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Upcoming Dates

Education Majors Workshop

9 a.m.-Noon,
Friday, Oct. 17,
Black Heritage
Center

Homecoming Parade

10 a.m., Saturday,
Oct. 18,
Langston Campus

Homecoming Football Game

2 p.m., Saturday,
Oct. 18,
W.E. Anderson
Stadium

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Dr. Alonzo Peterson earns teacher of the year award

By Dhiana Brame
Reporter

The teacher of the year award is the most prestigious award that focuses public attention on excellence in teaching.

This year, Langston University has recognized Dr. Alonzo Peterson as Teacher of the Year.

Peterson, assistant professor, serves as the chair of the Department of Mathematics, and he has been with the LU family for eight years.

"Langston made a great choice in choosing the educator of the year," said De-Neeka Hill, who is a former student of Peterson's. "He's a tough instructor, but he makes learning worthwhile."

For other students, Peterson has helped them truly embrace learning.

"Dr. Peterson inspired a love for learning within me," said Goldie Lavender, another one of Peterson's former students. "I greatly appreciate him, and I am thankful to have been a student of his."

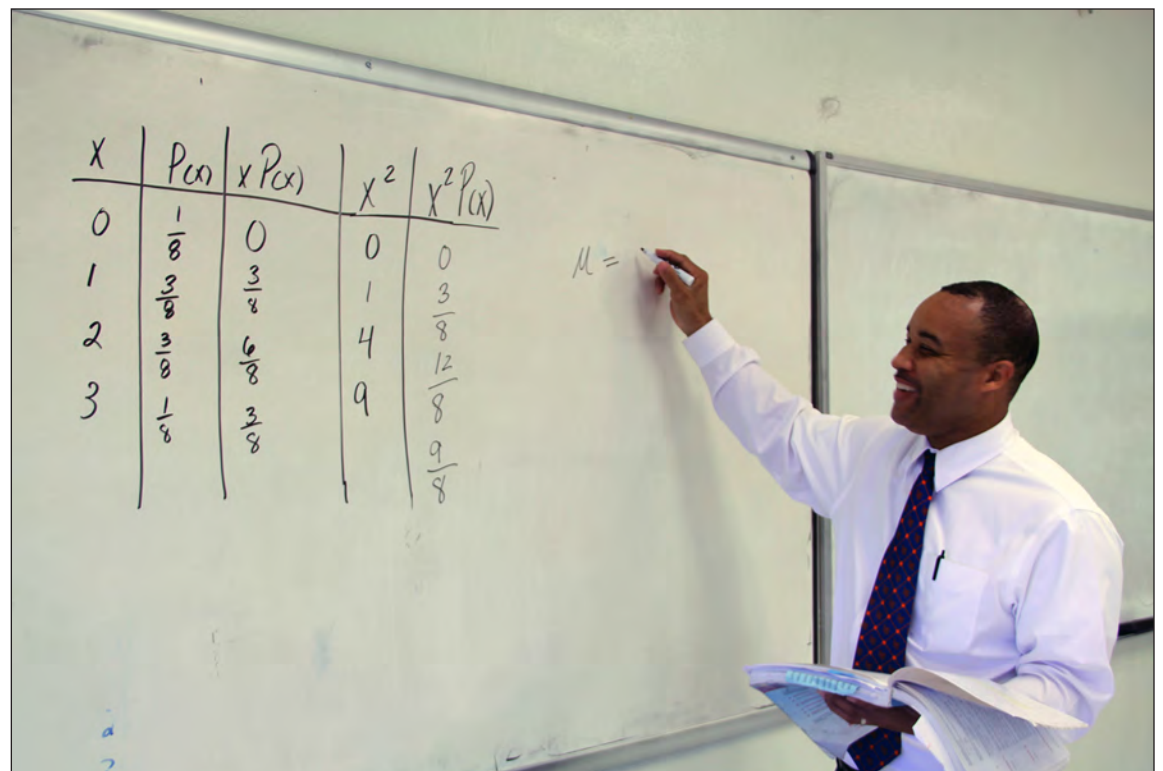


Photo by Jonathon McGill

Dr. Alonzo Peterson, assistant professor and chair of the Department of Mathematics, gives a math lecture and writes an equation on the whiteboard for his students.

The teacher of the year is nominated by a former student and whoever the student nominates, that name is then given to a panel of judges who make the final

decision.

This year, Peterson was nominated by one of his former students, Staci Gleen. Gleen considered Peterson to be her "school dad."

"I fussed and stayed on her about attending class, studying, meeting with her teachers, managing her

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University receives \$1.5 million STEM grant

By Leslie Simons
Reporter

Langston University has recently received a \$1.5 million grant from the Robert Noyce Scholarship Grant Administration.

The Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship awards grants to institutions of higher education in the United States.

The grant is directed for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) students.

"The objective for this grant is to assist science and math majors on becoming high-school teachers," said John Coleman, chair of the chemistry department.

The students at LU will be eligible to apply for

the scholarship after their sophomore year, and the best science and math majors will be recruited after their sophomore year.

Alternative students will be recruited from two-year colleges upon completion to attend LU on the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program as well.

It is expected that these

students will graduate with a major in a STEM field as well obtain a teaching degree.

OKAN network reported in 2013 that only 18 percent of Oklahoma high-school students who took the ACT as sophomores, juniors or seniors were college-ready,

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Student encourages others to get involved on campus

When attending a college, I think it is very important to get involved and stay involved in school.

It's always easy to attend a school and only show up to "fun" events.

But, students should make an effort in contributing to their university and creating the environment that they feel is comfortable for them.

So many of us come to college and become content with just being a student.

If you want the full college experience, however, you should get involved in events and



Jackson

programs that are geared toward bettering the university.

There is a variety of programs that allow you to get involved and showcase your attributes, and

they are easily accessible to the student body.

If you are interested in being a voice for the student body, become a part of SGA.

If you have a passion for music, join the university choir.

If you are interested in hosting or being a part of social events, then begin to get acquainted with those people who are already doing that.

For whatever drives you, there is a program of some sort that can support you.

If there isn't one, then you can create one yourself – there are no limits

to the possibilities.

The whole world is at your fingertips, waiting for you to grasp your opportunity.

What better way to start making a difference in the world than to start at your university?

If you don't like something done or said about your school, then do something to change it.

It is so easy to complain or just hang out and party, but the real test of a true scholar is to get up and make a change. It's all up to you.

Ocean Jackson is a senior sociology major.

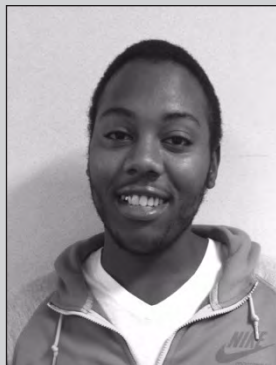
Question of the Week

What are you looking forward to the most about LU Homecoming 2014?



"I'm looking forward to the Step Show."

Taraya Maxwell, senior psychology/criminal justice major



"I'm looking forward to the Migos concert!"

Christopher L. Pope, sophomore psychology major



"I'm looking forward to coronation, Gospel Fest and the football game."

Nicholas Simon Jr., sophomore biology major



"I'm looking forward to the Gospel Fest and the football game."

Kim Flannigan, communication instructor and KALU director

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Ebola virus spreads to United States

By Deja McCants
Contributing Writer

Ebola, a West African virus, has now spread from its origin into United States territory, specifically in Dallas.

On Sept. 25, Thomas Eric Duncan, a Liberian man who had been previously misdiagnosed in a Texas emergency room, was later found to have contracted the infectious virus.

He had been overlooked by the medical team regarding his recent trip to West Africa. He was later quarantined until his recent death, Oct. 9.

Many citizens and even

students fear that they may contract the virus.

"I am cautious of who I come into contact with now that the virus has reached the States," said D'Andre Perry, a freshman criminal justice major from Dallas.

Although the virus is highly contagious, it is only spread through bodily fluids.

It is not airborne, said Dr. Marty Cetron, director of the Centers for Disease Control Division of Global Migration and Quarantine. Though this is fact, many still have fears of being around others in public.

"When I am in public and

people cough around me, I get a weird feeling, even though it is highly unlikely they have contracted the virus," said Breeona Smith, a sophomore criminal justice major.

At this time, there are no known FDA approved vaccinations for Ebola, according to the CDC.

Though experimental vaccines are underway,

they have not been through human trial and have not been tested for safety.

If infected from Ebola, the survival rate rests solely on the strength of a person's immune system and good supportive care, according to the CDC.

Since the first case of Ebola was reported in Dallas, there has been a second discovery of an infected

human.

A publically unidentified nurse, who was treating Duncan at the Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital, was found to have contracted the Ebola virus Oct. 12, according to the CDC.

He is the first person to have fallen victim to the virus within the U.S. boundaries.

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time... all the things her parents would do if they were here at Langston," Peterson said.

"She bought into the idea that we were on the same team, 'Team Staci,' and we wanted her to win by being academically successful and having a great life," Peterson said. "It felt great knowing that one of my students thought so highly of me that she would take the time to nominate me for this award.

Peterson said his biggest challenge, however, is making students understand that teachers always want the best for them.

"The biggest problem that I

face is getting students to believe that we are in this thing together," Peterson said. "We rejoice when students succeed and worry when they fail... it makes us proud when our students do well."

On top of classroom duties, Peterson said he likes knowing at the end of the day that he played a part in the growth, maturation and the eventual success of those students whom he has taught and mentored.

"It makes a degree from Langston University more valuable, more prestigious and more desirable when we are all on the same team, producing graduates who are knowledgeable, respected and highly regarded in their respective fields and communities," Peterson said.

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and even those students fall far below the national benchmarks in mathematics and science.

LU has produced two STEM education graduates during the past five years. The Robert Noyce Scholarship Grant administration's goal is to produce 24 new STEM secondary teachers during the life of the grant who will teach in high-need school districts.

"This grant will be so beneficial to our generation as well as the next generations to come," said Tammy Rhine, sophomore math major. "Preparing outstanding science and math teacher for the future is just what we needed."

Ebola Facts

- The current Ebola outbreak is most widespread and intense in West Africa.
- Travel warnings have been issued for Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.
- Few entry points in the United States screen for Ebola cases.
- Ebola is caused by an RNA virus.
- Early Ebola symptoms are also symptoms of other viral infections.
- Bleeding is common in later stages of Ebola.
- Ebola is often fatal.
- New Ebola medications are in development.
- There is no vaccine to prevent Ebola.
- Ebola is not a risk to the general public in the United States.

FAME: Forever A Memorable Experience

Langston University gears for Homecoming 2014

Special from
LU Public Relations

Langston University Homecoming, "Forever A Memorable Experience," will kick off with Rep. Mike Shelton as the grand marshal.

Homecoming is Oct. 13-18, with Shelton leading the annual parade and kicking off festivities Saturday.

"We are pleased to have

Rep. Shelton as our Homecoming grand marshal," said Kent J. Smith Jr., president of Langston University. "He embodies the quality of leadership that we strive to teach at Langston. Shelton has dedicated his life to serving others and has always been a great supporter of Langston University."

Shelton is a native of Oklahoma City and an LU alum-

nus. It was studying under a former state representative that Shelton became interested in politics.

Shelton mentored and worked with several organizations, including the LU-OKC campus. As the Community Outreach coordinator for LU-OKC, he launched the first adult scholarship program for the campus.

In 2004, Shelton was elected

to Oklahoma District 97 and currently serves as the assistant democratic floor leader.

Homecoming is an anticipated tradition at LU. Events are scheduled every day during the week of homecoming, such as the annual Gospel Fest, President's Scholarship Gala, Greek Step Party and coronation of Mr. and Miss Langston University.

The parade begins at 10

a.m., Oct. 18, and the football game begins at 2 p.m. against Wayland Baptist University.

LU is located 12 miles east of Guthrie. Langston offers over 38 degree programs, including five master's degrees and one doctoral program.

For more information on LU Homecoming 2014 and to purchase tickets, visit <http://www.langston.edu/homecoming>.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2014

GOSPEL FEST
FEATURING KIERRA SHEARD, THE WALLS GROUP, JONATHAN MCREYNOLDS
IW, YOUNG AUDITORIUM
7:00 PM.
FREE ADMISSION FOR LANGSTON FACULTY/STAFF/STUDENTS WITH VALID ID & \$5 DONATION FOR THE PUBLIC.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2014

T-SHIRT & WRISTBAND GIVEAWAY
C.F. GAYLES BOWL
11 A.M. - 2 P.M.

"INFERNO" ANNUAL HOMECOMING BONFIRE
GRASS BEHIND AG. RESEARCH BUILDING
10:30 P.M.

BLOCK PARTY
YOUNG HALL PLAZA
6-8 P.M.

LU BASKETBALL MIDNIGHT MADNESS & LANGSTON'S NEXT DJ
C.F. GAYLES GYMNASIUM
12-2 A.M.
FREE ADMISSION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014
HOMECOMING DOOR AND/OR OFFICE DECORATING CONTEST
JUDGING BEGINS AT 2 P.M.

BUFFALO WILD WINGS GIVEAWAY
ATRIUM
4-6 P.M.
FREE ADMISSION

ROCK THE RIBBON: FASHION FIGHTS AGAINST BREAST CANCER
HOSTED BY ENITAN BEREOLA
MYRIAD BOTANICAL GARDENS - OKLAHOMA CITY
8-10 P.M.
FREE ADMISSION FOR LANGSTON FACULTY/STAFF/STUDENTS WITH ID & \$10 FOR NON LU COLLEGE STUDENTS WITH VALID STUDENT ID AND GENERAL PUBLIC.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2014

HOMECOMING HUMP WEDNESDAY
SANFORD LAWN
5-7 P.M.
FREE ADMISSION

"LAUGH OUT LOUD" COMEDY SHOW
WILL "SPANK" HORTON, YOHANCE COLLINS, AND BENJI BROWN
IW, YOUNG AUDITORIUM
7 P.M.
FREE ADMISSION FOR LANGSTON FACULTY/STAFF/STUDENTS WITH ID & \$10 FOR NON LU COLLEGE STUDENTS WITH VALID STUDENT ID AND GENERAL PUBLIC.

HOMECOMING CONCERT
FEATURING MIGOS
C.F. GAYLES FIELDHOUSE
11 P.M. - 1 A.M.
FREE ADMISSION FOR LANGSTON FACULTY/STAFF/STUDENTS WITH ID & \$10 FOR NON LU COLLEGE STUDENTS WITH VALID STUDENT ID AND GENERAL PUBLIC.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2014

MID DAY SOUL LOUNGE
WILLIAM H. HALE STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER, GREAT ROOM
11-2 P.M.
FREE ADMISSION

CORONATION OF MR. & MISS LANGSTON UNIVERSITY / RECEPTION
CORONATION IN IW, YOUNG AUDITORIUM; RECEPTION IN ATRIUM
7:30 P.M.
SEMI FORMAL
FREE ADMISSION

POLISHED: ALL BLACK PARTY
FEATURING ADRIAN MARCEL
C.F. GAYLES GYMNASIUM
11 P.M. - 2 A.M.
FREE ADMISSION FOR LANGSTON STUDENTS WITH ID & \$10 FOR NON LU COLLEGE STUDENTS WITH VALID STUDENT ID.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2014

THE INTERNSHIP AND MENTOR NETWORKING FAIR
MULTIPURPOSE GYM
10 A.M. - 2 P.M.
SPONSORED BY LUNAA CHAPTERS

"A ROYAL REUNION" LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON
WILLIAM H. HALE STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER, GREAT ROOM
11 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
SHADES OF ORANGE AND BLUE
PRICE: \$45 PER PERSON

LU ALUMNI "MISS EDNA'S KITCHEN"
LU-OKLAHOMA CITY CAMPUS
12 - 3 P.M.
PRICE: \$10.00

LION'S FEST
SANFORD LAWN
2-5 P.M.

9TH ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP GALA
NATIONAL COWBOY AND WESTERN HERITAGE MUSEUM
1700 NE 63RD STREET OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
7 P.M. - BLACK TIE
\$100 PER SEASON (GENERAL SEATING)/ \$1200 PER TABLE
JAY LAMONT WITH SPECIAL GUESTS: RODNEY & HOLLY PEETE, CHARLES BARKLEY AND REGGIE MILLER

NPHC GREEK STEP SHOW & AFTER PARTY
C.F. GAYLES GYMNASIUM
STEP AT 7 P.M.; AFTER PARTY 10 P.M. - 2 A.M.
\$10 WITH LU STUDENT ID/\$15 WITH ALUMNI ID/
\$20 GENERAL ADMISSION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2014

PRESIDENT'S DONOR RECOGNITION BREAKFAST
WILLIAM H. HALE STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER, GREAT ROOM
8 A.M.
DONATION: \$20 AT THE DOOR

LU HOMECOMING PARADE
LANGSTON UNIVERSITY
10 - 11:30 A.M.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS
W.E. ANDERSON STADIUM
11 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.

FAMILY AFFAIR OUTDOOR CONCERT
FEATURING JAY LAMONT
MOORE HALL
12-1 P.M. AND 3:30-4:30 P.M.

LU VOLLEYBALL MATCH (LU VS. UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTHWEST)
C.F. GAYLES FIELD HOUSE
12-2 P.M.
FREE

LU VS. WAYLAND BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
W.E. ANDERSON STADIUM
2 P.M.
CURRENT LU STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO PICK UP ONE FREE TICKET IN STUDENTS AFFAIRS BY OCT. 17. \$25 FOR THE PUBLIC & NON-LUNAA ALUMNI; \$20 FOR FACULTY & STAFF; CHILDREN AGE 10 AND UNDER ARE FREE.

LU NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HONORS AWARDS DINNER & DANCE
LOCATION: THE TOWER HOTEL - 3233 NW EXPRESSWAY, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
8:00 P.M. - 10:30 P.M.
PRICE: \$40.00



Prepare to 'Stay Tuned'

Students keep producing news program

By **Brittney Kendrick**
Assistant Editor

Time has flown and seniors have gone ahead.

James Scott, a recent broadcast journalism graduate, had a vision to help facilitate an avenue to incorporate classroom knowledge with experience and skills and for the students on campus to be exposed to national news.

During this process, "Stay Tuned" was established. Beginning with a group of broadcast journalism majors with a like dream, they focused on highlighting accomplishments, covering important events and brainstorming new ideas for each segment.

The direction has changed, starting with the director of "Stay Tuned," Andria Morgan, se-

nior broadcast journalism major. Morgan and Scott worked closely together last year and discovered they shared like goals and visions for the show.

"It's different being in James' position because every decision falls on me," Morgan said.

Scott maintained high energy and dedication for the show, and Morgan is up for the same challenge.

"The show had a strong

team last year... they did a lot of work," Morgan said. "This year, 'Stay Tuned' has a new focus."

The plan is to focus more on sports and also cater to a wider audience. Morgan remembers a conversation with Cheryl Miller, the Lady Lions' basketball coach, telling her that she wants "Stay Tuned" to not only focus on basketball, but all sports.

"Stay Tuned" has brought a new respect for LU students. From LU alumni, to prominent graduates and current students, many have taken time to support the show.

A current freshman broadcast journalism major previously saw "Stay Tuned" via YouTube, and she was so impressed with the resources and potential here to excel and participate that she enrolled at LU.

With field reporters all ranging in majors, Morgan made the big decision to accept any student interested in the movement that the "Stay Tuned" cast continues to make.

The field reporters cover areas such as politics,

entertainment, campus events and sports.

Without the behind-the-scenes cast, the show couldn't be possible. Com-

posed of lighting, set production, cameras, sound and script writing, behind the scenes is an imperative piece of "Stay Tuned."



New "Stay Tuned" Field Reporters

1. A'Laiyah Smith
2. Amber Cale
3. Darian Lovelace
4. Lisa Brooks
5. Jessica Black
6. Cameron Bryant

LANGSTON UNIVERSITY SPRING 2015 PRE-ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 20, 2014-DECEMBER 5, 2014

1. Students must meet with their advisor for consultation and to have Advisor hold removed.
2. Students with 60+ credit hours can pre-enroll online after consultation with advisor.
3. Students with 60 or less hours must make an appointment with a University College advisor, University Women Bldg, 3rd Floor.

- Students must have a zero balance.
- Student must have a completed FAFSA on file.
- Students must be enrolled in order to secure Housing for next semester.
- Students on Academic Probation can enroll after receipt of Fall 2014 grades.
- Students must have all official transcripts from other institutions on file.



Search your courses at
<http://www.langston.edu/academics/services/registrar/schedules>

BET returns to Langston

By **Jonathan McGill**
Photographer

After 10 years, Black Entertainment Television returned to Langston University.

On Aug. 26, the BET Network announced the official return of the BET College Tour, making 14 stops at historically black colleges and universities around the nation. On Oct. 8, BET made its ninth stop at Langston University.

"It was fun to have BET Network at my school," said Daymond Gardner, a junior broadcast journalism major who had the opportunity to shadow the producer for a day. "I learned so much; it was a great opportunity, and I'm thankful to have met such hardworking, ambitious individuals."

The BET College Tour brings campus-

es a day full of entertainment, games, concerts, product samples and consumer information. Events during the tour include a freestyle rap battle, singing contest and various basketball competitions.

"It was awesome," said Jerry Burden, a sophomore computer science major. "I won headphones, towels, cups, sunglasses, everything! They had so many cool booths set up, some very informative. It was impossible for anyone not to have enjoyed themselves."

Performing a concert on the tour, BET brought Mila J, who is an R&B singer, songwriter and dancer from Los Angeles.

"She did great, and she was full of life," said Elaysha Johnson, sophomore sociology major. "I even got a 'selfie' with her after her amazing performance."

WEB & MVP creates safe 'haven' for students who have children

By Nehemiah Taylor
Editor

Midterms and financial aid is not the only worries that some Langston University students have.

According to a *USA Today* report, less than one in 10 students with children complete their bachelor's degree within six years of college entry. But a rejuvenated student organization looks to combat these statistics and uplift student-parents through their collegiate matriculation.

Since 2007, the ladies of Women Emerging Beautifully & Men Valuing Parent (WEB & MVP) have made their it mission to help give student-parents the environment where they are able to express themselves and find solutions to problems they may face while being a parent in college.

"We're here to support the parents on campus," said Chantrelle Fields, president of WEB & MVP. "We come together to create a better system to accomplish our academic goals being parents."

Vice President of WEB & MVP Dradea Love acknowledged that it is difficult being a parent in college, but she said, WEB & MVP eases the difficulties with their outpouring sup-

"Most students don't understand being a parent, but WEB & MVP provides a haven for us students who have to go home, prepare dinner for our family and finish studying."

— *Dradea Love,*
vice president of WEB & MVP

port.

"It's better to have someone in the same situation as you're in," Love said. "Most students don't understand being a parent, but WEB & MVP provides a haven for us students who have to go home, prepare dinner for our family and finish studying."

And while the parents are in the forefront of WEB & MVP, their children are usually not too far behind them when they attend the organization's Thursday meetings.

"It's not just the parents, it's the kids as well," Fields said. "They have so much personality, and they make the meetings so much."

ous universities and home environments.

Fields, who became pregnant during her freshman year, said she had no family support after revealing to them she was pregnant.

"My family, of course, were very disappointed, and I got zero support from them," she said. "But when I came back to Langston, my friends were very supportive, and then I was informed about the housing accommodations and the daycare, which gave me more security."

Love, who is a transfer student, said she was kicked out of her previous school after becoming pregnant. It became hard for Love to juggle her pregnancy along with school, which made her battle some depression.

"At my previous university, I was looked down upon because I was pregnant, and I became depressed and my grades suffered," Love said. "I was kicked out of school because I was pregnant, kicked out of the military because I was pregnant, literally, my life had to start all over again, and that's why I came to Langston because they were the only one's who would accept me the way I am," Love said.

Love, who revealed that she is very picky about who she allows around her child, said it's better to have a group of people who have the same concerns that she has in raising a child.

"It takes more than just a parent to raise a child," Love said. "It takes the village to raise a mentally stabled child with morals. It takes both nature and nurture, but with this organization, I don't have to be guarded because I know they also want to raise a successful child."

After talking about the perks of being a part of WEB & MVP, the ladies expressed how the campus was family friendly in contrast to their previ-

Student studies abroad in Gambia

By Charles Granger
Reporter

"I didn't choose Africa, Africa chose me," said Eboni Price, junior animal science major.

For 28 days in June 2014, Price studied abroad in Gambia, where she primarily volunteered at a poultry farm.

At the farm, she learned electric techniques of poultry raising.

Also, while in Gambia, Price met important people such as Gen. Anthony Ukpo of Nigeria and poultry specialist Dr. Kishor of India.

Price heard about the program through Dr. Mary Mbosowo, English/LUCID instructor.

"She is such a phenomenal person," Price said, regarding Mbosowo.

Mbosowo helps students in the study abroad program, particularly those who decide to go to Africa.

"It's been a successful program. Students are able to reconnect to the Mother Land and dismiss the negative stereotype about Africa," Mbosowo said.

Price learned that life in America is very precious. "I would never take that for granted," Price said. "I learned that the color of my skin had a story to

"There aren't enough words that could express my love for that continent, and I will continue to live and appreciate life and all its assets."

— *Eboni Price,*
junior animal science major

tell and I finally figured out how the beginning of the story went.

"There aren't enough words that could express my love for that continent, and I will continue to live and appreciate life and all its assets," Price said.

The study abroad program costs about \$6,500, and students have the opportunity to receive six credit hours while participating in the program.



Price

Lady Lions prepare for new season

By Trevon McNabb
Contributing Writer

The Langston University women's basketball team's expectation for the upcoming season is to take the program to another level.

The Lady Lions came off a 19-12 season last year, which included an appearance in the conference finals and in the NAIA tournament. This season has brought change with one of the program's best recruiting classes in years.

The Lady Lions also have a new head coach, Cheryl Miller, who is a former first team all-American and player of the year at the University of Southern California. She also is a former TNT broadcaster.

The returning players from last year said that having Coach Miller is a different experience because it's such an honor to be coached by a legend.

"It's amazing because she's the best player ever, and she's the best coach I ever had," said sophomore guard Jhordyn Patton.

The Lady Lions will open their season Oct. 30, against Southwestern Christian.

"If we stay healthy and everybody continues to buy into the process, we can have a great season," Assistant Coach Ronnie Barney said.

The new recruiting class and coaches have added excitement to the program that has not been there before.

"I definitely expect us to be conference champions and go far because our size and speed, plus having Coach Miller, those elements add things we didn't have before," said sophomore guard Raven Daniels



Courtesy Photo

The Lady Lions basketball team huddles in the gym during Midnight Madness, the annual midnight basketball showcase.

Men's track team has high expectations

By Austin Terry
Contributing Writer

It's a new season for track, and after a disappointing year, the Langston University men's track team is ready to redeem itself and show just what talent the members have.

Expectations are high for the team to bounce back after last season was a let-down in the classroom and on the track.

The men's track team is filled with both new and old faces, one of which is Ricollis Jones.

Jones was a bright spot last season for the team. Jones, a junior, is the returning conference cham-

pion in the 100-meter dash and a national qualifier.

Jones said he is ready for the season to begin.

"I feel like there is a lot of potential for both the men's and women's program to contend for a national title" Jones said. "I feel like we have more athletes who are focused on their studies so that they can participate in the season and compete, which killed us last season."

Jones was not the only one who had high hopes for this year's team.

Marcus Eggleston, a junior and returning long and triple jump conference champion, also is happy about the direction the

team is headed.

"This year is going to be a good one for us," Eggleston said. "With the combination of our runners finally being able to run and the freshmen looking really good, I don't see anyone who can stop us."

It seems that this positive outlook and encouragement has done good for the team. It's done so well that even the freshmen have set large standards for themselves.

Freshman sprinter Jerimiah Furlow has been working with both Jones and Eggleston. He has quickly learned that he is a part of a team with high expectations, and a lot is go-

ing to be asked from him.

"I like the way the team is and wouldn't want it any other way," Furlow said. "The coaches and teammates are all working hard, and I'm doing the same. With all of us matching Rico's and Marcus' (Jones and Eggleston) grind, we're gonna be the best."

The track and field team as a whole has an overall optimistic feeling for this season.

The members have all forgotten about last season and the mistakes that were made.

The first official track meet is scheduled for Jan. 10, 2015, in Missouri.

"I feel like there is a lot of potential for both the men's and women's program to contend for a national title."

— Ricollis Jones,
junior track team
member

Back to dominant ways

Lions defeat Texas College, look for Homecoming victory

By Jarron Thompson
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After recording an impressive victory over Texas College in the Lone Star State, Langston University football is once again sitting atop cloud nine.

LU punished the Texas College in a lopsided 61-0 in Tyler, Texas. The victory comes on the heels of a nail-biting triumph over Lincoln University in the battle of the "LUs" at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City. Langston pulled out the win in a back-and-forth battle that went down to the wire.

The Lions were even more prepared to take on Texas College, and the final outcome proved that LU was back to its dominant ways.

Under the strict guidance of Head Coach Dwone Sanders, the team has captured four consecutive conference championships.

"A lot of people don't know about our team," Sanders said. "We do much more than people are aware of, and we don't get the respect we deserve."

LU hasn't lost a conference game in three years, and Sanders feels that disciplined student-athletes and great coaching has been the reason for the team's success.

Matt Kemp plays right tackle for the Lions' high-powered offense. He is a junior hper (Health, Physical Education and Recreation) major, and was named offensive player of the week in the conference. He at-

tributes a great deal of the success the team is having to experience.

"We're a veteran group. We brought four returners back, and we've kept the chemistry going from last year, so that's helped us to be pretty successful," Kemp said.

Kemp also alluded to his teammates and the coaching staff as a source of motivation for him throughout the season.

"We play for each other. They motivate me by showing confidence in me," Kemp said. "We motivate each other, and we get the job done."

Charles Granger, a senior

broadcast journalism major, has played left guard for LU for the past four years and credits experience for the success that the Lions are having as well. Granger also speaks highly of the coaching staff at Langston.

"We feel so prepared because we're well coached," Granger said. "It's an attitude thing. We work so hard at practice, and Paul An, our offensive line coach, makes sure that we are ready for all of the different looks that we're going to face."

Granger said that the training he has received at LU has prepped him to hit the field at any time, ready

to "hit that switch and enter attack mode."

Langston racked up nearly 500 yards against Texas College in its conference opener. They ran for 170 yards, and gathered 293 yards through the air in the blow-out victory.

Against their next opponent, Oklahoma Baptist University, LU won 28-21, pushing their record to 3-3, and players are optimistic about their chance at winning another title.

"We're trying to get to the playoffs, and there is no doubt in my mind that we're going to win another conference championship," Kemp said.

Lady Lions defeat Bacone



Photo by Jonathan McGill

Lady Lions prepare to block a kill against Bacone.

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Charles Granger



Sport: Football

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Favorite Movie: "The Town"

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