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Three Nights of Fright 7 p.m., Oct. 28-Oct. 30, I.W. Young Auditorium

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Happy Halloween!

Domestic Violence *Campus organizations raise awareness*

By Bre'Ana Driver Staff Writer

Many students, faculty and staff wore purple during the week of Oct. 21-25, in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness month.

Several campus organizations have hosted events to raise awareness about domestic violence, with the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. spearheading an array of events.

"This week is really about prevention," said Ra'Mon Gates, graduating liberal arts major and member of Omega Psi Phi.

The men started the week with a movie night showing "I Spit on Your Grave," a movie about a woman in a violent relationship.

On Oct. 23, the fraternity held a candlelight vigil in honor of those who have

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Photo by Aaron Parker

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Students, faculty and staff join in a prayer circle to pray for people who have been affected by domestic violence.

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LU students take first place in statewide college film fest

By Jarron Thompson Staff Writer

The results are in from the 2013 student film festival, which took place at Langston University on Oct. 15.

It was the first of its kind to invite all colleges in Oklahoma to participate, and it was organized by the student film group, 21 Elementz Productions.

"This has never been done before, ever," said Terry Haynes, a senior broadcast journalism major and vice president of 21 Elementz. "21 Elementz was the first (to have a film fest like this)," Haynes said.

Five schools attended the festival, which was held during LU 2013 Homecoming week, and 12 films were entered into the competition.

"I felt that the other schools came with some unique work. They were interesting," Haynes said. Julian Jackson, a senior broadcast

Julian Jackson, a senior broadcast journalism major, said the film festival was very beneficial for the students as well as the school.

"The festival allowed us to work with

students from other schools," Jackson said. "You have people that want to display their work, and they're open to constructive criticism."

Jackson won first place as a director for his film "Time of the Sluggard." He and Mauricio Griffin, a senior business major, are working on his newest film "Home."

"This is my first horror/science-fiction film," Jackson said. "Just imagine your entire life as it is, and all of a

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Nontraditional student thinks cell phones are effective learning tools for classrooms

Teachers often wonder why students fiddle with their cellphones during class sessions.

I believe the reason is that our students may have an inborn connection with modern technology; they seem to function through digital experiences that are unaware to us.

My skills with these new electronic devices are very limited.

Yet, it would be a disadvantage to deny young people, who can use it well, an opportunity to grow academically through the use of cellphones in classrooms. Many adults I know have

not understood the benefits of cellphones in training. Could it be that we need

a new start? For instance, how often do teachers ask students to perform in-class interactive activities with use of their cellphones?

Young people can use this tool to define concepts, get clarity on major subjects that puzzle them and help them figure things out with precision.



Walker

journals, among other useful things.

Most young people with whom I am in contact have never farmed using a donkey or grinded at a country mill. They have never even written on slate boards with chalk. Their slate board is their cellphone.

On the other hand, most young students I know are experts in the use of cellphone technology.

The majority of older people I know and educators from my "old" neighborhood are limited on how to utilize a cellphone effectively. I am one of them!

Is it this way at Langston University? If so, how can They could read the latest we make better use of this equipment to stimulate interest in study and increase opportunities to learn at LŪ?

We could invite students to tell us how to make these phones more applicable in classroom environments, and let them share with us how to use these phones to the fullest to increase more effective teaching.

In addition, teachers could allow their students to use their phones to help with in-class lessons and reviews; maybe for 10 minutes during a class period.

Before getting started, however, the instructor could agree with students that during or after in-class cellphone sessions, if a student is caught using it for other purposes, which is a classroom violation, then they could be asked to leave the classroom or to place their phones on the instructor's desk until the end of that class session.

My point is to help promote collaborative efforts amongst teachers and students about this modern technology, and to encourage its use to help "bring out the Lion" in students for ongoing positive change additional healthy and scholastic discipline at Dear Langston.

I believe that it is time for us "old folk," to "fess up" to the fact that we are no longer in 1950, 1960 or 1970; we have moved to an era of technology and openness, and our schools are lagging way behind when it comes to students' learning opportunities through the use of these cellphones.

I don't mean to promote rudeness or disrespect at our university. Instead, I aim to encourage educators to embrace new ways of teaching through useful technology, increase intelligence through new knowledge and promote ongoing mutual respect and decency between teachers and their students about cellphones, and boost academic growth through the use of these phones in classrooms.

Silvia Walker, doctor of inspiration, is a graduate entrepreneurial studies major.

Question of the Week

What is your favorite Halloween costume from your childhood?

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"Jasmine from the movie "Aladdin," the best movie ever."

Nanci Cooper, senior corrections major

Compiled By Aaron Parker



"For four years in a row, I was a witch, and then I started getting into princesses."

Ja'Nae Thomas, junior business major



"My favorite costume was when I was the Red Ranger from the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers."

J.R. Rucker, sophomore business major



"I liked to dress up like a football player a lot when I was a kid because becoming a football player was my dream.

Simeon Brooks, freshman undecided major

FILM FEST

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College MEN host Pink & Black Week

By Khalif Sanders Staff Writer

The Langston University College MEN Inc. is hosting a breast cancer awareness event, Pink & Black Week, from Oct. 29 through Nov. 1 at several locations on campus.

The week will include information to educate people about the importance of breast cancer and how to help prevent it.

Miles Chandler, chairman of College MEN, said during a meeting that he wanted to do something different for LU this month.

"At the end of October, everyone is going to be focused on Halloween," Chandler said.

October to focus on breast cancer awareness. People do forget that this is breast cancer awareness month," he said.

The theme of the week is

"I am proud to wear pink on the field in October. Luckily, nobody in my family has breast cancer, but I know people who do, so I do it for them. "

> - Carl Devorce, Lion football player

based on the colors pink and black.

Pink is the color that represents breast cancer, and black represents College MEN.

There are several events planned for the week, starting with a morning donut and juice sale Oct. 29.

A candlelight vigil and bal-"I want to use the end of loon release is scheduled for Oct. 30, a powderpuff football game Oct. 31 and the Pink and Black Affair capping off the week is Nov. 1.

LU students said that this awareness week is a great way to inform other students about breast cancer.

"I am proud to wear pink on the field in October," said Carl Devorce, a Lion football player and a member of College MEN.

"Luckily," Devorce said, "nobody in my family has breast cancer, but I know people who do, so I do it for them.

"The awareness week has my full support."

Look for fliers advertising Pink & Black Week events on campus.

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sudden, it gets interrupted."

The festival also featured work from other schools such as The University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma City University.

"First place, we were the best," Griffin said, referring to his work that he entered into the festival.

Griffin said that he is happy that they had the festival.

"I've been cast in another film," Griffin said. "We're already seeing some opportunities that the film festival has presented. It only gets better from here."

Griffin and Jackson have both been cast in the film "Numbers, A Gangsta's Child," which will be shot in New York City.

VIOLENCE

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fallen victim to domestic violence.

Why is domestic violence awareness so important?

About 2 million-4 million American women are abused each year in some sort of way by someone she knows, whether it's a husband/ boyfriend or another family member, according to the website, http:// stopdv.org.

According to the site, this violence not only leaves women physically scared, but emotionally and mentally scared as well.

"(Domestic violence) is so common," Gates said. "Most of the time, women don't report it because they are in love and they don't want to hurt their loved one. We just want to inform and make sure people are aware of the potential dangers."

The fraternity also hosted the campus hump day Oct. 23, where the members had a BBQ on Sanford Lawn.

On Oct. 24, Omega Psi Phi hosted "Purple Thursday," where the entire campus was encouraged to wear purple. "It is important to get

the word out that this actually does happen and let it be known," said Jace Boyd, senior hyper major and Omega Psi Phi member.

The men of Omega Psi Phi also sold purple bracelets throughout the week.

All of the proceeds collected from the movie night, BBQ and bracelets were donated to the women's shelter in Stillwater.

Omega Psi Phi joined with the Society of Distinguished Black Women to wrap up the week and host a prayer circle Oct. 25, to lift up all people who have been victims of domestic violence or affected by it in some wav.

The ladies of the Beta Epsilon Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. will host a seminar in the Student Success Center on Oct. 30, titled "Love Shouldn't Hurt."

The seminar will be held in the seminar room and will have Kim Flannigan, instructor of communication and sorority member as a speaker.

Flannigan said she highly encourages students to attend.

It will begin at 19:13, or 7:13 p.m.

For more information, contact Taylor Dismuke or Kim Flannigan.

Voluptuous Lioness New dance team makes debut

By Bianca Harris Staff Writer

Plus-sized women can dance just as well as average-sized women.

Langston University has a new dance team called the Voluptuous Lioness.

It's the plus-size dance team that gives members a chance to show their dancing abilities.

First of all, the name itself, 'Voluptuous Lioness Dance Team,' makes us stand out, said Ebony Brown, junior nursing major.

"We are a curvaceous and beautiful dance team that is willing to give Langston University a positive outlook," Brown said.

The team made its debut at the beginning of this fall semester.

The ladies practice every day at 6 p.m. in the Chapel. Brown, who is the founder of the team, said she created it to give women an outlet to express themselves, no matter what size they are.

Also, no matter the size, the team members said, they can still show up and show off.

"I am Voluptuous, of course! I joined because I've always loved dancing, and the team shows that curvy women can do it," said Keyunta Gunnell, sophomore criminal justice major.

There are 12 ladies on the team. They have performed at Midnight Madness and the LU Step Show. They plan on dancing at the basketball games and hope to have other opportunities in the near future.

They are not the only dance team at LU; there are three others—The Hype, Golden Felines and Langston Dolls.



NEWS

Courtesy Photo

A new dance team, Voluptuous Lioness, performs at the 2013 Langston University Homecoming Step Show. The dance team made it debut this fall as an outlet for all women to express themselves, regarless of size.

Ava Logan performs at 2013 Scholarship Gala

By Ándria Morgan *Staff Writer*

It takes guts to take on the persona of one of the most adored vocalists in music history.

If starring in "Ella Fitzgerald First Lady of Song" was intimidating for Ava Logan, you could not tell it from her performance.

Dr. Ava Logan, a veterinarian by day and a jazz singer by night, graced the stage at Langston University's eighth annual Scholarship Gala.

"It was so amazing, I had to blink my eyes a few times to reassure myself I'm still in 2013. Her tone and the way the melody played, it was an even match; she definitely blew me away," said Charles Tucker II, Mr. Langston 2013, who attended the Gala.

Originally from Washington, D.C., Logan now resides in the Chicago area where the bulk of her career has taken place performing in Jazz clubs and concert halls.

Not only did Logan portray Ella



Logan

Fitzgerald, but she also played the part of Nancy Wilson in "Dynamite Divas."

Logan performed one-woman tributes to Fitzgerald, Lena Horne and others in Chicago, Los Angeles and Florida.

While Logan attended Yale University, she trained in jazz, rhythm and blues and pop, and was a member of Whim 'n Rhythm, an all-female group.

At the University of Pennsylvania, she received her advanced degree in veterinary medicine, leading to a career as a research specialist in that field, according to her website.

Logan is currently married to Langston University alumnus Earnest Millhouse.

Gala coordinator James Dunavant thought she was the perfect performer for this year's scholarship Gala.

"When we were looking for a musical guest for the scholarship Gala, she immediately came to mind," Dunavant said.

"Her affinity for her husband's alma mater is so evident that one might think she was a graduate herself," he said.

Logan's performances consist of putting her own spin to songs

"Her affinity for her husband's alma mater is so evident that one might think she was a graduate herself."

James Dunavant,
 Gala coordinator

of her favorite artists such as Ella Fitzgerald, Nancy Wilson, Diana Ross, Natalie Cole, Barbra Streisand, Diana Krall, Roberta Flack and Whitney Houston.

"I'm a jazz singer first and foremost," Logan said, "but I love all kinds of music.

"These songs never stop inspiring me to find something fresh in them. As long as I bring honest emotion to them, I don't think there's anything I can't try to make my own."

News

Students feature modeling, designing talents in homecoming Fashion Show

By Jarrod Mitchell Staff Writer

is eternal", is the mindset that designers and models introduced to its audience Oct. 15, at fer," said R.L. Wilson, the 2013 Homecoming a student model who Fashion Show.

This year's theme, 'Al- Fashion Show. ice and Wonderland,' allowed attendees to business wear and casee trends in addition to showcasing Langston versity," Wilson add-University's very own ed.

designing and modeling talent.

"I believe the fash-"Fashions fade, style ion show is important to Langston because it shows the creativity that Langston has to of-

up-and-coming sual wear that we are promoting at this uni-

All of the models in the show were LU students.

"I'm a big fan of fashion. I like to dress, I like to see different aspects on it," said Neko Fields, another model.

a student model who "It gives people the was backstage after the opportunity to show-Fashion Show. case their style from "It also shows the where they're from. Everybody doesn't dress the same, "Fields added.

The fashion show features LU designers, including alumni and

I believe the fashion show is important to Langston because it shows the creativity that Langston has to offer. It also shows the business wear and casual wear that we are promoting at this university. "

> - R.L. Wilson, student model

Mr., Miss LU reign at 2013 Coronation



Photo by Josh Howard Charles Tucker, Mr. Langston University, and Jasmine Redo, Miss Langton University, wave to the audience at the 2013 Homecoming Coronation.

current students.

The show included vintage and business wear as well as casual and formal wear.

"I'm really into fashion, so I could see myself doing this professionally, definitely," said Shaquille Ander-

son, another model who participated in the show.

The Fashion Show was held in the C.F. Gayles' Gymnasium.

It takes place every year during LU Homecoming week, featuring a new theme each year.



Alumni reminisce about experiences at Langston, offer advice to students

By Nehemiah Taylor Staff Writer

Langston University alumni arrived back on the yard to celebrate the university's homecoming and share their favorite moments from their time in college.

Homecoming is a tradition of welcoming back alumni to the school. Many alumni were thrilled to share their experiences at Dear Langston with current students.

Donyetta Sparks, class of 1999, said her experience at LU prepared her for the longterm.

"My matriculation at Langston was very rich," Sparks said. "The relationship-building part was the most important part and prepared me for life after college."

Patrick Barnes, class of 2001, said the interaction he had with his professors at LU made the world of difference.

••... you don't get the opportunity to network with professors like you do here at the LU." — Patrick Barnes.

"I had the opportunity to visit other campuses, and you don't get the opportunity to network with professors like you do here at the LU," Barnes said.

One thing that has changed at LU is student housing. Before Centennial Court and Scholar's Inn were built, students were housed in Gandy Hall and Young Hall.

"I remember being in Gandy Hall and having floor parties and curfew, which I know current students don't know about," said Tasha Morgan, class of 1997. A tradition many alumni mentioned was "the wall," which served as a staple for

class of 2001

"The wall was in front of the student union and was like a meeting place," Barnes

said. The alumni offered some advice for current LU students.

"Remember, the networking here is priceless," Sparks said. "When you do go into the workforce, those skills that you learn here need to be transferred over for you to succeed."

News

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Campus diversity on the rise

By Talibb Woods
Staff Writer

Langston University has traditionally been a campus with predominately African-American students. However, the minority population has been increasing.

Whether it is for academics, athletics, band or Greek organizations, LU has more new faces.

The 2013 freshman class is the largest since 2008, and with the success of the band and athletics, the school has been able to recruit students from many different states with different backgrounds and ethnicities.

Brenden Kawada, sophomore nursing major from Oakland, Calif., comes from a Japanese-Irish-Hawaiian background.

"My junior college in Woodland Hills, Calif., had more Latin and Caucasian students primarily, but I have a lot of African-American friends, so adjusting to the culture here at Langston was pretty easy," Kawada said.

Kawada was recruited to play football. Although he said that he thinks the university technology can be updated, Kawada said he likes the teachers and the campus activities within the Greek organizations.

Greek organizations, to some, are the backbone to this university.

Justin Robinson, senior health education major from Oklahoma City and member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., said he is enjoying seeing the new faces and different ethnicities on campus.

"This year I'm seeing a lot more people with different backgrounds, and it's nice to meet new people and find out more about their cultures," Robinson said. Robinson added that he

wants to not only share his knowledge within his organization to African-Americans, but to all ethnicities on campus as well.

The volleyball team is in its first official season at LU, and also it is one of the most diverse teams on campus with student-athletes of diversity.

"My teammates and coaches are all from different backgrounds, so there really wasn't much adjustment," said Mikaela Phillips, a freshman from Conroe, Texas. "I'm used to being around different ethnicities now."

Phillips said her mother is Scottish and her father is German. She went to a diverse 5A-high school with African-Americans, Caucasians, Muslims, Asians and other ethnicities, so she feels very comfortable at LU, she said.



LU News Briefs

Letter from LU President

Dear Faculty, Staff, Students and Alumni,

I hope you enjoyed the Homecoming festivities last week.

It was an exciting week of activities for Langston students, faculty, staff and especially our returning alumni.

I want to thank each of you for your assistance in ensuring that our 2013 Homecoming was a success.

The eighth Annual President's Scholarship Gala took place Oct. 18 at Remington Park in Oklahoma City. The event was attended by numerous donors as well as faculty, staff, students and alumni of Langston.

Your support speaks to your commitment to Langston University and to providing scholarships for our prospective students.

During the gala, we had the opportunity to honor "Game Changer" donors, whose financial support has been greater than or equal to \$10,000 during the last year.

The gala also allowed us to raise funds for student scholarships, which aids in our mission of providing access to higher education for deserving students.

This year we raised more

than \$100,000! That is an outstanding accomplishment, and we look forward to surpassing this amount next year.

I sincerely thank you for helping the Langston community accomplish this milestone.

I am also happy to announce that next year's homecoming will be the weekend of Oct. 18, 2014. We are already planning to make it an incredible event. Thank you again for

your continued support of Langston University.

Sincerely,

Kent J. Smith Jr., Ph.D. President Have something you need the campus to See or read?

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Men's basketball team prepares for first game

By Aaron Parker Editor/Photographer

The Langston University men's basketball team is set to begin its season next week with a road game against the eighth-ranked team in Division II, Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas.

The team has high expectations for this upcoming season after coming off of a 12-18 season last year and an early exit out of the Red River Conference tournament.

Third-year head coach Nigel Thomas said the team has been working as hard as ever during the offseason and has been looking great in practices.

"The guys are out there really competing," Thomas said. "Everyone has been working extremely hard to improve on offense and defense. Defense is going to be "With a determined focus and heart, we can make a title run and be a force to be reckoned with."

freshman point guard

the staple of this team and that involves 100 percent effort and great conditioning.

"Players like David Harris, Joel Clark, Dominique Harris, and all of the guys, have been putting forth the time and effort that it takes to build a championship team."

Dominique Harris, freshman point guard, said there is not another group of guys who he would want to play with, battling on the court with him "night in and night out."

"These guys are my fam-

ily and my brothers," Harris said.

- Dominique Harris,

"I feel great around a bunch of guys who want to continually work and get better and are positive. "With a determined focus and heart, we can make a title run and be a force to be reckoned with," Harris said.

The team will have play the first home game against the University of Science & Arts out of Chickasha at 7 p.m., Nov. 12, in the C.F. Gayles' Gymnasium.

Practice makes perfect

Sports

Volleyball team works on setting, hitting

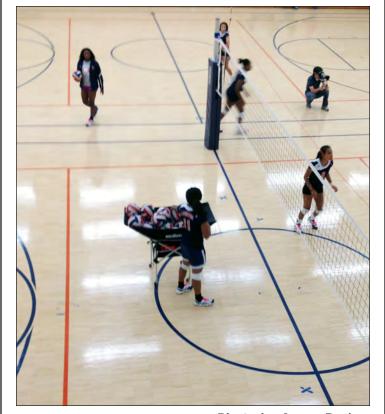


Photo by Aaron Parker The LU volleyball teams practices in the multipurpose gym.

Women's head coach makes improvements for 2013-2014 season

By Landon Gray Staff Writer

Coming off a 9-18 season last year coach Dave Johnson looks to improve the women's basketball program in his second term as head coach.

Johnson has made some drastic improvements to the program, bringing in 10 recruits, returning five players and putting the team through a grueling conditioning season.

An adjustment for any team with new players is getting them to mesh with the returners.

"The team chemistry is good so far," Johnson said. "I haven't had any headaches with the girls, and they look good on the court together."

The Lady Lions are very

optimistic about this season and say they are ready for it to begin.

"We have what it takes to get it done," said freshman guard Mikayla Alexander. "We have a lot of potential, athleticism and energy. It's a new year with a new team."

Jhordyn Patton, a freshman guard, said the team as a whole looks good and is ready to start the season.

"We go hard every day, and our dedicated coaching staff is getting us back to the championship status (that) LU basketball has had in the past," Patton said.

The Lady Lions had their first scrimmage Oct. 26, against Rogers State in Claremore.

Their first game is Nov. 2 against Xavier University in a tournament in Dallas.

PLAYER Spotlight

Pierre Alexander

Sport: Football Position: Defensive Line Class: Senior

Major: Corrections

Favorite Subject: Criminology

Hobbie: GTA5 (Grand Theft Auto 5)

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