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Student wins top prize



Photo by Jonathan McGill

Kellyn Pollard, Langston University biology major, is proud to be the winner of several competitions this year.

She earned first place in the Scientific Poster competition at the 19th Annual Research Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

Pollard also won third place at the Beta Kappa Chi conference in Houston on March 12-16, and she won first place at the 12th Annual K-INBRE Symposium in Kansas City on January 18-19.

SGA candidates prepare campaigns for elections

By DeNeeka Hill
Staff Writer

It is officially campaign season, and candidates are preparing to wow the students at Langston University.

The Student Government Association kicked off the elections with meet-the-candidates in the Café. This gave candidates a chance to present their ideas to the students.

"I think everyone run-

ning for a position has done something on campus and worked to make a name for themselves," said Janore Scott, a sophomore criminal justice major. "So I really think this is going to be a good campaign."

The candidates are running for three positions: president, vice president, and activities coordinator.

Velma Evens and Damauri Myers are running for president; R.L. Wilson and Beatrice Harrod are run-

ning for Vice President; and Paul Pugh, Justin Gates and Tyler Bowler are running for activities coordinator.

For some of the candidates, this isn't their first time running for a student government position.

"This year, I plan to give the university a visual, which is what I failed to do last year," said Bowler, junior broadcast journalism major.

Also running again is Myers. He ran last year for vice

president and was successful; this year, he is running for president.

"I really want to see passion from these candidates," said Eugene Buckmen, sophomore English education major. "Which one is really serious about the role that they are trying to get? I think that passion comes with how they talk, answer their questions and articulate their words."

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Student discusses difficulty of being a parent in college

Some people find it hard to be a parent, but it's even harder being a parent while in college.

Not very many people truly understand the challenges women, and even some men, face while trying to be a parent and finish their college education.

I know how hard it is to attend college and be a mother at the same time. Balancing school, work and parenting is only the beginning. In order to maintain a household, there must be money involved, and with money comes a job.

In 2008, the Center of Postsecondary and Economic Success stated that nearly a quarter of students are parents. Workforce investments and education may produce benefits for adult participants as well as their children.

For example, encouraging evidence shows that when mothers with



Smith

low-education complete additional education, their children appear to have improved language and reading skills. More than one in eight students is a single parent. Compared to married parents, single parents are more likely to have low-incomes. To pay tuition and arrange child care, they need more assistance.

Fortunately, most colleges and universities are realizing this and are finding ways to help parents pay their way through school.

By providing information about grants, scholarships and financial assistance, the majority of parents are more at ease while continuing their education.

Universities such as Langston University and the University of Central Oklahoma have family housing and child care facilities on their campuses.

Financial aid for college students with kids is quite common. Depending on their needs, parents in college can qualify for federal Pell grants, student loans or state/university-specific financial aid programs.

Parents in college or those trying to go back to college have many options when it comes to receiving their education.

Online colleges have been a blessing to parents wanting to further their education. I am a firm believer in convenience. An online education is no different from

sitting in a classroom.

However, according to campusexplorer.com, many students find motivation to be difficult with online schools, and sometimes getting out of the house and away from the family for a short period of time helps with focus and work ethic.

For some, this may be true, but as the saying goes, "Everyone is not the same."

I love doing things hands-on. Yes, I am able to work and go to school, but sometimes I wish I was taking online classes.

All in all, parents who are striving to further their education should receive an award, a grant, a scholarship, a trophy, a house, and a car. Parenting alone is difficult, but parenting and being a student at the same time is even harder. So big ups to you, parents.

Lauren Smith is a senior broadcast journalism major.

STUDENTS! STUDENTS!

It's time for Teacher Evaluations again!



Institutional Research and Planning is conducting teacher evaluations **April 10-May 9**. We are trying something new this semester with the surveys.

We are going to each classroom to conduct the surveys!

Students can still complete the evaluations on your own by:

1. Logging on to the website that was provided in the email we sent out to each of you.
2. Entering your Langston user email and password and filling out the survey!

**Let us know what you think of YOUR professors!
We need your feedback!**

International students visit capitol

Special from
Silvia Walker
LUIA President

International staff and students of Langston University attended an International Student Awareness Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol, by invitation, April 9.

The trip was coordinated by Dr. Yvonne Hooks, director of LUCID and Global Education, Dr. Aliya Chaudry, dean of the School of Physical Therapy and Dr. Meshack Sagini, adviser for

international students.

LU international students who attended the event were the new officers of the Langston University International Student Association (LUIA): Silvia Walker, president; Tany Ladydiane, vice president; and Huguette Fongana, secretary.

This yearly event helps LUIA members experience valuable memories with LU International staff by doing things together as a team.

Chaudry set up a booth at the event with literature

about LU and the 2014 year-book.

Sagini introduced the LU students to House District 97 Rep. Mike Shelton and other officials.

The students also observed historical monuments and emblems, and they listened to presentations about Oklahoma's House of Representatives; Oklahoma Native Americans, who were first to develop Oklahoma; and Oklahoma agriculture around the world.

Students were welcomed by legislators and identified one another by each of their group of countries. They were able to recognize, identify and salute people from their parts of the world.

Citizens of 62 countries were officially welcomed to Oklahoma by Honorable Jeff Hickman.

LU staff and students met many internationals from their ethnic background. Some students of different color were familiar with one



Courtesy Photo

Langston University International Student Association members and advisers visit the Oklahoma capitol for International Student Awareness Day.

another's languages and engaged one another with global information about their schools and countries.

Students got a treat of delicious foreign foods and drinks and ate their meals with internationals from Africa, Asia, Europe, India,

North America and South America. They were entertained during the meal by local and international artists and performers.

International Day at Langston University is 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursday, April 24, in the Atrium.

LU alums reunite at conservation meeting

Special from School of Agriculture

Two young men met at Langston University in 2001 and became lifelong friends. Both were honor students throughout their academic careers at LU.

Adrian Sherman completed his Bachelor of Science in natural resources management and then he completed his Master of Science at Oklahoma State University in environmental sciences.

He gained employment in May 2008 with the Department of Water Quality in Oklahoma City.

Sherman's official duty station is Tulsa with the Department of Environmental Quality as an environmental specialist.

Joe Bufford completed his Bachelor of Science in natural resources management and then received a Master of Science in environmental sciences at Friends University in Wichita, Kan.

Bufford began his career in the state of Kansas as a soil conservationist with the USDA-NRCS.

After five years in the state of Kansas, he moved to the state of Utah. When a position opened in Stillwater, he jumped at a chance to come back to his native state.

Today, Bufford is working as a resource conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Stillwater.

Sherman and Bufford reunited at the agricultural outreach conservation meeting April 5, in Haskell, Okla., which happens to be Sherman's hometown.



Courtesy Photo

Adrian Sherman (left) and Joe Bufford are excited to see each other after graduation from Langston University in 2001. The two men met as freshmen while pursuing majors in natural resources management, and they reunited at an agricultural outreach conservation meeting April 5, in Haskell, Okla.

Mr. Ivy League pageant generates first-time tie

By Marcus Garlington
Contributing Writer

Langston University's Alpha Zeta chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. hosted the Miss Fashionetta pageant and the Mr. Ivy League pageant in which a sudden-death round was added to break a tie.

Nicholas Anthony Simon Jr., freshman biology major and Muskogee, Okla. native, and Paul Pugh, sophomore broadcast journalism major and Oakland, Calif. native, were the final contestants competing for the crown of Mr. Ivy League, the male counterpart to Miss Fashionetta, in the co-ed pageant April 1.

"I honestly didn't think I was in the tie," Simon said. "I have to say that I can be my worst critic. When they called my name, I was very surprised."

All contestants were scored on their off-stage interview, opening number that included a dance, their introduction, on-stage question, casual wear, talent and formal wear.

Nearing the end of the pageant, a 10-minute intermission turned in to a 30-minute intermission. As guests quickly grew impatient, it was revealed there was a tie... between the men.

Taylor Dismuke, a junior biology major and member of the Beta Epsilon chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Soror-

ity Inc., was a judge that night and admitted that the tie was a first for her, also.

"I've never been to a pageant before where there was a tie like that," Dismuke said. "It was confusing. Personally, as a judge, I felt like it was just miscalculations that caused the tie, but it was understandable."

She applauded Alpha Zeta for being honest in trying to break the tie.

This was the first tie, not to be held in a single category, but for the title of "Mr. Ivy League" itself.

In an effort to break the tie, Jasmine Redo, a senior broadcast journalism major and member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., presented a surprise question for each contestant.

Not only were the questions a surprise to the contestants, but to her as well, because she admitted on stage that she was making them up as the audience was watching.

"I became so very nervous! My legs were shaking," Simon

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— Nicholas Simon Jr.,
Mr. Ivy League

added. "I wasn't even looking forward to being in the tie. Just being in (the tie) was something astounding to me. I didn't know what type of question she was going to ask, but I just knew that I had to be on my toes when she wanted the answer."

Simon proved to be victorious with the following question: "If there was only one thing about yourself that you could tell a man or woman, what would it be?"

He said that he would let them know that it is important to keep their faith in God.

"I prayed A LOT (to prepare for the pageant)," Simon said.

Langston University International
Students Association (LUISA) Invites You to

Celebrate
International and Diverse Cultures at
Langston University, Langston, OK!

When: April 24, 2014, 11:00 am to 1:30 pm
Where: at the "ATRIUM"

Enjoy: Our Speaker, cultural food, dance, International Arts.

New Officers for (LUISA): Silvia Walker, President; Tany Ladydiane, Vice President; Huguette Fangong C., Secretary; Brian Nyabuto, Treasurer.
Those who help to guide (LUISA) Students at LU: Dr. Meshack Sagini, advisor, and Globalization, Dr. Yvonne Hooks, LUCID/Global Education, Dr. Aliya Chaudry, Dean Physical Therapy, Dr. Mary Mbosowa, Study Abroad Program; and others
Those who are helping to Coordinate this year: Dr. Andrew Bucki, LU Math Department, Dr. Vicky Fondjo, LU Math Department, Dr. Manuel Rigueuro, LU English Department.
Cultural Literature Awareness: Guthrie Library, Ms. Cindy, LU Libraries, Mr. Grady, Ms. Tatum, Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Mary, and others.

Over the years we have had Guest Speakers from various countries, ethnic and spiritual background, and our Lecture Series of Masonic Association

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LU Biology Club begins new project on campus

Special from Keep Oklahoma Beautiful

The Langston University Biology Club is encouraging people of all ages to demonstrate that they love where they live by joining hands and volunteering for the 2014 Great American Cleanup™ (GAC) in Oklahoma sponsored by Devon Energy and coordinated by Keep Oklahoma Beautiful (KOB).

In the nation's largest grassroots community improvement program, the Langston University Biology Club's volunteers will assist in cleanup of an old building within the university beginning April 22.

None of this would be possible without the support of Devon Energy, which came on board as the GAC's statewide sponsor in 2012.

"At Devon, we have a strong commitment to our environment and to our neighbors," said Wendi Schuur, director of community relations. "We see the Great American Cleanup as a great opportunity to encourage a sense of community — people working side-by-side to improve the quality of life in their own hometowns."

In 2013 alone, more than 66,000 volunteers and participants took part in GAC events statewide, collecting 5.2 million pounds of litter and debris, along with cleaning 14,300 acres of parks, public lands and open spaces.

For more information about this cleanup or how you can get involved, contact Jedaiah Vann at 918-891-2093 for a list of local events or visit <http://www.keepoklahomabeautiful.com>.



Quiz team travels to California for national HBCU competition

By Dhiana Brame
Staff Writer

Langston University's quiz bowl team spent weeks preparing to compete in this year's Honda Campus All-Star Challenge.

They traveled to Los Angeles on April 12-16 for the event.

The quiz bowl, also known as the scholars' bowl or academic bowl, is a quiz game

that tests students on their general academic knowledge.

The team consisted of Terry Lewis, Denzel Pugh, Kyle Lewis and Donnie Bryant.

Terry Lewis was the captain of this year's team.

At the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge, the LU team beat Hampton and South Carolina State.

However, the LU team lost by one question and 0.2

seconds to Morgan State, which ultimately hindered them from advancing to the championship round.

Kyle Gregory, the team's coach, said the team would have advanced to the Sweet 16 and defeated the national champions if they would have beat Morgan State.

"They did quite well," Gregory said. "I was proud of them throughout the whole year."

The team also competed in "Mind Games," a televised competition on KSBI, and it finished second at a tournament at Prairie View A&M to qualify for the national tournament in Los Angeles.

The Honda Campus All-Star Challenge is a knowledge game that requires quick reflexes.

It is designed for America's Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and more than \$7 million in grants have been awarded by Honda to participating HBCUs.

This year, 48 teams from the qualifying tournaments advanced to the National Championship Tournament.

\$Over 300,000 was on the line, with the winning HBCU earning a \$50,000 grant.

'Thrift' is new trend for students

By Nehemiah Taylor
Staff Writer

When walking around a college campus, you will observe that most students thrift.

"Thrift," as most are calling it, is different from the average trip to the department store or mall. Thrifting takes people on a trip to an

uncharted territory, filled with classic and vintage treasures that are distinct from anything one might find at a retail store.

As long as you go in with an open mind, you might discover the true meaning of someone else's trash becoming your treasure.

One of the many reasons that thrifting has become a

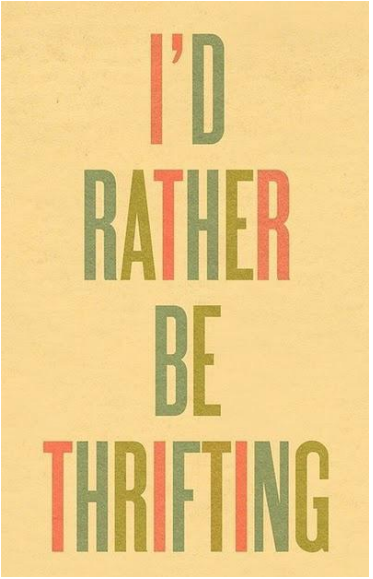
steadfast trend is because of the inexpensiveness of the shopping experience. In a post describing the five benefits of thrifting, the Chictopia webstie (chictopia.com) said thrifting gives people the opportunity to get their hands on designer finds at a fraction of the price.

Senior Takisha Walls from Atlanta, Ga., discovered thrifting her freshman year at Langston University, and at first, she thought it was something that only hippies did until she participated in the NAACP pageant her sophomore year.

"After seeing how many outfits was needed for the pageants, then seeing the prices, I was definitely going to go check out the thrift store," Walls said. "I didn't get everything I needed, but I was shocked to see the prices on the dresses and suits I did get... Now, I thrift when I want to ball out on a budget," she said.

Like Walls, many shoppers are apprehensive about thrifting. Because people receive secondhand or used items from a thrift store, this fact can slightly turn many strangers away from this shopping technique.

Rainy Grear, a sophomore at Oklahoma State University, said going through the endless racks of clothes makes her skin crawl.



Then, after I got it altered, I was wearing it for every occasion."

College students particularly like thrifting. College students are always encouraged to dress professionally.

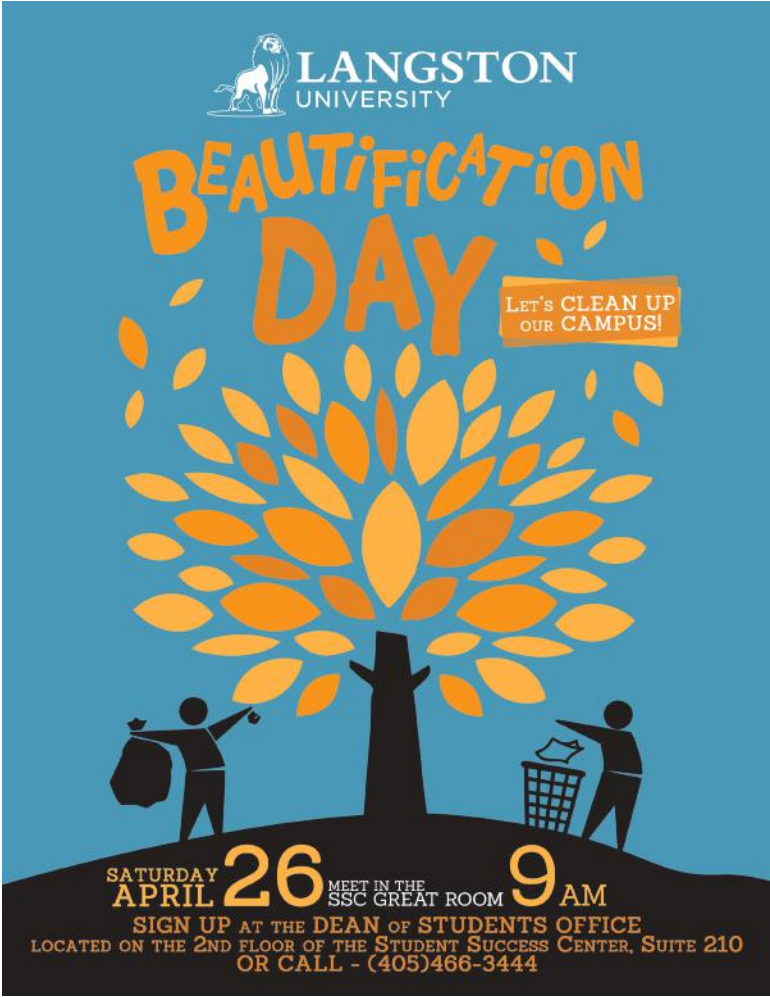
Thrift can provide that professional look without the expensive prices. Whenever Walls has a presentation or she needs a new piece of clothing, she heads to Goodwill Industries.

"There have been many times when I just wanted to get a new blazer or a nice eye-catching shirt that is fashionable, but still professional, and I'll just go to the Goodwill down the street from my school," she said. "I like the convenience of the prices, and I avoid traffic and mall traffic."

Grear said the key to being a good thrifter is finding your favorite thrift store and knowing when they get new shipment, when they have sales and also knowing how to dig through a sea of clothes to get to the treasure.

"You have to know where to go for the best clothes and the best deals... I have a couple of 'favs' I shop at," Grear said.

"I know when they get new stuff and, of course, when the sales are... but you mostly have to be motivated to dig through all the racks to get what you want," she added.



Study abroad program provides endless traveling opportunities

By Venesha Reed
Assistant Editor

Langston University continues to be a passport to the world for students. Through the study abroad program, students are given the opportunity to travel to various continents outside the United States, including Asia, South America and Africa.

With Dr. Mose Yvonne Hooks serving as head director of the program and Dr. Mary Mbosowo as program coordinator over Africa, students are able to expand their horizons and travel to places many will never have the opportunity to experience.

Senior sociology major Shan Wright is one student who is a beneficiary of experiencing life outside of the country. Her journey abroad has taken her to countries that include a four-week

trip to Gambia and Senegal and a 16-week stay in Wells, United Kingdom.

One of the major contrasts between African and American culture are the traditional roles of family and connectivity in community.

"The customs in West Africa are different on a social level," Wright said. "The people there are all about each other and about taking care of their neighbor. In America, we're a capitalistic society so it's... everyone for themselves."

Mbosowo also attests to the strength of family and community in Africa.

"African culture is still very family oriented," she said. "We are more communalistic. We lead like a community... You are your brother's keeper, and you are your sister's keeper."

If it weren't for the study abroad program, many students of African descent

would never know about the motherland besides what the media portrays; filled with war and immense poverty.

"The media has not really done justice to the continent of Africa," Mbosowo said.

Without the study abroad program, students would not know that there is immense wealth, big business and tourist attractions in Africa, with rich developments, resorts and beaches. Students would not understand that Africa is one of the richest countries in the world, and that it is a place where women hold higher ranks in political offices than in America. It is important for students to know these things because "students in HBCU's are descendents of Africa," Mbosowo said.

Africa also stands as one

of the world's leaders in untapped resources, which include gold, diamonds and oil. The current wars in Africa can predominately be traced back to the quest to find these hidden treasures (besides religious wars).

"Many of the countries that have problems are countries that have resources of gold and diamonds," Mobosowo said.

Although the media are not privy to shed light on the Western world's role in the chaos of the wars in Africa, the quest for diamonds are the central reason for the wars.

"We are being exploited in two ways... because of people in the Western world... and our (Africa's) own leaders are not guiltless. They are corrupt," Mbosowo said.

Among the trips and conti-

nents students are offered to travel to, Africa is the most important for any student, especially those attending an HBCU.

"It is good to know truth," Mbosowo said.

She also adamantly expressed that the trip is not a vacation, but rather a learning experience that includes 4000 level upper-level courses that students must attend daily.

If interested in traveling to the Africa for summer 2015, contact Mbosowo by phone at 405-466-2013 or email mmbosowo@langston.edu.

Financial aid may be available, as well as scholarships through the Gillman Foundation. Students are encouraged to attend the pre-travel seminars, which are advertised during the fall semester.

Annual Retirement Banquet

The annual Retirement Banquet will be held at 6 p.m., May 19, in the C.F. Gayles Field House Atrium.

You are invited to attend and celebrate with the Langston University retirees.

Honored Retirees Include:

Carmen Bennett
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Gertrude Harris
Mary Ann Teal Harris
Carolyn Kornegay
Cheryle Leach
Beverly Smith
Earnestine Thomas

Please complete a registration form and return with your payment of \$25 per adult ticket (13 and older) and \$15 per child ticket (6 to 12 years) to Langston University Foundation Office, P.O. Box 725, Langston, OK 73050. You may also purchase your tickets directly from the Foundation Office, Room 315, Page Hall. All advanced ticket requests should be in by Friday, May 9. Tickets purchased at the door will be available at \$30 per adult ticket and \$20 per child ticket.

Should you have questions regarding reservations for the banquet, please contact the Foundation Office at 405-466-3579.

Qwick Response

LU alum, daughter invent smartphone app

Special Reprint
By Brian Brus
From the Journal Record

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The number of children who died in the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting

A year after the deaths of 20 children and six adults at a school shooting in Newton, Conn., Oklahoma City residents Leonard and Genesis Franks are ready to release a smartphone app to keep similar events from happening in other schools.

Leonard Franks said his 11-year-old daughter has been helping him fine-tune the alarm system program since she took the grand prize at the Oklahoma Student Inventors Exposition at Rose State College. Genesis had several other ideas she wanted to see implemented, including a bully reporting feature to keep students safe.

The Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in December 2012 was Genesis Frank's initial impetus for the app. As a fifth-grader at Nichols Hills Elementary, she was trying to intervene

in a classmates' fight when a teacher noticed and stepped in. She thought that if the children at Sandy Hook had been able to signal adults sooner, perhaps the loss would have been less.

The initial work that earned the top science fair prize was all her work, but Leonard Franks has helped further development and market research, he

said. Franks, who has 10 years of experience as a school principal, is now teaching back in the classroom and supplements the family income as an inventor. This is his first marketable smartphone app.

The app employs the power of social network technology to bypass communication bottlenecks and improve response time for those closest to the emergency, Leonard Franks said. Instead of an observer – a child in a classroom, for example – calling out of the school to a switchboard for help, the plea is distributed directly to those within the local network – teachers, security guards and other students.

"It empowers the student to stop bullying – or other violence – in the moment, right there in the school," Leonard Franks said. "And it's anonymous, which is important to young children, so that they feel empowered to report it."

The Frankses are done code-testing Qwick Response, or QR, and are ready to release it as an Android app to school districts, at least at a beta test level. QR can also be adapted to other industries, Leonard Franks said.

"It will add a layer of safety to any facility," he said. "Everybody becomes a better first responder. Using my experience as an administrator, we've been able to incorporate different modes for different levels of authority within a school or business."

The concept might seem obvious in hindsight and easily replicable, so Franks is eager to move forward quickly into final development and marketing. He said he has a provisional patent in place, and he and his daughter are open to investors.

"We believe that if this app had been available on the day of the Sandy Hook shooting, it can and would have saved lives," he said. "The market is more than ready for this."

LifeShare nonprofit celebrates National Donate a Life Month

Special from LifeShare

This April, LifeShare celebrates National Donate Life Month.

The celebration commemorates those who have received or continue to wait for lifesaving transplants. National Donate Life Month also serves as a reminder for people to register to become an organ, eye and tissue donor.

"While increasing the number of registered organ, eye and tissue donors that save and heal lives is part of our daily work," said Jeffrey Orlowski, Chief Executive Officer of LifeShare, "this month serves not only to honor the lives of those who have given and received, it is also an opportunity to renew our commitment to saving lives."

There are over 100 million registered donors in

the United States and over 1.6 million from the state of Oklahoma.

Still, the number of people in need of transplants continues to rise, now over 121,000 nationally and nearly 900 in Oklahoma are in need of organ transplants.

"The solution to this problem is to continue to educate the public about the life-saving effects of donation and transplantation and get them to make their decision known by signing up through their state donor registry," Orlowski said.

Oklahomans have three ways to register as organ, eye and tissue donors—the first and most common is to sign up when they renew their driver's license.

The second way is to go to <http://www.lifeshareregistry.org> and sign up online.

Finally, those without Internet access may call 800-

826-LIFE (5433) and request that a donor registration form be mailed to them. Once the form is completed and returned, their name and donation wishes are added to the registry.

Each method is equally effective and only one type of registration is needed.

LifeShare is a nonprofit, federally designated organ procurement organization (OPO) dedicated to the recovery of organs and tissue for transplant purposes. We work closely with four transplant centers and 145 healthcare organizations in the state of Oklahoma to facilitate donation.

Additionally, we strive to raise awareness for organ, eye and tissue donation and transplantation through public education.

For more information about LifeShare, please visit <http://www.lifeshareok.org>.

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IN THEATERS APRIL 2014

Thomas coaches last season for Langston Lions basketball

By Trevon McNabb
Contributing Writer

The 2013-2014 season was Nigel Thomas' last as Langston University's head basketball coach. Michael Garrett, LU's athletic director, decided April 1, to go in a different direction.

Thomas, who took the job in spring 2011, is a former player for the Lions basketball team who had a record of 9-9 in conference play

and 11-16 overall in his final season.

"I (would) like to have a guy that will graduate our students and win," Garrett said. "I want a coach that will lead us to (an) NAIA national championship."

The news was unexpected, but Thomas is keeping his head up.

"It's college basketball, and it's the risk that goes with taking on the job," Thomas said.

He added that he has to look at himself in the mirror, and he realizes that he did not "do the job necessary to make the progress the program needed."

Garrett said he has not decided yet who will replace Thomas as the head coach.

Most of the players said they are disappointed and shocked about Thomas' release.

"It puts us in an awkward

situation without having Coach Thomas and Vicks," said Bobby Ward, junior guard.

Thomas said that through all of the good and bad, it was a great three years, and he appreciates the hard work from all of his players and staff.

The players on the team also noted that Thomas will be missed, and they wish he was still coaching them next season.



Thomas

Spring football training in full force

By Khalif Sanders
Staff Writer

Spring football is in full force as the Langston Lions head into the fourth week of full-contact drills.

The Lions ended last season with a disappointing 6-4 record, excluding them from the playoffs, although they did win conference.

"We were self-defeating last season," said junior defensive lineman and physical education major Carl Devorce. "This season is all about preparation. We've had a lot of instruction and plenty of time in the film room. The coaching has been great, and they have been doing a good job of developing players. I expect a complete turnaround next

season," Devorce said.

Michael Ryan, sophomore graphic design major and Lion's kicker, said the tempo at practice has been different this spring.

The team has three practices a week in full pads, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, while also working out in the weight room three days a week.

With this structure, the players are confident that they have all of the tools it takes to have a team contending for a championship.

"I know we can win a championship next season," said sophomore criminal justice major Jeremy Barrientos. "We just have to take no days off and have a great attitude towards practice, and we'll win."



Photo by Jonathan McGill

The LU football team warms up and stretches in spring training.

Head football coach completes recruiting for next season

By Jose Montes De Oca
Contributing Writer

Langston University Head Football Coach Dwayne Sanders completed his first recruiting class for the 2015 football season.

The recruiting class consists of 32 football players, 16 transferring from community colleges and 14 incoming freshmen.

"As the coaching staff evaluated the recruits film and of-

fered them the scholarship, we noticed that they were not just great players on the field, but also they have great attitudes as well, which mean that they can pick up football assignments quickly," said Paul An, offensive line coach.

Recruiting players is not all about their abilities on the field, but their attitude also reflects how coachable they are.

"We have a pretty good recruit-

ing class that can help make a good run in the playoffs and win a national championship," said Javon Linley, senior health physical education recreation major.

The new recruits are expected to help bring more stamina to the team, which is something they didn't have last year.

"It's going to be a good feeling to know that we have enough depth at each position, and our guys won't be tired," An said.

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