process would save time and stress on both students and faculty members, and may help to improve the university as a whole.



Photo by De'Shawn Saffold

President Holloway poses with guest speaker Dr. William E. McHenry.

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Crystal Stell pens two new novels

BY TONYA GRANT

Imagine that you are a teenager who loves your family so much you decide to take the blame for a crime that you didn't commit. Well, this is the case in the novel *Hood Rich*, a self published book written by Crystal Stell, assistant director of Student Support Services at Langston University.

Hood Rich is a reality based fiction novel that focuses on main character DeMarques Prince, 17, from Detroit, Mich. In the story, DeMarques goes to prison for someone else's wrong doing. He expects to serve only a little time in juvenile hall; however, twists and turns throughout the plot of the story make his expectations a shocking and underestimated reality.

"He is a teenage father who deals with a lot of pressures, including communicating with his



Photo by De'Shawn Saffold

daughter through prison walls," Stell explained. "It's a very powerful story."

Stell's novel will be in stores in October. She also has another

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LU formally opens

BY PAOLO NEWMAN

The formal opening convocation for Langston University was recently held in the I.W. Young Auditorium, where Dr. William E. McHenry had his first speaking engagement on Langston soil.

The very accomplished and influential Dr. McHenry is the current vice chancellor of academic and student affairs for the state Regents for Higher Education. The students and faculty of Langston University welcomed Dr. McHenry with a standing ovation before he addressed the assembly with exuberant words of wisdom and good food for thought for all in attendance to consume.

Dr. McHenry addressed many important issues concerning college students today. He emphasized the importance of undergraduate life, attitude, drive, working towards success, learning how to become a team player, being committed to one's success, and most important, belief in oneself. "A man reaps what he sows; you also reap what you sow as a student," he explained.

President Ernest L. Holloway said, "I was very proud to see the number of students who came out, and of course I was pleased with the speaker, Dr. McHenry, who is new to the state, and I feel he was very pleased to speak at the campus of Langston University." He also expressed his willingness to continue the formal opening annually, to set a tone for the upcoming school year.

Dr. McHenry did just that by trying to persuade students to step up to the academic plate and get on base by studying, attending class and being encouraged. Students can take heed of his words: "Don't let anyone take your dream away if you believe you can make it happen."

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Sexual assault: A real issue on U.S. college campuses

BY LATRICE HORTON

Many college women say the thing they fear most is the lingering danger of sexual assault. According to the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (USODJ:COPS), women often leave college because of the embarrassment and shame they feel from this violent act. College students (more often than not women) are the most vulnerable to rape, especially in the first years of college.

People often misconstrue the perception of "real rape." According to the USODJ:COPS, people tend to think that "real rape" occurs when a man lurks in the dark, jumps out at an innocent female walking by, (who is *not* under the influence of alcohol or drugs and is preferably a virgin) forcibly penetrates her, and flees the scene.

More than half the time this is

definitely not the case; the victim may or may not be a virgin and it is possible that he/she may have had sexual interaction with the assailant.

According to Chief Algray Pettus, Langston's chief of police, alcohol tends to play a major role in these types of situations.

"Drinking and dating do not mix, like drinking and driving don't mix. Young men don't think responsibly when it comes to relationships and alcohol just increases that."

Pettus further stated that young women should not be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

"Don't be in a young man's dwelling at two in the morning. That is sending the wrong message to him."

Here at Langston the police are required to make a booklet stating the number of crimes that have occurred and have been reported. Inside the booklet are the statistics

of sexual assaults that have been reported. During the 2003-2004 school year, the number of forcible assaults was one. However, in a booklet compiled by the USDOJ: COPS, it states that fewer than five percent of college women who are victims of rape or attempted rape report it to police. Though about two-thirds tell a friend they are usually peers and not a family member or official. Another study showed that over 40 percent of those raped feared reprisal by assailant or others. However, victims not reporting ensure that the offender gets away and the victim receives no help.

"Use good judgment in your social life," Chief Pettus advises. "Young ladies, be very conscious venturing into a dwelling alone. Let people know where you are. And in the case of a sexual assault, report it; we can't do anything if you don't report it."

Langston receives USDA grant

BY MACAY BOLAY

Langston University was recently named as one of eleven 1890s Land Grant Universities chosen to receive part of \$1.5 million in business and technology development assistance.

She devotes many hours to community service activities within her church.

"Actually, that was the reason why I started writing books. I was trying to figure out a way to help students with book money," she said.

Readers can expect more books from her in the future, including the sequel to *Unanswered Questions*.

Stell advises people interested in writing novels to read other books, mainly bestsellers. "Also, learn how to network," she said, "and get familiar with the internet because it is a powerful tool that will be very useful for you."

When asked what the key is to winning over readers, Stell said it was a "quality product." "It doesn't matter how many books you write. If they aren't quality it won't be a book worth reading.

In 1890, the Second Morrill Act was passed creating 17 land grant colleges and universities. These institutions were created through governmental sanctions that granted states land to establish colleges and universities that teach agriculture and the mechanical arts.

For more than 100 years, these schools have provided educational opportunities for minority students and those to whom the doors to education were not open. This was an opportunity to train sons and daughters of farmers and working people.

Langston University received \$149,600 of the \$1.5 million for strengthening and growing rural enterprises. Dr. Jean Bell Manning, vice president of academic affairs, accepted the award on behalf of the university during the Langston University Rural Development Conference.

"I am looking forward to the networking opportunities to increase student awareness on available government assistance in rural areas," Manning said.

The remainder of the funds will be distributed among the follow-

ing recipients: Tuskegee University, University of Maryland-Eastern Shore, Southern University & A&M College, University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Fort Valley State University, Delaware State University, Prairie View A&M University, Alcorn State University, Florida A&M University and South Carolina State University.

Each of the 1890 Land Grant Universities have some of the best agricultural science and business education programs in the nation. Through the cooperative agreement announcement, the USDA will build upon the strength of these programs to ensure that quality education, related to small business development, is also available to neighboring communities and counties across the state.

Langston University is appreciative and takes pride in their accomplishment as being selected as a grant recipient.

President Ernest L. Holloway said funds will help students as well as assist and support business development and growth through counseling, business planning, grant writing and loan packaging preparation.

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book coming out around the same time called *A Father's Love*.

"*A Father's Love* is a book that can relate to many people in that the main character, Kobe Webber, deals with growing up without a father," Stell says. "In the story, Kobe not only gets the opportunity to build his relationship with his father, but also teaches his mother how to love."

Stell has three other books out at present and one under construction.

"The current books have grown from my first book because with the first book, *Soiled Pillow Cases*, I was still learning.

Stell graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's of arts degree in psychology/criminal justice from Langston University. She received her master's from

The University of Oklahoma, where she graduated summa cum laude with an emphasis in human relations. In addition to working in Student Support Services, she is also a personal and social development (PSD) instructor, a sister of Delta Sigma Theta and Tau Beta Sigma, the chair for the Young Professionals Club, and a Panhellenic Counsel advisor. She has received numerous academic and professional awards, including Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, and Who's Who Among American Educators. And through it all she still makes time to head home to be a dedicated wife and mother.

Stell shows great leadership skills that are needed in today's society and within the black com-

LU Voices

Taming of the tongue: Stop fighting over stupid stuff Loose lips sink ships!

BY WILLIS HUFF, JR.

Why are so many LU students fighting over men, women and other silly things? Since I have been at Langston, it has been down right ridiculous! It seems like some LU students can't let a party be a party. There were fights at the last three parties I attended. It often starts because some guy is mad that another guy is dancing with his girlfriend. There are words exchanged between the two guys and a fight breaks out.

Let's turn this situation around! A woman may see another woman dancing with her man. The music stops with shouts of "Why are you dancing with my man? Oh, no she didn't!" Then what you will usually see is two women fighting or getting held back as people try to prevent them from pulling out each other's extensions.

There is also a new situation that is causing more people to fight: people stepping on other people's shoes. A Lil' John or Ying-Yang Twins song is played and some LU students don't know how to act. They take it too far and step on someone else's shoes. The other person gets mad and a fight starts. When students do these things, it is usually an accident.

As Chris Rock once said, "If someone steps on your Puma, just let it slide! Why go to jail for the next 25 years, all because you smudged someone's Puma?"

I think that it is just not worth it. I go to a party to relax. I am not

going to a party to see two men fight over a woman. I am not going to a party to see two women fight over a man. Why go to a party to see men fight over a smudged Puma? If this is going to happen on a constant basis you can give me my three or four dollars back. I could eat at Taco Bell, McDonald's or buy some KFC

chicken or I could have stayed at home.

We come to Langston to get an education. All of these parties and other stuff are extracurricular! If you are going to a party leave the childish stuff at home.

Personally, I don't think there's anyone up at Langston that you need to impress.

Letters to the Editor

As a former Regent of Langston University and a former state senator, I was a strong supporter of Langston and I know first hand the critical needs for Langston University, the students, faculty, and administrators.

This year is critical that all readers of the *Gazette* understand the importance of supporting Congressman Brad Carson as our next United States Senator. In the 108th Congress, The NAACP Congressional Score Card gave Congressman Brad Carson an excellent rating of 85 percent. The same Repot Card gave Congressman Coburn a failing 40 percent rating for the 106th Congress! Brad has voted to improve funding for Langston University! Brad has fought and voted to raise the level of college grants from \$4,000 to \$5,800! Brad doubled the number of community health centers for poor people in his district! Brad voted to increase funding for HIV/AIDS programs in Africa by \$3 billion per year.

Brad Carson grew up to become a good and moral man listening to his mother play the organ at First Baptist Church in Claremore. She wanted him to get a Christian education so she sent him to Waco, Texas to be a Baylor Baptist. If he strayed from the straight and narrow, his mother would wring his neck.

Congressman Carson is a Rhodes Scholar! He has the beginning of another famous Oklahoma Rhodes Scholar, David Boren. Let's all get out there and vote BRAD CARSON as this should be a very easy decision.

Sincerely,
Ed Long, business consultant

Chapy's Corner

By Dr. Eric Anthony Joseph
Chaplain
Coleman Heritage Center



Thus, I dedicate my 133rd edition and fourth fall 2004 semester of Chapy's Corner to those of us who are struggling to bridle and tame our wild and fiery tongues. Moreover, it is my belief that "loose lips can and will sink ships!"

It has been said that it takes a baby two years to talk and fifty years to learn to keep his/her mouth shut.

As a scholar and theologian, I am reminded of one of the first universal and general biblical epistles that was written. The author's name was James, the half-brother of Jesus the Christ (Messiah), and one of the four sons of Mary and Joseph's union (read: Matthew 13:55-56).

In his third chapter, James shows us the universal danger of the tongue (James 3:3-12). In this New Testament epistle, James counsels that the tongue is little but powerful. He also gives us two illustrative pictures, an unruly horse and a hard to steer ship, to show us how to tame the power of the tongue.

First, you do not solve the problem of an unruly horse by keeping it in the barn. Instead, we put a *bit* into the mouth of a horse, knowing that if we can control its mouth, we can control its whole massive body. Thus, James believes that if we can control the tongue, we can control the whole body.

Second, you do not solve the problem of a hard to steer ship by keeping it tied to the dock. Instead, we use a *rudder*. A rudder is very small in comparison to the size of a ship, but by exerting pressure on that little rudder, the steersman (pilot) can alter the course of the ship and direct it to safety.

Therefore, the point is very clear: if you do not control that bridle, if you do not control that rudder, there will be disaster. Even though the tongue is small, it has great power. This power can be used for a constructive purpose or for a destructive purpose. I frequently counsel people who have been hurt because of people's unruly tongues.

The late evangelical theologian, Dr. J. Vernon McGee, tells the story of a man who had been fishing out on a pier for several hours and had not caught anything. As two women walked out on the pier, he finally pulled in a fish. It was not a very large fish, and one of these two women took it upon herself to rebuke this man. "Aren't you ashamed of yourself for so cruelly catching this poor little fish?" she asked. And the

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"If I walked a perfect line, there'd be people who said I was too perfect . . . there will always be naysayers, but I won't give them free rent in my head." — Carl Lewis

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Administrators take zero tolerance stance on student misconduct

BY TATYANA-LASHAY JOHNSON
Senior Staff Writer

Recently there has been fighting on campus. No matter what the cause, why should students have to take it that far? They should not take the risk of getting kicked out of school, kicked off their sports team, or being placed on school probation.

The latest fight involved male students from Tulsa, Okla., and members of the football team. The fight began in a PSD class that didn't meet because the teacher failed to show up. It started as a verbal altercation and carried into a physical fight outside.

"It turned into a 'May-Lay' because people were fighting all around administration and police officers," said Marc Flemon, assistant to the vice president of student life.

There were ten students suspended indefinitely and asked to leave school premises. They were suspended because they continued fighting after being told to stop by faculty. The students have an opportunity to appeal to the vice president of student affairs," said Dr. Elbert Jones.

"There is a zero tolerance for student misconduct, but again there is nothing set in stone," Flemon said.

Before now, 200-300 community service hours had been the average consequence for most violations. Along with community service hours, students are now having a monetary fine added. The administration hopes that the fines will make students think twice before they mess up.

Flemon said that a lot of prob-

lems this year have been with freshmen students.

"They go through a transition period where they are trying to decide a lot of things. Being away from home and having more freedom than they ever had before causes them to make the wrong decisions sometimes," he said.

"As a whole, the freshmen class is doing a good job. They just need to become more familiar with the rules, regulations, and the climate of the campus."

He hopes that next semester will bring less problems because the students will be more knowledgeable about their surroundings.

With students starting to see that LU administration is not tolerating misconduct, maybe now students will be more mature.

Comedy comes to the LU

BY LARISA SMITH AND CHONDRA KIRKLAND

The Student Government Association hosted a comedy show with comedians that have been featured on BET's Comic View, NARD and Benji Brown, with special guests Big Tuck and DSR, a Dallas, Texas rap group.

The comedians provided laughter all night, but after the show was a chance to capture another side of the jokesters through an interview. When asked what encouraged the comedians to come to a small histori-



photo by Kevono Hunt
Comedians NARD and Benji Brown provided laughs at the T.M Crisp Comedy Classic, hosted by the Student Government Association.

cally black university, Benji replied, "Everybody deserves a laugh. I love my people. If I'm open, I'm here."

Nard and Benji are part of a national promotional college tour that travels across the country to perform comedy acts. Benji has been doing comedy for the past nine years, and five to six years of that time he's been traveling to colleges. He discovered his talent in 5th grade when he began doing impersonations and facial expressions to be class clown.

To prepare material for jokes the comedians may ask what's going on around campus to relate back to the students, or sometimes just simply catch the vibe when they walk out on stage. Nard's main objective is to "gain control of the room."

Nard and Benji have admired comedians ranging from Richard Pryor to Martin Lawrence.

"I used to watch how Michael Jackson would affect the crowd and that was unbelievable as a kid . . . watching people pass out. The power that you have over people when you're on the microphone is something awesome," Benji said.

The comedians showed their serious side and did leave inspirational words for the students.

"Put your education first and put God first. Trust in him and anything is possible. Make sure you get your education and don't follow the crowd; be a leader," said Benji.

what goes on in your community, because our president controls the next four year. Voting can determine the input and output of this war and economy."

It is a wonderful sight to see LU students, staff, and alumni registering to vote and talking about voting. But, the chain is only as strong as its weakest link, and registered voters need to encourage

the voiceless.

"When you don't vote, you castrate yourself in regard to all the sacrifices others have made. You take away your own power," said James Lewis, a sophomore psychology and international studies major from Arlington, Texas.

Voting is not a black thing, or a white thing, it is about doing the

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Vote for your future

BY JIMMY EARLY JR.

There are steps that can be taken toward achieving a better country for the present and future of this nation. Everyone has the

right to stand and fight for what they believe is right. One of the best ways to accomplish this is through voting.

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man, without even looking up, and because he was a little discouraged anyway, said, "Maybe you are right lady, but if the fish had kept his mouth shut he would not have been caught!"

Let me interject here that James is not for a moment suggesting that silence is better than speech. He is pleading for the control of the tongue.

Why is it that humanity's ingenuity has tamed every wild creature in the sense of controlling and making them useful; yet, says James, no man by his own unaided efforts has ever been able to do so with the tongue?

The hypocrisy and paradox of the tongue is this: we both *bless* and *curse* people with it. Why do we do this? Why are we in the chapel or church or temple praising God one day and cursing folks out on campus the next day? In dating relationships we use sweet words to our beloved one day, and the next day we break up and use bitter words. To James there was something unnatural about this; it was as unnatural as for a fountain or stream to gush out both fresh and salt water, or a tree to bear opposite kinds of fruit.

My dear Langstonites, it is one thing to be thought of as a fool and another to remove all doubt by opening your mouth! If you do not have something constructively good to say, please utter nothing at all! (1 Corinthians 10:31).

Thus, it is one of life's hardest and plainest duties to see that the tongue does not contradict itself, but speaks only such words as we would wish God to hear. I adjure you to let us speak well of the institution of dear Langston and for one another! Holla!

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"A closed mouth will not get fed," is a common cliché for quiet people who are afraid to speak. However, silent non-voters can change and become registered voters.

It is simple to register to vote and more importantly, one can not vote if he/she is not registered.

If someone is a United States citizen and 18 years of age or older, he/she can register to vote. In fact, there are registration forms inside the G. Lamar Harrison Library at the front desk, or people can complete on-line registration at www.bet.com.

Take the initiative and vote to help change the problems many may feel need direct attention.

"I have been a registered voter since the age of 18," said Shamielka Ross, a senior biology major from Anadarko, Okla. She feels that voting gives people the chance to be heard.

"Most people complain about things going on, but voting gives you the chance to try and change those things," she said.

"I feel people seeing me vote will help inspire others to vote, which can eventually change a non-voting community into a voting community," said James Pierce, a freshmen psychology major from Detroit, Mich.

Pierce added, "Voting controls

Sports

Lions defeat Blue Tigers in T.M. Crisp Classic

JAMUEL WALLACE
Sports Writer

After the Lincoln Blue Tigers scored the first seven points, the Langston Lions ripped off 33 unanswered points en route to a 40-20 win over Lincoln in the 8th Annual T.M. Crisp Classic at Taft Stadium in Oklahoma City.

The win brings the Lions' record to 3-1, surpassing last

Johnson. "We played a lot of people tonight, and we just have to learn how to handle our success and close the game like it needs to be closed."

On Langston's first drive, quarterback Kendrick Dozier's exchange with wide receiver Jimmy Early was fumbled and then recovered by linebacker Dana Chambers.

It took Lincoln two plays to

yards in the back of the end zone, giving the Lions a 20-7 halftime lead.

In the third quarter, running back Jimmy Scales scored his team-leading fourth touchdown of the season—a five yard scamper, making the score 27-7.

With 5:20 remaining in the third quarter, Courtney Smith, who played cornerback to start the season, was converted back to running



photo by De'Shawn Saffold

Michael Thomas and Lazarus Chandler, drum majors, lead the 2004 LU Marching Pride onto the field

season's win total of two. The Blue Tigers dropped to 0-4.

The Lions' win broke two losing streaks—a three game losing streak against Lincoln, and a three game losing streak in the T.M. Crisp Classic.

	Lin	LU
First Downs	16	19
Rushes-Yds	35-87	33-231
Passing Yds	133	148
Comp-Att HI	11-31-0	12-19-1
Plays-Yds	66-220	52-379
Pnts-Avg	8-35.8	5-28.8
Fmb-Lost	3-1	1-1
Pnlty-Yds	7-46	10-82

"It was a good victory. It was great for the team and the university to have some success. I think it is a sign of good things to come," said Head Football Coach Greg

score as tight end Brandon Kendrick rumbled three yards up the gut, giving the Blue Tigers the early 7-0 lead.

Midway through the second quarter, WR Mike Gabrielle broke off an 84-yard punt return, cutting Lincoln's lead to 7-6.

On the Lions' next possession, Dozier was inserted into the QB position where he capped a 4-play, 63-yard drive with a 17-yard touchdown run, giving the Lions a 14-7 lead.

The Lions received the ball back before the half when defensive lineman Enjai Bush forced a fumble and LB Jason Fobbs recovered it.

Dozier went three for three on the next drive, which ended with him finding TE Jeff Martin 12

back. He scored the first of his two rushing touchdowns of the night with a 37-yard sprint, giving the Lions a 33-7 lead.

Smith finished with 74 yards on eight carries. As a team, the Lions rushed for 231 yards on 33 carries.

Dozier was named "Player of the Game," as he had 145 yards of total offense and two touchdowns.

Tony Williams was 5 of 9 for 94 yards to lead the Lions in passing.

Jimmy Early had three catches for 59 yards to lead the Lions in receiving.

Adrian Fisher led the way for the Lions' defense with nine tackles and a forced fumble. Darnell Brown and Jason Fobbs each had

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photo by De'Shawn Saffold

With the help of Lions' offensive tackle Jahi Milton (77) Jimmy Scales (23) goes off-tackle for a long gain.

LU Athlete of the Week

BY JUDY YATES

Veronica Austin

This Lady Lion student athlete is one busy young lady. Veronica Austin somehow manages to juggle sports and club and sorority responsibilities while carrying 21 hours.

This fall semester she is practicing basketball at both guard and forward. In the spring she will have her track shoes on to compete in five different events: 100 meter hurdles, javelin, discus, shot put, and high jump.

Austin is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the Nutrition and Dietetic Club, Alpha Chi Honor Society, Scholars Club, and the American Dietetic Association. With two majors, one in nutrition/dietetics and the other in biology, she has maintained an "A" average. This impressive senior is also a McCabe's Scholar.

While attending Mt. St. Mary's High School in Oklahoma City, she competed in volleyball, track and basketball. She was all-state in volleyball, state-qualifier in the 100 meter hurdles, and honorable mention in basketball.



Austin has found college competition to be just as rewarding as high school. During her junior year, she was an academic all-American in basketball and track, all-conference utility in track, and conference champion in the javelin.

After graduation, she plans to work on her master's degree in Texas or New York. Her ultimate career goal is to be the owner of her own practice or clinic.

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seven tackles, while Dexter Falls had seven tackles, a sack, a forced fumble, and three tackles for loss.

Next up for the Lions is a trip to Lawton to face the Southern Nazarene



Photo by De'Shawn Saffold

Lincoln's linebacker Allen Minus (55) attempts to bring down Lions' quarterback Kendrick Dozier (6) in the second quarter.

Crimson Storm in the 2nd Annual Southwest Military Appreciation Bowl, Saturday at 4 p.m.

Lin-Brandon Kendrick 3 run (Gerardo Cornejo kick good)

LU-Mike Gabrielle 83 punt return (Kendrick Dozier run no good)

LU-Kendrick Dozier 17 run (Delvon Nickson run good)

LU-Kendrick Dozier 12 pass to Jeff Martin (Israel Jacobs kick no good)

LU-Jimmy Scales 5 run (Israel Jacobs kick good)

LU-Courtney Smith 37 run (Israel Jacobs kick no good)

Lin-Erik Garcia 25 pass to Ali Thompson (Donovan Singleton run no good)

LU-Courtney Smith 22 run (Israel Jacobs kick good)

Lin-Jabali Miller 10 interception return (Gerardo Cornejo kick good)

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Lincoln Univ.	7	0	6	7	20
Langston	0	20	13	7	40



Photo by De'Shawn Saffold

Langston University students, staff, alumni and fans cheer on the Lions

More than step shows Fraternity and sorority members discuss ins and outs of pledging

BY WILLIS HUFF JR.

Every year, students join different fraternities or sororities. Some students may think that becoming a member of these groups may just be about partying or being able to step at a step-show.

But Langston University students involved with fraternities or sororities are doing hard work.

LU's Greek organizations are involved in the community by serving and giving back; they also organize events and learn about the history of their specific association.

On campus, there are several different fraternities and sororities that belong to various larger establishments.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council consists of four fraternities and sororities: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; Sigma Gamma Ro Sorority Inc.; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.; and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

There is also a band fraternity—Kappa Kappa Psi, and a sorority—Tau Beta Sigma, as well as a music fraternity—Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, and sorority—Sigma Alpha Iota.

In addition to the band, music and Pan-Hellenic organizations, there are also two Christian based groups—Gamma Phi Delta Fraternity and Alpha Lambda Omega Sorority.

When deciding upon joining a fraternity or a sorority, many students need to know what the organization's principals are and what they have to offer.

Jameka Lewis of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. said, "A sorority offers so much. In a sorority, you can meet new people, do community service, and learn people skills."

Joshua Busby, president of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. said, "Fraternities stress academics and academic expectations. We help students research, we also help students with their job search, and we help young men achieve their goals."

Fraternities and sororities also play a major part in helping students with their education.

Angela Murphy, a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., explained, "Education is very im-

thing!"

Busby said that lifelong friendships are often formed in fraternities. "You have the opportunity to make friends who will be there way after graduation," he explained. "You may have your fraternity brothers in your wedding. So, the camaraderie is very important."

Many students see a step show and automatically want to join. But, as fraternity and sorority members know, stepping isn't easy.

"Students might see a step show, but they don't see the work we do!" Lewis said. "With being in a sorority, the work never stops!"

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portant. Your GPA has to be a certain level. You have to have a strong sense of why you are here. Your purpose on coming to college wasn't for the in-take process. Your purpose on coming to college was to get a degree."

Busby added, "Fraternities help students. To enter a fraternity, you must have a 2.5 grade point average and be a sophomore, just to be involved. You must have some form of education and have a foundation for yourself. If you can manage your academics and learn about your fraternity, then you shouldn't have any problems."

On the "yard," people may see a few fraternity brothers engaging in a conversation, or see a few sorority sisters discussing plans for a meeting. Many students wonder what brings them all together.

"Sisterhood is very important," Lewis said. "We try to work with other sororities and fraternities, as well as other people who are not in them."

Murphy said, "I think our main goal is for people to see our unity. We try to do our very best, to bring our very best. We also want people to see we do community service. If we can stand as one, we do any-

The step shows and t-shirts are just a small part of what fraternities and sororities do.

Students should do their homework before deciding on joining any organization.

Lewis said, "Langston students want to join because their mother or their sister was in a sorority. They think they know a lot about a sorority, but they don't!"

Busby added, "Some students join for different reasons. Some join a fraternity for step shows or women. If your parents were Greek, then you only know what they know. Basically, your parents pushed you in. You didn't want to find out on your own!"

Members of the Greek organizations suggested that students go to a few informals and talk to a few upperclassmen. Langstonites must also make sure they meet all qualifications and do not join because of peer pressure or a step show.

"I think if something sounds good to you, looks good to you, you automatically think it's good for you," Murphy said. "It's important you do your home work before you decide on joining a fraternity or sorority."

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LU Health Watch: Binge drinking

BY MICKI BIDDLE
Senior Staff Writer

Whether students choose to drink or not, the consequences of excessive consumption or "binge drinking" affect everyone on the college campus and community. The U.S. Surgeon General and the Department of Health and Human Services (USDHHS) identify binge drinking as a major public health issue.

Binge drinking is typically defined as five drinks in a row for men and four drinks in a row for women. At least 40 percent of college students have participated in binge drinking in the past two weeks.

The consequences of excessive drinking patterns on the college community are summed up in a general worksheet from www.collegedrinkingprevention.gov.

- Approximately 1,400 students between the ages of 18 and 24 die each year from alcohol-related unintentional injuries.

- 500,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 are unintentionally injured under the influence of alcohol.

- More than 600,000 students be-

tween the ages of 18 and 24 are assaulted by another student who has been drinking.

- More than 70,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 are victims of alcohol-related sexual assault or date rape.

- 400,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 had unprotected sex while drunk, and more than 100,000 students report having been too drunk to know if they consented to having sex or not.

- About 25 percent of college students report academic consequences of their drinking.

- More than 150,000 students develop an alcohol-related health problem

- Between 1.2 and 1.5 percent of students indicate that they tried to commit suicide within the past year due to drinking or drug use.

- 2.1 million students drove under the influence of alcohol last year.

According to a behavioral risk factor surveillance by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) 12.7 percent of people in the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Area consumed five or more drinks in one episode.

There is increasing evidence

that binge drinking is on the rise among male college students. Binge drinkers increased the amount of intoxicating incidents from 20 percent to 23 percent between 1993 to 1999 in America. Langston University's Liquor Law statistics during the year 2002 shows law enforcement to have arrested a total of seven residents for some form of violations of the campus liquor law.

In an effort to reduce binge drinking among college students, the federal government has commissioned an initiative called "Healthy People 2010," which targets alcoholism and has set public health goals to decrease binge drinking.

Educating the public on the consequences of drinking to intoxication, or binge drinking, is the key to healthy social choices. The adverse effects of alcohol abuse include academic failure, personal, social, and legal ruin, as well as a virtual plethora of health problems that include chemical dependency and withdrawal. College life may seem to socially accept alcohol consumption; however, real life alcohol abuse will inevitably lead to social devastation.

Vote for your future

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right thing.

For the many students that are now registered voters and plan to make a difference, go out and convince others.

"People hand me their voter's registration forms and I mail them. For the past two weeks there has been an estimate of thirty forms," said Kate Corbett, a librarian at the G. Lamar Harrison Library.

"There has been more political conversation from students now than in the past," Corbett added.

She also commented about how good it is to see improvements on campus, as students become involved and concerned about the world around them.

Corbett urged students to try to make voting the norm at Langston University, as opposed to wishing or hoping for something to happen. She said students can create a change for the best by voting. People should not allow this election to pass them by.

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 can register online. For more information, call the Reference Desk at 466-3298.

What's the Word?

COMPILED BY KEVONO HUNT, Assistant Editor

Do you think the recent negative ads placed on TV by the presidential candidates are appropriate?



"No—it just doesn't look good for the candidates to focus on anything besides the issues."

Aaron Brown, sophomore
business administration major
Kansas city, Mo.



"No—they shouldn't talk bad about each other. They should just say why they're the best candidate."

Brenda Taylor
UNICO staff
Guthrie, Okla.



"Yes and no—it's only appropriate if it is the truth."

Gerald Creighton, freshman
computer science major
Chicago, Ill.



"Yes—because we do need to know who that person was before he was a candidate for president."

Monique Washington,
sophomore nursing major
Dallas, Tx.



"Yes—because we don't need anyone cheating their way into office."

William Watts, junior
biology major
Pine Bluff, Ark.

LU Calendar

Ongoing Events

The Psychology Club will have meetings each first and last Thursday of the month. The meetings will take place in Rm. 218W in Sanford Hall at 11 a.m. More information: Contact Charles Perry, president, at ext. 4875.

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.

Test taking skills seminar scheduled for October 1st-15th is as follows; on October 1st the subject will be writing, October 8th Science, and on October 15th Social Studies. All classes are scheduled from 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Please sign up to receive a package in room 203W in Sanford Hall.

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.

Salter's Chapel A.M.E. Church wants willing workers and singers for Christ. Sellers Chapel is located at 119 Washington St. More information: Contact Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Craig, pastor, or Elizabeth Bostic, 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

Lion of the Week

BY SHAUNNA COOPER, Editor

Doris Jones



After her two-year hiatus at the Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia, Doris Jones came back to share with her students what she learned while working for the National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA).

Jones, associate professor for the department of mathematics, and the supplemental instruction coordinator, left Langston University in 2001 to participate in the NASA/National Association for Equal Opportunity (NAFEO) Louis Stokes Professional Leadership Program.

The program works with HBCUs in strengthening the delivery and management of NASA sponsored mathematics, science, engineering, and technology programs through a four-year professional development program.

"I was a program manager for the undergraduate research program. I was assigned to three schools—Morehouse, Spellman, and Florida A&M University," Jones explained. "I was responsible for selecting students to participate in STEM research, and STEM research is science, technology, engineering, and mathematics research."

Jones was chosen for the Professional Leadership Program because of some previous work she had done for NASA during a fellowship in Mississippi.

At one point in the fellowship, the participants had to recommend some type of research, so Jones selected the Trail of

Tears, unaware that there were many "trails." Once she did some research of her own, she chose the Choctaw Trail of Tears, because her hometown of Idabel, Okla. is part of the Choctaw Nation.

"My research was on remote sensing of the Trail of Tears. Oklahoma is known for American Indians and they [NASA] wanted to do some research with them," she said. "Remote sensing can tell you what food sources were along the Trail of Tears, or where you could find water."

She said her research is now published on NASAs website.

Her background in mathematics, as well as education, caused her to stand out among other applicants, thus landing her the opportunity to work for NASA once again.

"The new administrative announcer wanted to get more into education and try to get a better foundation for our elementary students," she explained, "so they adopted a program called pre-service teaching, and I worked with that program as well."

All her extracurricular activities have not been in vain. Because of her connection with that particular program, over 50 LU students have had the opportunity to acquire some additional experience and exposure.

"Although I was only supposed to take care of the east coast schools, I work for the project, and I was not going to not let our students be involved," she revealed.

As for those people who think that African-Americans cannot be well educated in math, Jones said that myth came from years of conditioning.

"I think we're the better math people, but we don't think so, because somehow we've been reprogrammed to think that we're not. When I was coming along, that's what we did better in—math and science. We were kind of the originators; we should understand it better than others."

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.

Immediate Events

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.

Monday, October 4

The Young Democrats will have a mandatory meeting on October 4 in the White House inside the Black Caucus Room at 2 p.m. There will be an officer election at the meeting and refreshments will be served. More information: Call 466-4561.

Tuesday, October 5

"Langston Speak Out," an open mic forum regarding upcoming elections, will be held on Oct. 5 by the Student Government Association. Logan County candidates will be present. The event will start at 8 p.m. in the Coleman Heritage Chapel.

Tuesday, October 5

October 5th is the last day to take year-book pictures for the 2004-05 school year. Pictures will be taken on the 2nd floor of Page Hall from 8:30-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 6

The Lambda Alpha Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta will host the Miss Ebony in Blue Mixer. The mixer will be an information meet and greet regarding the Miss Ebony in Blue Pageant. The event will take place in the Scholars' Inn Clubhouse at 7:20 p.m. More information: Email LAMBDA_ALPHA_ZPhi@hotmail.com

Wednesday, October 6

An educational discussion on marijuana, held by the Langston University Professional Counseling Center, will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 6 at 6 p.m. at 466-3401.

Wednesday, October 6

A Basketball Jamboree will be held on Oct. 6 The boys basketball team will play faculty members in a basketball game in the C.F. Gayles Gymnasium. There will be an after-party following game. Tickets for both events are \$3 in advance, and \$2 for each event at the door. More Information: Coach Willis at ext. 3380.