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Editor thinks Trump presidency has been week of 'fresh hell'

On a scale of 1 to 10, how much do you wish you had voted for Hillary right now? You probably haven't had time to reflect on that notion given the daily headline refresh, courtesy of our new commander-in-chief.

I can admit that even as a news junkie, this week has been a fresh hell for me, trying to keep up with every controversy followed by a falsehood coupled with an insult, which triggered a protest that started with a tweet but ended in outrage. So, in case you missed it, here's Donald Trump's presidency so far.

Trump must have broken a record for most news stories in a week. On his first official day in the Oval Office, he signed two executive orders, and they kept coming. In one week, he signed legislation to enforce a hiring/pay raise freeze for federal employees, revived the controversial Keystone XL and Dakota Access pipeline projects, shredded the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal, proposed legislation for this Mexican border wall and, as we all should know, banned travel from seven Muslim countries, which has not only embarrassed America worldwide but also brought about Trump's termination of Attorney Gen. Sally Yates, who refused to enforce the ban, which many have deemed unconstitutional.

That was a lot, but unfortunately, it's only the tip of Trump's orangeish iceberg. Let's not forget these disgraceful cabinet appointments, press conferences and the Internet's favorite: "alternative facts." The hell is an "alternative fact?"

If you missed that, it was a phrase Kelly Anne Conway used to describe the many untruths that White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer stated in his first press conference under the Trump administration regarding its interpretation of crowd size at Trump's inauguration.

This immediately led to backlash, as it was only the first official day of Trump's



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presidency. But Trump is no fan of critics and used Spicer to reprimand members of the media for accurately reporting the inauguration as a flop compared to the last three.

"This was the largest audience to ever witness an inauguration, period," Spicer said, contradicting all available data.

If only Trump cared about the First Amendment the way he cares about the Second Amendment. Freedom of speech and of press is our first guarantee as American citizens and a criticism of that freedom and ultimate denial of the truth by a governing body is unsettling.

More unsettling is Trump's desire to act. Not think. Just act. He's been vigorously attempting to make good on all of his campaign promises where no one took him seriously because he didn't really have a plan.

This goes for his wall, his replacement for Obamacare, his "extreme vetting" of immigrants or anything else he criticized in order to gain support of the white middle- and lower-classes. He seems to be shooting from the hip and gauging the public's reaction, then following up with his cleanup crew of idiots who would defend him flushing a baby down the toilet in order to quell the public's outcry and devastation.

Example? Because he promised white America a wall, they will have one. BUT they, and the rest of us, will pay for it—with a 20 percent tax on imports from Mexico.

This may seem like a few

extra cents tacked on to some cilantro or a dollar added to avocados, but America's biggest import from Mexico? CARS. That's right. Your cars. If Trump can have it his way, it will cost 20 percent more to finance his billion-dollar wall.

Another failed attempt to make America great again is what the public is calling Trump's "Muslim ban," where travelers from seven predominantly Muslim countries (Iraq, Iran, Syria, Yemen, Sudan, Somalia & Libya) are banned from entering the United States. In the first days, the ban even halted the entry of green card-holders, which caused quite a legal frenzy around the world, as the order is quite confusing and no one really knows how to enforce it.

Federal judges, airport personnel, White House officials and media outlets have debated the issue for days. The language of the ban is unclear, but Trump maintains that it is not made to single out "Muslims," but rather slow free travel between countries that aid terrorists.

Where did he mess up? He said he would grant privileges to those in the religious minority facing persecution. But in countries such as Saudi Arabia, the Sunni Muslim population is the religious minority that faces persecution. Do you think they get privileges? Since then, six of the seven countries have banned Americans from entry as retaliation and protests are ongoing worldwide.

Sidebar: Don't get caught up in this protest nonsense either. The nation is sensationalizing these feminist marches and airport protests and protests for "human rights."

These phrases are not what they've used to describe Black Lives Matter protests, and before I go to an airport or take to the streets to support causes of others, I would like to know where these others were when we marched for the lives of unarmed African-Americans taken by police. All of a sudden, Trump starts treating everybody else the way black people have been treated for

years, and now they're ready to galvanize? Girl, bye.

It's important to consider the context in which Trump formulated these executive orders. He runs multiple companies, and as president of this and CEO of that, he is used to "getting things done." But America is no corporation (I laughed as I thought that sentence).

Trump is trying his hardest to exercise the ultimate executive authority and circumvent the bureaucracy of Washington, which also aligns with his campaign rhetoric. It's put a tremendous amount of pressure on him to act first and think later.

Also remember that, as a New Yorker, 9/11 was something that devastated him personally as well as his businesses. There's enough circumstantial evidence there to suggest a bias influenced by Islamophobia, but I'm just theorizing here.

What I can say for sure is that the dubious cataclysmic doom Trump preached about (that hadn't happened yet) while campaigning will soon be at our front doors as he continues to isolate America from its allies and play into the Jihadist narrative that America is committing acts of war against Islam and has no respect for any Muslims, even the ones who have worked for years to gain American citizenship.

Finally, let's discuss the egregious mistakes Trump has made in appointing cabinet members. They're all millionaire CEOs. They're all devoid of any substantial political experience. And they've all been grilled to death in their senate confirmation hearings.

Betsy DeVos is Trump's pick to head the Department of Education, the federal organization that oversees state-sponsored educational institutions such as public schools and colleges. She has never attended a public school, worked in one, sent her children to one, nor has she ever taken out a loan to pay for school. She also

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Lion Links One-stop-shop website

By **Tori Harris**
Staff Writer

Let's get rid of the emails that students rarely check. Let's get rid of fliers that are posted in buildings and go unnoticed by many. Let's go digital with Lion Links!

"It's a system that will allow us to streamline systems related to student events on campus," said Acting Director of Student Life Terri Link.

Lion Links is the new website for everyone on campus to stay updated with events and news about departments, such as financial aid, student affairs and the registrar.

The website allows school departments, organizations and clubs to register and post news for upcoming meetings, events and general information about their organization or clubs.

Also, Lion Links helps the university go paperless, so students can sit at home, pull up their browser and see what's happening on campus right in front of them, similar to social media. This gives everyone an opportunity to get involved with one another, plan for events ahead of time and most of all, communicate as a whole.

"It provides us with the tools necessary to create a comprehensive, coordinated,

centralized assessment when it comes to planning events and organizations bringing about awareness about student organizations or leaders on campus," Link said. "Lion Links is pretty much like Facebook; it's a Facebook version of Campus Labs."

Technology is a major part of students' lives – they rely on a computer before relying on a piece of paper.

"Lion Links will help organization members be able to access information in a timely matter since our generation is more reliable on technology in our everyday lives," said Tierra Harris, president of the Society of Distinguished Black Women and senior biology major.

Lion Links has been a work in progress for as long as four years now. With paper, it was hard for students and administrators to organize events accordingly.

Lion Links, however, gives the university access to everything on one site, and students won't need to jump from site to site trying to find out about the next big thing on campus.

Students can join their organizations, upload pictures from events, keep other students up to date with campus information, post about upcoming events, inform students of deadlines, etc.

It's a website specifically for students to stay linked in regarding campus information.

"It can be a one-stop shop for everyone to know factual information. There's no miscommunication," said Sherri Smith, a research analyst for the Office of Institutional Research and Planning.

The website provides opportunities with the career services as well, such as scholarship money, internships, and jobs. It's beneficial in many ways and it may reduce phone calls, not leaving students clueless on deadlines and events.

Communication between the university and the students will be more effective than before. Students can log on to lion links at <https://lionlinks.langston.edu> if they have an active Langston email address. Lion Links went live Jan. 30.

All organizations are highly recommended to re-register to the site in order to submit event proposals. Any organization that has not done so will need to schedule a time with Terri Link to register, or the organization will have a hold on having events.

"You need a scholarship? You need an internship, a job? Go to Lion Links!" Smith said.

Scholars residents get new couches

By **Walter Harris**
Staff Writer

Students who live in Scholars Inn arrived from winter break to find new furniture.

Scholars residents received a new couch and love seat, which are a shade of royal blue. The previous couches were a mix of tan, brown and navy blue.

"The reason for the new couches is because Scholars Inn had aged, and the particular dorms had the greatest need for new furniture," said Ricky J. Jenkins, acting director of Residential Life and Housing Services.

Though the old furniture is gone, it is still being utilized.

Jenkins said some of it has been refurbished to offer options when items may need replaced on short notice or when there is a wait on preparation or delivery of furniture.

Scholars Inn is the only housing on campus that received new furniture.

"Centennial Court has not been completed yet, but it is where the university may focus the next available funds on the housing environment," Jenkins said. "There will be additions as the university is able to commit

funds to a living-learning environment."

Some students have expressed their dislike for the new furniture.

"The old ones were just dingy, and I feel if they were going to give blue couch sets at least add the orange in there, too," said Brandon Jones, sophomore psychology major. "I think we should have received new mattresses instead."

Jones wasn't alone in the disliking of the new look. Mia Allmon, junior psychology major, agreed with him.

"I don't think the couch set is fit for a dorm," Allmon said.

She said that some of the apartments in Scholars Inn appear to be granite, but not all of them.

"I think everyone should have got granite counter tops instead because it gives the home a better look," Allmon said.

On the contrary, Cora Nixon, sophomore psychology major, likes the new furniture.

"I like the new furniture because [the couches] are a better color and [more] comfortable," Nixon said. "I still like the old furniture, too, because the couch was longer than the new one, but other than that, I'm fine with the new furniture."

Physical therapy students to receive white coats

By **Jasmine Mayes**
Staff Writer

The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program will hold its spring White Coat Ceremony for the class of 2019. The ceremony will take place from 4 to 6 p.m., Feb. 3, in the Atrium.

The White Coat Ceremony marks the transition of the DPT students' education from the classroom and laboratory into

the clinic, and it allows the students to recognize the importance of clinical education, specifically the contribution of their clinical instructors and patience towards their education.

The students will receive their white coat as well as recite an oath affirming their commitment to the program, according to Samantha Corbett, administrative assistant in the School of Physical Thera-

py.

President Kent Smith Jr. and Dr. Clyde Montgomery Jr., Vice President for Academic Affairs, will speak at the ceremony.

The White Coat Ceremony showcase include 13 students who will receive their white coats.

These students include Desiree Acebo, Martin Gonzalez, Austin Inskeep, Carley Limber, Bobby Moore, Drake Morris, Kar-

en Nybeck, Matthew Ogg, Tyler Smith, Chelsea Stout, Katherine Weatherby, Troy Wilczek and LaDamian Wilson.

"I feel very excited and honored; [I'm] looking forward for what's to come!" said Carley Limber, a DPT student.

The students are excited and acknowledge the accomplishment they have set forth.

"I'm thankful and blessed

to have the opportunity to be a part of the DPT program at Langston," said LaDamian Wilson.

Wilson is excited and describes the work load as "pretty tough" but for him and his colleagues, they have a lot of fun.

Family, friends and other supporters of the students are invited to celebrate this transition and progression in their education as physical therapists.

"Butch" film coming soon

By Kimberly Thompson
Reporter

The wait is almost over. In about a month "Butch: Legend of Langston," a documentary about Harding "Butch" Benjamin will finally make its debut.

The exact date of the release of "Butch" is still pending, but do not be alarmed because the film is in its final stages of post-production, and the world can be assured that the highly anticipated film will be here soon.

"We're pretty much on schedule for our original idea of a February release," said David Tester, director and owner/president of 1577 Productions.

Students have not only questioned when the film will be released, but they also wonder where they can go to see the film. Not to worry. Tester also has that covered.

"Our plan is to have a private screening at Langston University for the entire Langston community to attend," Tester said.

"After that, the film will be submitted to film festivals, both local and across the nation," he said. "The first submission date is for deadCENTER Film Festival in downtown OKC. Their submission deadline is Feb. 20, and we definitely plan to have this film in that festival."



Studio XII in OKC hosts networking shoot

By Brittini Logan
Staff Writer

When it comes to the career of fashion and entertainment, people are bound to be exposed when they are in the spotlight. An executive team from Studio XII decided to create a new definition for exposure Jan. 28.

Studio XII's executive team made the decision to have a networking "shoot" party for all professional and aspiring models, stylists, makeup artists, photographers and videographers. The models were asked to bring a wardrobe of their own selection. They were also notified about a private studio for boudoir looks, as well as about stylists and makeup artists available for slight changes and touch-ups.

Stylists and makeup artists were asked to bring necessary equipment and attendants. Photographers and Videographers were asked to bring a charged camera, lens and SD cards. The participating hair stylists and makeup artists were from the Oklahoma City and Tul-

sa areas. For makeup, there was Ciara Amir, Raevyn Allen and Sebrie Parker, and stylists included Shanice McKinney, Savannah Jenkins and Jeffery Floyd.

"We decided to have #Xposure because we felt there was a real need to push the envelope as far as what art is in Oklahoma and help shape and mold the market," said Kaelon "Luke" Walker, the executive director of operations for Studio XII. "Here, we believe in collaboration rather than competition."

With this event, it was more collaboration than a person could imagine. Bryanna Mitchell's accessory line, Xplicit Accessories, was one of many businesses networking at the event.

"Luke and I were more of the logistical and behind the scenes for the event," said Brandon Clemoens, graphic designer and photographer for Studio XII. "I did some graphics for the event, and, of course, I reached out to different people to invite them out to come."

#Xposure's turnout was successful. There were

models everywhere and stations to shoot with different colored backgrounds and lights. Photographers and videographers were on the floor, practicing their skills with angles and lighting, and they were networking with fellow photographers. Models learned new ways of posing, feeling what was comfortable for them as well as breaking away from their comfort zones and posing outside of the box.

"I love black excellence," Clemoens said. "You have a ton of black people here, networking, having fun, enjoying each other. That's always a good scene and a good view of our people and, to me, that's the best part."

With everyone in the Oklahoma area coming out to network and have a good time, the event featured music, food and people.

"We definitely want to thank the people who have showed up and attended," Walker said. "Without you, it wouldn't have been possible. We love you and we hope to see you at Studio XII again soon."



Photos by Brittini Logan

Top: Various models strike a pose during the Studio XII networking photo shoot. The shoot, titled "#Xposure," was held Jan. 28, in Oklahoma City.

Bottom: A makeup artist helps one of the models get ready for her shoot.

LU Fashion Police

As January comes to a close, February is coming with weather set for dates on the town and at home. Valentine's Day is only a couple weeks away, and we have advice for what to wear and what not to wear.

For the "at-home date," ladies can get away with a simple pair of jeans and an off-the-shoulder sweater or a distressed T-shirt with a nice pair of boots. For men, a clean pullover top or long-sleeved shirt, a medium-wash pair of denim jeans and a nice pair of sneakers or Timberland boots.

For the classic "dinner-and-a-movie date," a simple knee-length dress, a denim jacket

and a pair of heeled booties will work nicely.

As for the men, they could wear a simple top or a button-down shirt, nice pair of pants and a nice pair of shoes. Even for going to a concert or any other type of date, it is not too hard to find something comfortable to wear that is also showcasing your personal style.

For those who want to accomplish the "effortless" look for their dates, only apply 60 percent worth of effort toward your outfit of the night.

The weather in Oklahoma has been a tug-of-war with the temperature. Don't fret about having to change your outfit—just add a coat to your



look and you will continue the look you desire.

Finally, here's a Valentine's Day gift idea from the Fashion Police to the readers. Create a surprise scavenger hunt filled with little thoughtful gifts at each destination with

a continuous clue.

It could start at his/her home, leading your sweetie to his or her favorite store with an outfit pre-purchased for a date that night and so on until they arrive at their favorite restaurant for a dinner date.



Can't buy me love

Ten thoughtful, low-cost Valentine's Day ideas

Special from Oklahoma Society of CPAs

OKLAHOMA CITY — Only slightly more than half of Americans celebrate Valentine's Day. However, they were fully committed in 2016, preparing to spend nearly \$20 billion, according to the National Retail Federation.

If you need something low-key (and, more importantly, low-cost), the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants offers 10 inexpensive but clever suggestions so displaying your adoration won't send you into financial panic mode.

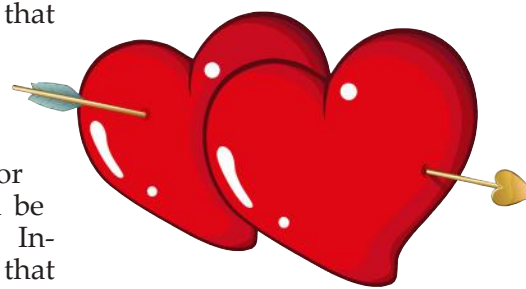
1. Skip dinner. Most restaurants are not only crowded on cupid's night, but they also may increase their prices for the "special evening" menu. Instead of having a sit-down dinner with your sweetie, consider a couple of glasses of wine and tasty appetizers.

2. Play it again. Create a

playlist of songs that make you think of your special someone and put them together on a flash drive or in a cloud so it can be downloaded later. Include a card or letter that lists the songs and why you think of that person when you hear them, and you have a memorable gift anyone would love to listen to over and over.

3. Create your own B&B. Make a fancy invitation and invite your honey back home for a weekend of relaxation. Be prepared to cook your specialty dinner and your trademark breakfast. Include a basket of bubble baths, salts and oils and, if you want it to be extra special, a body massage.

4. Make a movie night. Find your sweetie's favorite movies, make some popcorn, grab a



blanket and snuggle. With streaming services, lots of movies are already available to you.

5. Cook together. Get the ingredients you need to make a nice dinner together at home. Try something you both haven't made for an adventure. If you don't mind spending a little bit, get a menu subscription (Blue Apron or Hello Fresh) or sign up for a local cooking class. These options work well for friends' dates, too.

6. Pass over the roses. The cost of roses can double, even triple before Valentine's Day. If your be-

loved truly wants flowers, think about other varieties, like pretty carnations, tulips, daisies and others that come in reds, pinks, and white. Add lovely purple iris stems and some greenery to make your arrangement pop. Go to a craft store and pick out silk flowers if you want a permanent bouquet.

7. Get back to nature. If the weather holds up, pack a picnic and go to a nearby park or lake and spend the day hiking or walking and enjoying the scenery. What could be more romantic than holding hands and watching the sun set or star gazing?

8. Pull out the craft supplies. Greeting cards can also get a bit pricey. Show your sweetheart how smitten you are by penning your own passionate poem. Cut out some hearts, add a little

glitter and you have a one-of-a-kind card for your crush.

9. Don't fall for the chocolate rip-off. Heart-shaped boxes of candy are much more expensive than the same candy that's just in a regular box. So, either get the regular box and pay less or—if you really want extra credit—tell your darling you're celebrating Valentine's Day all week. Then, you can buy the heart-shaped box after Valentine's Day and get it marked down drastically.

10. Issue a challenge. Make a game of it and see who can come up with the most romantic gifts and gestures, but with a \$10 cost limit.

For more college money tips, visit www.KnowWhatCounts.org, like Know What Counts on Facebook and follow Know What Counts on Twitter.

Toastmasters comes to Langston

By **Oneka Cayenne**
Staff Writer

"You will give a presentation in front of the class," said nearly every teacher in the world.

We have probably experienced this at least once in our lives and have had different reactions to it. Anxiety goes up, nerves get shot and some people might even get sick to their stomachs.

Fortunately, there is a new organization, known as Toastmasters, coming to Langston University to help with people's fear of public speaking, plus much more.

Every Tuesday, starting at 4 p.m., Jan. 31, in Sanford Hall 311W, Kim Vick, instructor of communication and adviser of Toastmasters, will host the charter membership meetings of Toastmasters International to build confidence and leadership skills.

Toastmasters International is a group that focuses on communication and leadership. It is a club to help men and women who are students, staff, faculty and also people in the Perkins, Langston and Guthrie communities learn how to speak, conduct meetings,

plan programs and work with committees. It will help people communicate with confidence and listen effectively.

According to the Toastmasters International website, leaders are what this world needs, and by giving speeches, gaining feedback, leading teams and guiding others to achieve their goals in a supportive atmosphere, leaders emerge from the Toastmasters program.

Toastmasters is not an organization chartered with the university, but it requires at least 20 members to join so that it can become

a recognized LU organization on campus. As of Jan. 31, the group had exactly 20 members, so it should be getting its charter soon.

Two students, Alisa Chestnut and Ashley Newton, have recently joined the group.

"Toastmasters is an organization that helps improve speaking and... builds up your confidence. I joined to improve my speaking level," said Alisa Chestnut, senior broadcast journalism major and a member of Toastmasters.

Chestnut added that there is always room for improve-

ment, and she is glad Toastmasters is open to the public, no matter what the age.

Ashley Newton, sophomore natural resource management major and a member of Toastmasters, said she used to stutter, so she joined to improve her confidence in public speaking, leadership skills, business skills and also to learn how to run meetings.

If you are interested in joining Toastmasters, there is a \$65 start-up fee required, but please contact Kim Vick for more information at kjvick@langston.edu or call 405-614-5449.

Study abroad offers many opportunities

By **Danielle Watson**
Staff Writer

Are you looking for a great way to travel, meet new people, learn history about other countries and still be a successful student?

Look no further; the study abroad program allows a student to live in a foreign country and attend a foreign university for academic credit.

"The typical program one thinks of allows a student to spend a semester studying abroad, but some programs run for multiple semesters or up to a year," said adjunct instructor Andrew Diamond from the Study.com website.

"Some are geared solely around studying and attending a foreign university, while others emphasize internships or volunteer experiences," he said. "Programs also vary in how the student is supported, with some having a 'host family' situation, whereby the two students who are exchanged live at the other's respective house. Other programs simply provide a dorm or apartment for the student."

According to the official Langston University website, opportunities, activi-

ties, development, planning, administration and implementation of study abroad are major components of the Langston University Center for International Development (LUCID).

Short- and long-term study abroad activities for students, scholarships, fellowships and issues related to international students who are studying at Langston are conducted at the Center. Research and teaching opportunities are planned and organized by administration and personnel at LUCID.

For additional information regarding the study abroad program, an international source of material is located at LUCID to assist individuals in making decisions regarding educational and international opportunities.

"It is a global economy," said Dr. Mary Mbosowo, associate professor at LU. "There are other languages, other cultures and places to see. The world does not stop at Langston University. You learn different things about what the program has to offer. Not everyone wears jeans and T-shirts all the time."

Student Life, BK Alphas host MLK celebration



Photo by Kimberly Thompson

The Dolls and Adynasty give a special dance performance during the MLK celebration. Student Life and the Beta Kappa chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. hosted the celebration in the Student Success Center on Jan. 31. The event, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr., was a tribute to his legacy and accomplishments.

The event consisted of several tributes to MLK, including a recitement of his "I Have a Dream" speech. Also, three Langston University faculty/staff members received awards. Dr. Alonzo Peterson and Ms. Barbara Potts both received the MLK Spirit Award, and Brandon Clemoens received the

Students disapprove Trump's Twitter behavior

By Takesha Clark
Staff Writer

Langston students think Donald Trump is not ready for his presidential candidacy because of his Twitter rampages.

"Every since the debates, he has run to Twitter to vent about everything that didn't go his way," said Amber Johnson, LU student. "It makes him and our nation look bad because he is giving impressions that we have a poorly educated man trying to lead our country."

Throughout his campaign, President Trump has gone on Twitter rants about

media using photos of him that he doesn't like; he's demanded that Mexico help build a border between our countries, and he has numerous belittled his former opponent, Hilary Clinton.

Trump recently tweeted, saying, "NBC is bad but Saturday Night Live is the worst of NBC! Not funny, cast is terrible, always a complete hit job. Really bad television."

President Trump tweeted this when Saturday Night Live announced his presidency. According to him, SNL allegedly used poor-quality pictures of him that he did not like. Not only has

Trump made a fuss about the media, he also singled out individuals, voiced his opinion about the women's march and has made threats to send the feds out in Chicago if violence doesn't cease. Trump made all of these statements on Twitter.

"When Trump said he was sending the feds after the people in Chicago, it really pissed me off! The police are already oppressing our communities and not doing their minimum job requirements," said Monieka Williams, an LU student from Chicago. "That's literally giving them permission to do more of what they've already been doing."

Trump's original tweet about Chicago said, "If Chicago doesn't fix the horrible 'carnage' going on, 228 shootings with 42 killings (up to 24% from 2016), I will send the Feds!"

During the presidential debates, Trump stated that he will enforce more law and order within the United States. It isn't his first time acquiring law and order, but it is the first time he acquired it directly. President Trump may have won over votes, but he is still working to win over the people of the United States. According to CNN, Barack Obama, the 44th and previous president, had 1.8

million people attend his inauguration and 37.8 million viewers watching from home in 2013. This year, Donald Trump had 100,000 people attend his inauguration with 5.1 million viewers watching from home. With low popularity in his candidacy thus far, he still plans to, "Make America Great Again."

"Idealistically, I was not rooting for Trump nor did I want him as president, but wishing the worst of him is like hoping the captain sinks the ship that we're all on," said Kourtlyn Adams, senior biology major. "I do not agree with him, but I want him to succeed."

LU Communications Club hosts event to promote health awareness on campus



Photo by Aysia Dawson

The LU Communication Club hosts a Health Awareness event. The event, which was Jan. 26, in front of Sanford Hall, featured a game that students could play where they had to try and shoot a ping-pong ball into a tiny cup. Players then had to perform some sort of exercise, depending on what that cup's label instructed them to do. Exercises included jumping jacks, wall pushups, squats and arm circles. In return, the players received a free healthy snack.

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could not assure the confirmation board that she would not work to privatize public education.

Rex Tillerson is Trump's pick to head the Department of State but was formerly the Exxon Mobil CEO. The head of a petroleum company is now the head diplomat of the United States and the prime authority on foreign relations. I hope you can see the conflict of interest that poses. A CEO of an international petroleum corporation in charge of negotiations, foreign affair deals, etc.

Finally, I am disgusted with Trump's infatuation with his chief strategist, Steve Bannon, who runs the "alt-right" (code for racist, white nationalist) news agency called Breitbart News, and who many credit with Trump's electoral victory.

As fate would have it, Trump has given Bannon, a man who served in the Navy for 13 years, prime real estate at the National Security Council's table, ahead of the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Director of National Intelligence.

He has been given more authority of the nation's security than the Pentagon's top officials, generals and directors. This, to me, is the most irre-

sponsible action Trump has taken. Welcome to week one of hell.

I wonder if, at some point, Donald Trump will lose his defensive Twitter-fingers attitude and look retrospectively within himself. I wonder if he could ever possibly think that it's him, not us, who have it wrong. I don't know what world he lives in or what logic he uses (if any at all), but I'm concerned for the future of this country, which is looking a lot like its past.

As much as I want Trump to fail miserably and for all of his supporters to eat their words and reap what they sowed, it would hurt worse than it would help. It's like hoping the pilot flying your plane crashes it. I just want to look a Republican in the face and say, "I told you, dummy! What did you think was going to happen?!"

But, alas, the day may never come. So, what might come? The end of Obamacare, a program that covers about 30 million Americans. The overturning of Roe v. Wade and the defunding of Planned Parenthood, whose abortion services only allot to 3 percent. And, basically, the end of America as we know it. Get ready for the four-year-long, political, psycho-thriller, horror movie that is currently our lives.

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Softball team expects strong season

By Michael Colston
Staff Writer

The Langston University softball team is looking for a strong upcoming season, despite having a losing season last year.

"Last season was not the best, but we also lost a lot of key players due to injuries," said Head Coach Hosea Bell.

The team lost three critical players and Bell thinks that hurt the team the worst. But, he said, the girls he brought this year are his "best recruiting class yet."

During the practices, it is evident that the captains are showing leadership. The team captains for this season are Allessia Gallegos, pitcher; Sidney Rios, pitcher/outfielder; Asia Jordan, third base; Christine Rosas, outfielder; and Angel Council, short stop, and they are all seniors.

The Lady Lions are working on team chemistry on and off the field. They have

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set days to work at OSU sporting events to raise money for the team.

"It's not even really just to raise money; it's more time for us to bond as a team," Council said. "Last season we bonded as a team, but nothing like this [season]. It's very fun."

The girls have raised enough money to get themselves new gear for the upcoming season, such as cleats, jackets and sweats.

"I like the leadership within the team," said Justus Ri-



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Langston University adds two ladies from Coyle High School to join the softball team. Autumn Hock (left) and Anika Smalley signed in May 2016 to play for LU. They are making their debut as Lady Lions this season.

vera, freshman redshirt.

"Even though I'm not playing this season, I work just as hard as the girls that are because the small things matter, just like the other redshirts matter as much as the girls that are playing. Some of the players redshirted their first

season and are two years in, so they know exactly what is expected from the new players."

According to the Dakstats website, Coach Bell has a combined 71 wins in three seasons going into his fourth.

He plans to reach 100 wins

this season, and he thinks his recruiting class will pick up any slack left behind when the seniors leave after this year.

The first game will be a double-header against Bethany College at 4 p.m., Feb. 4, at T.G. Green Park.

Campus Question

What good do you think can come from this U.S. presidency?



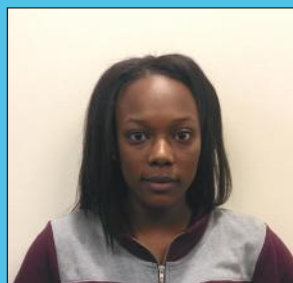
Joshua Busby,
Dean of Students

"The first thing we have to do is give everyone a chance. He has done things some may not agree with, but we should give this president an opportunity to perform."



Brendan Kawada,
Senior
Public Health Major

"Nothing at all — he is an unfit president."



Kyesha Floyd,
Freshman
Criminal Justice Major

"Nothing. He is not good for our government."



Kyle Gregory,
Langston Recruiter

"It might get some people politically active again; and the protest against wars and the tax cuts for the rich may start to be made top-priority."