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Cafe
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Wednesday,
April 29,
SSC Alley**

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International Day

Students get a glimpse of global cultures



Photos by Austin Terry

Left: A woman performs a traditional Japanese dance for International Day. Langston University hosted the event April 7, in the Atrium. International Day exposes the LU community to cultures around the world through displays, performances and food.

Above: Poster board displays feature cultural and historical information about Greece and Egypt.

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Missing photos in SSC cause campus uproar

By Kentre' Holt
Staff Writer

"We will not tolerate a theft of university property on campus," said Desmond Harvey, director of student life.

Before spring break, student affairs posted large framed pictures around the Student Success Center, but during the break, two of the pictures went missing.

"I don't know why people took them from the SSC; I think they got too comfortable taking things off the

walls from other events," said Tamar Brown El, sophomore child development major. "I knew a friend who had [the pictures] in Scholars Inn, and he just gave them to me when I asked."

Immediately, student affairs warned the student body about the missing pictures and threatened to cancel all student activities for the remainder of the spring semester.

"If the pictures were not returned to student life, the Division of Student Affairs was going to identify something drastic," Harvey said.

P'treshia Hurndon, sophomore

business major, said the possible consequence of punishing the entire student body was unfair, especially because it was just a couple of students who stole the pictures.

"I felt that the threat was effective because they got the pictures back, but I don't like the way they went about letting us know what the threat was," said Sydni Long, sophomore English major.

"Our school already gets a lot of negative feedback because it's the

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What's for dinner?

Student thinks university overcharges for meal plans

Are we really getting our money's worth for the food we eat?

At the start of the fall 2014 semester, students were no longer given the choice of which meal plan they wanted to purchase. Now, students are required to pay the same amount of \$1,435 per semester.

I strongly think we are getting overcharged for food that we do not want to eat on a regular basis.

Many students settle for the cafeteria because it is convenient and because it's the only option they have at the moment.

Just two weeks ago, I went



Ross

to the cafeteria, and instead of making us dinner, they passed out a sack of food to students.

That was the day I became more than fed up with the meal plan situation because I

didn't know for what exactly I was paying.

"It doesn't look like the right quality of food, and I do believe we pay too much in the caf," said Teresa Asberry, senior nursing major.

Though Asberry said she doesn't normally like the main entrée selections, she complimented the salad and fruit bar.

I like the salad and fruit bar as well, but I need a good option of protein to balance what I am eating. I think we should get to choose whether we want Plan A, Plan B or Plan C, just as we did prior to fall 2014, so we don't have to spend too much money on

food that we don't eat.

"I just feel like they wouldn't eat this, so why would they feed us this," said Brandi Briggs, senior health physical education and recreation major.

"When I get home, my stomach hurts. I just feel like they could do a lot better," Briggs added.

If we cannot have options, the university should budget the money better that students are now paying for the meal plans, and buy products of food that we would really want to eat, daily.

Diondra Ross is a sophomore broadcast journalism major.

Attractiveness—advantage or not?

Do attractive people have advantages others don't?

First, ask yourself what makes someone attractive. I think it could be someone's high cheekbones, smooth skin, shiny hair, nice smile or pretty eyes.

Maybe the person's figure or body shape is "ideal" with a thin waist, ripped abs and defining muscles. It could even be the way someone dresses, his or her confidence, or even the way the person talks or walks.

I think attractive people can be very persuasive, making it easier for them to gain attention. Researchers have studied and found that attractive people have stronger social skills and are much more fluent talkers than unattractive people.

I do think attractive people have advantages others don't, which is why cosmetic surgery is so popular. People tend to treat you better if they want you to like them.

If an attractive person likes you, they're likely to

spend more time with you. Studies have shown that attractive people are commonly judged to be more intelligent, friendlier and more capable than unattractive people, so there is a clear benefit to their career as well.

"You dress for the job you want and image is everything because that is the first thing I see," said Niva Grayson, junior broadcast journalism major. "Depending on the job you are going for, I believe that being attractive plays a major role."

Attractiveness is an additional benefit if you work in certain jobs, such as waiting tables or sales, where this trait might get you more in tips and/or better sales.

In a study of nearly 300 advertising agencies, economists found that firms with better-looking executives had higher revenues, and firms with more attractive workers have the competitive advantage when client interactions are involved.

Harvard University con-



Dunn

ducted a study to determine how everyone else perceives an attractive person.

Overall, if you are attractive, most people will assume that you are trustworthy and amicable. I even noticed that we, as people, react more positively to attractive people, often going out of our way to please them. We treat them with better manners, give them more help and give them better service or more attention.

"I feel like people make more of an effort to help a person that is attractive compared to helping some-

one who isn't that attractive," said Trevon McNabb, junior broadcast journalism major.

Attractive people are more likely to receive romantic attention from other attractive people as well, and also from people in general than unattractive people. They also tend to make friends more easily and more quickly.

I think all people are attractive in some way. Beauty is only skin deep, and being attractive doesn't have to come from your physical appearance but from your confidence and your personality. The way you present yourself and respect yourself can also make you attractive.

Physically attractive people do receive more advantages than less attractive people. But, I dare you to ask yourself and others around you, "Can you see the beauty in every person who walks by?"

Karla Dunn is a junior broadcast journalism major.

Fiscal affairs addresses LU 'Communication Fee'

By Marcus Garlington
Contributing Writer

The Gazette has a third update regarding the "Communication Fee."

We first published an article in October concerning the funds generated by the "Communication Fee," which is a fee designed to support the upgrading and maintenance of LU TV and the KALU radio station. Students raised questions about the state of production supplies, such as cameras, film, microphones, lighting and equipment.

All questions regarding the "Communication Bill" and production supplies were directed to Dr. Sharon Burnett, vice president for fiscal affairs and her office's staff.

"As vice president for Fiscal and Administrative Affairs, it is my responsibility to ensure to the best of my ability that all funds are spent within university policy... I have no reason to believe that there has been any money that was... misspent based on the board-approved requirement," Burnett said.

In a February meeting, Burnett present Student Body President Demauri Myers and Assistant Vice president for Fiscal & Administrative Affairs Debbie Masters. With every cent accounted for, it was evident that Langston University has done and is doing everything in its power to sustain the activities of LU TV and KALU via it's purchasing of equipment, software, labor and resources over the eight semesters in which the fee has been implemented.

To date, the "Communication Fee" has generated \$97,806. This fee is a part of the mandatory fee structure for the university and is recorded as part of Education and General I (E&G I) revenues.

"Expenditures of E&G I funds require approval by the requestor, department head and the appropriate

vice president... Detail[ed] records from the [Communication] department indicate that funds totaling \$102,779 have been expended," Burnett said in a statement to the Gazette.

As far as changes, additions and deletions to mandatory fees must be approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Burnett also wanted to assure the LU student population that her desire to thoroughly research the accounts involved was the reason that this update was not published during fall 2014.

A report of collection of fees for fiscal year 2015 indicates available funds of \$15,359 at this time.

Dr. Clarence Hedge, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, is enthused about the work that will take place at KALU before this spring semester ends.

"We just approved [approximately] \$10,000 in improvements in the radio station, and we just did that last week," Hedge said.

He also explained the proper process by which necessary equipment is proposed, purchased and installed, and, he said, KALU is a priority within the communication department because of the radio station equipment's water damage.

Hedge also gave the Gazette a glimpse of how he hopes the communication department will evolve within the next five years.

"I hope to see an advisory group... former graduates, professionals in the field... to look at what we have, to review what we're offering and to keep us abreast of significant changes in their industry," Hedge said. "I think once we put together an advisory group, we will have a clear direction for current students, which will better prepare them for the work force."

Hedge said he is proud of graduates who he sees working, particularly in radio. He

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— Dr. Sharon Burnett,
vice president for
Fiscal and
Administrative
Affairs

added that he would like to see more on LU TV because he thinks that will promote Langston's communication department.

He commended all LU students who take advantage of everything that this institution has to offer and who are succeeding in their respective fields.

He also said he challenges those same students to use their education for service and the enrichment of Langston's graduating classes to come.

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only HBCU in Oklahoma," Long added. "So, to put that on social media pages makes us look even worse and other schools could see that. It could have been done in a different way, like sent us an email."

Harvey said the people responsible for the issue responded quickly by returning the posters after student life issued the warning to cancel student activities.

Police send message about severe weather

Dear Langston Family,

As spring approaches, so does the threat for severe weather.

Out of concern for your safety, we want our LU community to stay safe. We ask that you refresh yourselves with University procedures that should be followed on all three Langston campuses during the 2015 tornado season.

Each building contains signs with the locations of existing shelters. If you observe tornado/severe weather, or if you hear tornado sirens sound or receive a tornado warning emergency notification from the University, proceed to the closest building and seek shelter.

Get to the lowest level away from glass, and put as many walls between you and the outside as possible. Typically, this will be a closet or hall. Do not seek refuge in an automobile.

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Agriculture South Barn	Public Safety Building Cart Barn Basement	Restrooms 105-106
Allied Health Center	Basement	Lecture Room 105
Anderson Stadium	Gayles Gym Basement	Stadium Locker Rooms
Breaux Hall (Early Childhood Lab)	Agricultural Building Basement North	Interior Corridor
Cafeteria	Gayles Gym Basement	Multi Purpose Locker Rooms
Calvin Hall/ITS	Gandy Basement	Restroom within Calvin Hall
Centennial Court Apartments	Moore Hall Basement Mechanical Area	Young Hall Dorm (1st Floor Corridors)
Cimarron Apartments	Gayles Gym Basement	Restrooms within Apartment
Coleman Heritage Center (Chapel)	Public Safety Building	Page Hall (1st Floor Corridors)
Commons Apartments	Agricultural Building Basement South	Page Hall 1st Floor Corridors
Cottages #1-#5	Public Safety Building Cart Barn Basement	Restrooms within Cottage
Gandy Hall	Building Basement	First Floor Corridor
G. Lamar Harrison Library	Page Hall Basement	First Floor Restrooms
Gayles Gymnasium	Men's & Women's Locker Rooms	Basement
Hamilton Hall	Allied Health Basement	1st Floor Corridors
Hargrove Music Hall	Page Hall Basement	Music Hall Band Room
I.W. Young Auditorium	Moore Hall Basement (Mechanical Room)	Music Hall Band Room
Jones Hall	Allied Health Basement	Restrooms 117-118 and Corridors
Moore Hall	Basement Mechanical Room	1st Floor Restrooms
Multi Purpose Complex	Gayles Gym Basement	Multi Purpose Locker Room/Restrooms
Page Hall	Building Basement	1st Floor Restrooms
Physical Therapy Complex	Gayles Gym Basement	Restrooms 104-105
Physical Plant	Gayles Gym Basement	Restrooms within Building
Public Safety Building	Public Safety Building Cart Barn Basement	Restrooms within Building
Retail Plaza	Page Hall Basement	Page Hall (1st Floor Corridors)
Sanford Hall	Sanford Hall Basement Mechanical Room	Restrooms 1st - 3rd Floors
Scholars Inn Apartments	Clubhouse Shelter Basement	Agricultural Building Basement North
Student Success Center	Gayles Gym Basement	Multi Purpose Locker Room
University Women	Moore Hall Basement Mechanical Room	1st Floor Restrooms and Corridors
Young Hall Dorm	Moore Hall Basement Mechanical Room	1st Floor Corridors (A side & C-side)

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Students win big at OBEA awards

By Karla Dunn
Staff Writer

Twelve Langston University broadcast journalism majors attended a Student Day Career Fair and Student Appreciation Luncheon and Awards Ceremony on March 26, in Oklahoma City.

The event was hosted by the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters (OAB) and the Oklahoma Broadcast Education Association (OBEA).

Broadcast company personnel at the career fair talked with students about internships and job opportunities available at their stations. Some of the companies that attended include KOCO Channel 4, News9 and Perry Publishing and Broadcasting.

At the luncheon and awards ceremony, two LU students won awards for their TV video essay entries. There was a first, second and third place award in that category, and Ashli Bell, senior broadcast journalism major, won first place for her video essay titled "Unpretty."

"I was really surprised," Bell said. "I had no idea that I would be in the running for anything. It was a very humbling experience, and it made

me feel really good and confident with my work."

In that same category, Jerrod Mitchell, junior broadcast journalism major, won third for his video essay titled "Stages."

"I worked really hard on my project, and when I found out that I had placed I was very excited," Mitchell said. "I can't wait to film more projects so I can enter them into next year's competition."

The students also attended an interactive session that was taught by Deborah Potter, a veteran journalism trainer, reporter and writer. She founded NewsLab, a nonprofit journalism resource center, in 1998. She is a contributing correspondent to "Religion and Ethics Newsweekly" on PBS and writes the local TV chapter for the annual "State of the News Media" report from the Pew Research Center.

Potter tested the students' skills at making the right decisions "on the fly" when reporting a story. She also described stories that went wrong and shared the tools that could help students avoid making mistakes when they report their stories.

"Going to OAB was a great experience, and I had a lot of fun and



Photo by Nehemiah Taylor

Broadcast Journalism majors Jerrod Mitchell and Ashli Bell win third and first place for their video essays at the OBEA awards.

learned what not to do or say in an interview," said Kaelyn Greene, freshman broadcast journalism major. "I can't wait until next year because I will be prepared and able to [apply] for some of the intern-

ships."

Students who attended said they can't wait until next year so they can enter more projects into the competition to positively represent LU.

Sodexo responds to cafeteria critics

Maya Jackson
Contributing Writer

After suffering scrutiny from students, Langston University's Sodexo cafeteria personnel are looking to enhance food variety, discipline staff and cater to what the students really want.

Timmy Taylor, operations manager for Sodexo, said he felt belittled and unappreciated after hearing the complaints about the cafeteria, but he also knew that they could do better. One of the steps he has taken toward improving the caf is to become more student-friendly.

Taylor, as well as other staff members, is becoming more open to ideas and suggestions of the students, and in doing so, they have created an environment where students are satisfied and are able to feel more at home.

Junior criminal justice major Kendal Graham said the food has definitely gotten better.

"We switched from nachos and hot dogs for lunch and dinner to real

food," Graham said.

Taylor also thinks the increase in caf attendance is due to extended operation hours and a wider variety of food options.

"Some people complain about hamburgers every day, but when we took hamburgers off the menu, they complained about not having hamburgers," Taylor said. "Food service is very hard, and it is hard to please everybody. I want to let the school know that we are trying as hard as we can."

Taylor said the Sodexo employees work all day, and negative comments affect them.

"There are people that are here every day from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., and those people have feelings also, so when they hear those negative things it weighs on them," Taylor said. "They come in busting their behinds to make you all happy, and it hurts when the same people you are trying to make happy turn around and make negative remarks. The student body should be more understanding of what these people do here. I really

wish they would look at that."

Dazjon Johnson, sophomore business major, disagreed, and said Taylor should expect negative opinions.

"He is in a business of customer service," Johnson said. "I don't think they should get mad because they are in a line of work that is meant to serve

people.

"People are giving their honest opinion about the service, and they cannot be mad at that because it is a part of their job description. The hamburgers should not be the only best-tasting thing in the caf. Customer service is key."

Spring 2015 Course Evaluations

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LU votes for campus improvements

By Kentre' Holt
Staff Writer

The Home Depot created a new way for all HBCUs to increase the chances of winning \$50,000 through the "Retool Your School" Internet competition.

A \$50,000-award will be given to an HBCU in each cluster with the most online votes and social media activity. According to the Retool Your School website, the incorporation of clusters allows participating HBCUs to only compete with other schools that are similar in size, based on student enrollment.

To enter in the competition, go to



<http://www.retoolyourschool.com>, and vote for Langston University, daily. Voting began Feb. 27, and ends April 20.

Faculty and staff discussed their ideas for campus improvements if Langston University wins.

"It would be great if we could get some other facilities for activities, such as a bowling alley and skating rink," said Barbara Potts, an academic adviser.

Vickie Downey, an admissions counselor, said she would like to see LU have a new workout facility that may be open to students, staff and faculty. Downey said LU definitely needs a venue for more activities.

Students have different ideas of campus improvements they would like to see if Langston wins the Re-

tool Your School prize.

"I want a full student union," said Jaqueline Burton, sophomore biology major. "One where there isn't a student affairs and admissions office – something we can actually enjoy – because a lot of the times we're in there, and they tell us we're being loud. So, I think we should have something full of students only."

Alessandra Wheeler, freshman biology major, said she hopes LU gets a dance studio, instead of people having to look at themselves through windows in the C.F. Gayles Gymnasium (the Mezz) while they practice.

Former student writes book about life journey

By Ashli Bell
Opinions Editor

"I had a talk with a beautiful man last night; gazing into his eyes, I said, 'You're the Son of God, right?' To which he replied, 'It is I who assured you

were never denied and the grave would be a place only for your body to lie.'

'Well, Jesus, I have just one question: Where were you when I suffered abusive ingestion?' He went on to say, 'I was there through the childhood you suffered. Without the skills of sur-

vival you acquired, you would have been murdered.'"

This is an excerpt from Cheryl Craig-White, a former Langston University student, in her autobiography, "The Voices Within Me: Though the Struggle is Real, Hope is Alive." The autobiography is composed of a series of poems that take readers on her journey from abuse and self-destruction to her walk with Jesus Christ.

Craig-White isn't the ordinary "writer." She doesn't hide anything from her audience. She visited LU on March 25, for her book debut and book signing in the Black Heritage Center.

"I'm not here to just talk about me and my book; it's about you and what you can do," Craig-White said. "Nothing is too hard for you to do; don't let anyone determine your life and your faith."

LU students and faculty who know Craig-White were excited to attend her book debut and listen to her presentation.

"When I first started attending Langston, I had a theater class with Ms. Cheryl, and she was always the life of the class," said Jabril Bailey, senior broadcast journalism major. "And, well, her presentation was touching because she has went through so much in her life, and she still has overcome every obstacle.



Photo by Ashli Bell

Cheryl Craig lectures about the struggles of life and presents her autobiography to students and faculty.

She takes all of her struggles and expressed those problems with her writing to help other people."

Craig-White's goal when she was presenting her book was to relate to her audience in many different ways. She talked about her past and all of the issues she went through, but then, she found her faith in Jesus Christ.

"I really liked how she discussed her past and how she

was able to overcome that past," said Jameka B. Lewis, curator librarian at the Black Heritage Center. "I loved how candid she was about everything she ever went through."

Craig-White's book is now on sale on e-books and on the website, <http://tatepublishing.com>. A copy also is available in the Black Heritage Center for students and faculty to check out.

Langston University Cooperative Extension Service 4-H Extended Education For Kids Summer Camp

The Langston University Cooperative Extension Service 4-H Youth Development Extended Education For Kids Summer Camp will begin **June 1 through July 12, 2015** for children entering grades **K through 5 September 2015**. Theme: **"A Summer to Believe."** This year's camp will include many new and exciting adventures!

Extended Education For Kids Summer Camp is designed for campers to have so much fun while practicing their math, reading, writing and socialization capabilities so that they will be better prepared academically when school resumes. They will also have the opportunity to improve their health and strengthen their bodies through nutrition demonstrations and physical fitness exercises.

The Camp is conducted in a safe environment and offered on a first come first served basis with a **maximum capacity of sixty (60) students. Applications are now available upon request.** Parents are encouraged to request and submit an application(s) before **May 22, 2015**.

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New Miss Langston strives to empower, inspire women

Brittney Kendrick
Reporter

Beauty, brains and raw determination, these are some of the traits that may greet you as you speak with the newly crowned 2015 Miss Langston, Blongshia Cha.

Cha, sophomore natural science major, chose Langston University through a scholarship partnered through USDA and 1890 Schools. Shortly after choosing Langston, Cha took her friend's place in the 2014 Miss Orange and Blue pageant after a family emergency prompted her friend to have to leave school. Cha quickly "...realized that pageants were more than a stage for pageantry, but more of a place for current and fu-

ture leaders."

Cha was made aware early in her pageant participation that her win could make history as the first Asian with her title. Though she took place as first runner up, she entered and accomplished her goal and won 2014 Miss Black and Gold.

This inspired her to go further and she started preparation a year in advance for the next Miss Langston pageant. Cha entered the Miss Langston pageant in spring 2015 and performed a piano piece, "One", by Epic High.

"I'm friends with all the contestants, so it made it better," Cha said. "They were patient with me because I have no rhythm, and I'm clumsy."

With stiff competition, Cha

"I plan to be remembered for my love for Langston, not the color of my skin."

— *Blongshia Cha,*
69th Miss Langston University

came out as the 2015 Miss LU.

"Blongshia was the most consistent when it came down to scoring and every phase in the competition," said Brittany Carradine, coordinator for student life.

"As an HBCU, we allow everyone to have a chance and don't discriminate on race, religion, creed or color," Carradine said.

Cha is now preparing for her platform, "One Step—the

Journey of a Thousand Miles Begins with the First Step," which is a college-readiness and retention initiative.

Cha will partner with the tutoring department and encourage students to get more involved.

"Being the new representative for our female student body, it's important that I use my position to empower women; nobody can inspire women like women," Cha said.

She has already set her goals as Miss Langston and is on her way to conquer them with great success.

As a winner of the Miss LU pageant, Cha will advance and compete in the Miss Oklahoma pageant June 2-6.

"I'm nervous to win Miss Oklahoma, so I can go on to the Miss America pageant," Cha said. "We can excel past race and ethnic background."

Cha believes that through adversity, she can break through barriers.

"Miss Carradine told me that I have a bucket, and I can fill it with good or bad," Cha said. "Instead of using the negative opinions to get me down, I want to inspire past them."

Cha, now known as a trailblazer for diversity, has taken the crown as the first Asian-American Miss Langston. She looks forward to many accomplishments.

"I plan to be remembered for my love for Langston, not the color of my skin," she said.

News9 anchor visits LU



Photo by Nehemiah Terry

Evan Anderson, anchor for News9, speaks to Langston broadcast journalism majors as they interview him for a class. Anderson visited LU on March 2, as part of the communication department's Speaker Lecture Series.

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'Empire' season finale attracts more than 20 million viewers

By Jerrod Mitchell
Reporter

The Lee Daniels' TV drama "Empire" has become a hit to viewers across the nation.

The show's finale premiered March 18, and more than 23 million people tuned in to watch. This marks TV's highest-rated freshman season finale in nearly 10 years since "Grey's Anatomy" aired in fall 2005 on ABC.

The show stars Terrence Howard and Taraji P. Henson as main characters Lucius and Cookie Lyons. Special guests including Jennifer Hudson, Mary J. Blige, Patti LaBelle, Snoop Dog and Cuba Gooding Jr. were also featured in this first season.

The show is centered around a man who

owns a hip-hop record label and the scandal that unravels not only in the music industry but in his family.

"I kept hearing about it; I would see people posting on social media about the show," said Latisha Lollice, junior early childhood education major. " (So), I checked the show out and I enjoyed it. My favorite character is Cookie."

Many people have fallen in love with the feisty, witty and funny character of Cookie.

"I love the show; I love Cookie!" said Miyourri Logan, freshman physical therapy major. "She keeps it real. I enjoy the plot; it makes me want to watch every week, and I'm looking forward to the next season."

The show was renewed for a second season two weeks after its January 2015 premiere.



'Furious 7' rakes in box-office millions as co-stars remember actor Paul Walker

By Deja McCants
Staff Writer

In its opening weekend April 3, "Furious 7" earned \$143.6 million from 4,004 locations to top the domestic box office, according to Rentrack.

As a matter of fact, "Furious 7" is now the ninth biggest opening of all time, surpassing "Captain America: The Winter Soldier," which grossed \$95 million and debuted the same weekend a year ago.

Numbers show that the film is proving to be a major success in its opening weekend, but many fans are still saddened by the 2013 passing of "The Fast and Furious" star Paul Walker. After leaving a charity event in November 2013, Walker was killed in a single-car accident in Santa Clarita, California, according to the Daily News. He was 40 years old.

"In my opinion, the death of Paul Walker made the anticipation of the movie 10 times better," said sophomore Tray Ray, student at North Oklahoma College. "I also believe that [Walker] was supposed to die off in the movie as well, which made the reality of it more ironic and sad."

At the time of Walker's

"It's emotional for me—it's emotional for the audiences when they see it—because I love Paul. He was like a brother. He was a brother to all of us."

— Dwayne Johnson, actor, "Furious 7"

death, "Furious 7" was in the process of filming the final chapter of the seven-part "Fast and Furious" series. Due to Walker's untimely death in the middle of the film, Universal announced an indeterminate hiatus on the production because the movie production personnel wanted to speak with Walker's family in regard to filming without him.

Some think Walker's death created somewhat of a suspense to how the movie would pan out and how filming would continue.

"I knew that the movie would still come out," said sophomore Miles Barrett, who attends Las Pasitas College. "I figured that they would use a stunt double for the scenes that he was unable to do."

Because Walker was unable to complete the duration of the film, his brothers, Cody

and Caleb, were used as body doubles to finish the remaining scenes. Cast members were vocal about the release of the movie.

"This film almost didn't even make the light of day," said rapper and "Furious" star Ludacris. "But, we were able to finish it, and to see the finished product the way it is, it lets you know that we're happy we did finish it."

At press day, prior to the film's release, "Furious" star Dwayne Johnson made his remarks about Walker.

"It's emotional for me—it's emotional for the audiences when they see it—because I love Paul," Johnson said. "He was like a brother. He was a brother to all of us."

In Walker's memory, "Furious 7" was dedicated to him in order to honor his legacy, according to MTV News.



LU track team anticipates successful outdoor season

By Trevon McNabb
Reporter

The Langston University track team has high expectations for the upcoming outdoor season.

Though the performance at the indoor nationals wasn't what the team expected, with key returners and a new recruiting class, the team still expects to compete for a conference and national outdoor title.

The team and coaches said their

outdoor season is better because the track and races are longer, which are better suited for the team.

"The goal is to make it to nationals outdoors and qualifying for individuals," said sophomore sprinter Camesha Young.

The team members will have several meets and competitions to help them prepare for the conference and national championship, including a track meet at Oklahoma Baptist University on March

28, and the Hardin Simmons Invitational on April 2.

With the quality of runners, many team members think the conference championship and an appearance in the outdoor track finals is very possible.

"We want to finish at the top of the conference standings," said Head Coach James Hilliard. "The women should repeat as conference champions if they continue to work hard."

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Women's basketball coach appears on national TV

Special from
Oklahoma Horizon TV

Cheryl Miller, Langston University's women's basketball head coach, was featured on the nationally televised "Oklahoma Horizon" television show on OETA on March 29.

Miller is a four-time All-American and two-time National Champion. In 1984, she led team USA to an Olympic Gold.

Her coaching career began where she played collegiately at U.S.C. Follow-

ing that she spent 17 years as a sports broadcaster, before she decided to return to coaching.

Miller's long-time friend, Mike Garrett, LU athletic director, gave her the opportunity when no one else would.

"The two years of trying to get back into women's basketball was the best thing that ever happened to me," Miller said. "It was the most humbling, gut-wrenching, confusing, depressing, time of my life."

The LU Lady Lions had a

record of 28-4 this season with Miller as head coach, and made it to the second round of the NAIA Women's Division I National Tournament, which was a significant turnaround from the season prior.

"Oklahoma Horizon" is a weekly television show covering social and economic trends in Oklahoma.

The show airs over a network of 34 Oklahoma stations that includes over 25

airings in both Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

"Oklahoma Horizon" also airs nationally to 58 million homes on cable and reaches 13 European countries, as well as Australia and Brasil.

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