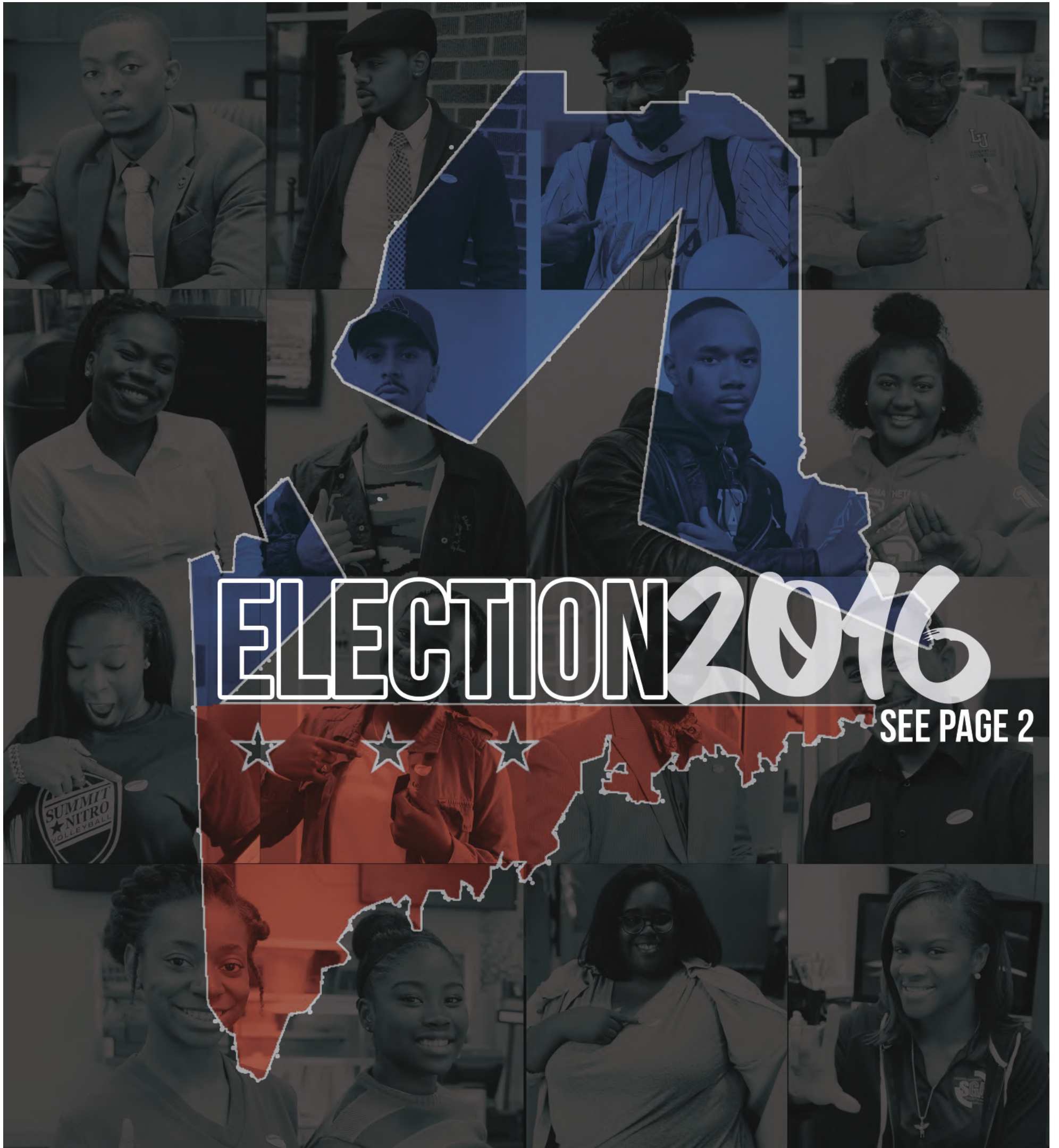


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Nightmare on Pennsylvania Avenue

Editor discusses election reality

I know you've all seen the Mr. Krabs meme where he's looking around, kind of discombobulated, like something alarming has just surprised him and he doesn't know how to react. That was the reaction of half of Americans on Wednesday (Nov. 9) morning.

Most of us didn't bother staying awake until the final results were in, so we turned on the news or googled "election results" to be supremely disappointed in our country's next president: Donald Trump. Many were shocked that this has even happened, but sadly it's our reality. Could you imagine trying to describe Donald Trump to someone?

"That super-rich guy that did 'The Apprentice'... 'You're fired!'... Yeah, that's the one. The one who hates Rosie O'Donnell (I wonder what's going through HER head)... Yeah, he owned the Miss America pageant... Yeah, the dude from Twitter with the spray tan and hair piece... He had that tape where he said he'd grab a woman by the... He's our president.

A man with absolutely no qualifications for the job, no plan and no purpose, who's never served in any political capacity and tweets insults on a weekly basis, is our new Commander-in-Chief. If you're anything like the typical (sane) American, you're, of course, trying to process this... And probably are looking for someone to blame. But it's no one person's fault. Trump perfectly took advantage of so many factors to secure his legacy as the 45th president of the United States. How? I thought you'd never ask.

1) White privilege. Let's not ignore the factor that race played in this election. Think about it. What type of person in America can insult Muslims by saying they're all terrorists, insult black people by saying their schools and neighborhoods are terrible when he's been in real estate 40 years and has never tried to improve them, insult women by mak-



Garlington

ing fun of their faces or weight, go on about a wall at the Mexican border, get recorded saying he'll violate whatever woman he wants and still is elected president? A rich white man. Do you think that strategy could have worked for Barack Obama? Rhetorical.

2) The American Dream. America was founded on the idea that if you work hard enough, you can achieve whatever your heart desires. We, as citizens, are guaranteed the right to pursue our own happiness. Most Americans are working class, so we spend our entire lives trying to survive and secure something to pass down to our children and grandchildren like a college fund or a house that's paid for. Most people could not achieve in two lifetimes what Trump was born with.

This kind of wealth allowed him to fund much of his own campaign, where he can use inflammatory and offensive language without fear of financial donors backing out and ignoring much of the consequences that you and I face on a daily basis. Anyone has the right to pursue their happiness in this country and it just so happened that all of a sudden, it made Trump happy to run for presidency.

3) Electoral college. Imagine America in the 1700s. A brand new country, trying to stay afloat after cutting ties with its previous monarchy after a bloody war. There are factions and militias and a lack of real infrastructure.

How do you hold an elec-

tion where there's potential for cowboys to rob the carriage carrying the ballots? How do you account for all the people to ensure an accurate popular vote?

Keep in mind, the first census began in 1790, a year after George Washington was inaugurated as the first president of the United States. Because relying on the popular vote would be much more of a challenge than the Framers had the capacity to overcome, they decided to establish a group of people to elect the president: the electoral college.

Each state gets the same number of electors as they have representing them in Congress, so it's based on the population of the state. The winner of the popular vote in that state carries all the electoral votes. This is how Hillary lost even though she won the popular vote across the country. No matter if Clinton got one million more vote than Trump or five million more votes than Trump in a state, she is only entitled to the number of electoral votes that state has.

4) Swing states. Many states are historically red or blue. Louisiana, Oklahoma, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas—all historically red (Republican). New York, Massachusetts, California—all historically blue (Democratic).

Then, there are states that aren't quite red or blue, whose votes will be the difference that picks the president, such as Florida (29 votes), Ohio (18 votes), Pennsylvania (20 votes) and Michigan (16 votes). Trump won all these just mentioned and four more swing states, making it seven of 11. How did he win these states?

5) Lack of Anti-Trump solidarity. It's safe to say anyone who did not vote for Trump can agree that of all the candidates, he would have been the worst. But, those who opposed Trump could not all decide on one candidate. Hillary has left a bad taste in many voters' metaphorical mouths.

So, when you hate Trump and despise Hillary, what do you do? You end up wasting your vote, writing in Bernie Sanders (not even realizing that your write-in won't count because he didn't register to even be eligible to win via write-in) or voting for Jill Stein or the other independent kook who didn't know what Aleppo refers to.

When has any presidential candidate from outside the Dems or GOP ever won an election? I'll wait. Thanks to some of these uber-progressive, anti-establishment, super-woke voters who were too noble to swallow their pride and vote for a demon or the devil, we got stuck with the devil.

I hope you're all happy because, honestly, any vote that didn't help Hillary hurt her. Some even went so far as to not vote at all. Shame on you who didn't. Forget a protest. When you really want to make a statement, do it with your vote. That's where it really matters. And the 40-plus-year-old white citizens of America have always known that.

6) Strategy. That damn Donald Trump. He's got to be the smartest idiot I've ever seen. The same guy that perpetuated the idea that President Obama was an illegal alien for years after he provided his birth certificate and also said climate change was a hoax perpetrated by the Chinese government was able to fool an entire political party into nominating him and an entire constituency into electing him president. Here's how:

6a) Fear. Trump painted a picture of a crippled America whose future is dangling over the mouth of Hell that only he knows how to close. You would think America is a third-world country on the brink of famine, stock crashes and contracting the Croatoan virus if you listen to any of his speeches.

According to him, this country doesn't stand a chance

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University's new sign nears completion

By **Walter Harris**
Contributing Writer

Drivers on Highway 33 will now see a new light in the sky as they pass Langston University. It doesn't compare to the sun, and it's not the stars or the moon, but it's the university's new marquee.

There are two highway signs that mark the location of Langston University, but there has never been a university-owned sign located directly at the main entrance – until now.

Media relations specialist Christina Gray is a spokesperson for LU about the construction of the new sign.

"The new marquee will assist the university in sharing the LU brand as well as upcoming events and information with the community at large," Gray said. "The sign will definitely draw in new interest to the university. Not only will it attract attention, but it will raise awareness."

"The sign is built to endure Oklahoma's weather conditions, and it's very sturdy and secure in the position it's in."

— *Christina Gray,*
public relations specialist

She also ensured the sturdiness of the sign and what it can tolerate.

"The sign is built to endure Oklahoma's weather conditions, and it's very sturdy and secure in the position it's in," Gray said. "It had to be rebuilt because the position it was in the first time wasn't a great one, but now it has been moved to a more secure spot."

Some students have not yet seen the new sign because they rarely use the main entrance to the university.

"I haven't seen the new sign, but I'm sure I won't be disappointed when I do," said Deja McCants, junior

broadcast journalism major. "I heard from some friends that it shows pictures, and I think that it's a great addition because it can also inform the drivers about upcoming school events."

Brandon Jones, a sophomore health administration major, thinks the new sign is a great asset to LU.

"The sign is presented well and gives Langston, over all, a beautiful look," Jones said. "[The] first thing you want to see when you pull into a school is something that represents the school, so why not have a sign there?"

Gray said the marquee will be finalized Dec. 1.

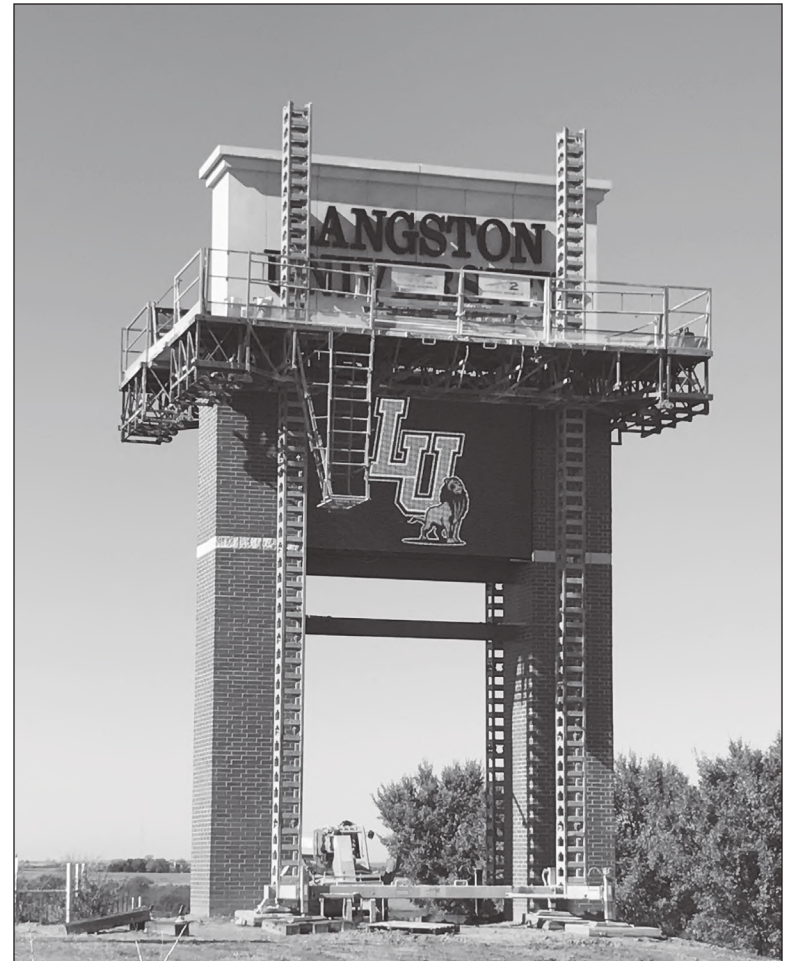


Photo by Marcus Garlington

The new Langston University marquee stands on a hill at the main entrance to campus off Highway 33.

Miss Black Langston initiates African Student Association

By **Maya Jackson**
Reporter

As the only Historically Black College and University in Oklahoma, wouldn't you find it odd that every other school hosts an African Student Association except Langston? Well, a few passionate Langston University students are changing that.

Miss Black Langston University Monioluwa Otubaga has decided to kick off the formation of an ASA with the first-ever Mr. African Student Association pageant. This pageant will be one of a kind, designed to capture all the elements of African culture with dance, song and fashion. Otubaga wanted to stay away from the traditional realm of pageantry and create a unique experience for the contestants and LU.

Otubaga is a first-generation Nigerian American and came

"I really just want to see this organization thrive."

— *Monioluwa Otubaga,*
Miss Black Langston

from a very cultured home.

"Starting this pageant really came from my platform, 'Culture Beyond the Crown,' and in wanting to start an ASA," Otubaga said. "So, in that, why not kick off the organization with a pageant... because that is the reason why I have this platform in the first place. For me, this pageant was to give the next Miss Black [Langston] an official help-mate to stand beside them and work towards enhancing the culture of this HBCU."

Gloria Anum, HPER major and vice president of the as-

sociation, is looking for the group to bring more culture to the Langston community.

"I personally feel like it's offensive to everybody to not have an ASA because everybody is African, and we need something to remind us of that," Anum said.

Most students are intimidated by the name "African," and believe that one has to be African to be a member, but that is not the case. ASAs are open to any and all students interested in learning more about the culture.

Kemi Akomolafe, wellness major, is bringing a special

touch as the organization's choreographer. Akomolafe is from West Africa Nigeria and came to the United States three years ago as a freshman at LU. She has had a passion for dance since she was a little girl and looks forward to sharing it with the community.

"Back then, if you see any movie or historic movie, like 'Roots' and 'Twelve Years a Slave', in their down time they always result to dance, and that's a way people come together and really embrace their culture," Akomolafe said. "It's really fun dancing together getting to know each other and singing!"

The Mr. ASA pageant will jumpstart Langston's first ASA.

Treviante Allen, broadcast journalism major, is a contestant in the pageant. He is excited and looks forward to what will come of the experience.

"I just wanted to embrace my African culture," Allen said. "Some people would say they're not African, but we're all African, believe it or not!"

Otubaga is hoping for many prosperous for the organization and the pageant, particularly because Mr. ASA will now be the official escort for Miss Black Langston University on the Elite Connection, making history.

"I really just want to see the organization thrive," Otubaga said. "I know that a lot of other universities surrounding us also have ASAs, so I have no doubt that this organization will always have a backbone and support. But in this, I want to encourage my peers to embrace the fact that we are the only HBCU in Oklahoma and that our color and skin is indeed a blessing and not a burden and we should encourage others to do the same."

Communications Club hosts rap battle

By **Oneka Cayenne**
Contributing Writer

The Communications Club at Langston University hosted its first rap battle, "So You Think You Can Rap?," on Oct. 28, in the I.W. Young Auditorium. Four contestants competed for a cash prize to see who had the coldest bars.

From the making of the promotional video to the on-stage competition, the four contestants spent many hours with one another to understand who they were competing against.

Anthony "1AM" McLeod, contestant no. 1, competed against Kevin "Real Deal" Rogers, contestant no. 4.

Charles "LEGG\$" (Leggs), contestant no. 3, competed against Sway "Since96," Byron, contestant no. 2. Besides the stage lighting, all four contestants brought the heat to the stage. However, only one person could take the crown and that was "Real Deal."

"I liked it, I just thought there was hella rounds when we already knew who the winner was the whole time," said Jada Marie, junior nursing major.

Marie had her eye on the



winner after the contestants competed in the first round. She thought it was unnecessary to have so many rounds for such few contestants. There were six rounds and a final round between "Real Deal" and "1AM."

"I feel like the rap battle was a chance for all of us to show the people what we're capable of and what we love to do," said McCleod, sophomore biology major.

"It's our form of art; it's a way to express ourselves when conversation alone serves no justice," McCleod continued. "Some contestants were more lyrical and others were catchy. Everyone who was in the battle had their own style. It's almost like getting to know a person without actually having to ask any questions."

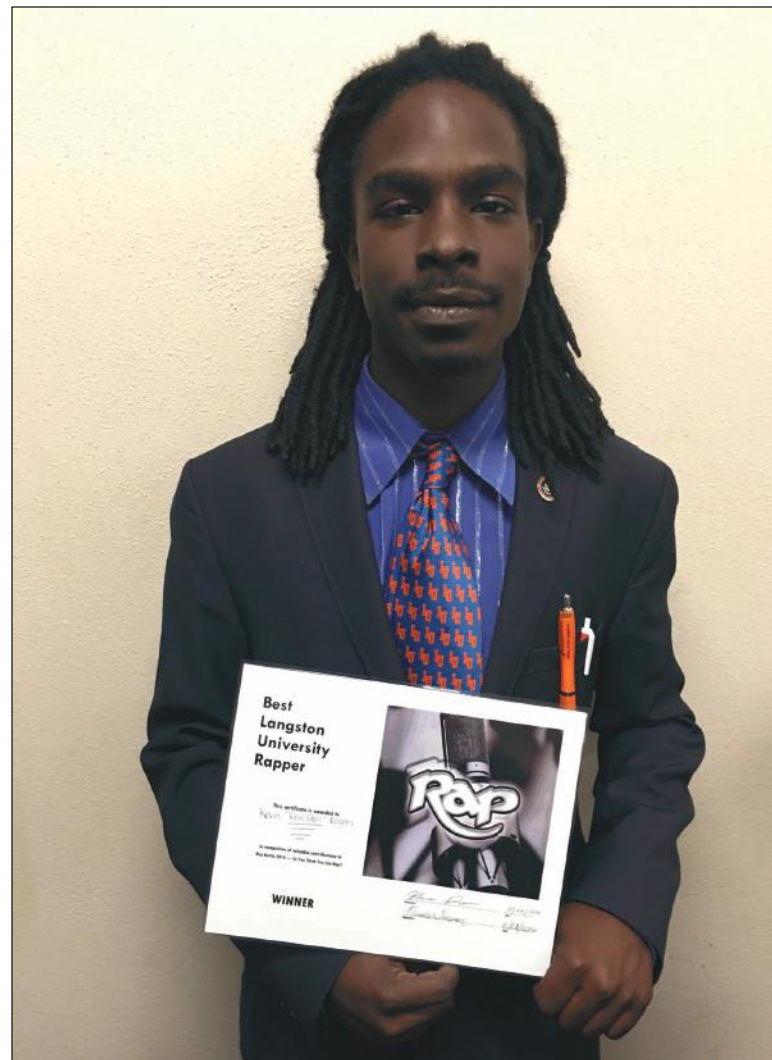
McLeod said he genuinely had a good time participating in the rap battle along

with his fellow contestants and peers. He finds rapping to be an outlet to express his thoughts and emotions.

Zhana Davis, Communications Club president, said she is grateful for all the contestants who participated because the show couldn't have happened without them.

"I think they all did great," Davis said. "The contestants all worked really hard on asking for donations for our club and their participation helped us, the Communications Club, get closer to our goal of going to the National Association Black Journalism Conference."

The Communications Club members wanted to host a rap battle to help promote the club and raise money to attend the National Association of Black Journalists Conference in 2017, as well as provide an outlet for their peers at LU to portray their talent.



Courtesy Photo

Kevin "Real Deal" Rogers holds his certificate he earned for winning the "So You Think You Can Rap?" rap battle. Rogers also received \$100 for winning the competition.

LU Fashion Police



Although November's weather has dropped in our laps unexpectedly, there is an outlet that is a must-see online. This outlet is the Fashion Nova website, <http://www.fashionnova.com>, and it is well known.

From A-list celebrities, such as Blac Chyna and India Love, to YouTube vloggers, such as Missy Lynn and Jayla Koirya, Fashion Nova has clothes that accommodate casual wear, date nights, special events and anything else you may want or need.

Sophomore business management major AuJane Patterson recently ordered a pair of black "Lola Jeans" from Fashion Nova, and from her point of view, the jeans met her expectations and more. The style looked just like the promoted image, the jeans fit comfortably and she plans to order from the website again.

With the cold weather coming

and going in Oklahoma, Fashion Nova has new items that will please the mind of any woman. There are long-sleeved midriff tops, oversized sweaters, various styles of denim jeans, shoes and accessories. Fashion Nova is friendly to all sizes and the site will be hearing from the LU Fashion Police very soon.

Knowing that November is here means Thanksgiving is right down the street and Christmas is around the corner. So, for all the guys who are reading, Fashion Nova is a good online outlet to find your girlfriend something special during this holiday season.

Right:

Keshiel Hudson, sophomore broadcast journalism major, poses for a photo shoot. Hudson was picked for her unique fall style and wardrobe choices.



Photo by Brittini Logan

A time of thanks

Students reflect on origins of Thanksgiving holiday

By Michael Watts
Reporter

As the day of giving thanks approaches, people reflect on the history of the holiday and its essential meaning.

"Thanksgiving is a holiday that brings family and friends together," said Kameron Gibson, senior drafting and design major. "I enjoy the time to bond with family members and cook a real big feast and to catch up with everyone in the house."

The national Thanksgiving website explained the origins of this holiday. According to the site, <http://www.thanksgiving.org>, the pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock on Dec. 11, 1620. In the spring of 1620, a native Indian named Squanto taught the pilgrims how to survive by growing food.

The website also states that in summer 1621, because of a



severe drought, the pilgrims called for a day of fasting and prayer to please God, and they asked for a bountiful harvest in the coming season. God answered the pilgrims' prayers and it rained at the end of the day, saving the crops.

The website also explains that Thanksgiving continued into the fall of 1621 because it was during this time that the pilgrims learned how to grow

corn, beans and pumpkins from the Indians, which allowed them to survive. They held a grand celebration of 90 people, including the Indians. This grand celebration was known as "the first Thanksgiving Feast," which went on for three days.

In 1623, another Thanksgiving was held because of another drought. Gov. William Bradford claimed another Thanksgiving in 1676. The

next one was held in October 1777 as a celebration of the victory won over the British, and in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as the national holiday of Thanksgiving.

From there, families across the country have developed their own traditions and customs to celebrate this day of expressing thankfulness and gratitude.

"Thanksgiving is the time when people give thanks for the blessings in their lives," said Jamie Jenkins, sopho-

more business management major. "I generally do that by spending time with my family and close friends and have a vast feast of the most delectable food known to man."

However, Nia Simpson, sophomore English education major, has mixed emotions about the tradition of the holiday.

"I generally try to forget the original reason Thanksgiving was created because I feel like it was built on lies and genocide," Simpson said. "I try to think of Thanksgiving as a time to gather with my loved ones, usually on my father's side."



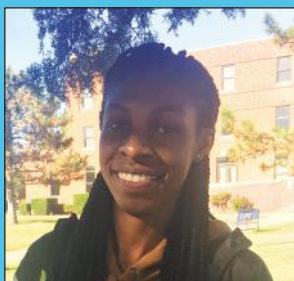
Campus Question

What is your favorite Thanksgiving tradition?



Malae'shea Alexander,
Junior
Biology Major

"My favorite Thanksgiving tradition is going to my Big Mama's house 'cause that's when the whole family gets together and we kick it all night."



Raven Daniels,
Senior
HPER Major

"My favorite tradition for Thanksgiving is making sweet potato pies at my grandma's



John'Ta Dawson,
Senior
Corrections/Sociology Major

"My favorite Thanksgiving tradition would have to be making the sweet potato pie."



Dominique Ellis-Dorr,
Senior
Corrections/Psychology

"My favorite Thanksgiving tradition is picking out the turkey and the ham."

Stockholm syndrome to blame for African-American 'self-hate'

By Na'Tuiya Davis
Contributing Writer

A Langston University psychology major revealed that Stockholm syndrome may be the reason African-American women on campus refuse to wear natural hair in public.

"Stockholm syndrome is prevalent in black communities," said Cierra Riley, junior psychology major. "It contributes to self-hate. After being enslaved and severely punished during the slave trade, Africans tried their best to identify with their masters. Basically, a lot of the slaves began loving the white man and hating everything ethnic about themselves. They hated their hair and eventually raised their children to do the same."

According to the Google website, in psychology, Stockholm syndrome is a

"Stockholm syndrome is prevalent in black communities. It contributes to self-hate."

— Cierra Riley,
junior psychology major

phenomenon described in 1973 in which hostages expressed empathy and sympathy and had positive feelings toward their captors, sometimes to the point of defending and identifying with the captors.

Black women wear their hair in a variety of styles. Some are natural, but the majority includes fake hair and chemicals.

"Black hair care is something black women take seriously," Riley said. "From the time many of them are old enough for school, their

mothers are already putting kiddy perms and relaxers like Just for Me on their scalps.

"Of course, black women would think this has nothing to do with self-hate," she said. "They've been conditioned to believe it's normal."

According to Red Crow Marketing, individuals, on average, see over 5,000 advertisements in a day. The ads that target black Americans typically feature actors with lighter skin and unnatural hair.

According to the Huffing-



ton Post website, industries that cater to black hair care are worth at least \$5 billion. These hair-care industries specialize in removing the natural texture and the overall look of ethnic hair.

"My hair is just too nappy, and I look a mess natural," said sophomore business major Tiffany Hill. "I like my hair blowing in the wind. I look beautiful, I know everyone is beautiful, but doing my hair like this makes me look better."

Hill said she does not hate



herself and she's worth more than her hair, but she does believe self-hate is an issue in black communities.

Students express frustration over campus cafeteria food

By Na'Tuiya Davis
Contributing Writer

Langston University students are saying they would rather go hungry than eat in the cafeteria.

"The food is gross," said senior HPER major Sydney Rios. "They don't season it enough, and there's no to-go option. Students don't always have time to sit and eat. Even if students did have the time, not everyone wants to sit in the caf."

Rios said that she does appreciate the vegetarian options available in the cafeteria, but she would rather be hungry and go somewhere else to eat than have a meal in the cafeteria.

"Sometimes I serve food that I wouldn't eat, but that doesn't mean the food is bad," said Cierra Riley, caf-

eteria employee and junior psychology major. "Not everyone likes spaghetti, the same way not everyone is going to like every entrée served in the cafeteria. Everything follows a strict recipe. We aren't allowed to season the food once the chefs place it on our lines."

According to the university housing policy, unless otherwise arranged, residential students are required to purchase a meal plan.

"They make us pay \$1,500 for a meal plan that doesn't even let us take a bottle of water out of the caf," freshman undecided major Chris Welsh said. "If I pay \$1,500 on anything, I should be able to enjoy it anywhere I want."

Welsh said the eating arrangements in the cafeteria have made him upset enough to skip several meals a

week.

According to posters and advertisements on the walls and tables in the cafeteria, the Sodexo, the company that runs the cafeteria, is dedicated to producing less waste. Students are not given trays because it helps the students only take what they intend to eat. Instead, they are given paper plates.

Riley said she has witnessed students complain about the food quality and policies in the cafeteria, but she ignores it.

"For \$1,500 students are allowed to eat as much as they want in the caf, three times a day," she said. "It's a decent deal. If students were allowed to eat anywhere, employees would be forced to clean up the trash. No one wants to see discarded food all over campus."

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DTS 'Strolls to the Polls'



Courtesy Photo

Members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. proudly display their banner after marching from the SSC to the Wesley Center during their event "Stroll to the Polls." Through this event, members encouraged students, faculty and staff on campus to exercise their right to vote Nov. 8.

LU bids farewell to Dr. Moffett

Special from PR

This message comes to inform the campus that Dr. Raphael X. Moffett has accepted a position as the Vice President of Student Affairs at Texas Southern University. His last day at Langston University will be Jan. 2, 2017.

For over four years, Moffett has served as the vice president of Student Affairs and has overseen the department of Student Life, the Dean of Students, the department of Counseling and Health Services, the recreation and wellness program and the Upward Bound program.

Moffett worked to implement a number of programs and initiatives within the Division of Student Affairs and throughout the university during his tenure as vice president. "Dr. Moffett is a dynamic leader who did a great deal to help shape the student experience at Langston University," said President Kent J. Smith Jr. "I am grateful to Dr. Moffett for his service to the university and wish him the very best at Texas Southern University."

We want to thank Moffett for his outstanding commitment to the university, to our students and for his insightful leadership.

Langston University offers help to victims of domestic violence

By Jasmine Franklin
Contributing Writer

Battering is the establishment of control and fear in a relationship through violence and other forms of abuse, according to the Domestic Violence Intervention Program website.

"Domestic violence is about power and control," said Dr. Jason White, the director of Counseling and Health Services at Langston University.

According to the Domestic Violence Intervention Program website, more than 80 percent of male batterers are not physically aggressive toward any other adults in their lives. They solely assault their intimate partner.

"I was a victim of domestic violence," said a student who attends the university but wishes to remain anonymous. "It really messed up my self-esteem, bad."

Counseling and Health Services at LU, located in the University of Women, offers counseling and guidance for domestic violence victims

with help from White, the campus psychologist, and Kelly Simpson, a licensed professional counselor.

"I know what I deserve, and I know what not to put up with. I can pick up the signs of domestic abuse easily," said Tavi Skanes, a domestic violence survivor.

According to WebMed Magazine website, there are signs of domestic violence. Does your partner embarrass you with put-downs; look at you or act in ways that scare you; control what you do, who you see or talk to; control where you go or stop you from seeing your friends or family members? If so, you could be a victim of domestic violence.

The Langston University Police Department and the university have also taken safety measures concerning domestic violence by alerting students how important it is to speak up and report any domestic violence behavior.

"We are not going to tolerate domestic violence on campus," said Officer Ethan of the LUPD.

Thanksgiving Break Notice

Langston University will observe Thanksgiving break beginning at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, and will reopen at 8 a.m. Monday, Nov. 28. Classes will not be held and administrative offices will not be open during Thanksgiving break.

The First Capitol Trolley from Guthrie will provide regular service Nov. 21-23. The Trolley will not offer service Nov. 24-25.

During Thanksgiving break, dining services will not be available.

The dining hall will close at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18. Lunch will be the last meal served that day. The dining hall will reopen at 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27, for dinner services.

Other retail dining services on campus (C-Store, Jazzman's and Lion's Den) will reopen for their regular hours Monday, Nov. 28.

Community organizations will provide free hot meal opportunities each day for students staying on campus during the Thanksgiving break.

Although administrative offices will be closed, the residential facilities will remain open during the Thanksgiving break. All students will retain their residential facility keys for the duration of the Thanksgiving break. To ensure the safety of all residents, students who plan to remain in residen-

tial facilities must notify Residential Life & Housing Services (RLHS) in writing:

- Send an email to housing@langston.edu; or
- Visit RLHS in the Scholar's Inn Office to submit written notification in person.
- Written notification must be submitted to Residential Life and Housing Services by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2016 in order for students to remain on campus for the Thanksgiving break.

Please notify RLHS as soon as possible in order for appropriate preparations to be made. Residential directors and resident assistants will be on campus and available during the break for any housing issues that may arise.

Residential Housing staff may be reached during the Thanksgiving Break via phone at 405-466-5510. In case of emergency, Langston University Police Department staff can be reached at 405-466-3366. If you have any questions, please contact Residential Life & Housing Services via email at housing@langston.edu.

We hope you have an enjoyable Thanksgiving break!

Langston Lions start season at 3-1

By BreYona Pettaway
Contributing Writer

The Langston University men's basketball team went up against Southwestern College on Nov. 4. It was a back-and fourth-game, with LU having with multiple 10-point leads, only to lose the game by a mere five points.

Player no. 4 D.J. Wallace of Southwestern was relentless at attacking the rim and knocking down midrange jump shots. Wallace was responsible for scoring 21 out of the 91 points that led the team to victory.

Jamal McDowell led the Lions in scoring with 16 points, with 7-9 for shooting and four assists. He made big shots down the stretch, but

“When we get the lead, we just have to keep it.”

— Guard
Renard Green

his efforts weren't enough to lead the team to victory.

“When you let a good team hang around, things like that can happen,” said guard Renard Green. “When we get the lead, we just have to keep it.”

The Langston Lions had just come off of a two-game winning streak for the pre-season before facing Southwestern.



Photo from langstonsports.com

Head Coach Stan Holt gives the Lion basketball team a pep talk during a timeout in a game from last season.

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against our opponents' economies, armies and resources. We're all doomed. We're letting in rapists and terrorists by the boatloads and are facilitating our own executions as citizens of the once-greatest nation in the world.

6b) Sympathy. Trump appealed to a population of Americans who we've all forgotten about; the coal miners, family farmers, moms and pops from Dixie Land and the Bible Belt who hate having to be politically correct and don't know what it means to be “green” and cringe when they turn on the TV and see two men or two women kissing.

He preyed on their insecurities and pretended to be their champion; the one who's going to stick it to Washington for them. Even though he's a New York real-estate billionaire, somehow they feel he relates to them, even though the only thing they have in common is their skin color.

He gave voice to a group of people whose ideals are viewed as antiquated and who feel forgotten and condescended. And for this reason, white racists over-performed at the polls at the same time opposers of Trump under-performed.

6c) Anti-Obama rhetoric. If you still think racism is dead in America, you're remedial.

Trump took advantage of the racism of all of his conservative constituents and said what you'll hear adviser after adviser and correspondent after correspondent on Fox News say: Obama is the worst president this country's ever seen. Yes, ObamaCare's not perfectly priced, but it keeps insurance companies from denying patients with pre-existing conditions and setting lifetime limits for coverage.

Does that qualify him as the worst president in history? Or does it have something to do with the fact that a black man is running the strongest country in the free world when 60 years ago he would've been hanged for trying to vote. The legislation of this country has tried to advance to create a much more sensitive, progressive framework; but the hearts of many of its citizens have not.

Many citizens of this country still believe black people have a place in this world and the Oval Office is absolutely not one of them. Having to submit to a black man as president had to be something very dislocating to their identity and not consistent with the history of the relationship between white people and black people in America.

7) The Simpsons. The Simpsons has a weird history of predicting the future. Google it. They predicted this. They're to blame, too.

What are some things we can look forward to? This country's policies moving backward by at least 25

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years. The White House and congress are controlled by Republicans. They've blocked every attempt of President Obama's as well as they could, hoping to undo it all as soon as he goes. And now, they have a viable chance.

I'm most concerned with Trump's ability to appoint Supreme Court justices. With Chief Justice Scalia having passed, the senate still has not confirmed the judge Obama nominated a year ago. Now, they don't have to. They'll wait for Trump to take office and nominate a more conservative judge; one who might be in favor of overturning Roe v. Wade, same-sex marriage, Affordable Care Act and affirmative action. Trump won't only be nominating Scalia's replacement, but he might have a chance to replace Ruth Bader Ginsburg (83), Stephen Breyer (78) and Anthony Kennedy (80), ensuring a conservative Supreme Court for years to come.

It's just depressing. This election has only proven that as long as you're a rich white guy, you can get away with anything. “When they

go low, we go high” holds no merit here.

You follow the rules, do everything by the book, and for what? There's no evidence to suggest that Trump is able to focus and engage in a way that leads to real solutions. Nothing he'll do for this country will move us forward.

He was endorsed by the Klan for goodness sakes. And for those who denounce the idea of his support by racists and might even be offended, I say you're guilty by association. You have to align with his racism and misogyny at some degree if you cast a vote for him. We've worked hard the last eight years for change, but this country didn't want change. If it did, so many Republican incumbents in congress wouldn't have kept their seats. Progression is outnumbered by the stagnant, and we'll all have to deal with the consequences.

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