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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at LU



Photo by Aaron Parker

Langston University students begin decorating the university Christmas tree in the Student Success Center.

Department of Music presents 'A Christmas Carol in Harlem'

By Jerrod Mitchell
Staff Writer

The Langston University Department of Music will perform a holiday musical, "A Christmas Carol in Harlem," at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 5, in the Atrium. Another performance will follow at 8 p.m., Dec. 5, in the I.W. Young Auditorium.

"I felt like it was time for something

different; we don't really have a theater department here and I just kind of wanted to explore doing a musical instead of the regular holiday concert," said Bonita Franklin, acting chair/assistant professor of music.

This is the first time in two years LU has done a musical theater production.

Auditions were held in late September and students were required to

prepare a song and a monologue.

"Rehearsals have been flowing smoothly," said Dedrien Blackwell, junior music education major.

"I want people on campus to see the talent LU has to offer; there is excellence in the Music Department," he said.

The musical production gave stu-

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The Gazette

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Student discusses senior year successes, memories, goals

Near the end of the first semester of my senior year, graduation seems so close.

The anticipation, the college lifestyle and the cold, winter weather that is upon everyone means that graduation is getting much closer because the fall semester is basically over.

Every day is a reminder to get through and keep pushing.

The road is not easy and nothing is simply given to anyone.

However, on top of school work, I'm also working on two film projects with 21 Elementz Productions, which are "Home" and "Black De-



Haynes

cember" (student films).

"Home" is a Sci-Fi film; Student-director Julian D. Jackson is filming on the Langston University campus.

My latest film titled "Black December," is a screenplay that will be submitted for the Oklahoma Broadcasters Educa-

tion Association competition.

Earlier in the semester, I had the opportunity to take a trip to the 13th annual Hollywood Black Film Festival in California.

The festival was inspiring, to say the least.

Myself and two other broadcast journalism majors, Darrell Strong and Justin Bennett, attended the festival.

We were able to attend the HBFF-Film Diaspora because it was part of an internship that I was completing.

The arrival back at LU was conceptualized with ideas from the experience at the HBFF.

We learned that our work is impacting our school community. This became a closer reality in the film industry.

Now I know that this is our time to make memories and to be better than the ones before us.

There are a lot of things in store for this spring semester at LU, my final semester at this institution.

There will be film fests, student competitions and movie-making magic.

To be a part of any upcoming projects or films, visit:

21ElementzProductions.blogspot.com and send us an email.

Terry Haynes is a senior broadcast journalism major.

Question of the Week

What is your favorite thing about Christmas and the holiday season?



"I like being with family and friends, and giving and receiving gifts."

Isaiah Woods,
junior biology major



"I like the feeling you get when you wake up on Christmas morning and you know you are about to open a lot of presents."

Mahcala Edwards,
freshman biology major



"I love being with family and seeing family members that I haven't seen for a long time."

Treshawna Edwards,
freshman political science major



"I love the vacation time away from school and being able to see my friends and family."

Mercedes Cox,
freshman psychology major

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Langston physical therapy students advocate for bill at Oklahoma capitol

By **Andria Morgan**
Staff Writer

When you believe in something, fight for it.

This was the mentality of the 2015 class in the School of Physical Therapy when they celebrated physical therapy month by advocating for their profession.

On Nov. 6, physical therapy students met with Rep. Arthur Hulbert, Rep. Mike Shelton and Rep. Anastasia Pittman at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

The students were advocating for bills HB 1020, patient direct access and HR 1252/SB 602, student loan repayment for physical therapy services.

"This was amazing," said Julie Hancox, class

president. "It was empowering and really awesome to get to advocate for a bill that could directly impact my future as a professional."

Advocating for these bills was a service-learning project for students in their second year in the Public Policy class within the School of Physical Therapy.

"Advocating for the profession helped raise awareness of the benefits of physical therapy and how patient access to these services can really help people within the community," said CJ Stewart, School of Physical Therapy, Class of 2015 student.

Before their visit to the capitol, the physical therapy students brought

awareness to the Langston University main campus.

The purpose of the awareness on campus was to educate others about the necessity of physical therapy services, specifically in Oklahoma.

"It is important to educate undergraduate students and gain their support for these bills," said Preston Brown, School of Physical Therapy, Class of 2015 student.

The students were able to get more than 100 signatures on their petition in support of HB 1020 and HR 1252/SB 602.

The physical therapy students had such a great experience at the capitol, they said, that they plan to go back to advocate for more bills in March 2014.



Courtesy Photo

Langston University School of Physical Therapy students visit the Oklahoma State Capitol to advocate for a bill regarding student loan repayment for physical therapy services.

**This is the final issue of
the *Gazette* for the
fall 2013 semester.**

**We will resume
publication in the
spring 2014 semester.**

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MUSICAL

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dents the chance to exercise and improve their talents under the direction of Franklin and co-director Erica Thomas.

"This is something I would love to do professionally," said Karyln Morrison, junior early childhood education major.

"Before I began studies at LU, I was a musical performance major, and I plan on returning to that major after I graduate," Morrison said. "I really hope this musical will inspire people to open up their hearts and appreciate the Christmas holiday."

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— *Karyln Morrison,
junior early
childhood
education major*

Students prepare to tackle finals

By Jarron Thompson
Staff Writer

Students and faculty at Langston University are anticipating the upcoming holiday season. Some may have already completed their Christmas wish lists, but before they can enjoy their gifts, they'll have to tackle final exams.

LU finals begin Dec. 9, and end Dec. 13.

LU professors have prepared comprehensive exams for the students, and the pupils have been studying all semester to pass the

“Pray, study, eat a snack, take a nap and probably study more to make sure that you are ready.”

— Karlyn Morisson,
junior early child education major

test.

Karlyn "K.MO" Morisson, a junior early childhood education major, offered her advice on how to approach finals week.

"Pray, study, eat a snack, take a nap and probably study more to make sure that you are ready," Morisson said.

Shaquana Gray, a sopho-

more nursing major, said if people study from the beginning of the semester until the end, there will be no need to "cram."

"I think I'm like everyone else," Gray said. "You should be studying and preparing for finals from the very first day."

Xavier Flenoy, a sophomore broadcast journalism major, said it's a good idea to speak with instructors if students are having difficulty.

"I plan on getting a study partner, and I'm going to collect all of my study

guides," Flenoy said.

"I'm also going to talk with my teachers and get extra help," Flenoy added.

Immediately after students complete their final exams, they will be able to enjoy their break for the holidays.

Flenoy said he has made his Christmas demands this year, and he hopes everyone has been listening.

"I want to collect all of my presents from my family and my friends. Man, because I need those presents," Flenoy said, chuckling.

Students stay trendy during fall, winter seasons

By Nehemiah Taylor
Staff Writer

Langston University students are fashionably adjusting to the cold weather.

According to an article by Michelle Persad, who writes for the *Huffington Post*, many trends that were seen in the spring and summer can be transferred into autumn and winter trends.

Persad lists leather, plaid, pastels and even white in her "Top 10 things you need to buy this Fall" column for the *Huff Post Style*.

With the cold front that hit Oklahoma at the end of November, LU students have been following the advice from Persad.

"One trend that ladies can still do is halter tops as long as it's paired with high-waist bottoms," said LU senior Ebony Hopkins.

"Deep, warm colors are a little more appealing than pastels this season," she added.

Another trend that can be transferred to fall is denim.

"Jeans can always be reinvented with different colors to match the season," said LU freshman Amber Hopkins.

Although the military look was trendy during fall 2012, this year, army fatigues, military blazers and other similar styles are well



in the past.

But for some males, the military look can still work for 2013.

"It's no surprise that camo prints remain steadfast in 2013," said Nicoleta Parascan, columnist for Fashionising.com.

As for colors this season, bold hues are a must.

"Right now, bright and bold colors are in, such as royal blues and a mustard yellow," Amber Hopkins said. "Color blocking is always trendy as well."

Top:

Devin Wilson sports his fall and winter fashion trend with a light, black jacket, a plaid scarf, dark black sunglasses and a newsboy-style cap.

Bottom:

Wilson keeps his trendy fall and winter look with corduroy pants.



Five women to compete for Miss Langston crown

By Terry Haynes
Staff Writer

There are five contestants who will compete for the Miss Langston University 2014 crown at 7 p.m., Dec. 7, in the I.W. Young Auditorium.

The women competing are BreYonna Pettaway, Beatrice Harrod, Lekeira Watson, Dune Barksdale and Ashley Wright.

"Being only a sophomore, I am the youngest out of all the ladies," Pettaway said. "It's an honor and a blessing."

Miss Langston University 2013 Jasmine Redo will crown one of these four ladies as queen.

Redo, a broadcast journalism major from Muskogee, also had the opportunity to advance and compete in the 2013 Miss Oklahoma Schol-

arship Pageant.

"You have to go out into the world and be courageous," Redo said. "It's what you do with your own dreams that allows you to inspire others."

Being Miss Langston University, the winner is expected to make a full-time commitment and have time management and communication skills.

As the reigning Miss LU, Redo had the opportunity to represent the university by traveling across Oklahoma and out of the state as well.

"When you look into the eyes of little girls, you see a story of their own hopes and dreams; it's an absolute humbling experience," Redo said.

The winner also is expected to have discipline.

Redo is currently interning with KSBI as a field re-

"You have to go out into the world and be courageous. It's what you do with your own dreams that allows you to inspire others."

— Jasmine Redo,
Miss LU 2013

porter.

As a graduating senior, Redo still maintains her grades as Miss LU.

The Miss LU pageant leaders include Dez Lewis, Courtland Powers and Stephanie Adams.

This is the second time in history the Miss LU pageant was in the same year. It offers the winner a \$2,000 scholarship.

Social Sciences Club collects toys for kids

By Andrenique Meigs
Contributing Writer

We have arrived at the season of giving, and this year the Social Science Club has done just that.

Club members hosted a toy drive on campus Nov. 22-27.

The entire community of Langston was welcomed to bring toys as well as money donations for toys that will be donated to the Wesley Foundation.

Rev. Brooks will then hand out toys to the children who live in the town of Langston.

In the Social Science Club, there are students who are sociology majors, corrections majors and also other students who are interested in the club.

Some of the areas that are important in sociology are family and the needs of families.

During the holiday season one of the major needs is to bring happiness to families and children.

"Many families, because of the economic situation,

are not able to do things for their children, so they wanted to look at a community and then have the students of Langston contribute toys for the holiday season," said Dr. Mose Yvonne Brooks-Hooks, professor of sociology.

Ocean Jackson is the president of the Social Science Club, who spearheaded the toy drive.

"We raised \$150, and with that, we went out and purchased toys; we also got over 50 toys (donated)," Jackson said.

Those who were involved in the event wanted to focus on giving, helping and looking at families and their needs, and how they could brighten someone's day.

Jackson as well as the vice president, Veronica Williams, put on the event by themselves, which was successful, they said.

"What better way to do community service than to give back," Jackson said. "So we wanted to do something to make someone's day a little easier."

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Students attend ORPS conference, Naylor receives \$500 scholarship

By Charles Granger
Staff Writer

Langston University's health, physical education and recreation major students joined Oklahoma Recreation and Park Society for the 2013 ORPS Society Conference, where one LU student was first to receive the ORPS scholarship.

Six LU HPER majors attended the ORPS Society Conference held in Tulsa.

The student representatives participated in various sessions, introduced guest speakers, signed off

on CEV's for ORPS members and assisted with session evaluations.

Senior HPER major Melissa Naylor received a \$500 scholarship, making her LU's first student to receive this honor.

"I was really surprised and grateful when I heard I had gotten ORPS scholarship," Naylor said. "Before this semester, I honestly had no idea that ORPS existed or (that I had) the opportunity to go and meet so many people in my field of profession."

LU assistant profes-

sor and chaperon to the student reps Nicole Been was sworn into office as the new vice president of ORPS.

"ORPS is a professional organization for anyone that is involved with physical education and recreation," Been said.

"I've participated with

ORPS for three years, but it was good being a part of it," Been added. "Students get to see a different side of parks and recreation."

ORPS members were pleased that the student reps attended the event.

Attending this conference helped the HPER majors broaden their

spectrum on various job titles and careers that their major offers.

"I felt really honored and blessed to take the trip; it opened my eyes to a lot and really got me excited about my future in this profession," said Thomas Worthen, junior HPER major.

Greeks host events at LU

By Landon Gray
Staff Writer

During the past couple of weeks, Langston University has seen a significant Greek influence in their attempt to enlighten the LU student population.

The members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. had "Social Kontrol Week" from Nov. 11 through Nov. 13.

The Kappas also hosted "Training for Leadership Week" from Nov. 18 through Nov. 22.

"There are several reasons why we had these weeks," said Emil Clayton, Polemarch [president] of Kappa Alpha Psi. "We had fundraisers to raise money for our organization and seminars to provide valuable information to students."

The Members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. also hosted their "Achievement Week," and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. hosted their "Founders Week."

"The purpose of our week was to commemorate 102 years of high aspirations and achieving goals set forth by older brothers," said Taylor Berry, member of Omega Psi Phi.

Sigma Gamma Rho had events such as "Hump Day with the Nupes" and "Greek Switch Day."

"Greek Switch was hilarious," said BreYona Pettaway, sophomore elementary education major. "Everyone showed out and the crowd was very entertained."

Many students attended the events hosted by each organization, and multiple students said they liked how these organizations have been giving them something to do on campus.

The members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. capped the semester with their highly anticipated probates and a concert with southern rap artist Lil Ronny.

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Monday	8 a.m.	Dec. 13, 2013	FRIDAY, 8-10 a.m.
	9 a.m.	Dec. 12, 2013	THURSDAY, 10 a.m.-Noon
	10 a.m.	Dec. 13, 2013	FRIDAY, 1-3 p.m.
	11 a.m.	Dec. 10, 2013	TUESDAY, 1-3 p.m.
	Noon	Dec. 10, 2013	TUESDAY, 8-10 a.m.
	1 p.m.	Dec. 11, 2013	WEDNESDAY, 3-5 p.m.
	2 p.m.	Dec. 12, 2013	THURSDAY, 3-5 p.m.
	3 p.m.	Dec. 11, 2013	WEDNESDAY, 8-10 a.m.
	4 p.m.	Dec. 11, 2013	WEDNESDAY, 1-3 p.m.
	Tuesday	8 a.m.	Dec. 13, 2013
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12:30 p.m.		Dec. 10, 2013	TUESDAY, 10 a.m.-Noon
2 p.m.		Dec. 13, 2013	FRIDAY, 10 a.m.-Noon
3:30 p.m.		Dec. 11, 2013	WEDNESDAY, 10 a.m. Noon
4 p.m.		Dec. 12, 2013	THURSDAY, 8-10 a.m.
Thursday	4 p.m.	Dec. 10, 2013	TUESDAY, 3-5 p.m.

ALL Final Exams for Evening (beginning at 5 p.m.), Weekend and other classes not on this schedule will be held at the **LAST REGULAR CLASS MEETING.**

** Final Examination Schedule for all Multi-Section Mathematics Courses on MONDAY, Dec. 9, 2013 **

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LU to hold services for Dr. Blayne Hinds

Special from the Office of the President

Dr. Blayne Hinds passed away Dec. 1, 2013, from natural causes.

A public viewing for Hinds will be held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Dec. 5, at Pollard Funeral Home located at 222 S. Second St. in Guthrie.

Langston University welcomes you to help celebrate the life of Hinds at 11 a.m., Dec. 6, in the I.W. Young Auditorium.

To accommodate those who wish to attend the funeral, the LU-Oklahoma City campus will open at 2 p.m., Dec. 6, and classes at Langston University will be canceled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Our thoughts remain with the family of Dr. Blayne Hinds.

Lions win conference title, miss playoffs by one spot

By **Sammie Rucker**
Staff Writer

The Langston Lions football team played the season finale game against Wayland Baptist University on Nov. 16, with hopes of a conference title and a playoff berth.

The Lions earned the conference title, but missed an appearance in the playoffs because they were not ranked in the top 20 teams nationally; they were ranked No. 21.

Finishing the season at 6-4, the Lions went undefeated in conference play.

Jamil Hines, running back for LU, said the NAIA conference holds a point system that determines the seeding for the top 20 teams.

The top 16 teams in the final poll get into the playoffs, but if a team wins conference and is a top 20 team, that team gets an automatic playoff berth.

"Even though our team won conference, we were not in the top 20 range in the final poll to be able to get the automatic playoff berth," Hines said.

Hines said if the Lions would have won at least one of their nonconference games, they would have been in a better position to get the playoff berth they deserved.

Taylor Berry, a senior running back, said the team could have worked a little harder throughout the season.

"Looking back, we could

have watched film and prepared better," Berry said. "We should have won two out of the first four games, and finally, everybody has to be accountable on and off the field."

Talibb Woods, senior cornerback, said he thinks it is very unfortunate that LU didn't make it to the playoffs.

"I believe that if we didn't have such a tough schedule, our chances would have been much greater," Woods said.

"Those four losses we had at the beginning of the season hurt us dramatically," Woods added.



Photo by Nicole Turner

The Langston Lions win the 2013 conference title. Players on the team will receive rings similar to the one in this picture, which is the LU championship ring from 2011.

Basketball team begins conference play Dec. 6

By **Aaron Parker**
Editor/Photographer

The Langston University men's basketball team begins conference play Dec. 6, with a tough match-up against Our Lady of the Lake.

The Lions faced a difficult part of their schedule to begin the season and look forward to Friday to achieve the first win of the season against a conference opponent.

Head coach Nigel Thomas said he intentionally picked difficult opponents to begin the season to strengthen the team and have them playing full strength from early within the season.

"We want to test ourselves early so that we'll be in mid-season form before our opponents," Thomas said. "We have a good team this year, and we want to be able to compete for a championship."

The Lions have 20 games left on the schedule with all

"We have a good team this year, and we want to be able to compete for a championship."

— *Nigel Thomas,*
head coach

of them being conference match-ups.

Led offensively by senior guard David Harris, and with junior center Joel Clarke anchoring the defense, the Lions are confident they can be conference champions.

"The nonconference schedule has been tough, but it's preparing us to be able to compete at the highest level," Harris said. "Once we get in the conference (games), we'll be ready."

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Lynette Holmes



Sport: Basketball

Position: Shooting Guard

Hometown: New Orleans

Class: Junior

Major: General Studies

Favorite Class: B.A.L.E. class with Dr. Hunt

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