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Students read for a cause



Miss Black & Gold Brittni Logan sits with children from the Early Childhood Laboratory (ELC) during story time as Marva Blades, junior psychology major, reads them a book.

Logan, Blades and members of Langston University's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) visited the ELC on Feb. 18, as part of a community service project.

As Miss Black & Gold, Logan supports education and community service through her platform, "P.U.S.H. (Pray Until Something Happens) for Success." In honor of her platform, Logan also helped the kids color pictures of African-American historical figures during her visit.

Courtesy Photo

Physical therapy students receive white coats at annual celebration

By Ashli Bell
Opinions Editor

Fourteen students in the School of Physical Therapy at Langston University received their white coats at the annual White Coat Ceremony on Feb. 13.

The celebration is for first-year students who have completed a full year of coursework. Throughout the year, students are immersed into real-life

situations and are tested over a multiple criteria to be a physical therapist.

After they complete all of the required work, they are fitted to get their official white coats to use in the workforce, whether they applied for internships, clinical intuitions or whatever is next in their journey to becoming a physical therapist.

"The ceremony is the biggest event we have at our school," said Saman-

tha Corbett, administrative specialist for the School of Physical Therapy.

Dr. Aliya Chaudry, dean of the School of Physical Therapy and director for clinical education, opened the ceremony.

"This is the 12th White Coat Ceremony held by the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Langston University since it began in 2002,"

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Religion just an 'eight-letter word'

Student explains personal beliefs

Religion is an eight-letter word of which many people have their own opinion.

It's also a word that is abused every day, and it is being blamed for multiple wars.

I think religion sets rules, but it doesn't set us free.

It is my mission to help people understand that religion doesn't mean you are automatically saved—it's your faith in God that saves you.

Christianity goes a long way with people in today's society.

To have a relationship



Alailefaleula

with God, we have to humble ourselves, recognize we have been wrongfully selfish and ask for his forgiveness that he freely gives to anyone who humbles themselves.

That's the good news.

God did for us what we could not do, which is pay for our sins. We can't only be hearers of his word, but we must be doers of his word as well.

I have a different perspective on religion. People may not agree, but I know I stand firm in how I feel about religion.

Religion can't save me from any harm of this world—my faith and trust in God will.

It's hard to think that religion plays a big role in society today because we make it a role.

If people would under-

stand the real meaning of religion, they would look beyond all of that because at the end of the day, we all serve a God.

It might not be the same God or higher power as others around us, but I know who my Lord and Savior is, which is Jesus Christ.

Religion is not a solid topic, and no religions are wrong. However, think about how you interpret religion, and use it carefully.

Yollie Alailefaleula is a junior health, recreation and physical education major.

Question of the Week

What do you think about more states legalizing same-sex marriages?



"I'm for it. I think people should be able to marry who they want to marry."

Nea Odom,
sophomore
physical therapy major



"If that's what they want to do, then they should. But, I don't think they should support it because if that's how it's supposed to be, then it would already be like that."

Prince Samuels,
junior
HPER major



"I think it's great. Personally, it's up to each individual's discretion, as long as they don't pose harm to anyone."

Ebony Barnes,
junior
natural sciences
management major



"I feel like all states should because everybody deserves to have their own love."

Sarah Bullock,
freshman
health care
management major

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Chaudry said.

At the event, students were not only donned with their coats, but they also were presented physical therapy lapel pins.

"This ceremony symbolized an important step in our professional development," said Ryan Elassal, first-year class president.

"It was great to share this experience with our family, friends and faculty," Elassal said. "We have yet another reason to be proud of Langston University and their continued support of our program."

The students closed the ceremony by taking the student oath of the physical therapy profession.

"The White Coat Ceremony symbolizes a student's readiness to begin their clinical training in the DPT curriculum," Chaudry said.

Langston University's School of Physical Therapy is ranked 79th in the nation and is known for having a top graduation rate.

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Photo by Nehemiah Taylor

Students in the School of Physical Therapy take their professional oath and receive their coats at the annual White Coat Ceremony. Fourteen students received their white coats at the celebration Feb. 13, in the C.F. Gayles Atrium.

Alabama split on same-sex marriage

Deja McCants
Staff Writer

On Feb. 9, several counties in Alabama began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

In major counties such as Huntsville, Montgomery and Birmingham, numerous same sex couples lined up outside their county courthouses, intending to get married, according to *The New York Times*.

Among many same-sex marriages in Birmingham, Olanda Smith and Dinah McCaryer were the first to marry. Judge Michael G. Graffeo of Circuit Court officiated the ceremony.

"I now pronounce Olanda and Dinah are married spouses, entitled to all rights and privileges, as well as responsibilities, afforded and placed upon them by the state of Alabama," Graffeo said.

Although Alabama granted same-sex marriage licenses in several of its counties, 50 of its 60 counties were not giving them to gay and lesbian couples, according to the Human Rights

Campaign, a gay rights group.

"I'm caught in the middle of this," said Judge James Hall of probate court, Florence County. Judge Hall denied the legal marriage of a lesbian couple. The Florence County couple later decided to drive to Birmingham and marry there.

While the gay communities are still struggling for equality, they do have their supporters.

"If two people like each other, they should have the right to be with each other," said Marquis Harbor, freshman biology major.

However, others do not agree with same-sex marriage.

"I believe that same-sex couples can date whoever they want, but as far as getting married, no," said D'Andre Perry, freshman criminal justice major. "My opinion about it is that if same-sex couples were to want a child, they could not reproduce, thus, having to adopt a child. I believe in the long run, this will cause the child to grow up being confused," he explained.

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IN U.S.



Others take a more Biblical approach on this ongoing issue.

"The Bible tells us that a marriage is between a man and a woman," said Chris Boyd, sophomore physical education major.

While some do not agree with gay marriage, they can still understand the ongoing struggle.

"I really do not agree with it, but I

can see where they are coming from," said Parish Pierce, senior at LU.

Though gay marriage has been approved and legalized in over half of the 50 states, 13 still have bans on same-sex marriage, which are Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Tennessee and Texas.

LU Black Heritage Center presents African-American history art show

By **Indy Nelson**
Reporter

In light of Black History Month, two African-American artists and their works are being featured in the Melvin B. Tolson Black Heritage Center.

The art show, titled "Nyuso: Swahili for 'Faces'," opened Feb. 12, and features artists Ebony Iman Dallas and Rico Young. Their work will be on display until March 20.

Dallas is an artist, designer and founder of Afrikanation Artists Organization (AAO), a nonprofit based in Hargeisa, Somaliland/Somalia in March 2010. According to the AAO website, the mission of the organization is to restore and support past, present and future Somali art culture through arts education, a professional artist network and community outreach.

"I have a passion to paint portraits of important African-American people who have a political overtone," Dallas said. "I have been painting since I was a little girl; it's been something I've always loved."

Young is a portrait artist. His artistic influences include Nick Wu and Slava, a Russian painter.

Young was inspired by a particular painting in his childhood home, which he was also named after. The



Photos by Austin Terry

Above: This painting titled "'Teaching for Peace' Clara Luper" by Ebony Dallas is on display in the "Nyuso: Swahili for 'Faces'" art show in the Black Heritage Center.

Right: This sketched photo by Rico Young is titled "Malik" and is on display in the Black Heritage Center.



painting him inspired him to learn artistic techniques, so his mother taught him how to sketch.

"I enjoy creating art because it serves as a stress reliever," Young said.

However, he wants people to know that while he is a great artist, he is still a student of art.

Those who have viewed the pieces from these artists have been inspired by their raw talent.

"I think the art show is

good, fun to look at and the artists are social," said Kentré Holt, sophomore broadcast journalism major.

Following the Black History Month show, the Black Heritage Center will host a student art show where students can submit their pieces to be showcased.

If interested in participating in the next art show, contact Jameka Lewis, head of special collections for the Black Heritage Center, at 405-466-3346.

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English Club is 'good outlet to practice speaking skills'

By Perry Smith
Staff Writer

Students can now join the English Club, where they get an opportunity at expressing themselves in a variety of ways.

"The English club is a specially designed club for all those who have a passion for spoken or written word," said Andre Love, English instructor and adviser of the club.

"It's a student-oriented social club here on the Langston University campus," Love added.

The English Club hosts open mic and poetry contests annually in April.

"It's a good outlet for students to practice their speaking skills," said Lonnie Johnson Jr., instructor and acting chair of the Department of

"It's a great opportunity to be around others with similar interests and goals."

— Lonnie Johnson Jr.,
Acting Chair and Instructor
in the Department of Communication

Communications.

"It's a great opportunity to be around others with similar interests and goals," Johnson added.

Johnson is the club's secondary adviser.

The club also offers free scholarship help to students. In fall 2014, the English Club hosted bi-weekly scholarship sessions.

"All you have to do is participate in the sessions, fill out

scholarships online and increase your chances of receiving free money," said Travonte Conway, freshman finance and accounting major.

The first meeting of the spring 2015 semester will be at 2 p.m. Feb. 26, in Jones Hall, room 103.

Love and members of the club encourage anyone who is interested in English, speech or poetry to attend the meeting.



KEEP
CALM
AND JOIN
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Actor criticizes Academy for nomination snub

By Jerrod Mitchell
Reporter

The 2015 movie "Selma" was snubbed at this year's Academy Awards.

The historic film directed by Ava DuVernay focuses on Martin Luther King Jr. and the march for voting rights.

Actor David Oyelowo, who portrayed King in the film, said he thinks the reason why the movie was snubbed at the Oscars is because the Oscars gravitate toward certain types of black characters, and prominent leaders aren't one of them.

Oyelowo spoke about the snub at the Santa Barbara International Film Festival.

"We've just got to come to the point whereby there isn't a self-fulfilling prophecy—a notion of who black people are—that feeds into what we are celebrated as, not just in the Academy, but in life generally," Oyelowo said.

"We have been slaves; we have been domestic servants; we have been criminals, and we have been all of those things. But, we have been leaders; we have been kings; we have been those who changed the world," Oyelowo said.

In the past, black movies that were nominated for an Academy Award featured characters in degrading roles, such as slaves, servants and drug dealers.

"It's so sad, but I am glad that we don't give up and that movies like 'Selma' are being made," said Cami Little, senior supply chain management major. "Selma gives our generation a visual of what our ancestors had to go through."

Though some agree with Oyelowo's statement, some think his opinion is not appropriate for a nomination in the Academy.

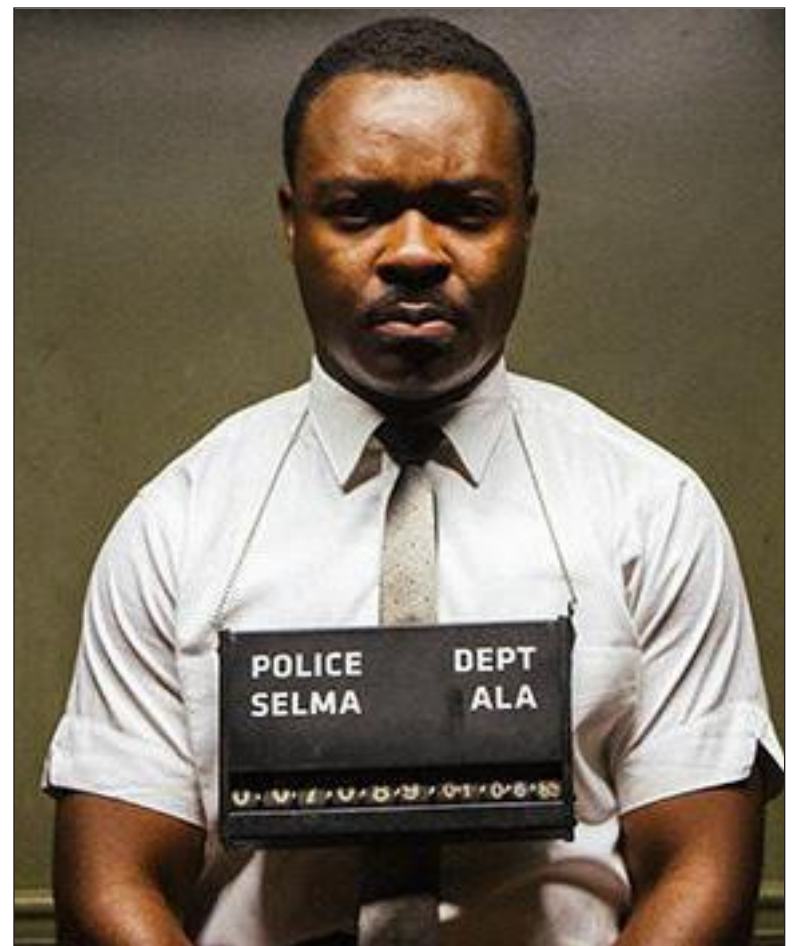
"A part of that is true; I think it's very difficult to really see black actors in a different way," said Brittany Carradine, director of student life. "Even when they show up on film in a different way, it's hard to respect them in that role."

"So, I do think that there is some validity in what David Oyelowo is saying; however, I'm not sure that was the case with 'Selma,'" she said. "While I think he did an incredible job, I think being nominated for best actor or best picture is going a little far."

But still, others completely stand behind Oyelowo.

"I believe the comment is correct," said Brandon Palmore, senior computer science major. "The reason why is because we, as a people, don't expect a lot. We're happy with mediocrity. What we need, as a people, is to continue to stay in the roles."

The movie will be screened at on Oscar Sunday, Feb. 22, in the I.W. Young Auditorium.



Actor David Oyelowo plays Civil Rights Leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the 2015 motion picture "Selma."

Brad Henry Scholarship provides global opportunities for students

By **Diondra Ross**
Staff Writer

Emmanuel Everett took the opportunity to be a part of another country's lifestyle.

Everett, a senior business management major, was a 2014 recipient of the Brad Henry International Scholarship.

With the scholarship, he gained a new experience and an understanding of today's global economy.

The Brad Henry scholarship "provides the funding for tuition, lodging and flight to Swansea, Wales in the United Kingdom," according to the Northern State University International Programs website.

Everett participated in a semester-long study abroad program in fall 2014, adjusting to United Kingdom living and the Swansea University way of teaching.

"The way they structure their

"The way they structure their classes is definitely focused on academics, and they are really particular about the way they write."

— *Emmanuel Everett,*
senior business management major

classes is definitely focused on academics, and they are really particular about the way they write," Everett said.

The school experience was different from what Everett expected, but he adjusted well within the Swansea business department.

"We would meet once a week for each class and have seminar sessions, which (included) just the students and maybe a teacher's aid or representative. We

would sit and talk about what we learned," Everett said.

Not only was he able to become a student, he was able to connect with other students from different universities who were also chosen for the Brad Henry scholarship.

Everett took advantage of what he could and built bonds with the other students with whom he lived while he was there.

Though it was an educational experience, they were able to

travel to London and France.

"London was definitely super upbeat," Everett said. "It's like New York times 10, and we took the underground. It was exciting because I had no clue what I was going to do out there."

Everett also said his experience to the United Kingdom was an experience he will never forget and on he will be able to share with future recipients for the scholarship.

This year, D'Andrael Ware, a junior biology education major, was picked to be the 2015 recipient for the Brad Henry scholarship.

She is in the process of gathering her requirements to complete her application to experience a semester in the United Kingdom.

Ware said she expects to learn different styles of learning, as well as new teaching techniques, which, she thinks, will enhance her own teaching skills.

LU sells 19 goats to OKC Waterworks

By **Joseph Gibson**
Staff Writer

Hefner Lake in Oklahoma City is receiving unusual help.

Oklahoma City Waterworks bought 19 goats from Langston University to help eliminate brush, weed and red cedar wood from Hefner Lake.

Before bringing in the goats, the company purchased a machine for \$300,000 that caused too many injuries to employees, such as concussions.

So, OKC Waterworks personnel decided to go to a safer, more economically friendly route by hiring goats.

"Goats are agile creatures and can move up and down the slopes without a problem," said Dr. Steve Hart, research scientist for the E (kika) de la Garza American Institute for Goat Research.

The goats also will help with vegetation in the soil along the canal banks, and they are expected to eat about a mile of brush per month, Hart said.

Though hiring goats was a cheaper alternative, Monte Hannen, superintendent of water quality for OKC Waterworks, seemed to think the goats have a tough job ahead of them.

"They've got a heck of a task cut out for them, and they just do what comes natural," Hannen said in an interview with News9.

According to the Hoegger Supply Co. website, the consumption of brush or grass is essential to keeping goats warm during the winter months.

"The goats only eat the brush in the winter time," Hart said.

The goats may be staying warm by eating the brush at the lake, but they aren't out there alone—they have a fellow animal companion watching over them.

"The goats had a guard dog, but it was brought back to Langston because humans were spoiling him," Hart said. "Now, the goats are guarded by a donkey whose name is Samule; Samule protects the goats from coyotes and wild pigs."

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Lions bounce back after tough loss

Jabril Bailey
Contributing Writer

The Langston Lions took a hard loss Feb. 13 against Our Lady of the Lake Saints.

The pace was set early in the game. OLLU played high-octant style of basketball by pressing 94 feet and for 40 minutes harp on making their opponents making mistake.

The pressure of OLLU caused the Lions to commit several turnovers in the first half, causing them to be down by 12 at halftime.

"I think we fought in that game," said Head Coach Stan Holt. "I think there were a lot of times our guys could have said, 'We are not going to get over the hump.'"

The Lions battled back and got the lead down before missing a couple of lay-ups and dunks, and senior guard Landon Gray got his fifth foul, resulting in him sitting for the rest of the game.

Holt said that Gray getting his fifth foul was a key point of the game because he had been doing such a great job defensively late in the game.

The Lion's heroic effort did not come out with them getting the win as they lost to the Saints, 84-75.

The next night, however, on Feb. 14, in the game against Huston-Tillotson University started what

seemed to be the same result as the previous night.

The team came out very lethargic and the leading scorer, senior guard Curtis Jones, was struggling to find his shot early in the game.

"Based on their personnel, we wanted to start off in a 2-3, and it didn't work very well," Holt Said.

The Lions soon went back to their base defense of man-to-man, and the tables slowly turned as the Rams' guards could not handle the pressure, taking the Lions into halftime up 12 with a 53-41 lead.

Coming back in the second half, the Lions took control early.

Jones, who was struggling early in the game, had found his rhythm late in the first half and continued to pile up the points in the second half.

The Rams tried to shake the Lions by throwing multiple defenses in an attempt to aggravate the Lions' guards to commit turnovers.

"Our guys are slowly getting the point of understanding how we are going to attack all of those things (defenses)," Holt said.

The Lions won the game against HT, 95-80.

Jones lead the Lions in scoring over the weekend with 25.5 points per game, followed by sophomore



Photo by Jabril Bailey

Sophomore guard Myles Eglin makes an acrobatic layup with the defense surrounding him.

guard Renard "Red" Green with 15.5 points per game.

The Lions are on the road next week as they take on Bacone College, LSU-Alexandria and LSU-Shreveport.

"The season is going good," senior guard Landon Gray said. "Even though we've lost some vital players to injury, we're fourth in the conference with hopes of moving up to second or first before playoffs begin."

Lady Lions win again!



Photo by Jabril Bailey

Senior Guard Clannish Williams breaks away for an easy 2 points against Huston-Tillotson. The Lady Lions won this at-home game with a final score of 107-67.

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Lady Lions increase strength, chemistry

Trevon McNabb
Reporter

Last season, the Langston University softball team made it to the conference championship. With a good recruiting class and key returners, the Lady Lions are expected to go just as far this year.

During the off-season, the Lady Lions did some intense strength and conditioning to help them grow as a team, as well as push for a chance at the national tournament this year.

"I think they formed a great bond that will translate on the field," said LU graduate assistant Jessica Hendrickson.

The Lady Lions came off two good wins last week against Ecclesia College. On Feb.19, the ladies played against Southwestern Christian University and on Feb. 20, against Haskell College. The results of the games were not yet available before *the Gazette* press deadline.

"This year is going to be good, and we expect to win conference and go the national tournament," said sophomore outfielder Sydney Rios.

The ladies will have stiff competition being in the third-ranked conference in the nation, but with chemistry and depth, things look bright for the team.

"I am expecting to see some new things, and I'm anxious to see what we can do," said Head Coach Hosea Bell.



Photo by Ashli Bell

The Lady Lions prepare to field the ball as the pitcher winds up to throw a pitch.

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Christine Rosas



Sport: Softball
Classification: Sophomore
Home Town: San Antonio
Favorite Food: Spaghetti
Favorite Movie: "Hardball"
Playlist Hit: Bricks

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Evan Anderson

News9 TV personality is coming to LU!

Time: 11 a.m.
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