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Activists urge HBCU students to vote

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE FROM
BLACKCOLLEGEWIRE.ORG

With the national election less than three weeks away, historically black colleges and universities have become magnets for get-out-and-vote activists and the presidential candidates' campaigns.

Many have targeted African-American students with voter drives that peaked this month because in a number of states registration ended Oct. 4.

"I am somebody! Keep hope alive! Let's go vote! Everybody scream!" Florida A&M students chanted, echoing the exhortations of Jesse Jackson when his "Hope is on the Way" tour stopped through Tallahassee on Sept. 30.

The black vote can shift the upcoming election, Jackson said, encouraging students to use the voting rights won by previous generations.

"Students have so much invested in this election and don't even realize it. This election will affect tuition rates, scholarships, job availability after graduation

and the ending of the war," Jackson said. "When you decide to come alive and choose future over funerals and hope over dope, you can change the dynamic of the playing field and shape our world. Go vote!"

Some in the parade of celebrities, civil rights leaders, hip-hop artists, activists and politicians had the backing of nonpartisan voter registration groups, such as the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation's Unity 2004 Voter Empowerment Campaign. But a

noticeable majority pushed the Democratic Party agenda and counted on being welcomed by a well-established base of supporters on many campuses. Republicans also have stepped up their appeal to young black voters; President Bush's support for historically black colleges has become a staple of the Republican campaign.

At a Southern University football game, the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus showered students with gifts and T-shirts while

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LU professor releases inspirational new book

BY SAMUEL HILL

Through his new book, "Heavenly Father, Thank You for the Blessings," Dr. Marvin Burns, dean of the agriculture and applied sciences program, hopes to touch lives and connect people.

The book is a collection of stories and events in people's lives that seem unrelated but are somehow tied together.

"God has a plan for all of us; we just can't see the whole picture and what he has in store for us," he said.

The book talks about people of many different backgrounds, cultures and ages. Langston students might recognize some of the people in the book, including Dr. Ernest L. Holloway, Dr. Jean Bell Manning and Dr. JoAnn Clark. Dr. Burns also provides insight concerning his life and the lives of the people that he has met. He used several quotes from those that talked about life changing events that happened to them or people they knew.

One particular message that Dr. Burns advocates in his book is for people to be careful of what they say to others. He illustrated several instances of how words can have drastic effects on people's



lives. He wants his book to be a gift that keeps on giving.

"I hope that after people read my book they will take time to smell the roses. If not we will miss the blessings in store for us," he explained.

Employed by LU since 1997, Dr. Burns received a bachelor's of science in agronomy from Fort Valley State University, and a master's of science in agronomy from the University of Wisconsin.

He also has a Ph.D. in plant breeding and pathology from the University of Arizona.

A copy of Dr. Burns book can be purchased from his website at www.jandtpub.com.



Photo by Paolo Newman

Actor Paul G. Anderson performed a one-act play, "Expectations of Triumph," on stage at the I.W. Young Auditorium on Oct. 12, 2004. He brought to life Fredrick Douglass, Paul L. Robeson and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Here he is posed next to a picture of Paul L. Robeson, a famous author, activist, actor, athlete and singer.

Dr. Craig discusses the A.M.E. Church

BY STEVE JACKSON, Senior Staff Writer

Dr. Samuel R. Craig, director of graduate admissions and recruitment as well as the pastor of the Salters Chapel A.M.E. Church, recently spoke about the importance of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in the African-American community.

"I think that the historical values of the A.M.E. Church within the black community have not been exploited to the point that we know our history and who we are," said Rev. Craig.

The A.M.E. Church has not only been important for religious reasons, it is also a part of black history.

"The church was founded on what I call the first civil rights demonstration in the country," he said.

In 1787, Richard Allen and other black "freemen" helped to build the Methodist Church in Philadelphia, in which there was a "special" balcony for its black members.

One day Allen and some of his companions were late to service and the only place they could go was the front of the church. As Allen and his men prayed, some of the white stuaarts came and pulled the men from their knees. That racist gesture led Allen and the rest of the men across the street to an old blacksmith shop that they made into a church.

The A.M.E. Church is now stronger than ever, with 19 districts around the world.

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Sexual harassment: A growing problem on college campuses

BY AKIA DOUGLAS

Sexual harassment is something that often goes unreported on college campuses. According to the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault Library, 90 percent of the victims that are sexually harassed are unwilling to report the sexual harassment.

According to the American Psychological Association, 12.7 percent of women in college have experienced sexually related harassment, 21 percent have avoided classes for fear of being harassed, 11 percent have tried to report an incident of harassment, and three percent have dropped a course because of harassment.

Women aren't the only ones who get harassed; men are also victims of harassment. Seventy-six percent of men have reported unwanted sexual behavior that interferes with their lives, 56 percent of men have been subjected to sexual comments, jokes, or gestures, 42 percent of men have been sexually touched, grabbed or pinched, according to the ICASAL.

In 2002 there were two reports about sexual harassment at Langston University, and in 2003

there was one report of sexual harassment filed, according to the Langston University campus police report. However, LaDonna S. McCune, a chemical dependency counselor at the Professional Counseling Center on campus, said, "The number of harassment cases on campus is higher than what is reported. We get more things reported to us than the campus police."

Sexual harassment is defined as the unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature, which may affect an individual's employment, interfere with an individual's work performance or create an intimidating, hostile or offensive work or learning environment.

Sexual harassment is divided into two categories: quid pro quo harassment and hostile environment harassment. The Latin word "quid pro quo" means "trading this for that." It usually happens when a person in a higher position uses power to get a sexual pleasure from someone who is a subordinate to them. Hostile environment harassment occurs between students. This is the most common kind of

sexual harassment. According to the ICASAL, hostile environment harassment is when repeated comments or sexual confrontation happens that creates an unpleasant atmosphere and interferes with someone receiving their education.

If a student is harassed at Langston University they have many options in the way they can handle the situation. A student can go and talk to Richard Mumford, the director of institutional planning and research on campus. Once the report is made he will evaluate the situation.

The most recommended option is reporting the harassment to campus police or even local police if a student feels the school may not handle the situation to their satisfaction.

Sometimes students may not want to do any of the above. If this is the case they can go to the Professional Counseling Center and a counselor there will talk with them.

"If a student comes to us we will talk to them and assess the situation and see if they need ongoing counseling services from people who are experts in that area," said McCune.

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signing up voters.

The daughters of Democratic hopefuls John Kerry and John Edwards praised their dads at North Carolina Central University.

Al Sharpton told Florida A&M students that their votes would affect the selection of future Supreme Court justices.

"He really made it clear that this election is much deeper than Bush vs. Kerry," said Kori Scott, a business administration graduate student.

Separately, the speakers stressed community empowerment and national issues that student voters can influence, including the fate of affirmative action, the war on terrorism and the potential for a future military draft.

Many expressed the view that college students represent untapped voting power.

Only about 42 percent of eligible 18- to 24-year-olds voted in 2000, compared with about 64 percent of

eligible voters ages 25 and older, according to University of Maryland civic engagement research. The proportion of young adults who voted in non-presidential elections was even smaller. That leaves lots of room for recruitment.

"Much of our political involvement is based on how we are socialized as we grow up in the family, churches, schools and things of that nature, said Jarvis Hall, a leader of a student registration drive. "If it's not something that is promoted in the family, then you will find that a lot of young folk—and unfortunately a disproportionate number of minorities—don't participate as well as they should."

However, Hall added, students are too often branded as not caring. "There is an incorrect stereotype of our students being apathetic, as being detached from the political system," he said.

North Carolina Central freshman Taissa Jones agreed.

"It's very, very important to vote because we need to get things in our community that we need," she said.

At Albany State University in Georgia, junior Robert Williams, a business management major and president of the NAACP student chapter, said of the right to vote, "We are a generation that has had this given to us on the backs and through the blood of those before us. We are going to do whatever is necessary to make sure people get out there to vote."

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LU Voices

Afrikan-Americans and the Democratic Party

Part 3 of "A Voteless People is a Hopeless People" Series

My dear Langstonites, Nation of Islam minister El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz or "Malcolm X" (b.1925—d.1965) characterized the Democratic Party as being like a fox, and the Republican Party as being like a wolf. Both are members of the canine family, with different methods but common goals.

Is this still true today, especially concerning Afrikan-Americans in the political process of this great nation? I dedicate my third article on a "voteless people is a hopeless people" series and 136th edition of Chapy's Corner to those who question why any Negro would join the Democratic Party. My next epistle (part four) will examine how your one vote can

the New Deal's housing, agricultural and economic programs, Afrikan-Americans had opportunities to obtain employment, some in areas previously closed to them.

The third reason for the Black exodus occurred when the "Dixiecrats" were created. After the death of Roosevelt in office, Vice President Harry S. Truman (b.1884—d.1972), a democrat from Missouri, became the 33rd president. In the late 1940s, President Truman (1945—1953) decided it

was time to racially integrate the armed forces, causing outrage among some white southern democrats.

As if this were not enough, in 1948 the Democratic Party publicly declared its support for the civil rights movement. For more than a century, the only political party in the south was the Democratic Party. When South Carolina Federal Judge Julius Waties Waring of Charleston ruled the Democratic Party must open to Blacks so they

could participate in the primary, this was the beginning of the "Southern Dixiecrat Movement" in the confederate south.

This single act was more than South Carolina democratic Governor Strom Thurmond (b.1902—d.2003) and some of his white southern democratic colleagues could stomach, so they formed a "states rights" ticket that was appropriately labeled the "Dixiecrats." Governor Thurmond

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Parking lot tripping

BY SAMUEL HILL

As more people decide to attend dear Langston, many of them realize quickly the value of having their own automobile on campus. With the number of cars on the rise, and the number of parking spaces remaining limited, the parking situation has become a war zone on campus.

I live in Scholar's Inn and last fall, after my first semester, I learned fast that I needed my own car. Even though I had several family members here to help with transportation, just getting to Guthrie to buy groceries took some planning and organization.

In the spring semester, I got a 1997 Ford Explorer. Back then the parking on campus was pretty good. There was always a spot in the front of my building any time, day or night. Now I drive a smaller

Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV)—smaller than my old Explorer—but the number of spaces around Scholar's Inn and on campus have still made finding a parking spot an ordeal.

Not many students realize that even if they do not have a car, they still must pay the \$10 permit fee.

This year the police have gone hard on the parking policy.

One day they blocked the entrances to the school and checked for permits like this was an army base.

Why does the school slam students with tickets and fines, when they already charge students \$10

for a parking permit?

Not many students realize that even if they do not have a car, they still must pay the \$10 permit fee.

I think this is ridiculous. If students must pay, then the school officials should give students their permits when they finish with admissions.

You might think that I am a little hard on this situation. I take this subject personally because I have already received three tickets for parking in a handicapped spot in Scholar's Inn.

But since there are no handicapped students that actually need the spots in my area, why shouldn't I be able to park in one of the spots? It is safer to park your car in front of your building. I live

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"Each of us should make the most of our lives. We should give life our best. Let us use our lives more wisely to choose our dreams, find our true purpose, and be as happy and successful as possible." — Malcolm X

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Chapy's Corner

By Dr. Eric Anthony Joseph
Chaplain
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make a difference.

What happened to cause the "Black exodus" from the anti-slavery Republican Party to the once pro-slavery Democratic Party? This epistle will only examine six selected potential reasons for this "Black flight."

The first reason for the Black exodus was the famous "Hayes—Tilden Betrayal." This betrayal was said to have set the stage of the exodus by reversing many of the political, social and economic gains made by Afrikan-Americans during the Reconstruction Era. The 1876 presidential election was similar in many ways to the 2000 (Albert Gore, Jr. versus George Walker Bush) election in that then republican Rutherford B. Hayes (b.1822—d.1893) and democrat Samuel Jones Tilden (b.1814—d.1886) ended up in an almost dead heat. Tilden won a majority of the popular vote. The electoral votes in South Carolina, Louisiana, Oregon, and Florida were disputed, causing a special commission to decide the election.

It has been said a deal was cut that gave all disputed ballots to republican candidate Hayes in exchange for a guarantee that all federal troops would be removed from the south, leaving Afrikan-Americans vulnerable to white southern retaliation. Hayes was then elected president by one electoral vote. Once that deal was solidified, a retaliatory blood bath targeting Afrikan-Americans promptly ensued throughout the South. Thus, the GOP party of Abraham Lincoln started to take a gradual nose dive in the civil rights for the so-called Negro.

The second reason for the Black exodus was the "New Deal" instituted by President Franklin D. Roosevelt (b.1882—d.1945). The stock market crash of 1929 under republican president Herbert Hoover (b.1874—d.1964) caused soup lines to become the order of the day for the skilled and unskilled alike in urban areas across the nation. Afrikan-Americans in both cities and rural areas, many already living in poverty, suffered greatly from the economic depression. When four term democratic candidate Franklin D. Roosevelt (1933—1945) defeated incumbent Hoover and was elected as the 32nd president in November of 1932, he promised a "new deal" for all Americans that would provide them with security from "the cradle to the grave." Although there were many inequities in

Students maintain order through Residence Life Council

BY TONYA GRANT

Students who love defying the rules of their housing unit should get ready for a rude awakening. They may soon have to visit the Residence Life Council.

The Residence Life Council is an organization that focuses on the quality of lifestyle for students staying on campus. This organization was created to crack down on the use of drugs, excessive noise, and otherwise obnoxious behavior.

"The purpose of the council is to serve as a voice for our housing customers," said Joseph L. Brown, housing coordinator for Brown Hall, Centennial Court, Cimarron Gardens, Langston Commons, Scholar's Inn, and Young Hall—all

of which are residence halls for Langston University students.

If a student breaks basic rules such as smoking in the building, going out of a fire exit, or sneaking late-night visitors into their rooms, that student will be subjected to face the council.

The organization is composed of one representative from each housing unit. In his/her absence, there is one alternate to serve as a back up. The meetings to review the actions of residents take place on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in room 206 of Hamilton Hall.

Some of the penalties that defiant students will face are fines, eviction, work penalties, or a combination of the three depending on

the extent of the misconduct. The council only has the authority to make a recommendation, which then goes to Student Affairs (SA) for consideration.

The Residence Life Council not only focuses on student disciplinary actions but other student concerns as well. For example, if a student has a problem with the meals in the cafeteria for that day, he/she is advised to voice concerns with a resident advisor (RA), or he/she can bring up the issue at resident meetings.

"If you don't tell the people who can help you, then how will we ever know?" said Brown.

There were issues last year about the leakage in Centennial Court Apartments. Because it was

brought up for discussion at one of the resident meetings, university officials have begun to work on the problem.

"Renovations will be completed by the end of this school year," said Brown.

Students are encouraged to

know who is representing them. Tyrone Walker—Brown Hall, Antoinette Martin—Cimarron Garden, Rolland Nkemazeh—Young Hall, Bernadette Benson—Centennial Court, Brittany Johnson—Scholars Inn, and Carlos Coppage—Langston Commons.

Education majors attend SOEA Conference

Six education majors recently attended the 2004 Student Oklahoma Education Association Fall Conference at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Oklahoma City. They were among a host of students from all over Oklahoma that came together to learn about the newest advances and issues that educators are facing. The conference began with the introduction of state officers. The opening address was given by OEA Vice President Becky Felts.

Dr. Linda Wilson, a professor at Norfolk State University, presented the seminar entitled "Brain Based Learning—What's That All About?" This seminar discussed five environmental factors that are needed to enhance brain activity: music, color, oxygen, water, and nutrition.

"It was amazing to me that the brain consists of over 90 percent water!" said Joan Henry, a senior

special education major from Edmond, Oklahoma.

The next presenter discussed "What's This Portfolio Thing?" Christy Friesen, a student of South Western Oklahoma State University, presented ways to make one's portfolio more creative. She encouraged students to decorate their portfolios to show their own personal characteristics. This seminar also discussed the requirements of portfolios, according to the state's regents.

"This seminar increased my knowledge of creative ways to personalize your portfolio," said Crystal Barker, a senior elementary education major from Altus, Oklahoma.

Dr. Carla Thompson, a professor at the Tulsa Community College, presented "Grant Writing." This seminar provided students with the information they needed to write grant proposals.

"Dr. Thompson provided us with a variety of materials that will be very effective for developing grant proposals. She encouraged us to not get discouraged and to write many proposals!" said Rebecca McIntosh, a senior music education major from Gary, Indiana.

The final seminar was "True Colors," presented by Floyd Cox, the state student organizer. During this portion of the conference, Cox encouraged students to increase membership with their chapters. OEA representatives also provided students with political recommendations made by the National Education Association (NEA). The NEA recommended particular political candidates based on their views on education.

Students that attended the conference can take this important information with them through their careers as educators.

LU faculty continues tradition of excellence

Three scholarly articles written by members of the Langston University community appeared in the spring 2004 issue of the *Chronicles of Oklahoma*, a journal published by the Oklahoma Historical Society. The writers, Dr. Chongo Mundende, Dr. Jim Showalter, and Rev. Cecelia Brooks, wrote on historical topics related to Oklahoma and Langston University.

In his article, "Saving the land: Soil and Water Conservation in Oklahoma," Dr. Mundende wrote on climate-related problems. His article looked at the harsh lessons learned in Oklahoma history by the state and federal government working with farmers and ranchers.

Dr. Showalter detailed the Ku Klux Klan's resurgence in popularity in Oklahoma during the 1920s. His article, "The Tale of Sergeant Webber: Nativism in Northern Oklahoma in 1923," specifically examines the activity of Sergeant Webber.

In an article that centered on Oklahoma's black history and Langston University, "Oklahoma's First Black Governor: Dr. Isaac William Young," Rev. Brooks explored the life of Dr. Isaac William Young, a past president of Langston University, and his rise from medical doctor to become the most powerful black statesman in Oklahoma. It also documents how Langston became one of the leading colleges in the country in the 1920s and 1930s.

Each article is scholarly researched and shows the standards of educational excellence set by Langston University's faculty and staff. There are copies in both libraries of the university.

Langston to Guthrie Shuttle

Departures from Langston:

Scholar's Inn: 10:24 AM, 1:24 PM, 3:14PM

Centennial Court: 10:38 AM, 1:40 PM, 3:30 PM

Student Union: 10:34 AM, 1:34 PM, 3:24 PM

Departures from Guthrie:

Sears/ Dollar Store: 9:46 AM, 12:36 PM, 2:36 PM

Wal-Mart: 9:53 AM, 12:53 PM, 2:43 PM

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Sports

Rangers roll past Lions 33-13

BY JAMUEL WALLACE
Sports Writer

The Northwestern Oklahoma State Rangers extended their win streak over the Langston Lions to nine with a 33-13 victory in the first ever Wichita Football Classic, held in Wichita, Kan. at Cessna Stadium last Saturday.

The Lions drop to 0-3 in conference and 3-4 overall, while the Rangers improve to 2-0 in conference and 5-1 overall.

	NW	LU
First Downs	20	12
Rushes-Yds	52-256	40-77
Passing Yds	137	108
Comp-Att-HI	11-18-0	12-20-3
Plays-Yds	70-393	60-185
Pnts-Avg	5-42.8	7-34.3
Fmb-Lost	4-2	2-1
PnltY-Yds	9-78	5-53

The Lions struck first, when running back Courtney Smith ran in a four-yard touchdown giving Langston a 7-0 lead. The big play of the drive was RB Cermase Berry's 43 yard run into Rangers territory.

After a Rangers punt, quarterback Tony Williams turned the ball over for a second time in the quarter when he fumbled and Bret Goad recovered it for Northwestern.

Two plays later, Rangers' RB Odie Armstrong ran in a two yard touchdown to tie the score at seven.

After a Lions punt, QB Demarko Jones ran a draw play 20 yards into the endzone, making the score 14-7 at the end of the first quarter.

Jones ran in his second touchdown of the game, with a nine-yard quarterback keeper giving the Rangers a 20-7 lead.



Photo by De'Shawn Saffold

Ranger's wide receiver Vincent Butler (19) is swarmed by Lions' linebackers Elijah Booker (9) and Jason Fobbs (1) in the third quarter.

LU Athlete of the Week

BY JUDY YATES

Quentin Beaty

Quentin Beaty is #21 for the Langston Lions Basketball Team. This 6'5" standout forward received the freshman newcomer award at Langston. During his sophomore year he was the chairman of the basketball board and a team captain.

Beaty is now a junior and is serving as team captain again this season.

Beaty received several basketball awards before graduating in 1999 from Harper-Archer High School in Atlanta, Ga. He was named MVP his junior and senior year and also received a scholar/athlete award. He says his most rewarding athletic achievement came as a member of the state high school all-American team.

Beaty chose to major in physical education and is busy studying and preparing for the upcoming basketball season.

"It is a good learning and playing experience here at Langston," he says.



"This year we are very young, with a lot of new freshmen and transfers. We have a very good coaching staff, and the team is coming along well. We are looking forward to winning the conference and national championship!"

The first basketball game is Nov. 16 against Northwestern OSU. Beaty believes the toughest competition in the men's conference will be Houston Baptist University.

After college, Beaty would like to play on the professional level and/or use his degree to teach and coach.

Shelton Parker, who was named Central State Football League's Defensive Player of the Week, intercepted his second pass of the game with 6:58 to go in the second quarter.

Armstrong scored his second touchdown of the game with a five yard run, giving the Rangers a 27-7 halftime lead.

The Lions cut the Rangers lead to 14, with a Tony Williams' one-yard sneak with 7:25 remaining in the third quarter.

After a series of punts from both teams, Rangers finished the scoring when Jones hit wide receiver Aaron Knowles 30 yards for the touchdown.

Offensive leaders for the Lions were Cermase Berry, Tony Williams, and Jeff Martin. Berry rushed for 69 yards on 11 carries, Williams was ten of 15 for 100 yards passing, and Martin had five catches for 69 yards.

Eric Cooper led the Lions defense with seven tackles. Darnell Brown, Antwaine Clayton, Enjai Bush, and Elijah Booker added six tackles each.



Photo by De'Shawn Saffold

Lions' running back Cermase Berry (36) shakes free from Rangers' defensive lineman Walter Taylor (82) on his way to a 43 yard run in the first quarter.

	1	2	3	4	
Northwestern	14	13	6	0	33
Langston	7	0	6	0	13

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(D—SC) was the Dixiecrats presidential candidate in 1948. They had a convention in Birmingham, Alabama. Although Thurmond lost the presidency, their agenda was that of the confederacy, which was violently anti-Black and anti-civil rights.

The fourth major reason for the Black exodus occurred during the John F. Kennedy—Lyndon B. Johnson—Martin Luther King, Jr. Camelot Era of the early 1960s. In democratic president John F. Kennedy's (b.1917—d.1963) Presidential Inaugural Address in January of 1961, he promised to end racial discrimination. During Kennedy's brief tenure in office, he appointed Black people to many federal positions. President Kennedy appointed an unprecedented forty Blacks to administrative posts, which was unpopular by both parties at the time.

After the assassination of Mississippi's Black civil rights advocate, Medgar Wiley Evers, (b.1925—d.1963), and the continued civil rights pressure by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (b.1929—d.1968), President Kennedy told congress that the new civil rights laws he proposed in 1963 would

involve every American's right to vote, to go to school, to get a job, and to be served in a public place without arbitrary discrimination—rights which most Americans take for granted.

Sadly, President Kennedy did not live to see the civil rights laws he proposed signed into law. Ironically, he was assassinated in the southern state of his vice president on November 22, 1963 in Dallas, Texas. Nevertheless, his legislation became the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and after one year it was finally passed through the congress and senate by our 36th president Lyndon B. Johnson (b.1908—d.1973). In the House, 80 percent of republicans supported the legislation, while only 61 percent of democrats supported it. In the Senate, 82 percent of the republicans supported it, but only 69 percent of democrats did.

The fifth reason for the Black exodus occurred when the Dixiecrats became republicans in the mid-1960s. In the late 1950s, then U.S. Senator Lyndon B. Johnson (D—TX), went on a personal mission to keep White democrats in the south in the Democratic Party. Later, when Johnson became

president and signed the 1965 Voting Rights Act, he made the comment that this is the right thing to do for our country and the south. President Johnson stated, "This act alone would send most southern democrats to the Republican Party."

In the mid-1960s, the Dixiecrats switched from the Democratic to the Republican Party to assist five term U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater (b.1909—d.1998) from Arizona in his unsuccessful bid for the presidency against incumbent president Johnson (D—TX). He carried only six states and 36 percent of the popular vote in 1964.

The Dixiecrats were, however, pivotal in the southern strategy that won the White House for the republicans and President Richard Nixon (b.1913—d.1994) of California in 1968. Nixon served until his forced resignation in 1974.

Our 40th president, Ronald Reagan (b.1911—d.2004), a republican, is credited with bringing all factions of the republican right-wing conservative movement together, steeped in the Dixiecrat states' rights tradition. During Reagan's (1981—1989) administration, the issues and concerns of the Dixiecrats became principally those of the Republican Party. It is believed by political scientists that precisely at this juncture the Republican Party ceased being the party of Abraham Lincoln and evolved into what it is today to the vast majority of Black America—almost racially exclusive with a few "Uncle Tom" Negroes that are dedicated to protecting and maintaining the status quo. In this context, many do not understand how the average civil rights-sensitive Black citizen could blend into today's Republican Party.

The sixth reason for the Black exodus deals with the policies of 42nd President William Clinton, IV. Former Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton (D—AR) came to the presidency of the United States inheriting a less than admirable race relations history from his predecessors. DeWayne Wickham, a columnist for USA Today, gave three reasons on why Blacks supported

former President Clinton in his book "Bill Clinton and Black America." First, Afrikan-Americans were very comfortable with Clinton, and he with them. Secondly, Clinton's humble upbringing in Hope, Arkansas had endeared him to Black America as someone who understood them. Thirdly, Afrikan-Americans believed that Clinton genuinely cared about them and was not afraid to show his concern, privately and publicly. In short, Bill Clinton is a man who is not afraid of Afrikan-Americans, as apparently his presidential predecessors had been.

My dear Langstonites, let me conclude with this question: What "pushed" the majority of Afrikan-Americans out of the Republican Party and "pulled" them towards the Democratic Party? When you consider the impact of the "New Deal," and the "Waring Decision"

of 1948, which allowed Blacks in the South the ability to vote in the democratic primary, accompanied by the signing of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the 1965 Voting Rights Act by President Lyndon B. Johnson; these four actions caused one of the greatest white flights to the Republican Party by racist white southern democrats and the Black flight from the Republican to the Democratic Party. Sorry John Forbes Kerry, this may have been one of the greatest "flip—flops" of all time.

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Rangers vs. Lions (continued from pg.5)

Next up for the Lions is a trip up I-35 to face the Peru State. Bobcats in Peru, Neb. The game starts tomorrow at 1 p.m.

LU-Courtney Smith 4 run (Israel Jacobs kick good)
 NW-Odie Armstrong 2 run (Ty Ray kick good)
 NW-Demarko Jones 20 run (Ty Ray kick good)
 NW-Demarko Jones 9 run (Ty Ray kick no good)
 NW-Odie Armstrong 5 run (Ty Ray kick good)
 LU-Tony Williams 1 run (Israel Jacobs kick no good)
 NW-Aaron Knowles 30 pass from Demarko Jones (Ty Ray kick no good)

Date:	Opponent:	Time:	Site:
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

*denotes conference game

Parking lot tripping (continued from pg. 3)

in building 12 and sometimes when I come home the only available spots are down near building 17, or in the circle in front of building 10.

The last time I parked in the circle I had a five-pound rock thrown through the passenger side window of my car, which cost me \$365 to replace.

Another student in my building had his fog lights kicked in earlier this year and several students have had their cars "keyed"; coincidentally, all of this happened on my side of Scholar's Inn.

The school will soon have two new parking areas with the completion of the new agriculture building and the stadium parking lot. But the parking for the agriculture building is mainly for the staff and the stadium parking would be a good five-minute walk to the closest classroom, which really does not help with the parking situation around campus.

If the school does open the stadium parking lot for student parking, then they should consider offering a shuttle to the classrooms or a central location of the campus.

In the residential areas, I think assigned parking would be the only way to go. It would be a bonus for the students to get their permits early so they can have a better spot closer to their rooms, while bringing more order to the parking calamity.

The school would merely have to paint numbers on the designated spots and leave a few for the visitors. Yes, students might still probably ignore the rules, but now the police could enforce the rule with higher fines.

I doubt that many students would object to such a parking system, since sometimes they have to walk at least two minutes at night to get home. The parking permit money could go to a fund for the painting of the numbers. The numbers would not need to be painted for several more years after the initial painting, which makes this plan a low cost option.

In my perfect world, this would happen next semester because something needs to happen to correct the parking situation at Langston University.

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LU Health Watch: Allergies & Asthma

BY MICKI BIDDLE
Senior Staff Writer

This time of year is just as difficult as the spring for people with allergies and asthma. Springtime brings skyrocketing pollen counts with its budding trees and beautiful plants and flowers. However, fall ushers in an atmosphere of unpredictable high winds and weather changes that keep molds and plant pollens confused as to what time of year it is. Fall is also a time for wheat harvest and planting, hay baling and wood burning stoves—all of which can make people with allergies literally cry, as well as trigger those with asthma into full-blown attacks.

According to the Mayo Clinic, an allergy is a wrong response to something that is not usually harmful to the body's immune system. Allergies, though just an annoyance to some, can be life threatening for those who also suffer with

asthma. An allergic reaction to some common allergens such as pollen, dust, dust mites, animal hair, insect venom, and some common drugs and molds, can cause nasal congestion, wheezing and coughing, shortness of breath, headache, hives, fatigue, and skin rashes. If a person with asthma has an allergic reaction to a "trigger" or allergen, it can lead to excess mucus secretions and inflammation, edema, and swelling of the bronchial tubes.

Although allergies and asthma, along with how someone responds, are similar, the difference is that allergies generally cause the asthmatic response. According to the National Asthma Control Program issued from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), for the year 2001 an estimated 31.3 million people were diagnosed with asthma during their lifetime. In 2000, asthma accounted for 10.4 million outpatient visits, 1.8 million emergency department vis-

its, 465,000 hospitalizations and 4,487 deaths.

There are many new medications for allergies that control symptoms up to 24 hours a day. Doctors are always working on new ways to combat allergic reactions. As for asthma, people should never let the symptoms go untreated for long. They should seek medical attention immediately if they believe they may be suffering from asthma. Asthma and allergy sufferers need to be aware of what triggers the attacks and try to control them. Also, they should educate those around them as to the seriousness of their condition and what to do in case of an emergency. People should also avoid situations that could jeopardize their health, such as hanging out with people who know about the situation but still insist on smoking or spraying a perfume or air freshener that may trigger an allergic reaction.

Woman's conference set to begin Sunday

BY MICKI BIDDLE, Senior Staff Writer

"One More Time" is the theme for this year's 5th Annual Phases of a Woman Conference, beginning Oct. 24 and ending Oct. 31. The conference will be held in the Annie Laurie-Coleman Center.

"Although the conference is called Phases of a Woman, it is open for all genders to attend. It is free and there is no set attire, so come as you are," said Minister P.T. Gassaway, conference coordinator.

This year's conference will follow a similar format as last year's, but with some added fun for the whole community. The conference agenda is as follows:

Sunday, October 24th at 10 a.m.: The keynote speaker will be Pastor Ilinda Jackson.

Monday, October 25th at 7 p.m.: The keynote speaker will be Minister Renee Jackson.

Tuesday, October 26th at 7 p.m.: The keynote speaker will be Dr. Mary Mbosowo, associate professor of English.

Wednesday, October 27th at 7 p.m.: The keynote speaker will be Minister P.T. Gassaway.

Thursday, October 28th at 7 p.m.: The keynote speaker will be Margaret Johnson, director of the Baptist Student Union.

Friday, October 29th at 7 p.m.: The keynote speaker will be Tania Bushnell, former model and Dallas Cowboy cheerleader.

Saturday, October 30th, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.: A free workshop ministry featuring several speakers, including Royce Mack, Cherity Sumo, Jessica Lowe, Denise Harris, and Tania Bushnell. Saturday's program will be concluded with a Faith Walk around campus.

Sunday, October 31st at 10 a.m.: The keynote speaker will be Minister P.T. Gassaway.

Sunday, October 31st, from 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.: Hallelujah Night

For more information please contact Dr. Eric Anthony Joseph, (405) 466-2901, or Phylisha T. Gassaway at (405) 466-3250.

A.M.E Church

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Salters A.M.E., located at 119 Washington St. in the city of Langston, is 101 years old.

"I just want the community of Langston and the students on the campus to know they have a historical church, not that the other churches are not historical," said Rev. Craig. "The only difference is that the A.M.E. Church was founded by African freemen in the 1700s and the church is still strong."

Rev. Craig encourages the Langston community—especially young people who are not involved in any type of church activity—to come and be a part of Salters Chapel A.M.E. Church. For more information contact Rev. Craig at 405-466-4269.

Are you a cartoonist? Show off your work in the Gazette. Contact Kevono Hunt, Assistant Editor at 466-4518 or kmhunt76@yahoo.com.

What's the Word?

COMPILED BY KEVONO HUNT, Assistant Editor

Should minors be given the death penalty?



Yes—If they are old enough to commit the crime then they're old enough to suffer the consequences.

Tina Gray, senior psychology major
Chicago, Ill.



No—They haven't grown enough to realize the gravity of what they have done, or have been alive long enough to learn the consequences of their actions.

Thomas Tennison, freshman business management major
Dallas, Texas



Yes—If the crime constitutes capitol murder then they should be put to death.

Marcus Hill, sophomore music education major
Lubbock, Texas



No—They are too young; kids cannot premeditate a murder. They have no concept of actual death.

Drew Brooks, sophomore criminal justice major
Boston, Mass.



Yes—They know what's right and wrong. They have consciences, they have values, and they should be held accountable for their actions no matter what the age.

Eunice Malath, sophomore nursing major
Sudan, Africa

LU Calendar

Ongoing Events

A female Sexual Assault Survivors Group will be held on Thursdays from 3-4 p.m. in the Professional Counseling Center, Rm. 104. More information: 466-3401.

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.

Free AIDS testing is available the first working day of the month at Langston University's Clinic, located on the 1st floor in the University Women Building.

Salters Chapel A.M.E. Church wants willing workers and singers for Christ. Salters 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

Applications for participation in the Homecoming Parade are being accepted. The theme for this year is "Back to Glory." Pick up applications at Gandy Hall, Rm. 204. Deadline for entry is Oct. 29. More information: Contact Craig Carter at x.3446.

Lion of the Week

BY SHAUNNA COOPER, Editor

Dr. Rosemary K. Harkins



Photo by De'Shawn Saffold

Back in the early 1990s, Dr. Rosemary K. Harkins came to Langston University with the hope of influencing the lives of black students interested in pursuing a career in the field of science.

Now, thirteen years later, the word on "the yard" is that if a student wants to get a thorough understanding on the subject of biology, they need to take Dr. Harkins class.

Her unrelenting passion for increasing the minority presence in science-related professions made her an easy choice for the seventh Lion of the Week.

Dr. Harkins, interim chairperson and associate professor for the biology department, came to dear Langston in 1991 after leaving a prominent position as dean of allied health with Howard University.

The overpopulated city of Washington D.C. was a bit much for her to handle, since she hails from the smaller city of Amarillo, Texas.

"I lived in Fort Washington, which is 19 miles from Howard; if I didn't leave home by 6 a.m. to get to work by 8 a.m., I knew I might as well wait until 9 a.m. because there was that much traffic," she explained.

While Dr. Ernest L. Holloway was visiting the Howard campus with the National Association For Equal Opportunity in

Higher Education (NAFEO), Dr. Harkins saw a chance for relocation and asked if there were any open positions at LU.

The rest, as they say, is history. Her new position at Langston came with perks such as being closer to her home town; however, there were drawbacks as well, including a lengthy commute to work.

"I was just so anxious to get back home," she said, "For about ten years, I drove from far east Midwest City and it took me about an hour and a half to get here every day," she said.

Apparently, the drive has been worth the fuel expense and the time.

"I have not regretted being at Langston one single bit, because when I was at the Health Sciences Center [at the University of Oklahoma], I was always involved in minority affairs, and this seemed like the perfect lifetime opportunity to get to work with so many more minority students," she said.

She said that during her employment with the American Society of Allied Health Professions, she wrote grants that always seemed to be geared toward escalating the number of minorities in the health field.

In addition to her scientific contributions, Dr. Harkins also served the country by enlisting in the army. She was inducted in 1981 as a major and retired 18 years later as a full colonel.

As if that were not enough to keep her busy, she is also a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

"I've been a Delta since 1962, so I go under the category Delta Dear. Last June, the Deltas met in Las Vegas, so I got to experience first-hand what Delta Dear means, and that means you get to push to the front of the line and get priority seating—if you can imagine that," she said.

Although it has been some time since she first went over as a Delta, Dr. Harkins still carries the same enthusiastic spirit that younger women have when first joining the organization.

"Yeah, Delta Dear, that was something special. I'm glad to have lived that long," she said.

Do you know someone who deserves to be Lion of the Week? Send your suggestions to LUGazette@yahoo.com

Immediate Events

October 24-31

The Phases of a Woman Conference 2004 will take place in the Annie Laurie Coleman Heritage Center the week of Oct. 24-31. Sunday Services will begin at 10 a.m. and weeknight services start a 7 p.m. More information: Contact P.T. Gassaway 466-3250 or Dr. Joseph 466-2901.

Tuesday, October 26

A book review scheduled by the Programming Committee at the Langston University Library will take place on Oct. 26 at 3 p.m. in the Davis room. The book review will be hosted by Dr. Carol Evans of the English Department, who will review the book "How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accent." The review will begin at 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, October 27

Book reviews will be given by students from the Literature for Young Adult's class. The review will take place in the Melvin B. Tolson Black Heritage Center at 1 p.m. on Oct. 27. Kimberly McClam will review "The Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison and Coquestia Lowe will review Toni Morrison's book "Love." Refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, October 27

A Lady Lion Softball Informational is scheduled for Oct. 27 at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd floor of Jones Hall. All young ladies interested in the Lady Lion Softball Team should attend. More information: 466-3262.

Thursday, October 28

The Miss Krimson & Kream Scholarship Pageant, sponsored by Kappa Alpha Psi, will be held in the I.W Young Auditorium on Oct. 28 at 7:11 p.m. Admission is \$2.

October 29-30

Haunted Halls, a haunted house event sponsored by the Student Government Association, will take place on the 1st and 2nd floor of Jones Hall from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. The cost is \$2 per person. More information: ext. 3443

Sunday, October 31

Homecoming Gospel Fest will be held on Oct. 31 in the I.W Young Auditorium at 3:45 p.m.

Email all calendar events one week in advance of the Gazette's Friday publication date to LUCalendar@yahoo.com.