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“College Hill II” creates controversy between alumni and administration

BY SHAMIA JACKSON
Assistant Editor

Peaches may have been the icing on the cake for alumni already upset over the possible negative image “College Hill II” will give Langston University. After the airing of the second episode, which featured Peaches showing off her dancing skills at a night club, the administration received more phone calls, emails and letters demanding an explanation as to why the show was allowed to be taped, and urging the administration to try to get the show taken off the air.

Judge Theodore Haynes, a 1956 graduate of Langston, is one of the biggest opponents of Langston’s participation in the “College Hill” series.

“I watched with horror, dismay and disgust the BET show “College Hill” featuring an unrepresentative group of Langston University students,” Haynes wrote in an email sent out to LU’s administration and alumni across the country.

“What bothered me is that the university allowed BET to come to the university and take their students off campus and put them in an unsupervised situation,” he further explained in a telephone interview. “That’s not what most parents expect when they send their kids to college. They [the university] also allowed BET to have total rights to the editing and determining the content of the video. No responsible university would

give up the rights to review the contents and to determine whether or not it’s detrimental to the image of the university before they allowed somebody to do such a thing.”

David Stephen, a 1982 graduate of Langston and the current president of the Langston University National Alumni Association (LUNAA), agrees with Judge Haynes and has also complained to LU’s administration.

“As a former student I am aware of the things going on at a college campus, but that does not make it appropriate to be aired on television,” he said. “How can we sit back and allow them to air these

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Student produced drama set to air on TV

BY CHONDRRA KIRKLAND

A new drama is being filmed on campus, and it is not produced by BET. One of Langston’s own students, Laketa Williams, has created a show, “Misconceptions,” which will air this semester.

Williams, the director and executive producer of “Misconceptions,” said the idea for the show came from the experiences she and others have shared while being in college. She said the show’s title was chosen to express that “what you see isn’t always what you get.” “I wanted to share that college is not all that bad,” Williams explained. “There are people who play as hard as they work.”

“Like every soap opera it has its dramatic elements, but it also brings

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photo by Chaz Kyser

Laketa Williams (standing) goes over a scene with the actors in “Misconceptions,” (front to back): Kwanti Allison, Tyrrell Kines, Melissa Williams, and Milo Gardner.



photo by De’Shawn Saffold

Jessica Lowe crowns Shamia Jackson as the 59th Miss Langston.

Shamia L. Jackson chosen as the 59th Miss Langston

BY KEVONO HUNT, Editor

Shamia L. Jackson accomplished her dream of becoming the 59th Miss Langston after winning the Miss Langston University Scholarship Pageant held Saturday in the I.W. Young Auditorium.

Jackson, a 22 year old broadcast journalism major from Tulsa, Okla., was one of four contestants. In addition to capturing the crown, she also took home the People’s Choice and Miss Congeniality awards.

Jessica Lowe, a senior broadcast journalism major from Dallas and Miss Langston 2004, crowned Jackson.

“The crowning of Miss Langston University is always an exciting moment,” said Lowe. “I enjoyed my reign and I wish Shamia the best of luck

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LU musical ambassadors to travel to Chicago

BY KEVONO HUNT, Editor

The Langston University Concert Chorale is preparing for a trip to Chicago to participate in the National Association for the Study and Performance of African-American Music (NASPAAM) workshop on February 26 through 28.

The chorale has been performing all over Oklahoma and having rigorous rehearsals perfecting the music for this workshop. This workshop will showcase historical Black high schools and colleges from around the country.

The chorale is under the direction of Bonita L. Franklin, assistant professor of vocal music. The accompanist for this ensemble is William Brackeen, instructor of pianoforte and theory.

The chorale is composed of more than 30 singers who are selected by audition. Members hail from all over the country, and the students in this group include majors from a variety of disciplines.

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embarrassing and insulting moments without frustration and anger? That is not an appropriate way to be displayed on national television."

The majority of the alumni's complaints have been directed towards Dr. Elbert Jones, vice president of student affairs, and President Holloway.

Dr. Jones is seen by many alumni as the official representing Langston because he hand-delivered the news to the eight students that were selected to participate in the show.

"When the external community saw this they assumed I was totally responsible for the show coming to Langston," he explained.

He responded to the negative complaints by saying, "I have some pre-biases being that I graduated from Langston some years ago, but I understand our students and times have changed. I see the show in a positive way; I see what it could potentially do for Langston University. Of course not everybody is going to like what is seen, but again I digress—this is a different time and a different generation."

In a letter written to Stephens, Dr. Holloway stated, "There has been no known damage to Langston University's image other than what a few over reacting alumni are expressing. I am very proud of the quality and abilities of the eight students who were selected. The value of the positive benefits that the university experienced far out weighed the negative that some may have seen in the past episodes."

Not all alumni agree with the views of Haynes, Stephens and others upset over "College Hill II."

Jerome Willis, a 1998 Langston graduate and the assistant men's basketball coach, doesn't feel that "College Hill II" reflects badly on the university.

"I think some people are just overreacting. Maybe they forgot how it used to be when they were in school. Kids are different these days and express themselves in different ways. A lot of the people who don't agree with the show didn't have reality TV back when they were in college. I think the same ones who complain would have participated in the show," Willis said. "Everything has negative and positive results. Nothing is perfect. But overall, this show was a big step for Langston."

Stephanie Adams, a 1989 Langston graduate and the executive assistant to the vice president of student affairs, believes the show will be positive for Langston.

"I think the show is giving this university the exposure that it never had, regardless of how the kids decided to handle themselves. Most people didn't even know Langston, but now we are getting the exposure we deserve," she said.

Despite the alumni's negative feelings about the show, "College Hill II" will continue to air each Thursday evening at 8 p.m. CST on BET.

Student drama, (continued from pg. 1)

something personal because most Langston students go through things that happen in the show on an everyday basis," said Bridgette Jones, an editor and assistant camera operator (ACS) for the show.

"Misconceptions," which started out as a play that was performed last semester, will air weekly on Langston's TV station, KALU TV 96.

The show revolves around four students: "Naomi," portrayed by Melissa Williams; "Donnie," portrayed by Milo Gardner; "Sasha," portrayed by Kwanti Allison; and "Chris," portrayed by Tyrrell Kines.

The main character, Naomi, is a daddy's girl from a well-to-do family; Donnie is Naomi's boyfriend from the wrong side of the track; Sasha is Naomi's best friend who advises Naomi; and Chris is

Donnie's homeboy.

Preparation for the show included the help of many broadcast journalism and theatre students. Some of them volunteered as production assistants, extras, and for behind the scenes work.

"The students on Langston's campus are really dedicated. I was surprised at the amount that came out to be a part [of the show]," said Williams.

After the first season is complete, which consists of eight episodes, filming for the next season will begin immediately. A new director will have to be found, however, because Williams is graduating.

"The ultimate goal is to have the show picked up, and to create a positive image of young African-Americans—rather than what most people may be focusing on at the time like College Hill," said Williams.

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LU Voices

This is not high school!

BY SHAMIA JACKSON, Assistant Editor

At one point I was convinced that a university is where students come to obtain a degree and a professional outlook on the world. I also believed that college life could help build character. I imagined it as a place of teaching, learning, and in some cases even a home away from home. I'm not so sure anymore.

There is a problem on this particular campus that worries and upsets me—the violence. At least once a week there is a fight on the yard, whether it's reported or not.

Fighting is the most ignorant way to handle any situation. Many students are quick to declare themselves grown, yet when the time comes to show it, they revert to ignorance. Instead of fighting, students should use a little thing called brainpower. It saddens me to see my peers handling themselves in such a childlike manner.

Now, I have had fights in my past and as a young Black woman I understand that sometimes bad things happen, especially in the heat of the moment. But there is a level of maturity that should be

Instead of fighting, students should use a little thing called brainpower. It saddens me to see my peers handling themselves in such a childlike manner.

required as a college student and as an adult, and it's unfortunate that this issue has to be addressed to people who consider themselves adults.

But I don't only have a problem with the students; I have a problem with the administration as well. They continue to give the same students who fight third, fourth and sometimes fifth chances.

Last semester, for example, a fight broke out on campus that resulted in several students being arrested and kicked out of school. Yet, this semester I saw these same guys back on campus, and it's no surprise that they were up to their same old tricks.

Why are these thugs still in school? The line has to be drawn somewhere. It's clear that if you're fighting you're not concerned with your education because you would value your time and use it wisely. I would hate to think that the administrators are more concerned with the money the students bring in than the safety of the entire campus. I know that may sound a bit harsh, but considering their apparent lack of effort to solve this problem what other conclusions can be drawn?

What is it going to take to get their attention? Maybe Langston is only a nine to five for the administrators, but this school is my home and this situation affects me directly. I was already planning on writing this article, but I stayed up late to finish it after the incident that occurred on last Sunday at about 11:45 p.m.

I was rudely awakened by the sound of girls screaming outside my apartment in Centennial Court. By the time I got outside the fire alarms were going off in all the women's buildings and each building was being evacuated. As a result of the fight, all of the women in Centennial Court were made to stand outside. We were then lectured on fighting, mutual respect, and what it means to be a woman and not a little girl. That is just crazy. Instead of lecturing the innocent, they should have dealt with the perpetrators accordingly.

Overall, my peers need to be accountable and responsible for their actions. For students who refuse to act in an adult-like manner, it is the administration's job to get rid of these ingrates.

The history of Valentine's Day

"Part 2 of My Valentine Series On Love To My Wife, Mrs. Jill Annette Joseph"

My dear Langstonites, my Instead of fighting, students should use a little thing called brainpower. It saddens me to see my peers handling themselves in such a childlike manner. 144th edition of Chapy's Corner is a tribute to my wife, Mrs. Jill Annette Joseph, who I married this past Valentine's Day, as well as an historical romantic epistle of encouragement for those who desire to know the story of Saint Valentine (Valentinus).

The world celebrates Valentine's Day as a lovers' holiday, with the giving of candy, flowers, or other gifts between couples in love. However, this date and legend originated in 496 A.D. Rome as a tribute to the mysterious Saint Valentine (Valentinus), a devout Roman bishop who defied the Roman emperor to promote marriage.

During this time, Emperor Claudius II, the Cruel of Rome, had determined that married men made poorer soldiers than single men in his army. He believed that married soldiers did not want to leave their wives and family. As a result, he banned all marriages from his empire. But Bishop Valentine and Saint Marius secretly married young men that came to them. When Claudius found out about Bishop Valentine's tactics, he first tried to convert him to paganism. But Valentine reversed the strategy and flipped the script, trying instead to convert Claudius to Christianity. When Valentine failed, Claudius had him stoned to death and then beheaded.

My dear Langstonites, here is

the romantic part to the story: During the days that Bishop Valentine was imprisoned, he fell in love with the blind daughter of his jailer. According to legend, his love for her, and his great faith in Christ Jesus, managed to miraculously heal her from her blindness before his death on Feb. 14 270 A.D. Before he was taken to his death, he signed a farewell message to her, "From Your Valentine." The phrase has been used on his day ever since. Thus, the first Valentine card grew out of this practice by its namesake.

Meanwhile, for 800 years prior to the beheading of Bishop Valentine, the Romans had practiced a hedonistic and pagan celebration in mid-February commemorating young men's rite of passage to the god Lupercalia. The celebration featured a lottery in which young men would draw the names of young women from a box. The girl assigned to each young man in that manner would be his sexual companion during the rest of the year.

In an effort to do away with this pagan and immoral festival, Pope Gelasius ordered a slight change in the lottery. Instead of the names of young women, the box would contain the names of saints. Both men and women were allowed to draw from the box, and the game was now to emulate the godly lifestyles of the saint they drew during the rest of the year.

When the Church began looking for a suitable patron saint of

love to "Christianize" and take the place of their pagan god Lupercalia for their mid-February celebration, they found an appropriate choice in Bishop Valentine.

The mid-February holiday was then used by Roman men to seek

Chapy's Corner

By Dr. Eric Anthony Joseph
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the affection of women in commemoration of Bishop Valentine. It became a tradition for the men to give the ones they admired handwritten messages of affection containing Valentine's name.

Therefore, the reason why I selected Valentine's Day to begin my new life together in holy matrimony with Jill, was to "flip the script" for her to be God's Valentine blessing to me. It is my personal belief that everyday is Agape (LOVE) Day for those people who have a personal relationship with God. Therefore, I selected this special day of God's love to become one in spirit, soul, and body with my sister in Christ "until death doth us part"! May you all experience a happy agape (love) day everyday!

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"Every day, each of us makes a multitude of choices that will impact our lives. Some of these choices are minor and will only impact the next few minutes, hours, or days, while others will completely change the direction of our lives. Some choices are easy to make; some are more difficult. Some will lead us straight to success, while others will bring us face-to-face with failure. Some will seem earthshakingly important, while others will seem completely insignificant. But what's imperative for each of us to know is that no matter how large or small, easy or difficult, each choice that we make, individually or collectively, alters the direction of our lives. The quality of our choices will dictate whether we will struggle in frustration or live an extraordinary life—the life of our dreams." —Debbie Ford, author of "The Right Questions."

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Weekly meetings held for victims of sexual assault

BY MUNIRAH SALAAM-MOORE

Female students who have experienced sexual assault or harassment can now look forward to a place of refuge. The Professional Counseling Center on campus has established an assault group for women who have been abused.

The Sexual Assault Survivors Group was formed by Chemical Dependency Counselor LaDonna McCune, along with Tamara Young, a sexual assault counselor from Stillwater Domestic Violence Services. This is the second semester the sexual assault meet-

ings have been held at Langston.

"It's important to give women who have been sexually abused a voice and give them a safe place to come and express themselves," said McCune.

Sexual assault takes many forms, including attacks such as rape or any type of unwanted sexual contact and threats. According to the National Crime Survey, 35 percent of female college students have been sexually assaulted or harassed, and less than 20 percent of the victims file any type of formal complaint. Victims who have been abused may suffer from any number of side effects, which can range from simple

headaches to possible suicide attempts.

The sexual assault meetings are held every Thursday from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Professional Counseling Center, room 104. McCune said that the group discussions are similar to that of an AA meeting. All meetings are confidential; any details discussed in the group will stay there. Women who attend the sexual assault meetings will be asked to fill out a confidentiality form to ensure the group's privacy.

For more information on the group meetings, contact LaDonna McCune at (405) 466-3401.

Business plan competition to award thousands in prizes

In the first ever statewide business plan competition, teams of college students from across Oklahoma will have the opportunity to test their entrepreneurial skills and knowledge, while competing for more than \$100,000 in cash prizes. The Donald W. Reynolds Governor's Cup Collegiate Business Plan Competition is intended to promote and support university students in their entrepreneurial endeavors.

The competition is open to all faculty-sponsored, full-time and part-time undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at any of Oklahoma's universities or colleges. The business plan must be for a seed, start-up or early stage venture and must address the entire business concept (including implementation). At least one team member must have a key role in the company's management team. Proposals for the buy-out

or expansion of an existing company, tax-shelter opportunities, franchise, real estate syndications, and other consulting projects and analyses are not eligible.

Governor Brad Henry said, "I am happy to support the establishment of a first class business plan competition open to all university students in Oklahoma. Renewed entrepreneurship is a vital component of economic success in our State."

Great effort has been taken to ensure that this competition will be a quality event that provides the best possible experience for those who participate. With \$20,000, \$10,000, \$5,000 going to the first, second and third place winners respectively in the graduate and undergraduate competition, this prize pool is higher than most national level awards. In addition, cash awards to the semi-finalist and finalist teams and their faculty advisors will be awarded. Unique to the Okla-

homa competition is the Isocentric Computer Technology Award valued at \$15,000. Visit www.okgovernorscup.org for more information.

i2E, Inc., a private not-for-profit Oklahoma corporation focused on wealth creation in Oklahoma, will manage the Oklahoma competition in cooperation with the State Chamber, the Oklahoma State Board of Regents, the Presbyterian Health Foundation, the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST), and the Oklahoma Department of Commerce will also provide support to implement this program.

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News to Know

COMPILED BY JESSICA P. LOWE

Search Continues for Lebanon Bombers

Beirut, Lebanon—Investigators still do not know how a massive bomb was sent through Beirut's seafront boulevard. The unidentified bombers killed Lebanon's former Prime Minister, Rafik Hariri, and 16 others. 137 people have been wounded.

Chris Rock Belittles the Oscars

Los Angeles, California—Chris Rock, who will host the Academy Awards for the first time on Feb. 27, believes the event is likened to that of a "fashion show." He said the only time he watched was when Black actors were nominated. The producer of the Oscars said he was not concerned by Rock's comments. Academy members have privately called for Chris Rock to be removed as host of the event.

Bible Classes in Public Schools Under One Year Review

Staunton, Virginia—A local school board is conducting a one-year evaluation on Bible classes during class time to determine if complaints of the practice are valid. The 5-1 decision permits elementary public schools to continue the 60-year tradition of conducting religious classes.

Daughter of Republican Speaks Out on Behalf of Gay Community

Annapolis, Maryland—Conservative Republican Alan Keyes' 19-year-old daughter, Maya Marcel-Keyes, referred to herself as a "liberal queer" at a recent gay support group rally and urged support for gay and lesbian youth who have been rejected by their families.

Binge Drinking Highest in Midwest

Washington—Binge drinking is highest in states in the Midwest and Great Plains. Binge drinking is defined as the consumption of five or more drinks on the same occasion at least once in the last 30 days. National data found that nearly 23 percent of all U.S. residents had gone on drinking binges. The problem is more prevalent in North Dakota, where studies showed that an estimated 31 percent of residents had engaged in binge drinking.

Stroke Claims the Lives of More Southern Blacks

New Orleans, Louisiana—Blacks in the South die of strokes at much higher rates than either southern Whites or Black who live elsewhere. The stroke deaths among black men in the South was 51 percent higher than it is among Blacks in other parts of the country. Findings show that Southerners are more likely to smoke, be overweight, have high blood pressure, and be in poor general health.

Ex-priest Sentenced to 12-15 Years On Child Rape Charge

Boston—Paul Shanley was sentenced to 12 to 15 years for raping a boy repeatedly in the 1980s, sometimes in a church confessional. "It is difficult to imagine a more egregious misuse of trust and authority," said Judge Stephen Neel when sentencing him.

Ray Charles Shines on Grammy Night

The late Ray Charles earned eight Grammy Awards at the recent 47th annual event. Charles' wins stemmed from his latest release, "Genius Loves Company."

Sports Den

Five Lions break indoor records at track meet

BY JAMUEL WALLACE

The Langston Lions Indoor Track and Field Team continue to improve as the season goes on. Five more athletes broke school records Saturday at the Oklahoma Christian Indoor Invitational #3 at Mosier Indoor Facility at the University of Oklahoma.

On the women's side, Tatiana Simon broke the school record in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.88. Brandee Means broke the school record in the 400-meter dash with a time of 58.76. Stephanie Rusky broke the school record in the shot put with a throw of 37-9 ¼, and Dominique McDonald broke the long jump record with a jump of 17-3.

On the men's side, Lamar Dewberry broke the men's 60-meter

dash record previously held by All-American Albert Burns with a time of 7.00.

In other events, Darnesha Sellers placed first with a time of 26.03 in the 200-meter dash. In the long jump, Jamaal Moore finished second with a jump of 21-5 ¼. Charles Loftis finished third in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.61. Akeem Lavoll finished first in the 400-meter dash with a time of 50.57. Brian Smith and Randy Moore finished second and third in the triple jump with jumps of 45-1 ½ and 41-5 ¾, and James "Bullet" Hall finished first in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.02.

Next up for the Lions is the Oklahoma Christian Indoor Invitational #4 on Friday at 4 p.m. at the Mosier Indoor Facility at the University of Oklahoma.



photo by De'Shawn Saffold

Dominique McDonald and Brandee Means both qualified for the National Indoor Track and Field Championship during the 400-meter dash, with Means finishing first and Donald finishing second.



photo by De'Shawn Saffold

Randy Moore's jump of 41-5 ¾ placed him third in the triple jump at the Oklahoma Christian Indoor Invitational III at the University of Oklahoma Saturday.

Inside Athletics by Kent Floyd

Jamuel Wallace

This week I tried to step out of bounds and bring you someone behind the scenes, instead of an athlete. Jamuel Wallace, a 23 year old senior broadcast journalism major from Tulsa, Okla., is around sports 24/7. As an assistant to the sports information director (SID), James Hilliard, he is responsible for a multitude of tasks, including attending all home games, writing pre-game stories for the football and basketball programs, handling all the stats for football and basketball, and reading sports reports on Langston's radio station.

"I'm the sports guy here at Langston," Wallace said. "If you want to know something about sports, come to me."

Wallace feels that the job is a great fit for someone with his interests.

"I always liked stat keeping," he said. "I did it at home all the time watching Michael Jordan play and keeping his stats. I figured I could do it in college so I got the job."

While Wallace has a lot of responsibilities now as the assis-



photo by De'Shawn Saffold

tant to the SID, he says he had to "start from the bottom." "I was a lackey—doing everything from carrying the computer to the game, to getting Coach Hilliard chicken tenders from Burger King," said Wallace.

Although Langston was not his first choice, following the advice of his grandmother he chose to go to school at LU.

"Ever since then it's been like clockwork; I have been doing my thing here," said Wallace.

Besides working as the assistant to the SID, doing "his thing"

has included writing for the Gazette for the past three years, hosting his own television show, and hosting and producing two radio shows on KALU 89.3 FM. "The Langston Sports Week in Review," which he co-hosts with Steve Jackson, comes on Friday and Saturday at noon, and "The Steve and J Show" comes on following the program.

After he graduates in May, Wallace hopes to lose his assistant title and secure a position working as a SID. However, he says his ultimate career goal is to become an ESPN anchor like Stuart Scott.



Chondra Kirkland models her swimwuit in the physical fitness portion of the pageant. (photo by De'Shawn Saffold)

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in all of her royal endeavors.”

“The Miss Langston University Scholarship Pageant was a success. Each of the four contestants exemplified all of the characteristics of a Langston University student, and they each did an outstanding job,” said Deshnick Lewis, director of the pageant. “I look forward to working with the newly crowned Miss Langston.”

Miss Langston is expected to have certain attributes: to be highly articulate, talented, committed to her critical issue, punctual and mature. When asked how she measures up, Jackson said, “I am ready, able and qualified for the job.”

Jackson’s platform is on educating Black college students on HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention.

“I chose this topic because African-Americans are dying at a much higher rate than any other race in the world,” said Jackson.

Jackson plans to continue to work with Leaders In the Fight to Eradicate AIDS (L.I.F.E. AIDS) to constantly make HIV/AIDS awareness a priority on campus and in the community. Jackson is also about to begin the process of becoming certified to conduct seminars that educate students on the dangers of promiscuity.

“If one person decides to wrap it up, choose abstinence, or even get tested regularly then I’ve done my job,” said Jackson.

In addition to serving as a member of L.I.F.E AIDS, Jackson is also an active member of the NAACP and The National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ). She also works as the assistant editor of the Gazette.

Miss Langston was the first pageant Jackson had ever entered. She chose this pageant because it is the highest crown that a female student at Langston can obtain.

“At this point in my life I’m striving for greatness,” said Jackson. “Miss Langston has a long tradition of excellence and I felt that I would embody the true spirit of the lioness.”

Jackson says she entered the pageant as a challenge to herself and as a learning experience so that she could overcome her tomboyish ways.

“After starting the pageant I realized that I did have a feminine side and I could model, talk, and perform like the best of them,” said Jackson. “I also had to overcome my impatience because in a pageant like this patience is a virtue.”

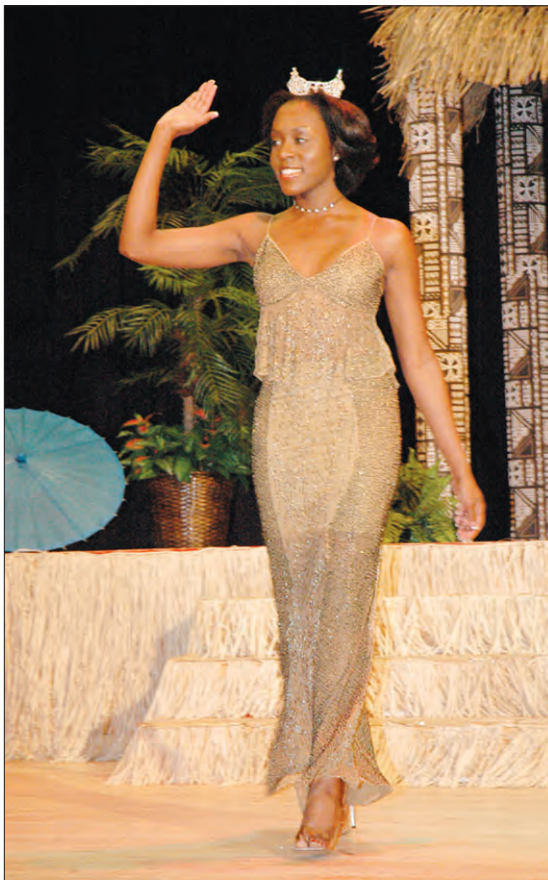
Should Jackson not be able to fulfill her duties as Miss Langston, her first alternate, Tiffany Taylor, a 20 year old broadcast journalism major from San Diego, Ca., would take the reigns.



Jessica Lowe poses with Shamia Jackson after she handed her the People’s Choice Award. (photo by De'Shawn Saffold)



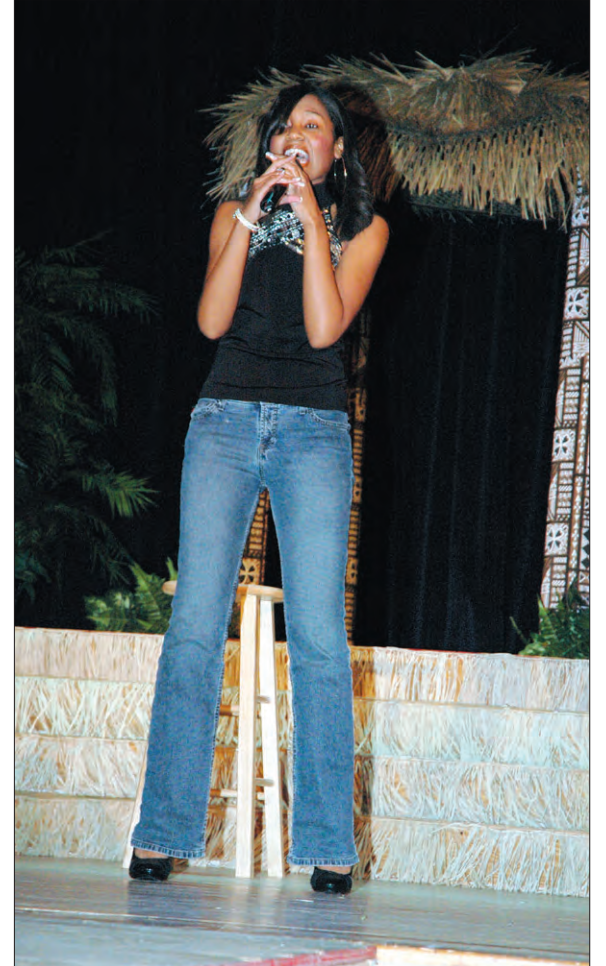
Shamia Jackson poses with the rest of the LU “Elite Connection” (front, l-r) Rachel Goff, Miss Black Langston; Jessica Lowe, the former Miss Langston; Courtney Thompson, Miss Black & Gold; (back, l-r) Marv Johnson, Mr. Debonair; Catherine Perry, Miss Blue & White; and Wendell Graham, Mr. Langston. (photo by De'Shawn Saffold)



Jessica Lowe waves goodbye after thanking everyone who supported her during her reign as the 58th Miss Langston. (photo by De'Shawn Saffold)



Chondra Kirkland shows how a Miss Langston contestant is supposed to walk during the casual wear portion of the pageant. (photo by De'Shawn Saffold)



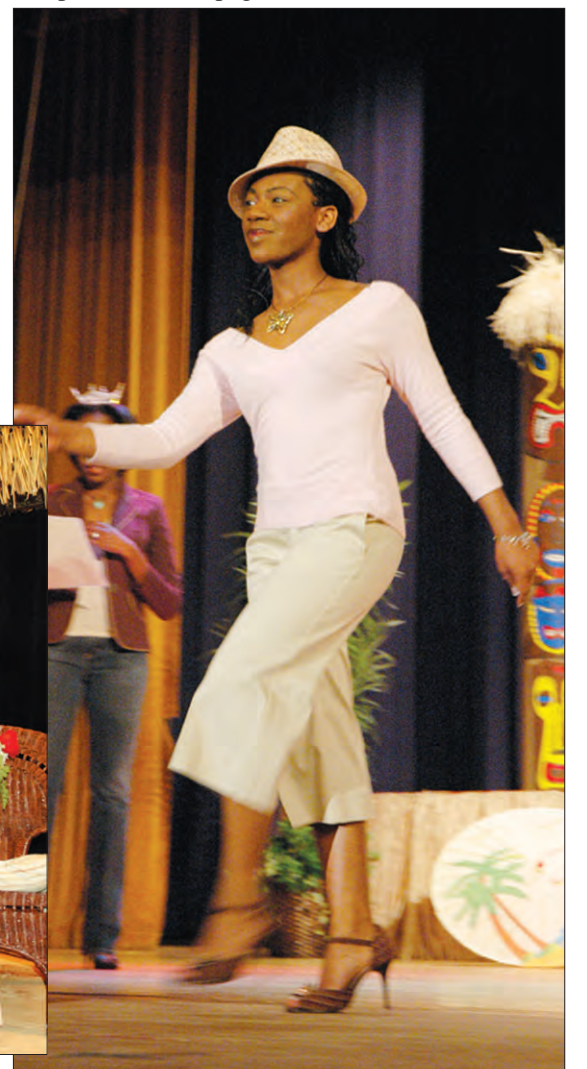
Tiffany Taylor says "imagine that" in her rap during the talent portion of the pageant. (photo by De'Shawn Saffold)



Shamia Jackson strikes a pose for the audience during the casual wear portion of the pageant. (photo by De'Shawn Saffold)



Miss Langston contestants (l-r) Jameese Lewis, Chondra Kirkland, Tiffany Taylor, and Shamia Jackson. (photo by De'Shawn Saffold)



Jameese Lewis shows off her outfit during the casual wear portion of the pageant. (photo by De'Shawn Saffold)

Lady Lions win one game, lose two straight games

BY WILLIS HUFF JR.

On Monday, the Lady Lions lost to the Huston-Tillotson University Lady Rams in overtime 98-94. The loss last night dropped the Lady Lions to 12-14 overall. They are now 11-6 in the Red River Athletic Conference (RRAC) and have five games remaining.

Jessica James (#24) led the Lady Lions in scoring Monday with 30 points and eight rebounds. Kenyatta Releford (#32) had 13 points and eight rebounds. Mallory Williams (#11) had 12 points and five rebounds. Natoshia Rouse (#33) had 11 points and five rebounds. Tara White (#45) had 10 points and seven rebounds to round out the Lady Lions scoring. James and Releford had a team high

of eight rebounds. Releford and Ashley Lewis (#22) had a team high of three assists.

During Saturday night's game, the Lady Lions lost to the Houston Baptist University Lady Huskies 98-65. That loss put them at 11-5 in conference play and 12-13 overall.

Kimberly Braxton (#43) led the Lady Lions in scoring with 23 points. James and White both scored nine points. Rouse chipped in with eight points. Elyse Seals (#12) rounded out the Lady Lions scoring with six points. White had a team high of seven rebounds. Veronica Austin (#30) had a team high of five assists.

Last Wednesday, the Lady Lions won a non-conference game

that was scheduled earlier in the season. At C.F. Gayles Fieldhouse, the Lady Lions defeated the Park University Lady Pirates 65-53.

Braxton led the Lady Lions in scoring with 17 points and four rebounds. James had 12 points and two rebounds. Williams chipped in with 10 points and seven rebounds. Austin and Seals scored seven points each to round out the Lady Lions scoring. Williams had a team high of seven rebounds and a team high of seven steals. Releford had a team high of five assists.

The Lady Lions next game is Thursday in Muskogee against the Bacone College Lady Warriors. The game starts at 6 p.m.

LU awarded funds to expand minority entrepreneurship

The U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) announced a continued partnership with Langston University to operate the Oklahoma City Minority Business Development Center. The center provides management and technical assistance to enhance entrepreneurial activity within the minority business community. An award in the amount of \$155,000 has been presented to Langston University. Nancy Alexander, project director, will oversee the center.

"MBDA is proud to continue our partnership with Langston University, a historically black college long known for its community and economic development programs. Doing so brings us one step closer to achieving our goal of growing the number and size of African-American, Asian Pacific American, Hispanic and Native American businesses in the United States," said MBDA Dallas Regional Director John F. Iglehart.

Located in a federally designated Empowerment Zone, the Oklahoma City Minority Business Development Center, and its network of strategic partners, will focus on building and strengthening medium and

large minority business enterprises. Particular emphasis will be placed on CPA firms, manufacturing entities, government contractors and other businesses poised to create new jobs and generate revenues in excess of \$0.5 million.

"The pursuit of economic opportunity and business ownership is an American dream for entrepreneurs. At MBDA, we believe that minority entrepreneurs play a crucial role in creating and sharing wealth, as well as improving the quality of life for those with whom they work and the community at large. Given that 90 percent of the U.S. population growth through 2050 will be in minority communities, the nation must work together to achieve a goal of entrepreneurial parity," added MBDA National Director, Ronald N. Langston.

The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) is the only federal agency created specifically to foster the establishment and growth of minority-owned businesses in the United States. MBDA works closely with corporate America, academic institutions, professional trade associations and governmental agencies to help

minority entrepreneurs access capital, procurement and contract opportunities, technical assistance and business development services. For more information, visit www.mbda.gov.

The Gazette is searching for a cartoonist, as well as students interested in writing movie and music reviews.

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President Holloway to receive musical tribute

The Black Liberated Arts Center, Inc. (BLAC) will present pianist Awadagen Pratt and cellist Zuill Bailey in a musical tribute to President Holloway on Friday, Feb. 25 at 8 p.m. in the Civic Center Hall of Mirrors.

Pratt, considered as one of the best young pianists on the international scene, has found an excellent partner for duet sonatas. He will be joined by a fellow alumnus of the Peabody Conservatory, Zuill Bailey. According to a Washington Post review of one such performance, "Pratt's performance showed not only flawless technique and intense emotional involvement but also careful consideration for the exact phrasing and accent of every motif. The climax of the program was Beethoven's Sonata No. 3 in A, Op. 69, one of the greatest duet sonatas of all time. Its wide range of shifting feelings and its daunting technical challenges were met with passion and precision." The Times-Picayune said, "Most artists play the piano. Pratt takes possession of it like a quarterback."

"Oklahoma City is in for a real treat!" said Anita Arnold. We are ecstatic about having these two great artists perform in a musical tribute to a great person, Langston President Dr. Holloway. It is a fitting tribute for one who has done so much for Oklahoma, the arts and BLAC, Inc. in particular."

Tickets for the event are \$20 and are on sale at Langston University in Oklahoma City, BLAC, Inc., Capitol Square Station, Charlie's Jazz, Rhythm & Blues Store, KM66, Learning Tree Toy Store, Rainbow Records, and Verna's Showoff. For more information, call 524-3800.

This concert is made possible with partial funding support from the Oklahoma Arts Council.

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Participate in Sigma Gamma Rho Week! Events are running now through Feb. 19. Gifts will be taken for the Hope Chest on Feb. 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Union. 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.

Job Search Smarts

It would be terrific if every degree came along with a job we loved, but then we wouldn't be living in the "real world." In the real world a great job is a prized possession, and it's something that the average college graduate has to work hard to get. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, nearly two million bachelor's degrees are conferred every year in America. Roughly all college graduates look for some type of employment upon graduation, which means you have some pretty tough competition.

As you are searching for a job, keep in mind that the job search process can be a long and tedious one for both the recent graduate and the seasoned, yet unemployed professional. It may take you a couple of months to land the type of job you're searching for, and even longer if you're very picky. Until you find a job relevant to your career consider your job search as your temporary full time job—one that doesn't pay anything but has good benefits.

The job search tactics you use can make the difference between a slightly numb-minding job search experience and a painful one. Instead of playing hit or miss you should take calculated steps to securing a job and jumpstarting your career. Once you've decided on the career you want, your goal should be to seek out those companies or organizations that offer jobs relative to your career aspirations. Make a point of thinking outside the box when starting your job search. Newspapers, magazines, and television stations aren't the only entities looking for people with communication degrees who want to work as writers and editors. There are others places hiring teachers besides public and private schools, and there are other places one can be a nurse or physical therapist besides the hospital. The faster you are able to recognize not so blatant opportunities, the faster you will be to getting hired for a job you'll enjoy.

JOB SEARCH STRATEGIES

While many people rely on the more formal methods of job searching such as through newspapers and employment agencies, the best way to secure a job is by using

both formal and informal strategies. Informal strategies, such as job searching through networking and contacting employers directly, will take more time on your behalf, but are worth the effort. Studies have shown that approximately two-thirds of jobs are found and secured by using informal search strategies, while only around one-third of jobs are obtained through formal methods.

Formal Job Search Strategies

Newspaper Ads: Millions of people look in papers across the US for job listings every week, but only as few as five percent of jobs are ever advertised in a newspaper. What's more, when you do find a job advertised in the newspaper you'll probably have to compete with the hundreds of other people who saw and are applying for the job too. Bottom line: Don't rely solely on newspapers to find a job. When you do find a listing that interests you apply for the position as soon as possible. Also keep in mind that most newspapers have websites now so you can check the site for listings everyday instead of constantly buying papers.

Employment/Staffing Agencies: Many employment agencies get paid by companies to find them employees, so they can be extremely helpful in finding you a position that interests you. Some employment agencies are very industry specific, only dealing with teachers or business professionals, for example. Look for an agency that specializes in placing people within your field before you go with one that works on a broader scale.

Internet Ads: There are tons of sites on the Internet with job listings, but you'll have to search out the ones that are worth browsing. You can search on sites like Monster.com that have listings for nearly every field in every city; city specific sites like those for city government jobs; and field specific sites like ones for accountants. Of course, the more sites you visit the more jobs you'll see. However,

Now What? advice for the graduating senior

By Chaz Foster-Kyser
journalism instructor

some websites and job listings are not kept up to date. If you find a great listing that doesn't show the date it was posted, call the company to see if they are still hiring for the position and if have any other positions open that fit your interests.

Job Fairs: Job fairs offer a great and convenient way for you to market yourself and learn more about companies hiring for your position. Always dress like you are going to an interview, and bring plenty of resumes and business cards.

Informal Job Search Strategies

Direct Mail Campaigns: This is a "wait and see" strategy. After identifying companies that offer (but may not be hiring) positions in your field, you mail the hiring manager a customized cover letter and resume and hope you get a response. To make the most of this approach you'll need to be quick about following up on all the mail you send out.

Alumni Associations: Check with your alma mater to see if they offer placement services to alumni. If the alumni association provides a list of past alumni and the fields

they now work in, take the initiative to call alumni working in your field for job leads.

Your Personal Network: Tell all your friends and relatives about the type of jobs you are searching for so they can also be on the lookout for you. If you have certain relatives or friends that have a knack for networking, give them a couple of copies of your resume—you never know who they'll meet.

Cold Calling: If you learn of a company that seems interesting, but don't know if they are hiring, there's nothing wrong with calling up the hiring manager to find out. When you speak to the manager, tell them about your interests and the career you want to pursue. Perhaps if they are not hiring they can tell you about similar companies that are.

Unannounced Visits: You're harder for a manager to brush off if you're in their face trying to get a job. Do a little investigating to find out when the person you'll need to see will be in. Dress like you're expecting an interview and bring more than one resume. If the person you need to speak to is busy, leave a copy of your resume and cover letter.

Professional Organizations: Joining an organization relative to your career is a great way to network with people who can give you the heads up on job openings within your field. Many organizations provide members with lists on who's hiring or have companies constantly recruiting people specifically from their organization. Find and join a professional organization in your city as soon as

possible.

Volunteerism: Volunteering is an excellent way to network with people working in different fields. People you meet while volunteering may open you up to job opportunities you may not have considered.

Chaz Foster-Kyser is a journalism instructor and newspaper advisor at Langston University. The articles in the "Now What?" column are taken from a book she has written, "Embracing the Real World: The Black Woman's Guide to Life After College." Questions/comments on this article can be emailed to cjkyser@lunet.edu.

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Having an unprofessional email address. How seriously do you think you'll be taken by an employer if you email your resume from sweetlikecandy69@hotmail.com? Not very seriously at all. If you haven't done so, take a few minutes to sign up for a free email account and put your name or part of your name as the address.

Having an unprofessional voice message: Talking sexy on your answering machine or having vulgar music playing in the background will turn a potential employer all the way off. While you're job searching you'll need to have a very professional message on your phone line so an employer won't get the wrong impression of you.

Sending out sloppy resumes and cover letters. Employers sometimes look at hundreds of resumes / cover letters a day. Do not give them a reason to throw yours away because of spelling errors, missing information, etc. Have at least two people with experience writing resumes / cover letters proofread your materials.

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Study of students finds connection between spirituality, religiousness, and mental health

College students with high levels of religious involvement and commitment report having better emotional and mental health than those with little or no involvement, according to new research released by UCLA's Higher Education Research Institute.

Those who are highly involved in religion are less likely to feel depressed, experience psychological distress, and to report poor emotional health. For example, non-church-going students are more than twice as likely to report feeling depressed or poorer emotional health than students who attend religious services frequently.

The analysis, part of a national study of 3,680 third-year college students at 46 diverse colleges and universities, also shows that highly "spiritual" students have relatively high levels of spiritual distress, but they also have high levels of self-esteem.

The study reported that overall, there is a substantial decline during the college years in students' psychological well-being, self-rated physical health, and health-related behaviors. Nearly eight-in-ten college juniors say they have been depressed at least occasion-

ally during the past year, and one-in-five have sought personal counseling since entering college.

"College can be an unsettling time as students struggle with change and fundamental issues about themselves and the world," said UCLA Professor Alexander W. Astin, co-principal investigator for the project. "This study suggests that religion and spirituality can play a positive role in the mental and emotional health of students."

Other findings:

√ Religiousness and Well-Being

Participation in religious activity is positively associated with emotional health. For example, students who frequently participate in religious services, compared to non-participants, show much smaller increases in frequently feeling overwhelmed during college (+2 percent versus +14 percent). Similarly, students who do not attend religious services, compared to those who attend frequently, are more than twice as likely to report feeling depressed frequently (13

versus 6 percent) and to rate themselves "below average" or "bottom 10 percent" in emotional health (21 versus 8 percent).

Students who exhibit high levels of religious involvement were

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—Alexander W. Astin, UCLA professor

not as apt to experience psychological distress as were students exhibiting little or no religious involvement. Only 20 percent of highly religiously involved students report high levels of psychological distress, compared to 34 percent of students with low levels of religious involvement. (Religious involvement includes such activities as reading sacred texts, attending religious services, joining religious organizations on campus, etc. Psychological distress includes such indicators as feeling overwhelmed, feeling that life is full of stress and anxiety, and feeling depressed.)

√ Religious Commitment.

Only 23 percent of highly religiously committed students report

high levels of psychological distress, compared to 33 percent of students with low levels of religious commitment. (Commitment is measured by indicators such as students saying that spiritual/religious

beliefs are one of the most important things in life; provide

strength, support, and guidance; and give meaning/purpose to life.)

√ Spirituality and Well-Being

Spirituality (e.g., desiring to integrate spirituality into one's life, believing we are all spiritual beings, believing in the sacredness of life, having a spiritual experience) has a mixed relationship with psychological health.

Highly spiritual students, for example, are prone to experiencing Spiritual Distress (e.g., questioning religious/spiritual beliefs, feeling unsettled about spiritual/religious matters, feeling angry with God): 22 percent of highly spiritual students report high levels of spiritual distress, compared to only eight percent of students with low scores on spirituality. Highly spiritual students are also slightly more likely than students with low scores on spirituality to report high levels of psychological distress (26 versus 21 percent).

Spirituality is positively related to both Self-Esteem (e.g., intellectual self-confidence, social self-confidence, self-rated courage) and feelings of Equanimity (e.g., feeling good about the direction in which life is headed, feeling at peace/centered, seeing each day as a gift). (Self-esteem and equanimity are also positively associated with both religious commitment and religious involvement, but the associations with spirituality are stronger.)

"These findings regarding spiritual distress suggest that many spiritual seekers, in contrast to most highly religious people, may

be unsettled about spiritual and religious matters," said Astin.

"Educators need to be aware of, and sensitive to, the fact that many college students are looking at very, very big questions and confronting these questions in meaningful ways," said John A. Astin, a health psychologist and researcher at the California Pacific Medical Center, and an advisor to the HERI spirituality project. "That they are looking at these questions undoubtedly has some effects on their mental and physical health."

These findings are part the Higher Education Research Institute's project, "Spirituality in Higher Education: A National Study of College Students' Search for Meaning and Purpose." Designed to look at students' spiritual and religious development, this study employs measures of spirituality, religious commitment and engagement, equanimity, charitable involvement, spiritual quest, spiritual distress, psychological distress, and other qualities related to the students' spiritual and religious life.

Findings reported earlier revealed that there is a high level of spiritual engagement and commitment among college students, but that many institutions do little to foster or encourage students' interest. For example:

- 77 percent report that they pray
- 78 percent discuss religion/spirituality with friends
- 76 percent say they are "searching for meaning and purpose in life"
- 56 percent report their professors never provide opportunities to discuss the purpose/meaning of life

The study also found that strongly religious college students tend to identify themselves as politically conservative and hold conservative views on issues of sex, abortion, gay rights, and drugs, but they lean in a liberal direction when it comes to issues such as gun control and the death penalty.

For more information visit www.spirituality.ucla.edu.

College students invited to enter video contest

Attention student filmmakers! The Christophers, a non-profit organization, have announced their Eighteenth Annual Video Contest for College Students. Cash awards include \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000 for the top three entries and five honorable mention prizes of \$100 each. The top winners will also have their work featured on over 100 television outlets through a special edition of the internationally syndicated program *Christopher Closeup*.

To enter, students must interpret the theme, "One Person Can Make a Difference," in a short film of five minutes or less. Past winners have used a variety of styles and genres that have included

drama, comedy, documentary, news format, music video and animation. Entrants have come from a diverse field of studies, and from as far away as Europe and Africa.

In announcing the competition, Dennis W. Heaney, president of The Christophers, said, "This contest is a positive way to encourage the idealism and enthusiasm of the students. Each year, so many of the entries give us a great feeling of hope for our future. We see outstanding examples of students really thinking about how using their talent in a positive and creative way can play a hand in shaping the world."

Entries may be created using film or video, but must be submitted in NTSC format on standard, full-sized

VHS tape only. The contest is open to all currently enrolled college students. Students may enter more than once, but an official entry form must accompany each video. Entries will be judged on overall impact, effectiveness in conveying theme, artistic merit and technical proficiency. The deadline for entries is June 10, 2005. Videos become the property of The Christophers and will not be returned.

Official entry forms are available by writing to: College Video Contest, The Christophers, 12 East 48th Street, New York, NY 10017, by calling the Youth Department at 212-759-4050, or by visiting www.christophers.org/contests.html on the web.

Email story ideas or comments about articles to LUGazette@yahoo.com.

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What's the Word?

What are you doing with your refund check?



"I plan to pay my tithes, put some money aside for myself, and help my people out there that's starving."

C.J. Mcgee, sophomore sociology major Stockton, Calif.



"I'm going to pay my bills and save some money for graduation."

Lisa Rowland, senior child development major Ponca, Okla.



"I plan to first take my ten percent off and give it to God. And second, my pastor asked each family to give five hundred dollars and I'm going to give that, and then I will get my car fixed."

LaMarr Green, junior computer science major Oklahoma City, Okla.



"What I would spend my refund check on is getting my car fixed."

Lareina Herron, freshman physical therapy major Tulsa, Okla.

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Jackson 5 reborn, introducing B5

BY KEVONO HUNT, Editor

Jackson-Five fans will be thoroughly impressed with the classic sound of Bad Boy Entertainment's new group B5.

The brothers Dustin, 16; Kelly, 15; Patrick, 14; Carnell, 13; and Bryan Breeding, 10, make up this Atlanta based group. B5 merges the old school flair and finesse of the Jackson Five with the modern day appeal of B2K to create a musical phenomenon that will make B5 a part of the music industry forever.

B5 dares to be different and anyone who listens to them sing is left asking for more. But B5 does it their way to appeal to the younger generation. With clean lyrics, original choreography, and good looks these



Bad Boy Entertainment's new group, B5.

young boys are on the way to becoming the next "big boy band."

Originally known as "TNT Boyz," only four of the siblings were originally in the group, which began performing professionally about seven years ago. The boys did the usual run of talent competitions, winning most of them. Later the group's name changed to "B5" when younger brother Bryan joined the lineup. Following in the footsteps of Joseph Jackson, their father, Adrian Breeding, decided they would be the Breeding-five or B5.

The lead single, "All I Do," originally recorded by the Jackson Five and re-recorded by Troop in 1990, finds the boys pouring their hearts out to that special girl. Even though their version sounds more like the remake done by Troop, they still deliver it in classic Jackson style.

Their self titled debut album will be in stores March 2005. Until then you can pick up this single anywhere music is sold. For more information on B5 go to www.b5online.com.



photo by De'Shawn Saffold

Renauld Porter, a.k.a "Magnolia Slim," gets a verbal thrashing by Joe Clemons, a.k.a. "Young J" in the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity "Da Rap Contest," in which Young Joe won. His trophy reads "King of the Throne."

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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.

The school of physical therapy is seeking candidates for enrollment in the doctor of physical therapy program. Classes begin in July 2005. More information: contact Dr. Millee Jorge for an application and program information at 466-3427 or 466-2925.

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 at 466-4269.

Lion of the Week

Stephanie Adams



photo by De'Shawn Saffold

BY CHONDRA KIRKLAND

Alumni play an important role in the success of a university, and Stephanie Adams contributes her all to make sure this remains true at Langston.

Adams, a 1989 graduate of Langston University from Denver, Co., is the third generation in her family to graduate from Langston. She currently serves as the executive assistant to the vice president of student affairs, where she handles housing and student activity business.

"Working here, I feel like I'm giving back to Langston for all of the things that they meant to me in my life," said Adams.

In addition to assisting the vice president, she also spends one-on-one time with students and counsels them.

"It's just wonderful to be involved in someone's life to where you're helping them grow as a person and allowing people to be creative and learn about themselves and each other," she said.

During her time at Langston, Adams participated in the band and was a member in the Alpha Zeta chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She says Langston has helped form Adams into the woman she is today. "Not contributing would be denying who I am," she said.

Adams volunteers with the band as chaperone and actively engages in many other student activities. This school year alone she judged the Miss Krimson & Kream pageant, assisted in the coronation reception, and went with the band to Atlanta. This semester she will serve as a judge and reception coordinator for the Mr. Langston and Miss Black Langston pageants.

"I love my job; I love being on campus and being involved in activities," she said.

Adams has two young sons who she hopes will make Langston their number one choice and carry out her family legacy.

The National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ), a student organization on campus aimed at undergraduate broadcast journalism majors and those interested in journalism, hold meetings every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in Sanford Hall, Rm. 310W. More information: call Dr. Karen M. Clark, ext. 3297, or Steve Jackson at (405) 834-4829.

Current Events

Wednesday, Feb. 16

A Stroke's Nest meeting will be held by the Lambda Alpha Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. on Feb. 16 at noon in Young Hall.

Thursday, Feb. 17

A spoken word / open mic night hosted by Shunu Tehu and Jessica Lowe will be held on Thursday, Feb. 17. at 7:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose building.

Saturday, Feb. 19

After party: Phi Beta Sigma will present Blue Redemption following the LU vs. Paul Quinn game on Saturday, Feb. 19. at Club Multi at 10:00 p.m. The cost is \$2 before 11 p.m. \$3 after.

Tuesday, Feb. 22

A Spring Informational hosted Alpha Lambda Omega Christians Sorority Inc. will be held in the Hargrove Music Hall in the choir room on Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. Please bring an official transcript, a photo, and copy of your schedule. Business attire required.

Thursday, Feb. 24

A writing workshop will be hosted by poet Angela Shannon in the Annie Laurie Coleman Heritage Center on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. A reception will be given for her in the lobby area at the Melvin B. Tolson Black Heritage Center at 3 p.m.

Friday, March 4

The School of Education and Behavioral Sciences will sponsor the Third Annual Preparing Teachers for Diversity Conference for teacher candidates on Friday, March 4. The one-day conference will be held at Scholars Inn from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Space is limited. Contact Dr. Ruth Simmons Herts at ext. 3266 for more info.

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