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Black town tours brings TBS exec to LU

BY SHAUNNA COOPER
Editor

During an honorary tour of Oklahoma's historically Black towns, award-winning journalist and long-time civil rights activist, Xernona Clayton, stopped by Langston University to impart words of wisdom and inspire students for the future.

Clayton, a native of Muskogee, Okla., joined the staff of Turner Broadcasting System (TBS) SuperStation in 1979 as a documentary specials producer and has worked her way up the proverbial ladder ever since.

In 1982, she was named coordinator of minority affairs and served as the company's liaison with minority communities and organizations.

Six years later, as corporate vice president for urban affairs with TBS, Clayton directed internal and external projects for the corporation and again served as a liaison, but this time between TBS

SuperStation and civic programs in Atlanta and others across the country.

In the role of corporate executive, she became one of the highest-ranking female employees at TBS.

She was also the first African-American in the South to have her own television show, *The Xernona Clayton Show*, a regular feature on WAGA-TV, a CBS affiliate in Atlanta.

Concerned about the need for a more well-rounded view of African-American contributions in all areas of life—politics, medicine, science, and art—Clayton approached TBS founder and former CEO Ted Turner with her idea to launch an awards ceremony. Together they created the Trumpet Awards.

For over a decade, the coveted Trumpet Awards has honored African-Americans that do positive things to aid in improving the plight of their brothers and sisters throughout the nation.

"You should understand clearly that racism, bigotry, or any kind of separation or isolation did perhaps restrict our mobility, but you should never let it limit our ability," she explained.

Clayton has said that the ceremony is more than just a television show and a night of glitz and glamour. The Trumpet Awards also provide more than \$1.5 million in scholarship money to young people in need.

Cassandra Gaines, multi-cultural coordinator for the city of Muskogee and the historical black towns tour director, coordinated this particular excursion as homage to Clayton for all the work she has done for people of African descent all over the world.

"I've been doing tours since 1998 so people outside the state of



Photo by Kevono Hunt

President Holloway poses for a picture with award-winning journalist Xernona Clayton and jazz saxophonist Najee during the Oklahoma Historical Black Town Tour's visit to Langston University.

Not Just Burgers Anymore Aramark gives students another dining choice

BY SHAMIA JACKSON

The Whopper now has competition. With the addition of Louisiana Style Home Zone in the student union, students now have a new dining option.

This restaurant offers a variety of southern favorites, including chicken and shrimp etouffe, red beans and rice, chicken and shrimp gumbo, honey butter biscuits, and spicy chicken. There is also a variety of side dishes, such as southern green beans, macaroni and cheese, and corn on the cob. Like Burger King, students are allowed to purchase all food items with Langston bucks.

"This is the first time the university has ever offered something like this before," said Mike Crisp, production manager for Aramark. "You definitely get what you pay for."

Louisiana Style Home Zone has had a steady stream of business so far; however, some students feel that the menu prices are too high. A chicken breast, for example, is \$1.89 and a fried shrimp po-boy is \$5.99.

"I've eaten at the restaurant. I think that the food tastes like the same food in The Cafe," said sophomore Marvin Johnson, a biology major from Oklahoma City. "I refuse to spend my Langston

bucks on food that I could get for free. It's just doctored up, and they shouldn't make people pay for it."

Yet other customers have had a different reaction.

"I think everybody should try it because it's good, it's real good," says Nikita Moore, a junior criminal justice major. "Some of the prices are high, but after eating at Burger King for so long it's worth it."

This restaurant will be especially convenient for students since food options are limited on and around campus. The students' reaction to this new establishment will largely affect its future.

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Black Town Tour (continued from pg. 1)

Oklahoma know what's going on in the black towns. We started this one as part of a celebration for Ms. Clayton because she's from Muskogee and Muskogee has never honored her," said Gaines.

Langston University definitely showed its appreciation of Clayton's tireless efforts. The LU Marching Pride Band performed several numbers, including "Perfect Praise," arranged by Kelvin Washington.

Amazingly, after all her years of dedicated service to "the cause," Clayton still has the drive to fight.

"We who are African-American have to learn that we should not let racism become our problem; if anybody has prejudice or bigotry against us because of our color, then it should remain with them as their problem," she explained.

Clayton encouraged Langston students to strive above mediocrity.

"I don't like to tell students, 'be the best you can be.' I say be the best there is at everything, and surely you will be recognized for your excellence."

Scholar's Inn infiltrated by bugs

BY CHONDRRA KIRKLAND

There are more than just scholars living in Scholar's Inn. Creepy crawlers have invaded the complex and they do not plan to move out. From crickets and grasshoppers to beetles and spiders and many other weird-looking insects, the take over has not stopped since the opening of Scholar's Inn over three years ago.

"Crickets come in every year about this time. Sometimes it's heavy and sometimes it's light," explained Scholar's Inn resident director James Ollee.

Before the construction of Scholar's Inn, nothing but open fields existed, which was a home to many bugs, insects, and wild animals. Since Scholar's Inn was built on top of that land, the bug population has decreased some but has not disappeared.

"In this area crickets, spiders, and beetles are all normal," said Ollee.

While it is understandable that bugs will exist in the rural area, residents find it hard to believe that they have to put up with such an overbearing fight with the pesky creatures.

At night when the bugs come out in abundance, the streets be-

come filled with hopping crickets and crawling beetles. Various insects can also be found under the streetlamps.

To control the invasion of the pests, apartment maintenance crews spray the apartments with poisoning solution every two weeks. Despite these precautionary measures, several students have found crickets, spiders, and even scorpions in their apartments.

But the problem does not stop on the first floor, where the bugs can simply crawl into a dark place. They also fly as high as the third floor. In fact, some have literally fallen through the roof.

"The insect situation can really get out of control. It's kind of scary to know that bugs can come through the vents in the bathroom," said Kim Burdine, a senior mathematics education major from Oklahoma City.

In her bathroom, Burdine has found various bugs that have fallen through her bathroom-ceiling vent.

"There's nothing comfortable about the possibility of a bug coming down on you while using the restroom!" She exclaimed.

"On one occasion I went into the bathroom and there was a huge spider in the toilet; luckily, it was

visible. Had I not caught it, that could have been very traumatic," she added.

These frightening instances can result in harmful bites, leaving unpleasant marks on a victim's body.

One student received a bite from a "fiddle-back," which left a dry, circular spot, resembling a hole on his body.

A "fiddle-back," also known as a Brown Recluse spider, is a small, long-limbed poisonous spider that likes to reside in cool, dry areas and can commonly be found behind cupboards in homes.

Fiddle-backs have a marking on their backs resembling a fiddle. They have small fangs, which rarely puncture the skin of an adult human; however, when the bite does break the skin, the venom can cause headaches, nausea, and sometimes cause ulcerating lesions, which could take months to heal.

For the most part, Ollee ensures that the pests are "harmless and completely normal." To prevent the attraction of fiddle-backs and other insects to their homes, students are advised to keep areas clean, in order to minimize the chances of insects setting up burrows in their rooms and apartments.

Oklahomans participating in discussion on foreign policy

As part of "The People Speak" Initiative, a nationwide effort to include all Americans in a discussion on America's role in the world, Oklahoma citizens will gather on Oct. 12 in Edmond to discuss "American Power and Global Security." The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the University of Central Oklahoma's Nigh University Center, Ballroom C.

"American Power and Global Security" is sponsored by Oklahoma Campus Compact and the Greater Oklahoma City Chapter of the United Nations Foundation Association.

"The People Speak" was created in 2003 by the United Nations Foundation and a nonpartisan group of concerned organizations to provide forums for Americans to participate in discussions on policies affecting their future. Building on the success of last year's series, which culminated in over 2,000 discussions across the U.S., the 2004 initiative will engage universities, religious organizations, community groups, editorial writers, think-tanks, concerned citizens and others to participate in a public discourse on U.S. foreign policy.

Oklahoma Campus Compact was established as part of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education in 2000 and provides leadership, networking and technical assistance to Oklahoma college campuses and communities in the areas of service learning, civic engagement and community service.

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LU Voices

The Electoral College explained

Part 1 of "A Voteless People is a Hopeless People" Series

My fellow Langstonites, the crucial presidential election between incumbent President George Walker Bush (R—TX) and United States Senator John Forbes Kerry (D—MA) is rapidly approaching us next month on Tuesday, November 2nd.

I dedicate my 134th edition and fifth fall 2004 semester of Chapy's Corner to those who asked the question: What is the electoral college? How could democratic presidential candidate Albert Gore, Jr. (D—TN) win the "popular vote" and lose the "electoral college" and thus the presidency?

My first "a voteless people is a hopeless people" series epistle will examine the origins of the electoral college and discuss whether there is a better system.

You may wonder exactly what type of college the electoral college is. If you can read a ballot you should know that it is not a spring break "freak-nick" school in southern Texas nor an electronic technology college in Oklahoma. You should have seen numerous explanations of what it is and how it works and why it was ever deemed necessary. You should also be aware that it somehow added to the confusions of the presidential election of the year 2000.

But when the explaining stops—admit it—you still do not quite get it, do you? Well, as the recording pop artist Michael Joseph Jackson's song goes, "You are not alone!" What makes this griffin of American democracy so hard to explain? Let us examine six questions.

Tips to consider before getting a cell phone

BY KENT FLOYD

As you see on commercials or in newspaper ads to get you to choose their cell phone service. Before you choose one, make sure you are ready for the responsibility that comes with it. Here are some tips you may need when choosing a phone service. Choose a service first, then choose a phone. Network functionality and customer service are bigger issues than whether or not your phone has a speakerphone, camera or 50 ring tones of your favorite songs.

Decide whether you want local, regional or national coverage; if you are confused about which one to pick, just think about where you will be utilizing your phone the most. If you travel a lot, you might want national coverage and vice versa for local coverage it just depends on the individual needs. Slightly over estimate the number of minutes you need, its better to have extra daytime minutes than paying overage charges. The average cell phone contract is one year, and costs between 30-35 dollars for 400 minutes depending on who is your carrier.

Before you even think about getting a phone, some phone companies require a credit check, so if you have bad credit you might want to think about getting a prepaid service like Virgin Mobile, Cingular, Verizon and T-mobile. At Langston University, Sprint, Verizon and Nextel have bad coverage. If you are looking for a phone to just use at school, US Cellular or T-Mobile has the best service, according to some students. For more information on phone plans and cell phones, check out MyRatePlan.com. They have lots of helpful information on choosing a carrier and plan.

First, who are the electors? The U. S. Constitution sets forth only one requirement for serving as an elector. In Article II, Section 1, it provides that "no Senator or Representative, or Person holding an Office of Trust or Profit under the United States, shall be appointed an Elector."

The 12th Amendment to the Constitution says a group of these individuals appointed by the various states should make the decision to pick both a president and a vice president. As you may have learned in school, these folks are called electors and the whole group of them together is called the electoral college. Essentially, each elector has one vote, but different states get to appoint a different numbers of electors, depending on their state size.

Second, how did this process work in earlier years? During the first several presidential elections, state legislatures settled upon three principal modes of selection. The first was selection of electors by the state legislature itself. Most state legislatures appointed presidential electors in this manner in the first three presidential elections. A second technique was the district system, in which electors were selected by popular elections held in each congressional district of a state. The third approach was the winner-take-all, or "general ticket," system. Under it, a popular election was held statewide in

Chapy's Corner

By Dr. Eric Anthony Joseph
Chaplain
Coleman Heritage Center



which every qualified voter participated in determining the electors selected.

Third, how many electors do we have? Each state is allotted a number of electors equal to the number of its representatives and senators in the U.S. Congress. At the present time there are 538 electors, including three from the District of Columbia. Oklahoma has seven; a simple majority of 270 is necessary for election to the presidency.

If a candidate does not receive a majority of the electoral votes, the Constitution requires that the U. S. president be chosen by the House of Representatives. The 12th Amendment to the Constitution requires that the House "immediately" choose the president "by ballot" from among the presidential candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the electoral college.

Fourth, what were the Founding Fathers thinking? Were they inebriated when they came up with this idea? Allegedly, no. One thing is clear about the political theory underpinning the electoral college: the framers of the Constitution could not agree on one in 1787. The Founding Fathers, it seems, thought of the so-called colonies as a col-

lection of semi-sovereign states, and they figured the executives who mattered to ordinary folks would be the governors. The president was simply supposed to be the person who presided over the common affairs of states. In working out a mechanism for choosing the president, therefore, they were sensitive mainly to the rights and feelings of the states, not the people.

Fifth, what is the criticism of the electoral college system? The most common criticism of the electoral college, and in particular the winner-take-all system, is that it is possible for the "wrong winner" to be elected president—that is, a candidate who did not win the popular election. These critics say the winner-take-all system is largely responsible for the possibility that a candidate can be elected president even though he or she polls fewer popular votes than the opponent. If a candidate receives a minority of the popular vote nationally but carries a sufficient number of states to ensure a majority of the electoral votes, the candidate is elected. As a result, the will of the majority can be frustrated through the

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"Courage may be the most important of all virtues, because without it one cannot practice any other virtue with consistency."— Maya Angelou

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Mr. LL cuts it up at on-campus barbershop

BY JONATHAN C. MONTGOMERY

Some people say a nice hairstyle completes an outfit. No one wants to just let anybody cut his or her hair. If the stylist messes up, people have the options of going bald, wearing a wave or sporting a fitted cap for a while. With so many people here from different states, without cars, it is hard for students to find a barbershop where they can feel relaxed.

Mastercuts Barbershop, operated by shop owner and stylist Layton L. White (better known as Mr. LL), offers an on-campus alternative for students and people in the Langston community.

The shop has a cool laid back setting, complete with background music or an occasional movie playing on the television. Add in the regular chitchat of shop regulars that fills the atmosphere, and one has a winning combination.

Although Mr. LL has been cutting hair for 19 years professionally, he has been extending his services for about a year and a half here at LU. Before coming here, he used to have a shop in Guthrie called Touch of Class.

Mr. LL said he gets all types of customers, men and women, because the shop is unisex. Most people already have a specific style in mind when they come in.

"The fade is a regular. Most women want their eyebrows trimmed, but I cut their hair also," Mr. LL said.

To stay with the current trends popular among LU students, Mr. LL has a couple of female students at the shop that braid hair. He is also planning to open a beauty shop for the young women that want a hair-do instead of a simple cut. Mr. LL said he is just waiting on Dr. Holloway to get the green light.

Several students have expressed



Photo by De' Shawn Saffold
Layton L. White, better known as Mr. L.L., cuts a student's hair at Mastercuts Barbershop on campus.

how much of a convenience it is for Mr. LL to offer his services here on campus.

"Students enjoy the fact that they don't have to go off campus for a decent hair cut," said Ken Hues, a freshman psychology major from Oklahoma City. "They also don't have to worry about letting a friend cut their hair, because we know how those stories end."

Ken has already had his hair cut twice by Mr. LL and promised that he would go there again.

For those people who want to

see what Mr. LL's skills are all about, he encourages them to come look. Regular cuts for men and women are \$10, and children under 10 are charged \$8. Eyebrow trims are \$3 and special cut prices vary depending on the design or style.

His hours of operation are Mondays by appointment only; Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Wednesdays-Fridays from 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. The shop is closed on Sundays.



Photo by Kevono Hunt

Students register to vote during the Campus Compact Registration Drive sponsored by the Student Government Association. Over 249 people registered during the drive on Oct. 29 and Oct. 30.

Record enrollments continuing throughout the state system

Students are still attending Oklahoma's public colleges and universities in record numbers this fall.

According to an Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education report, preliminary fall enrollment figures show that total headcount is up 1.3 percent across the entire state system compared to fall 2003. A total of 181,590 students have enrolled in classes this fall, beating last fall's record enrollment of 179,209 students.

"Students are seeing the value of a college education more than ever, and Oklahoma's higher education institutions are providing a top-notch education for less money," Chancellor Paul G. Risser said. "Even though tuition went up across the state system this fall, tuition is less than most other states, and institutions increased financial aid. This report is also showing that retention is improving."

The preliminary enrollment report revealed that the state's regional universities experienced the largest percentage increase among the three tiers. Last fall, it was the state's community colleges that had the most growth.

Regional universities are seeing average increases of 2.9 percent this fall, or approximately 1,600 more students. Oklahoma Panhandle State University, Goodwell, leads all regionals with an increase of 11.9 percent. Cameron University, Lawton, is next at 5.8 percent, followed by Rogers State University, Claremore, and East Central University, Ada, at 5.6 percent. Nearly all of the regional universities are reporting increases in total headcount.

Of the 12 community colleges in the state, Northern Oklahoma College, Tonkawa, is the only one posting a double-digit increase. NOC officials report that total headcount has risen 20.9 percent compared to one year ago. They cite an enrollment surge at the college's new Stillwater campus as a main reason for the increase.

First-time freshman enrollment has also gone up, albeit by less than 1 percent, across the state system. The state's regional universities and community colleges are seeing average increases of 2.9 and 2.4 percent, respectively. The largest percentage increase is at Murray State College, Tishomingo, 19.3 percent; followed by Rose State College, Midwest City, 18.5 percent; Langston University, 16.4 percent; and NOC, 10.2 percent. Both OU and OSU report a drop of 5.1 percent; however, officials at both schools cite increased admission standards as a major reason for the decline.

According to the report, the top five institutions in total headcount this fall are: OU, 27,280 students; OSU, 23,330 students; Tulsa Community College, 16,982 students; the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, 15,574 students; and Oklahoma City Community College, 12,527 students.

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Sports

Crimson Storm clips Lions 17-7

BY JAMUEL WALLACE
Sports Writer

The Langston Lions' two-game winning streak was snapped, as they lost 17-7 to the Southern Nazarene Crimson Storm in the 2nd Annual Southwest Military Appreciation Bowl at Cameron Stadium in Lawton.

The Crimson Storm has won three straight games against the Lions. With their victory, Southern Nazarene's conference record now stands at 3-0 and 4-1 overall. Langston dropped to 0-1 in conference and 3-2 overall.

	SNU	LU
First Downs	22	12
Rushes-Yds	56-192	21-41
Passing Yds	193	115
Comp-Att HI	10-20-2	13-30-1
Plays-Yds	76-385	5 1 - 156
Pnts-Avg	3-30.7	8-35.9
Fmb-Lost	1-1	1-1
Pnlty-Yds	6-84	8-128

In the first quarter, on their first drive, Southern Nazarene needed seven plays and 36 yards to score, as kicker Chris Borah's 43-yard field goal gave the Crimson Storm an early 3-0 lead.

After a punt by Langston, Southern Nazarene's quarterback, Dan Denardo, made a pass attempt to wide receiver Joe Hall. The pass was intercepted by Lions cornerback Jamal Harley, who returned it 40 yards for a touchdown, giving the Lions a 7-3 lead.

On the next possession for the Crimson Storm, Denardo finally hooked up with Hall; this time it was good for a 43 yard touchdown, giving Southern Nazarene a 10-7 lead.

At the start of the third quarter, the Crimson Storm's drive was led by Denardo and Patrick Orth, who rushed for 43 yards on the drive, but the drive was stopped after Borah's 48-yard field goal fell short.

After another Langston punt, Denardo threw his second interception of the game, as Darnell Brown picked off the pass intended for WR A.J. Blackburn.

In the fourth quarter, the Lions' last attempt at a victory was stopped



Photo by De'Shawn Saffold

Lions quarterback Kendrick Dozier (6) shakes free from Southern Nazarene defender Scott O'Hara.

as Ross Smith threw three straight incomplete passes.

The Crimson Storm capped their victory when Orth ran off tackle for a 30-yard touchdown on

a third and one play, giving Southern Nazarene the final margin.

Offensive leaders for the Lions included QB Kendrick Dozier who

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LU Athlete of the Week

BY JUDY YATES

Jimmy Early, Jr.



Photo by De'Shawn Saffold

Jimmy Early, Jr. is a sophomore student athlete playing wide-receiver, (#19), for the LU football team. He comes to Langston as a transfer from Saginaw Valley State, a Division II university in Michigan, where he was a red-shirt freshman. The 6'2", 193 lb. Early

is a junior, but he has three years left of eligibility on the field. He is pursuing a degree in broadcast journalism and aspires to have a career in sports broadcasting or public relations.

While growing up in Detroit, Mich., Early attended Denby Tech High School.

He participated in basketball, track, volleyball and football. As a wide-receiver in football, he was 2nd Team All-State. He received All-State Honorable Mention at point-guard in basketball. His specialties in track were the 4x100 meter relay and the 4x200 meter relay.

Early has had a very impressive football season so far. He scored the first touchdown in the season opener against Paul Quinn College, and leads the team in catches, receiving yards and touchdown receptions.

"I would like to go as far as I can with football," Early said. "I feel football helps you grow more as a person because the average student cannot do what we do—balance studies and football. When we approach obstacles and adversities in the real world, we will know how to persevere."



Photo by Paolo Newman

Lions wide receiver Michael Gabrielle side-steps a Crimson Storm defender as he returns the punt in the second quarter.

LPC track option approved for grad program in rehabilitation counseling

The Langston University/Oklahoma City based Graduate Program in Rehabilitation Counseling has been granted approval by the Oklahoma Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) Advisory Board, the Oklahoma State Department of Health and the Langston University Senate, respectively, to begin offering an LPC track option this fall 2004 semester.

After the completion of the 48-hour Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE) Rehabilitation Counseling Program curriculum, students will have the option of completing an additional 12-hours under the LPC track option. Students who complete the LPC track option (a total of 60-hours) and 3,000 clock hours of approved supervision under an LPC will be eligible to sit for the Oklahoma LPC examination.

In addition, all students enrolled in the Master of Science Degree Program in Rehabilitation Counseling (MRC) who have completed

at least 75 percent of their coursework are also eligible to sit for the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) exam (the national certification exam) through the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification.

The program seeks scholars/practitioners who are willing to devote a minimum of two years of graduate study to develop a mastery of knowledge and skill areas identified by the CORE as requisite competencies for rehabilitation counselors. Students seeking admission to the MRC must first meet the admission requirements of the Graduate Program in Rehabilitation Counseling.

The program is currently accepting applications for the fall 2005 semester. Applicants must submit: (a) evidence of a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the undergraduate major, (b) three letters of recommendation from professionals in the field, (c)

a completed MRC application, (d) an autobiographical statement, and (e) an acceptable score on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). Applicants must be interviewed by the Student Selections Committee prior to acceptance into the program.

The MRC started at Langston University in January 2001. It is designed to meet the growing demand for qualified, professionally trained rehabilitation counselors who want to work in public and private rehabilitation agencies and institutions with the psychosocial and vocational needs of persons with varying disabilities such as developmental disabilities, psychiatric disabilities, traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, alcohol and substance abuse behaviors, and other acquired disabling conditions.

Rehabilitation counselors manage the components important in the rehabilitation process of individuals with physical and mental disabilities. They help prevent fragmentation and gaps in services to people seeking to move from psychological and economic dependence to independence.

LU/OKC is an extension of Langston, where junior and senior level courses are offered in selected academic disciplines, as well as graduate coursework.

To apply, please contact Dr. Corey Moore, MRC Director, LU/OKC, 4205 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105—(405) 962-1671.

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rushed for 36 yards on six carries. Ross Smith was 10 of 20 for 81 yards to lead the Lions' passing attack. Jimmy Early Jr. had four catches for 34 yards to lead the Lions' receiving core.

On defense for the Lions, Jason Fobbs had 17 tackles and a fumble recovery. Dexter Falls had ten tackles and a forced fumble, while Elijah Booker added nine tackles. Demetrius Bastian, Darnell Brown and Adrian Fisher each had eight tackles, while Jamal Harley had five tackles and an interception.

Next up for the Lions is a game against the Bacone Warriors, their Central State Football League rival. The game will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. at Jelsma Stadium in Guthrie, Okla.

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Southern Nazarene	3	7	0	7	17
Langston Univ.	0	7	0	0	7

SNU-Chris Borah 43 field goal

LU-Jamal Harley 40 interception return (Israel Jacobs Kick good)

SNU-Joe Hall 43 pass from Dan Denardo (Chris Borah Kick good)

SNU- Patrick Orth 30 run (Chris Borah kick good)

Date:	Opponent:	Time:	Site:
Oct. 9	Bacone College*	2 p.m.	Guthrie
Oct. 16	Northwestern OSU*	2 p.m.	Wichita, KS
Oct. 23	Peru State Univ.	1 p.m.	Peru, NE
Oct. 30	SWAGU*	2 p.m.	Waxahachie, TX
Nov. 6	Oklahoma Panhandle St. (Homecoming)	2 p.m.	Langston
Nov. 13	Haskell Indian Nation Univ.*	1 p.m.	Lawrence, KS

*denotes conference game

LU counseling center tackles substance abuse

BY JIMMY EARLY

This fall the Professional Counseling Center will provide educational discussions on various aspects of substance abuse.

The meetings will be led by Dr. William Price Curtis, counseling center director, and LaDonna McCune, a certified chemical dependency counselor.

Topics for discussion include marijuana, heroine, cocaine, marijuana and amotivational syndrome, uppers and downers, and how to tell if your friend has a drug problem.

"The reason we have these discussions is to hear how college students face substance abuse problems, and to come up with ideas and solutions," said McCune.

"These topics give the students a chance to give input; however, Dr. Curtis and I will guide the discussion with statistics and basic information."

The Professional Counseling Center is located behind Young Hall and directly next to the campus barbershop. The Wednesday discussion groups include lunch and are scheduled from 12-1 p.m.

The following is a list of the discussion topics and dates: Marijuana, Oct.6; Heroine and Cocaine, Oct. 20; Marijuana and Amotivational Syndrome, Nov.3; Uppers & Downers, Nov. 17; and How to Tell If Your Friend Has a Drug Problem, Dec.1. For more information contact LaDonna McCune at 466-3401.

Written exam set for master's candidates

Master's degree candidates who anticipate graduating in December are scheduled to take the written comprehensive examination. Master of Education candidates will take the examination on October 15, and Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling candidates will take the examination on October 23, 2004.

The six-hour examination consists of questions within the candidate's areas of concentration and the core requirements.

Candidates are expected to demonstrate knowledge and skills appropriate for the master's level in integrating facts, concepts and arguments from diverse sources into systematic, well-reasoned and well-written narratives. The examination will begin at 9 a.m. each day. The candidates for the Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree will take the examination on the Main Campus in Room 217W Sanford Hall, at the Oklahoma City Campus in the Computer Center, and on the Tulsa Campus, North Hall, Room 216.

The candidates scheduled to take the Master of Education (Urban Education) examination are: Brian Abraham, Cecil McCurdy, Craig Carter, Cynthia Buckley, Jennifer Brown, John Towles, and Rachel Rivers. The candidates scheduled to take the Master of Education (Bilingual/ESL) examination are: Yannique Charlton, Rodrigo Driscoll, and Desire Snowball.

Candidates for the Master of Science (M.S.) in Rehabilitation Counseling examination are: LaVerda Buford, Diane Cooper, Dekeisha Carter-Smith, and Bradie Hooks.

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normal operation of the electoral college.

Basic democratic principles, the critics argue, suggest that the people ought to be able to decide directly who should govern them. They point to the dispute caused by the election of 1876 and also to the elections of 1888 and 2000.

Sixth, will the electoral college system ever be reformed? Proposals for reform of the electoral college began in the earliest days of the republic. There are two reasons why none of these or other proposed reforms has ever come close to being adopted. First, small states receive an advantage by having the electoral college. Second, abolition of the electoral college would trade known problems for risks that are not known.

My concluding remark is to learn the issues and get out and vote!
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LU Health Watch: Genital Herpes

BY MICKI BIDDLE
Senior Staff Writer

Just the sound of the name “genital herpes” may cause some people to cringe. This sexually transmitted disease (STD) can wreak havoc on a person’s physical, emotional and mental health because unlike many other STDs it does not go away.

Genital herpes is caused by the herpes simplex viruses type 1 (HSV-1) and type 2 (HSV-2), although most genital herpes is caused by type 2. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), genital herpes affects at least 45 million Americans age 12 and older, or one out of five adolescents/adults. Women are more likely to become infected than men; experts theorize that this is because it may be easier for male to female transmission than female to male.

Transmission of the disease comes from a partner with a fever blister or a manifestation of the HSV-1. Generally, HSV-1 outbreaks cause infections of the mouth and lip, but infection of the genitals can occur by oral-genital or genital-oral contact with a person who has an HSV-1 infection.

Most people do not even have symptoms or show any signs at all of having either type of infection. If and when symptoms do occur, they are usually very noticeable and manifest as sores or blisters around the genitals or rectum. It usually takes about two weeks within the first exposure of the virus to see any symptoms and the sores heal within another two to four weeks. During this primary outbreak, there may be other symptoms experienced, including a second crop of sores, fever and swollen glands.

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Most people with HSV-2 infection may never have sores or experience the aforementioned episodic symptoms, and may just think they have an unknown skin condition or an insect bite. However, this does not mean they can not spread the disease.

The bad news is that the virus that causes these types of outbreaks never goes away. It lies dormant on one’s nerve endings, waiting for the right moment for a person to become overly stressed or for their immune system to run low.

Those who become infected with herpes can expect four to five break outs their first year after their primary break out. However, the good news is that over time, the episodes will decrease. Also, the medical field is always coming up with new treatments and medicines.

October is Oklahoma Higher Ed Math and Science Month

October is Oklahoma Higher Education Math and Science Month. Colleges and universities across the state will promote their math and science lab services as well as showcase faculty and student success stories via the State Regents website. The “Math and Science Resources” online tool is designed to ease math and science concerns and boost current skill levels of students statewide.

“Colleges across the state recognize the need to provide students quality math and science learning resources and support services to improve their overall education,” said Mary Bea Drummond, chair of the the Communicators Council, an advisory board to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. “We are working together to advance student achievement in these fields.”

Students, parents and educators are encouraged to visit

www.okhighered.org/student-center under “Check It Out” for a list of campus events and helpful math and science websites. Visitors will notice a variety of services, including assistance with homework problems for students and parents or for educators in creating challenging lesson plans.

“Math and Science Month draws attention to the importance of these subjects not only in school, but in the world of work. The skills learned in math and science courses are important in creating a strong workforce for our state,” said Chancellor Paul G. Risser. “During October and throughout the school year, students, parents and educators are encouraged to use the resources available to assist our young people in developing the math and science skills necessary for college-level work and eventually, the workforce.”

In addition to Math and Science

Month, the State Regents have multiple initiatives to strengthen math and science learning in Oklahoma’s K-12 classrooms. These initiatives are designed to help reduce the need for math and science remediation at the college level. Students who enroll in remedial courses pay tuition and fees, but receive no credit for the course. Students who get a strong foundation in math and science skills in high school can avoid remediation later.

Some of the initiatives of the State Regents include improving teacher preparation, offering the Educational Planning and Assessment System (EPAS) and sending feedback reports to the high schools.

For additional information about Oklahoma higher education’s math and science programs, e-mail studentinfo@osrhe.edu or call 1.800.858.1840 (225.9239 in Oklahoma City).

What's the Word?

COMPILED BY KEVONO HUNT, Assistant Editor

If you could have a conversation with anyone in history, who would it be and why?



Martin Luther King Jr.—“So that I can ask him about his experiences fighting for civil rights and when he knew enough was enough.”

Randal Holiday, freshman
Spencer, Okla.
health administration major



Jesus—“Just to be able to talk to him and to see where his strength came from.”

Nedra Allen, junior
Conway, Ark.
nursing major



Shakespeare —“I would love to ask him what his motivation was when he wrote Julius Caesar.”

Karnell Wallace, freshman
Detroit, Mich.
CIS major



Harriet Tubman—“I would ask her to tell me of some of the unique experiences she encountered while taking slaves through the Underground Railroad.”

Kevin Saffold
Inglewood, Calif.
CIS major

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LU Calendar

Ongoing Events

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

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

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

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

Salter's Chapel A.M.E. Church wants willing workers and singers for Christ. Sellers Chapel is located at 119 Washington St. More information: Contact Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Craig, pastor, or Elizabeth Bostic, pianist at 466-4269.

The Anointed Ladies of Alpha Lambda Omega Christian Sorority Inc. invite you to receive free food for your soul. They will serve food at bible study every Thursday in the Young Hall Lounge at 7 p.m.

The Langston Chapter of LUNAA will have monthly meetings in the Research and Extension Building in Rm. 105S. Please come prepared to pay your annual dues. National dues are \$50.00 and local dues are \$25.00

Applications for participation in the Homecoming Parade are being accepted. The theme for this year is "Back to Glory." Pick up applications at Gandy Hall, Rm. 204. Deadline for entry is Oct. 29. More information: Contact Craig Carter at x.3446.

Lion of the Week

BY SHAUNNA COOPER, Editor

Jessica Lowe

She has a sweet but confident voice, and a cool demeanor that catches many people off guard, as some people assume beauty queens are rather standoffish.

Nevertheless, Jessica Lowe has been doing her part to dispel the negative image people may have regarding pageants and the women who participate in them.

Lowe, a senior broadcast journalism major from Dallas, Texas, a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and the reigning Miss Langston University, recently traveled to Atlanta, Ga. to compete in the 19th Annual Miss National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Competition of Black College Queens.

"There were 38 contestants and I placed in the top 10," she said.

The pageant is held annually to recognize the talent, personality, and intellect of students attending historically black colleges and universities and to strengthen institutional ties.

Lowe explained that in addition to participating in the pageant, the young women attended several seminars and luncheons, which gave them a great opportunity to network with each other as well as business professionals.

They even went to the GeorgiaDome and watched Florida A & M University battle against Tennessee State.

In the past three years, Lowe has competed in six pageants; in five of those competitions she was required to complete an interview. She credits her educational background as the foundation of her successful communication technique.

"Broadcast journalism has really helped me to be able to speak in front of people, to be able to answer questions readily, especially with an impromptu style of talking," she said.



At the one pageant where an interview was not required, Lowe had to contend with other young women in an oratory contest. The contestants had to give a two minute speech about each of the Black college communities.

"Someone even told me that I looked as if I was an attorney. I was standing on the stage using hand gestures and really trying to connect with the people in

the audience. This major has really helped me to be comfortable in front of people when public speaking is required," she said.

After graduation, Lowe said she does not have any definite plans as of yet.

"The field is so broad—whatever I can do to get my foot in the door, I would be willing to do. Whatever God wants me to do, wherever he wants me to go, I'll go," she said.

When she is not touring the country sharing waves and smiles, Lowe said she likes to sleep.

"Sleep deprivation in America is my plattform, so usually when I have spare time I am napping," she said.

Lowe said that preparations for the next Miss Langston Scholarship Pageant have already begun. Although there are eight young women already signed up, coordinators are searching for at least two more.

The fact that so many young women are unwilling to partake in the Miss Langston Scholarship Pageant saddens Lowe somewhat.

"We're trying to break the fear of women competing in pageants because it is kind of intimidating, but we're trying to encourage young women to hold up leadership positions. So take that chance, because it is a wonderful opportunity," she said.

Immediate Events

Saturday, October 9

The first rehearsal for the State of Excellence Humanitarian Children's Youth Pre-Christmas Spectacular Production is on Oct. 9 at 10 a.m. All children between the ages of 3-17 are invited to participate. Rehearsals will take place at the Country Inn Suites, 3141 NW Expressway in the second floor Board Room in Oklahoma City.

Monday, October 11

A Monday Night Football party hosted by the SGA at the Scholar's Inn clubhouse will be held on Oct. 11 at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served and a live DJ will be at the event.

October 12

Expectations of Triumph, a one-man, one-act musical drama by Paul G. Anderson will be held in the I.W. Young Auditorium on Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 11 a.m. Anderson will discuss slavery, determination, murder, love, suicide and hope through his many characters, including Kujumu, a descendant of West Africa's Bassa people; Frederick Douglass; Paul Robeson, a scholar, singer, athlete and activist; and Dr. Martin Luther King.

Tuesday, October 12

The Black Heritage Center will host featured speaker Hannibal B. Johnson, Esq, author of "Black Wallstreet: From Race Riot to Renaissance in Tulsa's Historic Greenwood District," on Oct. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Melvin B. Tolson Black Heritage Center. More information: Contact Damali Ajanaku, 405-466-3292, or Patrick Franks at 405-466-3457.

Thursday, October 14

A Ms. Blue and White interest meeting, hosted by The Beta Epsilon chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., will be held in the Scholars' Inn clubhouse on Oct. 14. The interest meeting will begin at 7:14 p.m.

Wednesday, October 20

The SGA will have a political forum on October 20 at 7 p.m. in the multipurpose building. Refreshments will be served and a giveaway will proceed after the event. More Information: Contact the SGA office at ext. 3443.

Email all calendar events one week in advance of the Gazette's Friday publication date to LUCalendar@yahoo.com.