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Who will be the next Miss Langston? Four ladies compete to represent the university

BY TATYANA-LASHAY JOHNSON

The theme of this year's Miss Langston Pageant, "Welcome to the Jungle," gives an indication of how entertaining the event will be. The pageant is slated for Saturday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the I.W Young Auditorium. Admission is free.

Participants include Shamia Jackson, a 21 year old junior broadcast journalism major from Tulsa, Okla.; Jameese Lewis, a 19 year old psychology and international studies major from Arlington, Texas; Chondra Kirkland, a 20 year old broadcast journalism major from Vallejo, Ca.; and Tiffany Taylor, a 20 year old junior broadcast journalism major from San Diego, Ca.

The Miss Langston Pageant is considered one of the hardest pageants to compete in on campus.

"The Miss Langston Pageant has developed into a "second to none" pageant. If you are a dedicated person with a cause that you are willing to fight for then you should go for it," said Deshnick Lewis, pageant coordinator.

Among other attributes, Miss Langston is expected to be highly articulate, attractive, talented, committed to her critical issue, punctual and mature.

Mr. Lewis says that last year's winner, Jessica Lowe, will be missed and represented the university the way royalty should. Lowe is a 22 year old senior broadcast journalism major from Dallas, Texas.

"Jessica did an outstanding job as Miss Langston. She proved to have all of the qualities needed; she really raised the bar and worked hard with her critical is-



Shamia Jackson



Jameese Lewis



Chondra Kirkland



Tiffany Taylor

sue," said Mr. Lewis.

"My confidence has increased and I am prepared to meet any adversity. I have learned from every aspect of the pageant, and I have really grown as a person," said Lowe about the pageant.

Lowe placed in the top ten for the Miss Hall of Fame Pageant in Atlanta last year—which was the first time Langston placed in the top 10 at the pageant. She has also maintained a 3.0 g.p.a., and spoken to numerous schools and commu-

nities on her critical issue, "sleep deprivation."

Lowe knows firsthand how demanding the pageant can be.

Unlike other pageants at Langston, in which the judges are usually members of the Langston community, four of the pageant's six judges are certified Miss America judges.

The contestants are judged on a scale of one to 10 in five categories: the private interview, the onstage

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Langstonites participate in AIDS Awareness Day



photo by De'Shawn Saffold

Nine members of the Langston University community pose for a picture in their "Got Aids?" shirts, which approximately 140 people at Langston wore on Monday to commemorate National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

BY MUNIRAH SALAAM-MOORE

Students and faculty walked in unison Monday for National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. They showed their support by sporting a trendy shirt mocking the famous "Got Milk?" slogan on it, replacing milk with AIDS. The shirt reads "Got AIDS?" on the front and "How do you know?" on the back. The shirt has been worn by such celebrities as Common, Monique Clark, and Hill Harper.

Students, faculty and staff at HBCUs around the nation wore the shirts also, which were shipped to them by the Black AIDS Institute as part of a L.I.F.E AIDS initiative. L.I.F.E AIDS is made up of student leaders from numerous HBCUs around the country. Their mission is to educate Black college students on the causes and effects of HIV/AIDS while creating a comfortable environment for dialogue about sex and sexuality, in order to eradicate the epidemic and restore hope

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Deadline extended for USDA's National Scholars Program

BY KAY WACHTSTETTER
Special to the Gazette

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) 1890 National Scholars Program has extended its deadline for applications for the 2005 school year to Feb. 15.

The deadline was Jan. 15, 2005; however, in order to give more students an opportunity to apply the USDA changed to the later date.

Another change in the program increases the opportunities for outstanding students about to enter a college undergraduate program at Langston and other historically Black 1890 land-grant universities who plan to major in any field of study in agriculture, food, natural resource sciences or other related disciplines.

According to Cornell Nash, 1890 USDA liaison officer for Langston University, "Not only is this offer held out to the usual one student at Langston, but the USDA is guaran-

teeing two scholarships for each 1890 land-grant university.

That means that two students will be awarded this scholarship to attend Langston for four years—virtually on a free ride.

Students who apply need to be a US citizen with a high school diploma or a GED certificate and are starting their first year of college for a bachelor's degree. Applicants must have a high school GPA of 3.0 or better, a combined verbal/math score of 1,000 or more on the SAT, or a composite score of 21 or more on the ACT, demonstrate leadership and community service, apply for admission to the institution(s) of her/his choice, submit an official transcript with the school seal and an authorized official's signature, and postmark all application materials no later than Feb. 15, 2005

to Langston University.

Each award provides tuition, employment, employee benefits, use of a personal computer and software, books, and room and board for four academic years. Students should also know that each scholarship renewal is contingent upon satisfactory performance and normal progress toward the bachelor's degree.

Upon completion of the scholar's academic degree program, the student is obligated to perform one year of employment to the USDA for each year of financial service.

For more information, call or write Mr. Cornell Nash at (405) 466-3339, USDA/1890 Liaison Officer, Langston University, PO Box 846, Langston, OK 73050; or download an application at 1890scholars.program.usda.gov.

HIV/AIDS awareness

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in the community.

Shaunna Cooper, a member of Langston's L.I.F.E AIDS organization and cochair of the National L.I.F.E AIDS Steering Committee, came up with the idea for the shirts.

"About two months ago we [the L.I.F.E AIDS committee] started talking about what we will do for AIDS Awareness Day," Cooper explained. "It was brought to our attention that people in various parts of Africa wore shirts that read 'HIV Positive' to raise awareness about the epidemic. We knew people on campus were not going to wear those shirts, but the idea was good. I remembered seeing the 'Got Milk?' commercial and thought that a 'Got AIDS?' shirt might be something Langston students would wear."

Studies have shown that the AIDS epidemic has strongly impacted the African American population. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), African Americans account for 54 percent of annual new infections, although they represent only 13 percent of the population. African American women account for 72 percent of all new HIV/AIDS cases among women in the United States.

Those who wore the shirts were aware of its symbolism and importance.

"I think that the shirts are just reminders to everyone that AIDS is real, and it is very important to get tested," said Latrise Horton, a sophomore broadcast journalism major from Stockton, Ca.

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question, talent, lifestyle and fitness in a swimsuit, and evening wear.

The private interview is worth 40 percent. It allows the contestants to impress the judges with their personality and intelligence.

"The interview is the most difficult part of the competition because you have to put thought into it. You have to be ready to show your intellectual skills and show that the pageant is not about entertainment," said Lewis.

The on-stage question is worth 10 percent, and it is going to be done in casual wear this year instead of the evening gown like previous pageants.

The talent portion is worth 30 percent. During this section the contestants showcase their true personality and talent of choice.

Lifestyle and fitness in a swimsuit is worth 10 percent and is based on the judge's overall first impression of the lady's confidence, composure, and body tone.

The wearing of the evening gown is worth 10 percent of the total score. The contestants give the judges a

chance to see their posture, grace, charm, walk, and overall confidence. Both the highest and lowest score from each category will be dropped.

All of the contestants are excited about the possibility of being crowned the next Miss Langston.

"I would like a chance to stand out as a role model and represent the university to my best ability," said Kirkland. "I am a very dedicated person and will contribute all I have to upholding the title of Miss Langston."

"I have many aspirations and goals that I want to accomplish before I graduate, and one of my goals is to contribute to Langston University's 'Legacy of Leadership,'" said Taylor.

Miss Langston serves as an official student ambassador for the university, and must participate in a variety of activities, including recruiting new students, functioning as a Student Government Association officer, and attending all campus-wide assem-

blies, athletic events and community service endeavors. She must also compete in the Miss Oklahoma Scholarship Pageant and the Miss National Black College Hall of Fame Pageant.

For her hard work she is rewarded with \$800 in cash each semester (which may soon change to a full tuition waiver), a wardrobe allowance, free room and board, a free meal plan, and funding to attend various trips to represent the university.

While there can only be one winner, Lowe and Mr. Lewis believe that all of the participants are worthy of the crown.

"The contestants have practiced very hard. They have become more knowledgeable of their critical issue and I feel they are ready for the pageant and will all do very well," said Mr. Lewis.

"I am proud of the four women who have committed to the Miss Langston program," said Lowe. "I wish them the best of luck and I appreciate their drive and concern for the LU family."

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Good things come to those who wait

“Part 1 of My Valentine Series On Love To My Fiancé Ms. Jill Annette Redo”

My 143rd edition of Chapy’s Corner is a tribute to my beloved fiancé, Ms. Jill Annette Redo, and an epistle of encouragement for those who believe in fate and who once found love, then lost it, and had it returned back to them!

The biblical writer of Proverbs bellows that “He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the Lord.” (Proverbs 18:22, NKJV). It has taken God’s favor 25 years to reunite me with my beloved Jill once again. Here is how God’s providence and fate brought us back together.

In short, we first met for thirteen seconds in August of 1980 at the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) National Junior Olympics in San Jose, Ca. We were high school track and field All-American athletes representing our respective states. Jill was representing Wichita, Kan. She was a 16 year old sophomore and I was seventeen and on my way to college. This was her first trip to the “golden state” of California. Her teammate was an eighteen year old named Jackie Joyner.

At the AAU meet, I was competing in the triple jump with my late homeboy Freeman Miller, who eventually won the event. We wagered a gentleman’s bet on the final outcome of the women’s final

100-meter hurdles race. Although I thought Jill was cute, I wagered against her because of her youth, and because she came in second during the qualifying rounds. My friend Freeman thought that Jill

would win. If I was to lose the bet then I had to introduce myself to her after the race. Well, in the finals, Jill ran one of the fastest times in the nation and set a meet record. I was supposed to now introduce myself, but was so shy and mesmerized by her stature after this dynamic feat that I was speechless. I just stared at her as she passed me by on the field. However, we both cordially smiled at one another as she passed me by. After the meet we all went back to our respective states. Unfortunately, that was the last time I saw this beautiful vision. It would take destiny 25 years before our paths would cross once again.

Let us fast forward 24 years. I believe that there are no coincidences in the life of a Christian for

our God ordains all things! The apostle Paul encourages us with these words: “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God; to those who are the called according to His purpose.” (Romans 8:28, NKJV). I soon discovered that God would use new individuals in my life to bring me face to face with my destiny.

President Holloway was used by God to bring me to Oklahoma. On Aug. 15, 1997 I left Los Angeles to teach at Langston University—exactly seventeen years to the day when I first saw Jill.

During my stay in Oklahoma I had the pleasure of being introduced by President Holloway to several of his friends and our Langston alumni in Muskogee, Okla. Two such people I befriended were Mr. Vernell and Mrs. Toni Redo. Mr. Redo is a proud Langston alumnus and president of the Muskogee chapter of LUNAA, Inc. Over the years I would stay at their luxurious mansion during my speaking engagements in their city. However, one overnight stay was about to bring me closer to my destiny. The infamous date was on a Saturday afternoon in November 2003. Our Langston Lions football team was playing Bacone College in Muskogee. I drove out to Muskogee a few days early to support the team, but I would not have a chance to attend the game because of fate.

That afternoon, I was invited by the Redos to be a VIP guest at their mansion in Muskogee. I had stayed there several times over the years, but this visit was about to change.

I was told by the Redos that The Food Network Channel was shooting a television special on “the Black southern cooking heritage in Oklahoma” with NBC meteorologist’s Al Roker. The special was to be aired during Black History Month the following year. As we were preparing the house for the television crew I noticed a picture on a mantle of a beautiful young lady. I inquired to Toni about the woman in the picture, who looked slightly familiar. She told me that the young lady was her niece by marriage and a successful God-fearing woman who lived in Phoenix, Ariz. I was still very intrigued by this woman’s picture and began to ask more questions about her Christian character. After the cooking, eating and filming everyone went their separate ways.

Clouds of trauma came into my life during the next few months. I experienced a great loss when my spiritual mentor and our chaplain emeritus died on Thanksgiving day in Guthrie at the ripe age of 88. A stressful Christmas and New Years came and went. I received a phone call from the Redo’s that their niece approved me to call her a week after the Al Roker’s Food Channel Network special was finally aired on Feb. 15, 2004. I told them that I wanted to talk to her three months ago. We laughed! I waited a few days and then called her in Phoenix on Feb. 22, 2004. The first night we only spoke for thirty minutes due to the standard time differences. However, the next night we spoke for over three hours. It was during our enjoyable conversation that she informed me that she visited California for the first time nearly 24 years ago for the AAU

National Junior Olympics. I then pushed her and learned that she also won the 100-meter hurdles. It was then that I knew that God had brought us together once again. However, she gave me a test to make sure that we really saw one another at the track meet. She asked me to describe her unique uniform. And without any hesitation I stated that she was wearing a blue outfit with gold trim. I threw in for free that she had a beautiful smile, and shapely muscular legs. We both screamed in excitement and the rest is God’s predestined history! God brought my beloved valentine, Jill, back to me! We continued to talk every day and every night since the moment I called. On Monday, April 26, 2004, we were reunited for the second time at Will Rogers World Airport in Oklahoma City, Ok.

It has been said that fate is the “inevitable events predestined by our omnipotent and omniscient God.” The Old Testament prophet Isaiah is correct when he reminds us that “Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.” (Isaiah 40:31, NKJV). Although we walked into one another’s life for only 13 seconds in 1980, our God gave me the strength to stay focused on serving Him. Then He blessed me with a beautiful, virtuous woman who’s worth is far above any rubies, and to top that off she also loves to cook and work-out!

Yes, my dear Langstonites, when we seek God’s kingdom and righteousness good things will happen!

Chapy’s Corner

By Dr. Eric Anthony Joseph
Chaplain
Coleman Heritage Center



Open letter to Dr. Holloway

Dear Dr. Holloway,

Hello my name is Neesa Pettaway. I attend school at Victor Valley High School in Victorville, Ca. Although I am only a fifteen year old sophomore, I am looking forward to going to college. At this moment I currently have a 3.33 g.p.a and it’s still rising. I would really like to know about Langston University; it seems like a wonderful campus with a great atmosphere. I saw the campus on “College Hill II” and I really like the school. Going to a Black college has always been a dream of mine. It makes me very happy to see young Blacks obtaining a higher education. Where I live it’s the total opposite and maybe your campus is the place for me. Being the oldest of six children, it’s my duty to be a great role model for my siblings. If you could provide me with information about your school I would be grateful. This could include brochures, scholarship information, and anything else that can be of help. I look forward to hearing from you in a couple of weeks. Thank you and God bless.

Sincerely,
Neesa Pettaway

“If initiative is the ability to do the right thing, then efficiency is the ability to do the thing right.” — Kelly Miller

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Lack of fee waivers distresses students

BY LATRISE HORTON

As the school year trudges on yet another semester, out-of-state students all around the campus are finding themselves in a financial strain with the lack of presidential tuition fee waivers. After coming back from winter break many students who expected to receive a presidential tuition fee waiver were shocked to find out they would now have to find other avenues to help fund their education.

"Without it [the presidential tuition fee waiver] I have to work a lot harder to pay off my balance," said Trey Tottress, a sophomore business major from Dallas, Texas.

Tottress is not the only one; there are many students that are in his same situation. So the question many students are asking is: "What happened to the money?" Angela Kelso-Watson, vice-

president of administrative and fiscal affairs, answered that question with ease.

"All the money has been used. He [President Holloway] gave all the money out first semester."

When asked how the money was awarded, Kelso-Watson explained that a budget is given to financial aid to divide funds among different departments for uses applicable to departmental programs. From there, the various departments award their funds and financial aid subtracts it from their overall budget. For the year 2004-2005, the President's office was given \$62,500 for in-state tuition fee waivers, and \$165,000 for out-of-state tuition fee waivers.*

"Education is expensive," Kelso-Watson said. "It is an investment and a lot of students come here without thinking about that. Students need to think about their pri-

orities. A lot of students don't want to get jobs, but again it's all about priorities. It's an individual decision."

So what can students like Tottress do to help make ends meet?

"I always suggest, and there's nothing I wouldn't suggest that I didn't do, to get a job! I had two jobs," exclaimed Kelso-Watson. "Presidential fee waivers are not something promised, they are just a supplement. I don't want to be negative; I just want them to know."

Kelso-Watson does have some good news for those who have documentation stating that they were to receive an award for the spring 2005 semester. She wants these students to come to her office located in Rm. 218 Page Hall, with documentation in hand.

**Information provided by the Office of Financial Aid*



photo by De'Shawn Saffold



photo by De'Shawn Saffold

"The Proverbs," a play written by Moses Washington, a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, was performed for the Langston community on Friday in the I.W. Young Auditorium. The play was set at church and used a preacher struggling with problems in his marriage and congregation to deal with faith and trusting and following God. The play received excellent reviews. It is the second play Washington has written.

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event to LUCalendar@yahoo.com*

What's the Word?

Who do you think was the best music artist of 2004?



"John Legend because of the way he busted onto the music scene. Plus, I love the song 'I Use To Love You.'"

Robbie Gober, freshman broadcast journalism major Denton, Tx.



"CeCe Winans is the best artist to me. Her lyrics are heartfelt and inspirational. She is a great gospel artist."

Danielle Walker, freshman criminal justice major Oakland, Calif.



"Jessica Simpson because her sales are platinum and because she stays in the multi-million dollar range."

Latoya Acton, freshman financial planning major Louisville, Ky.



"Eminem because his lyrics and his music are real."

Karnell Wallace, freshman CIS major Detroit, Mich.

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*Do you have a good question for "What's the Word?"
Email possible questions to LUGazette@yahoo.com*

Sports Den

Lady Lions headed toward NAIA Tournament

BY WILLIS HUFF, JR.

The Lady Lions are in the hunt to make a fifth NAIA tournament appearance. They beat the Texas Wesleyan Lady Rams 67-55 last Saturday, and on Monday the team blew out the Texas College Lady Steers 83-50.

The Lady Lions are now 11-4 in conference play and 11-12 overall. They have seven games remaining.

Before Saturday's game, the Lady Lions had moved into third place in the conference, were 9-4 in conference play and 9-12 overall.

In the first half against the Lady Rams, the Lady Lions exchanged baskets with the Lady Rams. At halftime, the Lady Lions were leading the Lady Rams 26-24. In the second half, the basketball game was close. Toward the end of the game, the Lady Lions had a 10 point lead and held on for the victory.

Kimberly Braxton (#43) led the Lady Lions in scoring with 17 points and grabbed three rebounds. Imani Miller (#3) scored 11 points and also had three rebounds. Kenyatta Releford (#32) had nine points and hauled in five rebounds. Jessica James (#24) scored eight points and snagged three rebounds. Tara White (#45) rounded out the Lady Lions' scoring with seven points and six rebounds. White also had a team high of six rebounds.

Natassia Brown (#15) led the Lady Rams' in scoring with 13 points and nine rebounds. Lacie Curry (#00) dropped in eight points and had five rebounds. Johnna Flemmons (#34) chipped in with seven points and two rebounds. Stephanie Reder (#23) scored six points. Tiffany Hill (#4) and LaRhonda Hunter (#11) both had five points to round out the Lady Rams' scoring. Brown had a team high of nine rebounds.

The Lady Lions out rebounded the Lady Rams 36-22. The Lady Rams made 16 out of 50 shots from the field and for the game had a 32.0 field goal percentage. The Lady Lions made 23 out of 58 field goals and for the game had a 39.7



photo by De'Shawn Saffold

Lady Lions guard Imani Miller (#3) shoots over Texas Wesleyan defender Johnna Flemmons (#34) in the second half of the Lady Lion's 67-51 win.

field goal percentage. The Lady Rams made 19 out of 30 free throws for a 63.3 free throw percentage. The Lady Lions made 19 out of 28 free throws for a 70.4 free throw percentage for the game. The Lady Rams turned the ball over 22 times, while the Lady Lions had 17 turnovers.

On Monday, things were completely different for the Lady Lions. The Lady Lions started off hot and looked determined to beat the Texas College Lady Steers. Every time the Lady Lions scored, they tried to force the Lady Steers to commit turnovers. At halftime the Lady Lions were way ahead of the Lady Steers, 38-21.

In the second half, the Lady Lions stuck to their bread and butter,

round out the Lady Lions' scoring. Releford had a team high of nine rebounds.

Trena Alston (#25) led the Lady Steers with 10 points and she had four rebounds. Rebecca Phipps (#11) scored nine points and grabbed seven rebounds. Kimberly Collins (#30) added to the scoring with eight points and pulled down six rebounds. Lesley Burrell (#22) and Crystal Delley (#31) had six points. Phipps had a team high of seven of rebounds.

The Lady Steers made 13 out of 47 shots from the field, which led

to a 27.7 field goal percentage for the game. The Lady Lions' made 31 out of 70 field goals, for a 44.3 field goal percentage. The Lady Steers made 23 out of 36 free throws, for a 63.9 free throw percentage. The Lady Lions made 21 out of 29 free throws, for a 72.4 free throw percentage. The Lady Steers committed 13 more turnovers than the Lady Lions.

The Lady Lions' next game is against the Houston Baptist University Lady Huskies in Houston, Texas on Feb. 12 at 5:30 p.m.

Inside Athletics by Kent Floyd

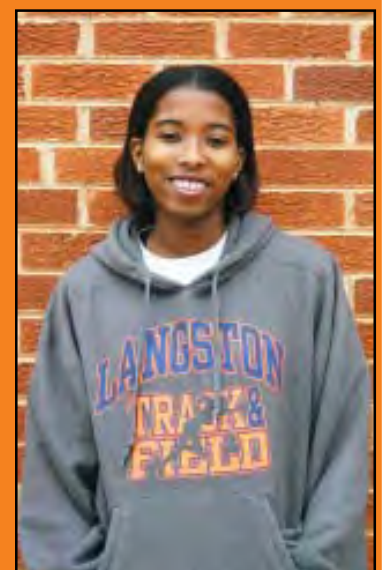
Monique Carroll

Everyone wants to know who the next track star is going to be at LU. There are many candidates, and I had the pleasure of meeting one—Monique Carroll, an 18 year old high jumping sensation from New Boston High School, New Boston, Texas.

In high school she was a jack of all trades when it came to track. She participated in the 200-meter open, the 800-meter relay, the discus, and the high jump. Her current plans for the upcoming outdoor track season are to help the team win a conference championship by breaking her own school record of 5 feet 2 inches, and her personal best in high school of 5 feet 4 inches.

If you think her high jump performance is spectacular, you should see her work in the classroom. This freshman physical education major has a 3.46 g.p.a. She hopes to become a track coach and teach on the high school or college level. She considers herself a very shy person, and likes to play computer and word games in her spare time.

Monique turned down two scholarship offers from Texas A&M University-Commerce and Henderson State University to



attend Langston. "I liked the campus and the direction the track program was going in," said Carroll. "I like that we compete on the NAIA level."

Monique does a good job of balancing track and schoolwork. The team works out twice a day. Every morning they run and lift weights, and in the afternoon they run in the gym. Carroll said the hardest part of being a student athlete is finding time to study and getting rest so she doesn't get burnt out.

Lions extend win streak with two home wins

BY WILLIS HUFF, JR.

The Lions are 14-1 in conference play and 17-5 overall after defeating Texas Wesleyan University 80-69 on Saturday and then the Texas College Steers 71-58 on Monday. They are still tied with Houston Baptist for first place in the Red River Athletic Conference, but are now ranked No.17 in the NAIA National Men's Basketball Poll.

The Lions started off against the Texas Wesleyan Rams clicking on all cylinders.

After missing a shot, the Lions made four shots in a row. With 4:40 remaining in the first half, the Lions were leading the Rams 34-18. By halftime, the Rams cut the Lions' 16 point lead to 10.

In the second half, the Lions came out a little sluggish. Within the first three minutes of the second half, the Lions had made one shot, missed four shots and turned the ball over two times. Whenever Langston had a lead, the Rams closed the gap. With 2:39 remaining in the second half, the Lion's lead was 69-67, as the Rams had stormed back fighting mad. During the last two minutes of the game, Langston was up by ten and held on to their lead for good.

Steven Alexander (#23) led the Lions' in scoring with 20 points and four rebounds. Ryan Davis (#25) had 17 points and three rebounds. Quentin Beaty (#21) had 14 points and 10 rebounds, a double-double. Nafiys Blakewood (#50, a.k.a. "Mr. College Hill") chipped in with 11 points. John Hollomon (#24) rounded out the Lions' scoring with 10 points and four rebounds.

Scott Reasoner (#35) led the Rams in scoring with 20 points and seven rebounds. Brad Schilder (#40) scored 14 points and added seven rebounds. Tommy Johnson (#44) added 13 points and seven rebounds before fouling out in the second half.

Rounding out the Rams' scoring, Ben Hunt (# 5) contributed with 11 points.

The Rams out rebounded the



photo by De'Shawn Saffold

Ryan Davis (#25) looks to make a pass around Brandon Sneed (#1), a Texas College Steer defender.

Lions 35-21, including 26-21 on the defensive end. The Rams turned the ball over 18 times, while the Lions had 13 turnovers. The Rams made 17 out of 18 free throw shots, which led them to a 94.4 free throw percentage for the game. The Lions made 15 out of 23 free throw shots, which led to a 65.2 free throw percentage. The Rams made 23 out of 56 shots from the field, which led them to a 41.1 field goal percentage. The Lions' made 29 out of 62 shots from the field, which gave them a 46.8 field goal percentage.

On Monday's game, the Lions jumped out to a 13-3 lead with 13:22 left in the first half. With 3:01 left in

the first half, the Steers rallied back to make it 28-20. At halftime, the Lions were leading 28-25.

With 15:21 left in the second half, the Lions had a 10 point lead (38-28). Once again, the Steers made it a close game. After the Steers' last rally, the Lions expanded their lead to 11 and never looked back.

Beaty led all Lions in scoring with 20 points and 10 rebounds—his third straight double-double. Kendrick Mebane (#13) added in the scoring with 16 points and also had 10 rebounds. Alexander

chipped in with 11 points and had seven rebounds. Hollomon rounded out the Lions' scoring with eight points and one rebound.

Beaty and Mebane both had 10 rebounds, which was a team high. David Martin (#23) led the Steers in scoring with 16 points and grabbed four rebounds. Jamar Adams (#21) contributed 11 points.

The Lions won the rebounding battle 40-34, including 25-24 on the defensive side. The Steers committed 19 turnovers, while the Lions turned the ball over 15 times.

The Steers made 20 out of 59 field goals, for a 33.9 field goal percentage for the game. The Lions made 25 out of 64 field goals, for a 39.1 field goal percentage. The Steers made 12 out of 18 free throws for a 66.7 free throw percentage, while the Lions made 14 out of 23 free throws for a 60.9 free throw percentage for the game.

The Lions' next game is the biggest of the season—a trip to Houston, Texas to face off against the Huskies with first place on the line. The game is at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday night at Houston Baptist University.

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Participate in Sigma Gamma Rho Week! Events will run from Feb.13 to Feb.19, starting on Sunday Feb.13. at 10 a.m. with chapel services in the Annie Laurel Coleman Chapel. Feb. 14 through Feb.18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. a Jail or Bail event will take place in the Student Union. A male auction will occur in the Hargrove Music Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 15.. Gifts will be taken for the Hope Chest on Feb. 16 from 11 a.m.to 1p.m in the Student Union, and a Spring Informational will be held in Rm. 301 of Jones Hall. Business attire is required. A "Battle of the DJs" will take place in the multipurpose building on Thursday, Feb. 17 at 7:22 p.m. and on Friday, Feb. 18 from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. a party in multipurpose building will be held. The week ends on Saturday, Feb. 19 at 10 a.m. with a campus clean-up.

Support our Lions!

Letting go of real world myths

All college graduates end up asking the question. It's just a matter of when. It may be our fifth month on the job, or perhaps our fifth year, but sooner or later we begin to wonder why someone didn't tell us that life after college isn't all it's cracked up to be.

We were told many things about how life after college would be, and some of these things can hurt us in the long run if we cling to them because they keep us from looking at the real world realistically, and carrying ourselves accordingly. The following are five myths that belong in a fairytale.

Myth #1: Your Degree Guarantees You a Great Job. Your degree will get you into interviews a high school diploma can't, and will make you more likely to land a great job and build an impressive career. But a college degree shouldn't be mistaken for a magic wand. There are plenty of college graduates who go for months and sometimes years waiting for that great job and career. They'll be the first ones to tell that a degree can be overrated. And if a degree is the only thing you've got going for you then you'd better have a dozen of them. It's your hard work and ambition, combined with your degree, that will unlock doors for you.

Myth #2: Your Degree Guarantees You a Great Salary. We are led to assume that a degree equates to lots and lots of money, so it's not surprising that some college graduates think they're on Candid Camera when they're offered a job that pays a little over \$10 an hour. They start to feel like they wasted their time getting a degree, and that's not it at all. They should have

been told that their salary would depend on the type of degree they received, the career they chose,

the company they worked for, the city they lived in, their experience, and a dozen other factors.

Myth #3: Do What You Love and You'll Never Have To Work. This is a catchy little phrase, but unfortunately it's just not true. Even positions we feel blessed to have will irk us sometimes, give us headaches and possibly make us want to quit. You may be doing what you love in a position and still dislike certain aspects of your job. That's life and that's work. If you start your dream job thinking it's going to be absolutely perfect you'll lose the excitement and commitment you had for it when all of your expectations aren't met.

Myth #4: Workplace Racism Doesn't Exist Anymore. Though this sounds like a blatant lie to most working African-Americans, some do believe this myth. It's true that workplace racism is definitely not as blatant as it was forty or even twenty years ago. It's also true that African-Americans and other minorities have more opportunities than ever before. But it's unwise to think that everyone will judge you based on merit and the "content of your character." Discrimination takes place throughout America on a daily basis—from people not hiring someone because of their ethnicity, to people treating some-

one differently once they are hired because of their ethnicity. If you believe otherwise, you'll think it's just your bad luck if you get passed over for multiple promotions you deserved, are getting paid far less than everyone else, and are stuck with menial work on the job that no-one else has to do. But just because you've never been called the "n" word at work doesn't mean that workplace racism is a thing of the past.

Myth #5: Workplace Sexism Doesn't Exist Anymore. Just because Oprah's kicking butt and taking names in her industry, doesn't mean that everyone is going to appreciate and welcome a strong sistah in yours. We live and work in a male dominated society. Some men really do believe women can't or shouldn't compete with them in the workplace, and will let women know this bluntly or on the sly. Don't get duped into believing that all men see women as their equal.

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Now What? advice for the graduating senior

By Chaz Foster-Kyser
journalism instructor

The Gazette is searching for a cartoonist, as well as students interested in writing movie and music reviews. Please contact Kevono Hunt via email at LUGazette@yahoo.com

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News to Know

COMPILED BY JESSICA P. LOWE

President Bush delivered his State of the Union address to Congress on Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2005. The following are major points he discussed.

The Budget

Bush promised to deliver "a budget that holds the growth of discretionary spending below inflation, makes tax relief permanent, and stays on track to cut the deficit in half by 2009." He also said his budget will "substantially reduce or eliminate more than 150 government programs that are not getting results."

Education

Bush is certain that the No Child Left Behind Act works. He said the act has produced higher standards, raised test scores, and is closing the gap for minority students. For college students, he plans to increase the size of the Pell Grant.

Small Businesses

Bush said America must "reward, not punish" the dreams of the entrepreneur, and that we must free small businesses from needless regulation and protect them from junk lawsuits."

Healthcare

Bush asked Congress to "move forward on a comprehensive healthcare agenda with tax credits to help low-income workers buy insurance." He also said he wants a community health center in every poor county, improved information technology to prevent medical error and needles costs, association plans for small businesses and their employees, expanded health savings accounts, and medical liability reform that will reduce health care costs.

Immigration

Bush believes America's immigration system is "outdated and unsuited to the needs of our economy and to the values of our country." He proposes an immigration policy that would allow temporary guest workers to fill jobs Americans will not take.

Social Security

Bush said that social security is one of America's "most important institutions," and serves as a "symbol of the trust between generations." He believes, however, that the system is headed on a downward spiral to bankruptcy. To solve this dilemma and help future generations receive more money from social security, he supports a plan that will allow workers to invest a portion of their social security benefits. He promised that this new plan will not affect people over age 55 and that it will be voluntary.

The War on Terror

"Our third responsibility to future generations is to leave them an America that is safe from danger and is protected by peace," Bush said. Bush stated that pursuing our enemies is a "vital commitment of the war on terror." "To promote peace and stability in the broader Middle East, we must confront regimes that continue to harbor and pursue weapons of mass murder," Bush said. He cited Syria and Iran as threats to democracy.

Marriage

Bush spoke about amending the constitution to "protect the institution of marriage," which he says is being threatened by activist judges who are trying to recognize gay marriage. His proposed amendment would officially define marriage as being between a man and a woman.

LU Calendar

Ongoing Events

Free tax help is being offered from the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for Elderly (TCE). There is no charge for this service. Meetings will be held from now until April 13. You can ask questions Monday and Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., or on Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Moore Hall, room 203. More information: call Dr. Wede Brounell at ext. 3473.

The Langston University College Republicans will have meetings every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Agricultural Building Conference Room. More information: contact Martyn William Bridgeman at 466-4182.

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

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

The Langston Chapter of LUNAA will have monthly meeting in the Research and Extension Building in Rm. 105S. National dues are \$50.00 and local dues are \$25.00.

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

Immediate Events

Now until Feb. 14

The National Association of Black Journalists is selling Crush Grams in the Student Union for Valentine's Day. You can purchase them from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. from now until Feb. 14. The cost is a \$1 dollar so surprise that special someone by letting them know you have a crush.

Lion of the Week



photo by Chaz Foster-Kyser

BY MICKI BIDDLE

Natasha Beavers is a shining example of what it takes to be considered for Langston's Lion of the Week. A graduating senior biology major from Bartlesville Okla., she was chosen for her outstanding leadership qualities and upbeat attitude. Beavers is now serving her second term as president of the Langston University Scholar's Club, which consists of students who are McCabe, Regents and Honors Club scholarship recipients. According to the honors program's administrative specialist, Lora C. Keith, Beavers is the "most efficient Scholar's Club president they have ever had," and is well known for her organizational skills.

"I just try to keep the executive board and everybody together—keep everybody's spirits up and basically stay organized. If I don't stay organized, we're going fall apart, which I have noticed in the past by observing other presidents," said Beavers.

In addition to her extra curricular activities at Langston University, Beavers still finds time to work with disadvantaged girls in her home town.

"I work in Bartlesville, Okla. with a non-profit organization called the M.U.T.U.A.L. Girls Club, with girls ages 6-15. We teach the girls different skills like sewing, cooking, dancing, singing and going on field trips," said Beavers. "It's just a fun and safe place for girls because a lot of the girls in the community are from underprivileged families or live in single-parent homes, or are kids who are going through foster care."

"It's an excellent program and that's why I stayed involved with it for so long. I've been there for the last couple of summers, and I'll probably be there for the first part of this summer since I have other things going on now with school. I also go back for Spring break and Christmas break programs," said Beaver.

All work and no play? When asked what some people might find surprising about her character, her close friend Elizabeth Bostic said that Beavers can be a joker from time to time.

"A lot of people might see me as a very serious individual," said Beavers. "But if you take the time to get to know me, you'll find I can be a bit of a clown—well, not a bit of a clown, really, a pretty big clown!" laughs Beavers.

Although known to pitch in and help out wherever she is needed, Beaver's never fails to sing the praises of others.

"I appreciate all the work that everyone has done. I have gotten to know many of the people in the Scholar's Club and I appreciate all the work that they do—especially our executive board because we've been through a lot this year, but we're getting it together now," Beavers said with a confident nod.

Wednesday, Feb. 9

The Alpha Pi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi is helping with the Langston University Blood Drive. It will be held in the mutli-purpose room on Feb. 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Every donor will receive a free T-shirt plus a chance to win a trip for two to New York courtesy of triple A and the American Red Cross. Please bring photo ID and eat and drink well before donating.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity presents "Da Rap Contest," Wednesday, Feb. 9 at 7:11 p.m. in the Student Union ball room.

Refunds are here: Financial Aid will begin disbursing spring 2005 refunds checks on Wednesday, Feb 9. in the business office, Rm. 112, on the second floor of Page Hall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and from 9 a.m until noon on Thursday. Students must provide a current official Langston University student ID card to receive refunds.

The SGA will the host Black History Music Karaoke in the Student Union inside the Burger King on Wednesday, Feb. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 10

A College Hill Watch Party sponsored by the SGA will be held in the Scholars' Inn Clubhouse on Thursday, Feb. 10 from 7 to 9 p.m.

The sophisticated ladies of the of the Beta Upsilon Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta will hold a spring informational on Thursday, Feb. 10 in the Hargrove Music Hall at 7:13 p.m. Business attire is required.

Friday, Feb. 11

The Alpha Pi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, along with the jazzy ladies of the Beta Upsilon Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, are hosting "A Red Affair" party on Feb. 11 in the mutli-purpose building from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The cost is \$3 dollars. This is a grown and sexy event; the dress code will be enforced: no tennis shoes or jerseys are allowed.

Saturday, Feb. 12

The Miss Langston Scholarship Pageant will be held on Saturday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the I.W Young Auditorium. Admission is free.

Monday, Feb. 14

A raffle at the library will take place at 3 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 14. One \$10 and two \$5 copy cards will be raffled off as the prize. No purchase is necessary. To be eligible to win one of the cards, just fill out a survey in the main library or the Black Heritage Center.