

9-19-2012

The Gazette September 19, 2012

Langston University

Follow this and additional works at: http://dclu.langston.edu/archives_gazette_newspaper_20102019

Recommended Citation

Langston University, "The Gazette September 19, 2012" (2012). *LU Gazette, 2010 -*. Book 11.
http://dclu.langston.edu/archives_gazette_newspaper_20102019/11

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the LU Gazette (Student Newspaper) at Digital Commons @ Langston University. It has been accepted for inclusion in LU Gazette, 2010 - by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons @ Langston University. For more information, please contact jblewis@langston.edu.

the Gazette

STUDENT VOICE OF LANGSTON UNIVERSITY



VOL. 75, NO. 1

SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

Upcoming Dates

Society of Professional Journalists hosts Voter Registration Booth
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 20,
Sanford Hall
First Floor

Convocation
11 a.m.
Thursday, Sept. 20,
I.W. Young
Auditorium

Last Day to Withdraw
Friday, Sept. 21

Last Day to Register to Vote
Friday, Oct. 12

Also Inside

Voices p 2

News p 3-5

Media p 6

Features . . . p 7

Sports p 8

Board of Regents chair visits Langston campus

By Andrea Perry
Contributing Writer

Chairman of the Board of Regents for Oklahoma State University and A&M Colleges Andy Lester and Chief Executive Officer Jason Ramsey visited Langston University on Aug. 23.

Lester, who was appointed as chair in July, met with Langston University President Dr. Kent Smith Jr., faculty members and some students. In addition to these meetings, some faculty members and students presented their scholarly research.

Among those who presented were chemistry majors, Kayla Love and Martell McKinney.

McKinney, a sophomore whose presentation dealt with obesity, said, "Presenting allowed me to show my understanding of my research, which was a blessing, because of all the time I actually



Photo by James Scott

Broadcast journalism students film Andrea Perry, senior broadcast journalism major, as she interviews Andy Lester, chairman of the Board of Regents. Lester visited LU Aug. 23.

put into the project this summer. I personally feel more confident after presenting my work. I took

advantage of the opportunity provided to present... They couldn't believe I presented so well

on a tough subject." Lester spent time wel-

see **REGENTS**, page 3

Smith discusses plans for LU

By Andrea Perry
Contributing Writer

Students, faculty and staff the same have noticed changes that were carried out on campus, especially ones that new LU President Dr. Kent Smith Jr. has put in place.

"The (change) I've seen so far that (has) been implemented was not enrolling with a bill," said Bruce Givens, junior business management major. "That's one of the things I've seen

more (in) effect. I didn't know that was something they had already established. I thought that was something they just started, but the school always had a rule that you can't enroll with a bill.

"I've seen him (Smith) walking around campus a couple of times; he's kind of active compared to the last president. I feel like he's going to get a lot of things done."

Smith said within the first week on the job he discovered that current stu-

dents owed the university more than \$1.8 million so LU administration took an initiative to say that all students had to pay their bills moving forward.

Smith pointed out there had been another change in financial aid operations.

"One other change that students should have noticed (is that) refunds started last Friday and what I'm told, it's the first time in maybe ever,"

see **SMITH**, page 4

the Gazette

The *Gazette* is produced within the Department of Communication at Langston University. It serves as a teaching tool and public relations vehicle. The newspaper is published bimonthly and is dispersed across campus every other Wednesday, except during examinations, holidays and extended school breaks.

Adviser/Manager

Nicole Turner

Editor

Kayla Jones

Sports Editor

Jabril Bailey

Staff Writer

Da'Rius Oden

Contributing Writer

Andrea Perry

The *Gazette* Office
Langston University
Hwy. 33
Sanford Hall, Room 318
Ph. 405-466-3245

Send story ideas,
comments and
calendar events to
nkturner@langston.edu.

Opinions expressed in LU Voices are those of the writers whose names appear with the articles. Letters to the editor should be emailed to nkturner@lunet.edu. Please include your name and telephone number. The newspaper retains the right to edit, accept and/or reject items deemed to be contrary to the best interest of the publication, Langston University and/or any of its governing bodies.

Letter from *Gazette* staff

We are your 2012-2013 *Gazette* staff, and we would like to welcome you to the student voice of Langston University.

First of all, we want to take the time to introduce ourselves.

Kayla Jones is the editor, and a graduating senior from Kansas City, Mo.

Jabril Bailey is the sports editor, and a junior from Leavenworth, Kan.

We are both broadcast journalism majors, and our passion falls in the category of writing.

We are extremely excited to have the opportunity to work with the *Gazette* and our adviser, Nicole Turner.

We will produce this publication on a bimonthly basis and will make it our duty to report facts at all times. Although you may not be a broadcast journalism major, but you want to be heard or you have

something to say, feel free to write or contact us.

This is the students' voice and we are here to advocate. We are the first student-staff in recent years, so we are still learning as we are going through the process of producing the newspaper each week, so feedback would be great and helpful.

Our mission is to cover all newsworthy information and report it back to the students. We want to make this interesting and informative for everybody.

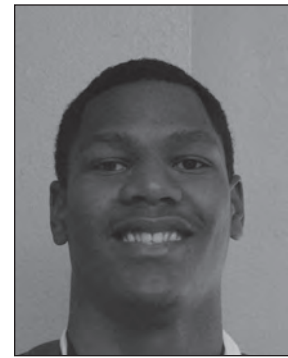
We are working extremely hard to produce a well-written and accurate paper for the university.

It's our job to shine a light on the good things but also make sure we report all newsworthy information. We're here to seek the truth and report it back to the masses.

This year we want to try



Jones



Bailey

new things with the paper and we are always open to suggestions. We want to make sure that all students are being heard. From Greeks to all others, all students matter in this case.

We are here to serve not only Langston University, but the community of Langston as well. The citizens of Langston are a big part of the university.

The next issue of the *Gazette* will be on stands Oct. 10, during Homecoming week.

We are here to give students a voice on campus, so if you have any story ideas, news or advertisements you would like to include in the paper, please feel free to contact us.

Once again we want to welcome you to the 2012-2013 year of the *Gazette*. We hope everyone has a blessed semester and remember to always stay inspired.

Yours Truly,
The *Gazette* Staff

Question of the Week

What's one thing you would change about Langston and why?



"The smoking and drugs that are on our campus stops people from smoking and getting educated in their major."

Sasha Crooks,
freshman uncediced major



"The structure seems way too chaotic. Especially in regards toward enrollment."

Stephanie Hankins,
freshman nursing major



"Financial aid and that the awarding process is all done by one woman."

Teisheanna Lee,
senior drafting and design major



"Everything about this school being unorganized as a whole."

Destiney Echlos,
senior health education major

Compiled By
Da'Rius Oden

Library staffer encourages voting

By Kayla Jones
Editor

With the upcoming election in November, many people have been encouraged to register to vote.

Some of the main places that have targeted young people to register are college campuses, and Langston University is no different.

During freshman week, Kate Corbett, head of library instruction in the G. Lamar Harrison Library, ran a voter registration booth for all incoming freshmen.

"I have been doing voter registration with students

for several years," she said.

In the course of getting students to register, Corbett said she continuously found mistakes within the forms.

She said that of 80 forms, only about 20 were completed correctly.

The most common mistakes students tend to make when filling out the form are lines six and seven, which ask for the student's street address and mailing address.

Destiney Echols, a graduating senior from Fort Worth, said, "It can be confusing filling out the registration forms. A lot of students do not know, nor

understand how to fill out the form properly."

Corbett said if the forms were to be sent off to the election board, the board would not accept them. All information has to be local, and a lot of students are not aware of this.

"There is a lot about this process I wasn't aware (of)," Echols said.

For all freshmen who did fill out the form and want to know if their form was completed correctly, or just want some additional information, Corbett said she is more than willing to help.

"What I would like for the freshmen in particular

"I have been doing voter registration with students for several years."

— Kate Corbett,
head of library instruction

who did come and fill out the forms, is to come back to the library and check with me personally and I will see if I still have their forms, and they can fix so we can send it off," Corbett said.

All forms must be completed and turned in to the registration board at least

six weeks before the election.

Students who have questions or want to register may stop by the Harrison Library and ask for Corbett. The deadline to submit voter registration forms is Sept. 20.

For more information, call Corbett at 405-466-2968.

REGENTS

from page 1

coming the new president.

"I'm thrilled to have Dr. Smith here," Lester said. "With the presidential search committee, we spent a lot of time going through different nominees. We hired a national search firm. Our search was really an impressive search," he said.

"We had around 60 applications and most of these applications were excellent. We narrowed that to probably about 15 or so, then narrowed that field, too, and ended up interviewing about seven different candidates," Lester said.

"We ended up with Dr. Smith. We're thrilled with Dr. Smith. I'll tell you his background was so impressive. He's accomplished so much in such a relatively short time," he said.

Lester showed his enthusiasm for the future of Langston among his excitement for the new president.

"Langston is a special place in Oklahoma," Lester said.

"It is the Western-most of (the) Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the country, and it is simply not Oklahoma's only HBCU, but it's an HBCU for the entire Western part of the United States.

"That puts Langston and its mission in a special place. I suspect we're going to see a lot of changes I think are going to be great for Langston University and its students."

Stephanie Adams, director of retention at LU, said the retention rate is about 58 percent.

Lester said he would like for LU to improve upon its retention rate, but that this number is above average compared to other HBCUs across the country.

"As a part of an initiative with the Chancellor of Higher Education, from what I understand, there would be some relationship between retention and funding," Lester said.

"We receive money from the state per student. If the student we don't retain, the money follows that student to some other place. The more students we can

retain, the more money stays right here."

The OSU/A&M Board of Regents is a nine-member board that oversees five institutions: Connors State College, Langston University, Northeastern Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, Oklahoma Panhandle State University and Oklahoma State University.

Eight of its members are appointed by the governor with the consent and approval of the senate; the board's mission is to guide and uphold policies and procedures of the institutions it governs.

Lester expressed how serious and dedicated the board members are to their positions.

"This is a volunteer position. Nobody is being paid for this," Lester said. "Each board member puts in about 15 to 20 hours a week or more.

"We're a collegial board, and we get along well. After we take the vote, then we go implement the policy."

Smith said he had a great time serving as host of the Regents.

"They have a lot of

interest in Langston," Smith said.

"He (Lester) was blown away by our faculty research. We had two faculty members present their research.

"We also had two students present their research, and in my clos-

ing meeting, the chair said, 'This is just unbelievable.' What I'm finding at Langston is that there are great things happening on all three of our campuses. We just have not told our story publicly," Smith said.

**ROCK
THE
VOTE**

Register now! Vote early.

General Election – November 6

Last day to register for the General Election - Friday, October 12.

Last time to request an absentee ballot- 5 PM, Wednesday October 31

Early voting :

Friday, November 2, 8 AM - 6 PM

Saturday, November 3, 8 AM - 1 PM

Monday, November 5, 8 AM - 6 PM

Vote early at the County Election Board office in the county where you are registered to vote.

You must show proof of identification to vote.

Warriors for Christ charts chapter at LU

By Andrea Perry
Contributing Writer

There is a new organization on campus that might be knocking at student doors any given Wednesday. Warriors for Christ is a campus organization that prides itself with sharing the light of God with the students and community of Langston.

Every Wednesday, members on doors in the Commons, Scholars Inn and

Centennial to offer prayer to residents and also invite them to pray with them.

Kristopher Vine-Carrasquillo, vice president of W4C, said they have never been denied the opportunity to pray with residents. Vine-Carrasquillo said,

"People try to act hard, but they really yearn for prayer. I don't recall anyone not wanting prayer. They respect it."

Vine-Carrasquillo said people can have the same

relationship with God that they have with their friends.

"Our main goal is to get people (that are) our age and to show them by our lives that living for God is not boring and that it's serious," he said. "You don't want to be a Sunday Christian where you just praise God on Sunday and then go back to your worldly ways."

W4C offers Bible study at 7 p.m. every Thursday.

The location alternates from Scholars Inn Clubhouse to Young Hall.

"What we try to do is preach the truth and break it down to simpler terms, because we're college kids also, and our mindset is kind of the same," Vine-Carrasquillo said. "We like to break it down to where they are able to understand it."

"There's a lot of stuff in the Bible that can be kind of confusing, and our job

is to have those people come to us so we could fellowship together and also grow together."

Other officers in the organization include Jordan Moore, president; Missy Powell, secretary; Shateria Tindall, secretary assistant; Bobby McPherson, activities coordinator; Eugene DeLoch, treasurer; and John'ta Dawson, assistant activities coordinator. The advisers are K.J. Abraham and Traveno Carter.

DR SMITH

from page 1

Smith said. "I think the staff has been very responsive in terms of customer service. I think they're working hard every day to make life the best that it could be for our students."

He noted that he was aware that students had not received refunds in the same month that classes began and that little things like that matter to him.

While some may see these as challenges, Smith said he looks at them as opportunities to advance Langston. Smith takes pride in the fact that LU has three campuses.

"What makes Langston a little more complicated the most is the fact that we have three distinct campuses, campuses that all operate a little bit differently from the other," Smith said.

"Because they're Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Langston, you have different political constraints or realms within each area. If you're not careful, this job can be one where you have a tendency just to stay on the Langston campus all the time, but in reality, we're Langston University, and we have three campuses."

As president, Smith plans to visit both the Oklahoma City and Tulsa campuses at the least once a month. Since he has been in office, he has visited both campuses as frequently as every week.

Smith involves himself in the communities where the

campuses lie.

"I have to make sure I spread myself out to where I'm visible in all three of the areas," Smith said.

"I'm getting to know people, starting to develop relationships, giving people an opportunity to get to know me and getting to know them and that just takes time. There's no substitute for time."

With having such a big job, it's impossible to get to know everyone connected to the university, especially all at once.

"I have never shaken his hand. It's too soon to tell, but I'm optimistic and hopeful," said Dr. Benjamin Bates, chairman of the English department.

Smith said, "It will take a year or two before I'm acclimated in terms of people really understanding who I am, what I believe in and I understand them, and collectively we decide where we're going as an institution."

Smith said he wants the students, faculty, staff and alumni to know that he's accessible.

"Langston University is really about them, and if there are needs they may have, I may not be able to address them all collectively, but I am willing to have conversations with people," Smith said.

"I have an open-door policy, and I want people to feel comfortable reaching out to me," he said. "The people are what make Langston University so special, and I just want people to never lose sight of that."

Anita Blanton visits LU



Photo by James Scott

Anita Blanton, reporter for KOCO in Oklahoma City, speaks to Langston students about what it takes to be a professional in the media industry. Blanton visited the LU campus Sept. 10 as part of the Department of Communication's 2nd annual guest lecturer series.

DBW sponsors 'Popsicles for Pennies'

Distinguished Black Women organization members stand with First Lady Tiffany Hill-Smith at the "Popsicles for Pennies" program. DBW sponsored the program Sept. 3 to raise money for the Hands of Jesus Food Bank in Guthrie. Pictured (from left) are Angela Norton, Tiffany Hill-Smith, Ke'Auntae Matlock and Farrah Sparks.



Courtesy Photo

Enrollment hits low at LU during university's 'state of transition'

By Kayla Jones
Editor

With the fall semester kicking off, Langston University administration is trying to make changes for the better. But with changes, consequences sometimes follow.

Personnel in the office of admission said enrollment at LU is at a low of 1,600 students.

Enrollment was affect-

ed because students were not allowed to enroll if they had an outstanding balance with the university.

Josita Baker, executive director of admission, said, "We're in a state of transition."

Langston administration personnel have their work cut out for them, but it isn't just one factor that plays into enrollment being down.

There are other reasons

"Langston is far from perfect, but it's perfect for me."

— Leslie Simon,
broadcast journalism major

why students are not coming to the university.

"Langston University is like a hidden treasure. We are still evolving,"

Baker said.

The university's new president, Dr. Kent Smith Jr., is putting his plans in motion. Last year, the university accumulated more than \$1.8 million in

student debt.

This semester alone, the university has already made up \$900,000 with the new plan.

"We're still learning Dr. Smith's style; he has a great vision for the university," Baker said.

With these changes, students recognize Langston is a work in progress.

Leslie Simon, a junior broadcast journalism major from Kansas City, Mo., said, "Langston is far from perfect, but it's perfect for me."

COMMUNIQUE
Fall 2012

Langston University
Office of the Registrar
P O Box 728, Langston, OK 73050
405-466-3225 Office Phone
405-466-3381 Fax
Office Hours: 8a.m. to 5p.m.
Page Hall, 1st Floor, Room 134
registrar@langston.edu
http://www.langston.edu/current_students/registrar.aspx

Dear Student,

Langston University makes every effort to comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (Buckley Amendment). This Act is designated to protect the privacy of the student's educational records. Please view your Langston student email account for the annual FERPA notification. You may also view the FERPA policy on the Langston University Registrar's Office website: www.langston.edu/

STUDENT EMAIL ACCOUNT:
<http://ok.onenet.net/>

user ID:
password:

School Officials communicate to students through their [Langston Student Email Account \(langston.edu\)](http://www.langston.edu). It is **MANDATORY** that students check their campus email regularly in order to stay up to date with current information. Go to www.langston.edu and select "Student Logins" and then select "Campus E-mail". User ID is Langston email address. You may obtain the email address through your Student Information Systems (SIS) Account under "personal information"; your initial password consists of your eight (8) digit birthday and should be changed upon first login (example: DOB is January 1, 2011; password is 01012011). Please Contact Information Technology (IT) for Help, 405-466.3215.

Student Information Systems
Go to Langston website: www.langston.edu
Select either "Student Information System" or "Student Logins"

Then put in the following information:

Student ID:
PIN:

Student ID: Eight digit numbers that is assigned via SCT PLU (located on back of ID card). Pin: If never used before, date of birth (example: DOB is January 1, 2011; password is 010111).

Personal Info

view Addresses, Personal Phone Numbers, Phone Preferences, E-mail Addresses and Personal Web Page, Marital Status, Race and Ethnicity, Change PIN, PIN Question and Answer.

Student Records

View Grades, Account Summary and Payment, Additional Services, Degree Audit, Holds, Unofficial Transcript, Institutional Coursework, Transfer Credit, and Advisor.

Registration

Add and Drop Classes, Conditional Drop and Add, Change Class Options, Student Schedule, Detailed Schedule, and Registration Status.

Financial Aid

Financial Aid Summary, Award Information by Year, Award History, Student Requirements, Cost of Attendance, Academic Progress, Application and Information Links, Financial Aid Opportunities, and E-mail to Financial Aid Office.

Courses

Course Sections and Course Section Search.

IMPORTANT DATES

| | |
|------------------|--|
| August 4 | Residence Halls Opens |
| August 4 - 11 | Freshman Orientation |
| August 4 - 10 | Freshman Testing (9 a.m. - noon) |
| August 8 - 10 | Registration, Freshmen |
| August 9-10 | Registration, Upperclassmen |
| August 13 | Class work Begins (1st 8 wk session & 16 wk session) |
| August 17 | End of Drop/Add & Registration Period (1st 8 wk session) |
| August 24 | End of Drop/Add & Registration Period (16 wk session) |
| September 1 | Last Day to Apply for Fall 2012 Graduation |
| September 21 | Last Day to Drop with a "W" (1st 8 wk session) |
| October 1-3 | Mid-Term Examination Period |
| October 5 | Fall Semester Ends (1st 8 wk session) |
| October 8 (noon) | Mid-Term/1st 8 wk Grades Due |
| October 8 | Fall Semester Begins (2nd 8 wk session) |
| October 12 | End of Drop/Add & Registration Period (2nd 8 wk session) |
| November 1 | Last Day to Apply for Spring 2013 Graduation |
| November 2 | Last Day to Drop a Class & Receive a "W" (16 wk session) |
| November 16 | Last Day to Drop & Receive a "W" (2nd 8 wk session) |
| December 3-7 | Final Examination Period |
| December 7 | Fall Semester Ends (2nd 8 wk session & 16 wk session) |

For more dates, Go to www.langston.edu, and select "Calendar" at top of website

16th president of LU introduced in Tulsa

Special from the Office of the President

The new president of Langston University, Dr. Kent Smith Jr., and his family were honored at a reception at Gilcrease Museum on Aug. 19.

Dr. Smith said it had been his dream to work for a Historical Black College and University; the Smiths both have roots at an HBCU, each graduating from Southern University.

One of Dr. Smith's goals is to rebrand and grow Langston University. Prior to Dr. Smith's appointment at LU, he was the vice president of student affairs at Ohio University with a student populous of 45,000 students.

Earlier that morning, Dr. Smith and family worshipped at Metropolitan Baptist Church which hosted a "Langston Day" at the MET. About 150 Langston alumni, faculty and friends attended along with other HBCU graduates. Dr. Ray Owens delivered an inspiring message and the MET choir was decked out in orange and blue, Langston's colors.

The Tulsa Chapter of the Langston National Alumni Association, OSU, OU, NSU and TU co-sponsored the event. Northeastern Oklahoma Institutions of Higher Education showed a great deal of cohesiveness and partnership. Organizers, Yvonne Howell, Glenda Love and Millard House and members of the Tulsa Chapter were hosts and hostesses.

Dr. Smith, the 16th President of Langston University, follows an elite group of professional doctorates and educators. The Tulsa Chapter of LUNAA has committed to work with Dr. Smith as he continues the history of LU and develops a greater legacy for the main campus, OKC campus and Langston Tulsa.

KALU 89 dot 3 FM Schedule

| Time | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---------|--|---|--|---|--|
| 9 a.m. | | Da'Rius (1 hour) Lauren Smith (30 min.) | | Da'Rius (1 hour) Lauren Smith (30 min.) | Sammie JB (1 hour) JB (1hour) |
| 10 a.m. | Myah Doakes JB (1 hour) | Leslie Simon (1hour) | Myah Doakes (1hour) | Leslie Simon (1hour) | |
| 11 a.m. | Jasmine Redo (1hour) | Andrenique Meigs (1hour) | Andrenique Meigs (1hour) | | |
| Noon | Chuck Teezy (1 hour) | Courtney J. (1hour) | Kayla J. (1 hour) Lauren Smith (1 hour) | Courtney J. Andrenique Meigs (1 hour) | Andrea Perry Jasmine Redo (1 hour) |
| 1 p.m. | | RB Fresh (1 hour) | Jasmine Redo (1hour) | RB Fresh Jasmine Redo (1 hour) | |
| 2 p.m. | | Myah Doakes (1 hour) Lauren Smith (1 hour) | | Chuck Teezy (1 hour) | |
| 3 p.m. | | 3 Girls and a Gay (1hour) | Chuck Teezy (1 hour) | | |
| 4 p.m. | | | Chuck Teezy (1 hour) | | Leslie Simon (1 hour) |
| 5 p.m. | Jennifer Williams- Bradshaw (1 hour) | Jennifer Williams- Bradshaw (1 hour) | Jennifer Williams- Bradshaw (1 hour) | Jennifer Williams- Bradshaw (1 hour) | |

Listen
to
KALU
89.3

Featuring
KaylaJ
Way-Back
Wednesday

Starts
at Noon

Channel 97
Broadcast Schedule
Monday-Friday
Sept. 17-21

MONDAY-FRIDAY

9-10 a.m. OETA – Gallery Programs

10-11 a.m. Academic Success

11 a.m.-Noon Special Edition

Noon-5 p.m. LU Student Produced Projects

5 p.m. **Monday**
Movie: A Raisin in the Sun

5 p.m. **Tuesday**
Movie: War of the Worlds:
Tom Cruise

5 p.m. **Wednesday**
Movie: The Pianist

5 p.m. **Thursday**
Movie: A Raisin in the Sun

5 p.m. **Friday**
Movie: The Hurricane:
Denzel Washington

Channel 97
Broadcast Schedule
Monday-Friday
Sept. 24-28

MONDAY-FRIDAY

9-10 a.m. Academic Success

10-11 a.m. Barack Obama (special program)

11 a.m.-Noon Special Edition

Noon-5 p.m. LU Student Produced Projects

5 p.m. **Monday**
Movie: Rocky:
Sylvester Stallone

5 p.m. **Tuesday**
Movie: Rocky II:
Sylvester Stallone

5 p.m. **Wednesday**
Movie: The Godfather, Part I

5 p.m. **Thursday**
Movie: The Godfather, Part II

5 p.m. **Friday**
Movie: Trespass

Redo wins runner-up in Miss Black Oklahoma USA

By Kayla Jones
Editor

Many little girls have dreamed of being on stage, all glammed up with people clapping and cheering. For the most, that's just a dream. In Jasmine Redo's world, this is her reality.

On Sept. 2, Redo, a junior broadcast journalism major from Muskogee, became runner-up in the Miss Black Oklahoma USA pageant; this was her first time ever running for this title.

"When I started off doing pageants I was only 10 years old, and the first pageant I participated in was the Miss Black Muskogee," Redo said.

Although at age 10 she formally wasn't in the pageant as a contestant, she

was able to get the experience, which skyrocketed her in the pageant world.

"I started doing pageants initially because I wanted to model, but with doing pageants they helped me perfect my skills," she said.

With a couple of titles under her belt, she was ready to take on the challenge but, preparation for the pageant didn't come cheap between pageant practice, working and going to school. She said she definitely had a full plate.

"I lost 17 pounds for the competition; I practiced in the mirror constantly with my pronunciation and articulating words," Redo said.

With the inspiration, passion and determination that it takes to compete on that level, it is very encour-

aging just to make it to the top five out of 16 contestants.

Andrea Perry, contestant No. 9 from Stockton, Calif., said, "I know Jasmine did very well on her interview. I didn't get to see the other parts of the competition but she looked elegant in her evening gown."

During the pageant week, which started that Thursday, Redo began to feel under the weather.

"I was sick the whole week of the pageant; I literally had the flu," Redo said.

When she wasn't on stage, she was behind the scenes on the floor coughing and blowing her nose, but she never took her eye off the prize. She continued to stay focused and remembered why she was competing.

"What better way can I represent the African-American community by becoming Miss Black Oklahoma USA," Redo said. "Just the opportunity to run and represent your state is inspiring."

Her platform was and still is a Non Entertain by Violence, which is a universal theme. It's a platform that people of all ages and races can relate to. Redo is very passionate about her platform and stands by it.

Even though she didn't win the title of Miss Black Oklahoma USA, Redo said she fought hard.

She said she wants to be an example of where hard work and dedication can get you. In the future, she has plans to go for the title of Miss America.

"I want to be an inspira-



Courtesy Photo

Jasmine Redo stands proudly in her evening gown that she wore in the pageant Sept. 2.

tion to others and I get inspired when I do pageants. It's a humbling experience," Redo said.

LU student lands dream job

By Andrea Perry
Contributing Writer

Graduation marks a great time for students. It's the beginning of a new life, the beginning of a career. One Langston standout this year was Darryl Golden, a former broadcast journalism major and spring 2012 graduate.

Just two months after commencement, Golden was able to score a job as an ENG editor with the NBC affiliate, Oklahoma's News Channel 4.

Golden attributes much of his success to getting experience through internships. Golden did three internships prior to being hired at News Channel 4. He interned with News Channel 4 in spring 2012 and with *The Oklahoman* and NewsOK.com during summer 2012 the summer.

As a News Channel 4 intern, Golden worked in sports and got a chance to shadow sports

reporters, edit stories for newscasts and shoot footage of the Oklahoma Thunder and Red Hawks.

"It's so important to intern. It's a whole different ballgame when you actually see it for yourself," Golden said. "Oh my gosh, it's real. It's been beneficial for my career. I really do believe people need hands-on experience when it comes to broadcasting, media and writing for a paper."

Golden had two main mentors during his time at News Channel 4, KFOR-TV Sports Director Bob Barry Jr. and KFOR-TV sports reporter Dylan Buckingham.

"It's really about who you know. Dylan, with Channel 4, introduced me to a lot of people. It really is about making connections.

"Folks are not really quick to give you references. People have to be able to work with you. You have to know people to get anywhere. That's some-

thing I really learned fast," Golden said.

Buckingham said that when he met Golden, he really made a strong first impression with the station.

"He wanted to learn and was very enthusiastic. He was an outgoing and very positive kind of guy, always excited. He was always going to the control room and watching everything.

"Darryl had a different kind of style about him. He was the best intern I had at the time," Buckingham said.

With *The Oklahoman*, Golden was a video production intern. He really felt like an employee.

"They said, 'Here's a camera, car keys... have at it, guys.' Some of the stories I did were incredible.

"I worked more with web as opposed to TV. At LU, we're taught radio, print, Web and TV," Golden said.

"We learn all aspects of media instead of limiting to one

media, which was really beneficial on my part," Golden said.

Near the end of his internship with *The Oklahoman*, Golden applied for two jobs with Fox 25 Oklahoma City. Fox 25 called News Channel 4 to check Golden's references. Somewhere along the way, Barry got the news that Golden had applied for FOX 25 and checked to see if News Channel 4 had any openings. News Channel 4 then called Golden with a job offer to work as ENG editor.

"Another station called, and I gave them a glowing recommendation of him," Buckingham said. "He's got everybody behind him, not just me."

Golden was happy to get the job at News Channel 4 without having to apply. He was thankful that he had a professor at Langston University like Caryl Ross to push him to step outside of his comfort zone and apply with a major station.

"Ms. Ross was very influential to me. She was close to me like a mother. I still call her to this day with questions. She made the phone call for me to Channel 4, and it went from there," Golden said.

Golden said he felt like he was a big representative of LU when he was out on his internships.

"Our school doesn't have the resources like OSU and OU, but it makes us work harder. Their product is no different than ours, and they have the resources," he said.

Golden learned that when he stepped outside of his box, he had to work harder.

Golden said, "No matter where you go, there will always be someone better than you."

He also is attending graduate school at the University of Central Oklahoma to study adult and higher education and hopes to eventually give back by teaching media.

New coach has high hopes for women's basketball team

By Jabril Bailey
Sports Editor

Being a winner is something that is always praised. The problem with small-market schools like Langston University is that it is hard to keep coaches around who are successful.

The Langston University women's basketball program has been successful for the last four years under former coach Jerome Willis.

He had a compiled record of 111-24, he had four consecutive Red River Conference championships and Two Red River Conference Coach of the Year Awards, while coaching three Red River Conference Players of the year.

Beginning fall 2012, Willis accepted the head women's coaching job at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

"It was a shock that he had left; I was a little upset at first but I know he is going to do great at his new school," said a former Lioness who played for Willis.

With such short notice the Athletic Department was rushed to fill the open coaching spot.

Coach David Johnson from Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif. was hired at the beginning of August.

Johnson, a native of Los Angeles, was excited to have the opportunity to be a head coach for a collegiate team.

Johnson's résumé was nothing less than impressive.

Turning around any program to which he was on staff, Johnson was very qualified to take the head coaching job at LU.

"It's going to be tough. I respect what he (Willis) had done, and my job is to try to keep it going," Johnson said.

Pepperdine University is a small, private, Division 1 school that participates in the West Coast Conference. Johnson led the Lady Waves to a 19-12 record and a berth in the WNIT post season tournament.

Johnson put emphasis on getting to know his team and getting the team to become familiar with his system as key components to make this team successful.

"The girls have been good; they have accepted me. I'm still trying to figure them out and they are trying to figure me out," Johnson said.

The Lionesses began practicing for the year Sept. 5, and high expectations are already in store for the team members on their run for their fifth consecutive Red River Conference championship.



Photo by Jabril Bailey

Coach David Johnson works with senior transfer from Newman University Alex Adekunle in preseason individual workouts.

2012 LU Football Schedule

| Date | Time | Opponent | Location |
|----------|--------|--|------------------|
| Sept. 22 | 7 p.m. | Lamar University | Beaumont, Texas |
| Sept. 29 | 7 p.m. | Southern Nazarene University | Home |
| Oct. 6 | 2 p.m. | Wayland Baptist University | Plainveiw, Texas |
| Oct. 13 | 2 p.m. | Texas College | Home |
| Oct. 27 | 2 p.m. | McMurry University | Abilene, Texas |
| Nov. 3 | 2 p.m. | Southwest Assemblies of God University | Home |
| Nov. 10 | 2 p.m. | Oklahoma Panhandle State | Goodwell, Okla. |