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Editor addresses do's & don'ts of president's Donuts & Dialogue

It is undeniable that Langston University has its own set of serious short-comings. Ask any student or alumnae (even faculty and staff), and they wouldn't hesitate to run down the long laundry list of less-than-pleasant experiences with the university.

Complaints range from not having enough equipment in departments (whether it's fully functioning or not is a different story), financial aid losing paper work or delaying a refund, the food and/or service of the caf, teachers who seem to not have the success of their students at the forefront and even the fact that many departments' curricula have not been evaluated and/or updated since the new millennium.

Recent state-wide budget cuts to higher education aren't helping either, and it almost seems that Langston suffers the worst during this time of financial restraint out of all the higher education institutions in Oklahoma.

But, any good LU student ("good" being the operative word), knows how to take advantage of the scarce resources available and spin some straw into gold. A good LU student knows, though LU is small and far-removed, it comes with its own set of advantages. One of those advantages is access... specifically access that we have to our professors and administrators.

Let's not pretend that many of us take advantage



Garlington

of our particularly small teacher-to-student ratio. How many college students do you think can text their professors to let them know they're running late? How many college students are able to just walk in their professors' offices, unannounced and request their help? How many college students can meet with their president to complain about whatever they want?

I studied at City University London for a semester. Do you think the president of that school hosts any type of meeting like that on a regular basis? Do you think any other university president does? Or even wants to? They have to be far and few between. I honestly couldn't pick City University London's president out of a lineup... and that's the case for most students at a four-year university.

I have to tip my hat to Dr. Smith for voluntarily laying himself on the train tracks at least twice every semester and personally following up

with issues that especially perturb him. He's often the "Patsy" for anything that goes wrong at LU. Let's tell the truth. If our toilets clog, we get an "unfair" parking ticket, our pizza has a hair in it or a professor gives us a grade far less than what we think we deserve — our knee-jerk reaction is to call, tweet or email the president. What makes me say that? I go to Donuts & Dialogue.

Twenty-four students sat down with the president and nine administrators last week to discuss a myriad of topics. Most were disappointing and trivial. Some are mentioned previously in this article. Others are not even worth mentioning because... really? That's our chance to sit down with our president and his clique so we can make Langston the best it can be and you ask why there aren't any refrigerators in Scholars? And, if they weren't a fire hazard, where would the university get money for 100 refrigerators?

I'll get off my soap box... but, first, I want to leave you with three important pieces of advice. The first one: Follow the chain of command. If you and a professor disagree, talk to your department chair, then the dean, then the vice president of academic affairs. The second piece: Exhaust all of your resources. If you skip a step in the chain of command, you won't be able to advance. Third: Keep a paper trail.

Document every interaction and get names, times and dates. After seeing through steps one and two, step three will get the president right where you want him — on your side.

This will maximize the hour students get to spend at Donuts and Dialogue, so we can discuss the steps police are (or aren't) taking to solve the homecoming week burglaries or the progress being made on the LU app (things that affect us all) versus a professor with a "grudge" (something that affects a few people).

And one more thing! Count your blessings, Lions. As many obstacles that we have to face as LU students, we have almost as many advantages. No one's college experience is perfect, and if you compare our matriculation to that of an OU or OSU student, you'll always be disappointed. If you talk to alumni, they'd tell you how excited they would have been if they had a lot of the things we have.

But, no matter what, we'll find something that is worthy of a complaint... and while we may not get all we want, cherish the small victories and make the most of what we have. Figure out how to play the Langston game. It's much like chess, only the victory is in a degree.

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Student finds dorm burglarized after homecoming football game

By Na'Tuiya Davis
Contributing Writer

A student has declined to be involved in next year's homecoming celebration after several Langston University dorms were burglarized during this year's activities.

According to the Safe Wise website, most burglaries take place between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The majority of individuals are typically at work or school during this time, which reduces the chance that a burglar will be noticed.

According to the campus lease agreement that every resident is required to sign,

"I came home and my computer and tablets were gone. Nobody's seen anything, but I want to know what the cameras saw."

— Ka'Leah Davis,
freshman business major

Langston University is not responsible for theft, and each resident is advised to get renter's insurance.

"I don't have renter's insurance," said freshman business major Ka'Leah Davis.

"I wish I didn't go to the homecoming game," she said. "I've paid this school enough money that the cameras should work. I came home and my computer and tablets were gone. Nobody's

seen anything, but I want to know what the cameras saw."

Davis lives in Centennial Court, the closest housing apartments to the police station. Davis said she didn't lock her door because she couldn't find her key.

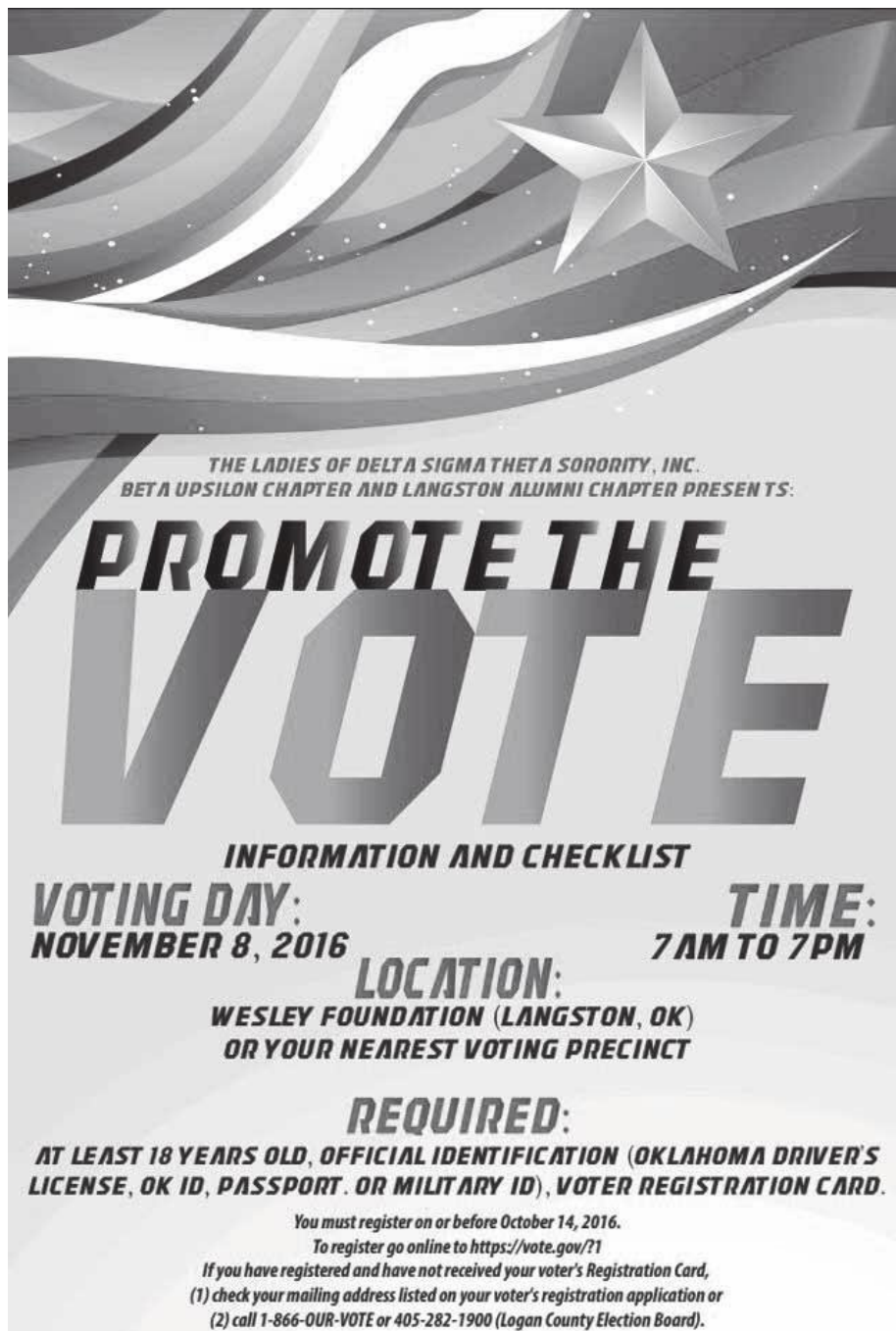
According to the Safe Guard the World website, about 30 percent of all burglaries are the result of an opened or unlocked window or door.

Davis said the police department did not make her feel confident that the thief would be caught, and she won't be attending the homecoming activities next year

because of her experience this year.

So far, more than three students have filed police reports. The Langston Police Department staff declined to answer any questions about the recent burglaries because the investigations are still "open."

"Homecoming is a time for celebration; it's loud," said Imani West, junior early childhood development major. "Most people don't notice anything out of the ordinary. Honestly, it's a problem. It's sad that someone took advantage during one of the biggest celebrations on our campus."



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Voting ballot to have seven state questions

By Michael Watts
Reporter

As the presidential election between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton reaches its home stretch, voters in Oklahoma are concerned about some of the ballot questions for the state.

According to the 2016 Oklahoma State Question Guide, this year's election ballot will contain questions 776, 777, 779, 780, 781, 790 and 792.

Question 776 deals with using the death penalty. It states that "Legislature is expressly empowered to designate any method of execution not prohibited by the U.S. Constitution. Question 777, which has been regularly broadcast through TV public service announcements expressing opinions both for and against it, deals with the right to make use of agricultural technology, livestock procedures and ranching practices.

Question 779 adds a new article to the Oklahoma Constitution and proposes raising taxes to increase funding for public education. State Question 780 proposes changing the classification of certain drug possession and property crimes from being felonies to misdemeanors. State Question 781 would create the County Community Safety Investment

Fund, but only if voters approve SQ 780. This investment fund would consist of any calculated savings or averted costs that accumulated to the state from the implementation of the Oklahoma Smart Justice Reform Act in reclassifying drug possession and property crimes.

Question 790 on the ballot lifts a restriction that the government placed on the use of public money or property for the direct or indirect benefit of any religion or religious institution. Finally, Question 792, the last question on this year's election ballot, deals with restructuring the laws that govern alcoholic beverages in local stores.

One potential voter thinks Question 776 will impact voters the most.

"[This question] allows the state to kill a prisoner that's on death row in any particular way," said Jelani Johnson, senior business management major.

"The reason why I believe it will have the most impact on voters is because there are proper and easier ways to put a prisoner to death than to terribly force pain upon them until they die," Johnson said.

Another voter expressed her thoughts about a different state ques-

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Butch, the movie star

Producers film documentary over Langston legend

By Kimberly Thompson
Reporter

Langston's very own legend, Harding D. Benjamin, may be receiving national attention because he's been on campus for over 55 years. Better known by the name of Butch, his story will be told through a documentary simply titled "Butch."

With the help of Brandon Clemons and David Tester, Butch's story will be broadcast to the masses.

"I met Butch while filming the Happy Holidays video for Langston last year," said Tester, director and owner/president of 1577 Productions. "My company has been producing video content for Langston since 2014, and we've won LU several awards."

Many people question what is so different about Butch that he needs his own documentary.

"Butch has been living on campus since 1961—that's 55 years. No one does that," Tester said. "I've never heard of someone going to college, graduating, and living on campus for 55 years, and that's what really pulled me in. Then, when I started asking around, everyone had these crazy theories about him, but it was clear that no one really knew the truth. I wanted to find out, and we've uncovered some interesting things in the process."

Everyone has their own theory on why they believe Butch is still living on campus, but no one really knows who Butch is and why he is so important to not only Langston, but the people he has met around the world as well.

"The purpose of the film is to answer the question: Who is Butch? It will begin with the numerous urban myths," Tester said, "but the film goes deeper and will take a twist that I know can make an impact even on a national audience."

Tester said pre-production of the documentary started in late May, but he expects it to be completed soon.

"We're hoping to wrap up filming in November and have the finished film ready in early 2017," Tester said. "So it will take about seven to eight months in total."

People at Langston are eagerly waiting to watch the film.

"I'm really excited about the movie because everyone wants to know Butch's story and why he has lived on campus so many years," said Sha'Quoa White, senior psychology major.

In May 1968, Butch graduated from Langston University, receiving his bachelor's degree in music education. After graduation, he became part of the Langston staff, where he has remained all these years.

As a student at LU, Butch

played clarinet and marched in the band. During his second year of college, he took a course in woodwinds, which is when he picked up the saxophone and started to play.

Langston was not originally Butch's first choice, though. He wanted to attend Texas Southern in Houston because he had an uncle who attended that college. However, he also had another uncle, Frankie D., who had attended and graduated from Langston University in 1937.

At that time, Langston was called the Colored Agriculture and Normal University before it was changed to Langston University in 1941.

Butch has always stood out in a crowd. He recalled an incident when his professor pulled him to the side and told him that he was "different" from the rest of his race.

Butch carries himself with dignity, and he can easily be spotted on the Langston University campus. He is always wearing a bright outfit with colorful hues of red, green, blue, yellow, orange, purple... he probably has an outfit or suit in nearly every shade imaginable. He gets all his fashion tips from the greatest jazz musicians, such as Duke Ellington and Joe Williams.

The documentary will cover all of this about Butch, plus much more.



Courtesy Photo

Butch stands with David Tester (right) in New York City. Tester is producing a documentary, titled "Butch," that will explain who Butch is and tell the story of his life at Langston as a student and staff member. The documentary is slated for release in early 2017. Check out the documentary trailer at <https://www.vimeo.com/183708961>.

Alumni give back to Langston through service

By Maya Jackson
Reporter

Imagine the value of learning from a professor that not only teaches you, but is also a product of sitting in the same classroom as you do.

Alumni make up a very important part in how a university survives and thrives. The heart of an institution

beats through the pride of its students, current and former. Investing monetarily is what most people think of when they hear of giving back to their institution, but how about giving back, self-wise?

Stephanie Adams is the senior academic adviser at Langston University's University College and the head cheerleading coach at LU.

Adams has been working for the institution for 15 years, and she truly loves the university but did not expect to ever work here after graduating.

"When I graduated, I wanted to get out of Oklahoma," Adams said.

However, she came back after her ex-husband relocated back to the state, so she decid-

ed to apply to the institution for a job. She's been working here ever since.

Usually, when alumni return to work at their alma maters, the environment is rarely the same as when they left. There are new faces, new buildings and new economic challenges, even for recent graduates. However, having a first-hand experience

of where the institution has been and where it's going is valuable, especially when navigating campus politics.

Joshua Busby, acting director of Student Life, graduated in 2006 and has been working here since 2008. He has worked in financial aid, academic development and is

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LU Fashion Police

To all my Lions and Lionesses out on The Yard, I would like this issue of the Fashion Police to focus on poppin', yet proper, party attire.

This weekend I attended a "kickback" where everyone decided to come and have a night where we just had a good, old-fashioned, house party. The phrase, "there is a time and place for everything," applies here. "Kickback" attire requires little effort to slay ladies.



You can throw on an all-black jumpsuit with an olive green bomber jacket, black baseball cap and some eos lip balm, and you will slay all night long.

If you were to arrive in a tube top one size too small with a sports bra and pairing it with jeans that do not compliment your lower figure, I would highly suggest to go back to your wardrobe and

take the tips given above.

As for the guys, a little more effort is required. Wearing sweats or shorts, a T-shirt and some Nikes may cut it for going to class but not for a kickback. A baseball jersey, a T-shirt underneath with a nice pair of denim jeans and some clean sneakers or boots and you're all set.

So, ladies, a not-too-much-but-little effort for a kickback type of party goes a long way. Gentlemen, giving a little more effort than the ladies will go a long way for you.

Halloween is coming around the corner and the Fashion Police will have their eyes out for the best and worst costumes.



Halloween Happenings

Langston

Trick or Treat for Tots — 10 a.m., Oct. 31

Guthrie

Guthrie Haunts Scare Grounds — Thursdays, Fridays, & Saturdays in October, Oct. 30 & 31, and Nov. 4 & 5

Trick or Treat Downtown — 4-6 p.m., Oct. 31

Edmond

Halloween Trick or Treat Night — 5-7 p.m., Oct. 31

Oklahoma City

The Sanctuary Haunted Attraction — Thursdays, Fridays, & Saturdays in October, Oct. 30 & 31, and Nov. 4 & 5

The KATT's Haunted Forrest — Oct. 28-31

Newcastle Nightmare: Haunted Trail & Graveyard and Zombie Hunt — Oct. 28-29

Fright Fest at Frontier City — Oct. 28-31

Campus Question

What's your favorite scary movie?



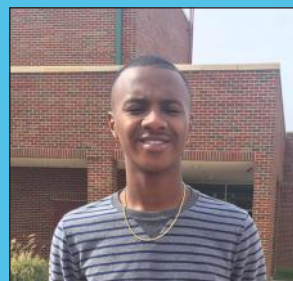
Kaleah Underwood,
Sophomore
Nursing Major

"Don't Look Under the Bed"



Gabe Houston,
Senior
HPER Major

"Friday the 13th"



Tyler Hughes,
Sophomore
Computer Science Major

"Halloween Town"



BriAnne Washington,
Senior
Psychology Major/Corrections Minor

"Freddy vs. Jason"

Annual homecoming step show excludes two Greek organizations

By **Oneka Cayenne**
Contributing Writer

At this year's Langston University homecoming step show, Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi, two national band organizations, did not participate. Their absence was felt as band Greeks are renowned for the crowd-pleasing "precision" of their steps.

Step shows are a chance for Greek organizations to entertain and represent through stepping and competing for a cash prize. While many think the annual homecoming step show is for all Greeks, traditionally, that is not so.

Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority Inc. and Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity

Inc. were voted out by the National Pan-Hellenic Council, also known as the Divine Nine or "D9" Greeks.

Stephanie M. Adams, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and an adviser of the Pan-Hellenic Council, said KKPsi and TBS have both participated in previous homecoming step shows, although not on a consistent basis.

"This year," Adams said, "the Pan-Hellenic Council wanted the step show to be exclusive for fraternities and sororities that are members of the Pan."

J.D. Crawford, senior biology major and president of the Beta Kappa chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., said the fact that the Pan voted this

way is "nothing really major."

"The homecoming step show is a D9 tradition," Crawford said. "Campus Domination, which happens every spring, includes all Greeks. At the end of the day, it's up to the NPHC's discretion—whether or not we allow organizations outside of the Pan to participate is our decision—and this year, we decided not to. Keep in mind, we pay Pan dues as a D9 Greek organization that organizations outside of the Pan do not have to pay. Since the homecoming step show was a Pan event, only the organizations that pay Pan dues are entitled to participation."

TBS and KKPsi representatives said the Pan-Hellenic Council agreed to give both TBS and KKPsi \$500, charac-

terizing it as "hush money," to have KKPsi and TBS step in the show.

This offer was, in fact, a proposed payment for an intermission performance. First place prize was \$1,000. Second place prize was \$500. In theory, the band Greeks were guaranteed the equivalent to the second place prize if one of the organizations had decided to participate in an intermission performance, or they would have split it if both KKPsi and TBS participated.

This meant that the two groups could participate in the show, but not compete, meaning there would have been no chance of them winning the \$1,000 cash prize.

KKPsi and TBS declined the offer.

"We feel discriminated [against]. At the end of the day, we are students that attend Langston University," said Veniqua Hubbard Jr. "We should have the right to do any activity on campus, whether we're Divine Nine or not."

Tredarrion Birden, member of KKPsi, is still baffled about being excluded from the step show competition.

"Why exclude others from the homecoming step show? It's homecoming, and it should be for everybody," Birden said. "I think it's silly, only because I haven't been given a good reason as to why we are being excluded. It's certain people within the Divine Nine organizations that have these preconceptions and some that don't."

Students wonder why police cancel Young Dolph concert

By **Taelyr Jackson**
Contributing Writer

Outside of the C.F. Gayles Gym, guests formed a line to attend the annual Late-Night Madness event, formerly known as Midnight Madness. Memphis rapper Young Dolph was rumored to be performing, so it struck everyone by surprise when students were instructed to evacuate the gym.

Students followed suit, only to reorganize into a more chaotic crowd (because it never turned into a distinguishable line) outside of the multipurpose gym for the aforementioned featured guest. While Late-Night Madness was open to all, only Langston University students were allowed to attend the concert afterward.

Confused and anxious students charged beyond LUPD to form what resembled more like an angry mob than a line outside of the multi's doors, most likely in efforts to secure

a good spot for Young Dolph's concert.

"We stood in line for about 30 minutes before we were told to start a line outside," said sophomore HPER major Donna Gray.

Gray and her friends then proceeded to stand in the line, only to be turned away a few moments later.

"I was disappointed and upset because my friends and I were standing outside in the cold, only to be told that the concert was canceled," Gray said.

Sophomore biology major Kelsea Partee also was unable to get into the Young Dolph concert.

"It's unfair that some of the students were able to get inside and actually enjoy the concert," Partee said.

Those who made it inside enjoyed the concert for about 10 to 20 minutes before police stopped the event and students were asked to leave.

Senior broadcast journalism major Marcus Garlington had

a front-row seat to the miniature concert.

"After the force of the crowd behind me pushed us past police, I made it into the line to get in the multi and ran to the gate directly in front of the stage and waited for Dolph," Garlington said. "He came out and did a few of his less-popular songs first, which most artists do. They save their biggest hits for the end, but we didn't get that. After his third song, he casually just said, 'Aye, ya'll, I gotta go. It's not me, it's 12 (police).' And just like that, he walked off the stage."

Students were escorted by police out of the back entrance of the multipurpose gym. Students and outside guests gathered out front, as rumors arose as to what actually caused the concert to be canceled.

A member of the executive board declined to interview and referred me to the public relations department for an official statement. Langston University police declined to interview as well.

Campus organizations promote Breast Cancer Awareness month

By **Jasmine Franklin**
Contributing Writer

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States, according to the National Breast Cancer website.

On campus, some organizations participated in supporting Breast Cancer Awareness month, which is October.

The National Council for Negro Women and the Beta Upsilon chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. supported breast cancer awareness by hosting a "Mani for the Cure" on Oct. 20.

"We set up tables for people to come and get manicures and massages while explaining to them the importance of breast cancer awareness," said Chelsey Gipson, member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

During this event, the sorority and NCNW accepted passive donations. Both organizations split the donation money and donated it to the Susan G. Komen foundation.

On Oct. 22, at 5 a.m., members of NCNW helped set up the Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Run, which takes place every year in Oklahoma City.

Vice President of Langston University NAACP Kezia Gold explained that one of the purposes of NAACP is to promote health awareness and healthy lifestyles.

"We decided as a chapter of the organization that we should inform the student body of breast cancer awareness because it is something that has become common for our generation to deal with," Gold said.

One member of NCNW has a special reason why breast cancer awareness means so much to her.

"My grandmother is a 22-year breast cancer survivor, and it's really deep to me and important," said Chantel Marshall, NCNW's chair for the Breast Cancer Awareness committee.

Vampires:

Sink your teeth into the origins of this Halloween legend

Special from
Oklahoma Medical
Research Foundation

OKLAHOMA CITY—Vampires are as deeply embedded in pop culture as their fangs are in the necks of their victims.

But before vampires became the darlings of TV and movies, their legends haunted folklore for centuries. According to Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation President Stephen Prescott, M.D., the origin of these creepy beliefs likely rises from a legitimate medical basis: disease.

"When a large group of people would die in a vil-

lage, the true villain wasn't a pale-skinned blood-sucker. It was something even more terrifying: microorganisms," said Prescott, a vascular biologist and physician.

"Vampires were often used as an explanation for diseases like smallpox or tuberculosis and other conditions that couldn't be diagnosed at that time," he said.

This resulted in a huge swell of belief in vampires in the Middle Ages in Europe, as fast-moving diseases with no explanation swept through towns and villages.

"Without formal education and modern science to clarify the situation, people grabbed onto something

that made sense to them," Prescott said. "People struggled with causes for illness and death long before we had medical research or modern science to make heads or tails of it."

The most common physical depictions of vampires share a number of similarities with people who suffered from a rare group of blood diseases called porphyria.

"There are multiple manifestations, but in most cases, people are extremely light sensitive," Prescott said. "A lot of them couldn't tolerate the sun at all without severe blistering and deformities, enough to cause them to lose

their fingertips or produce facial scarring."

In addition, the facial mutilation often caused the skin to tighten and pull back, resulting in the appearance of fang-like teeth.

"There were bizarre things going on: They had abnormally long teeth, they slept during the day and came out at night because they couldn't take sunlight," said Prescott. "It serves to reason that this would play a role in the origin of the vampire legend. People would have seen them around and drawn their own conclusions of what was happening."

Some scarring and physical characteristics were also

observed in exhumed corpses of the recently deceased, furthering the rise of the legend in Europe.

Natural decay caused the lips and gums to lose fluid and contract, creating (or further exaggerating) the illusion of fangs. The skin also contracts in other parts of the body, causing a claw-like appearance to fingernails and longer hair.

"Vampires came from needing an explanation for why bad things were happening, and blaming disease and death on something that comes out at night and sucks your blood isn't actually that far off," Prescott said. "Just look at mosquitoes."

Alpha Zeta chapter of AKA dedicates monument



On Oct. 21, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. dedicated a monument on the LU campus to Dr. Larzette Golden Hale. Hale was a charter member and the first president of the Alpha Zeta chapter and the 17th president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. Hale also served as First Lady of Langston University and as the director, chairperson and professor of the Department of Business Administration. Pictured (from left to right) are Dr. Mattelia B. Grays, 18th international president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Janis Hale Baker, daughter of Dr. Larzette Golden Hale, and Jan Carpenter-Baker, Mid-Western regional director of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

Courtesy Photos

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now in student affairs.

"It's a thrill to be able to work in every asset of the institution, to be able to serve an institution that has given so much to me," Busby said.

Busby has witnessed the university transform over time and now, being in a student life position, he is given the opportunity to build even stronger relationships with the new generation of students around him.

"I want to build better lead-

ers and ensure a genuine development of this institution," Busby said. "That's really what it's all about – the students and living to see them grow with the university."

It is different serving in a faculty or staff position at an institute, especially after being exposed to it as a student. Alumni become witnesses to the good, the bad and the ugly.

"As an alum, I look at things differently; I consider this home, so when things don't go well or we get a bad look or things are said negatively about Langston University,

it affects me more so because I'm a graduate here," Adams said. "I work here, so I always want us to look the best and present the best image because I know how wonderful this school is!"

Most students would not even think twice about coming back after graduation, other than homecoming, but criminal justice major Morgan Lee said that she would gift her input.

"I think Langston has a lot of issues that I would probably try to go fix," Lee said. "But the idea of coming back? Of course not!"

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tion.

"I think Question 780, which relates to changing drug possession from felonies to misdemeanors, will impact voters the most because those sentences are disproportionate and they affect the African-American community," said Jameka Lewis, curator for the Black Heritage Center.

In contrast, another voter thinks that one of the state ballot questions will

get voters the most riled up and willing to go vote.

"I believe Question 792, which talks about changing the laws that concern the governing of alcoholic beverages in stores, will probably get people to vote because people like to buy and consume alcohol," said Kate Corbett, Langston University librarian.

For more information on any of the state questions, visit <https://www.ocpa-think.org> or <https://www.okpolicy.org>.

Volleyball team plans road to recovery

By **Tori Harris**
Contributing Writer

The Langston Volleyball Lady Lions are 3-27 this season, leaving them with five conference games remaining and one exhibition game.

They plan to bounce back next year with increasing numbers on the scoreboard.

"Next year, it's going to be 23-4," said Destiny Ramsey, sophomore physical therapy major.

The Lady Lions have been putting up a fight this season, and they plan a road to recovery after the losses they have taken.

The record is what stands out to everyone, even the team.

Head Coach Jacob Rodriguez said that unless people are hands-on, emerged into the program, they don't really know what's going on behind the scenes — all they see are the results.

"At the same time, there really has been great pro-

gression with this team and with this program," Coach Rodriguez said.

The team has a lack of players because of ineligibility. Those players' return will bring a good impact to the team.

Also, senior Amber Warren is ranked No. 50 in Division I in total blocks of NAIA, according to the Dakstats website.

Rodriguez has set new goals and plans to push hard into the area of recruiting players for next season.

"Obviously, the recruiting effort is going to be there, but it's hard to say you're going to be able to replace an Amber Warren or a Moriah Plowden," Rodriguez said.

The season is not over; they may still make it to playoffs.

"Like I told my girls, we dug a pretty deep hole, but there's still light at the end of this tunnel," Rodriguez said. "We can still make the playoffs."



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No. 9 Ashley Michalski and No. 11 Katravia Mack go up to block the ball in a match against University of the Southwest earlier in October. At the time of this publication, the Lady Lions were 3-27, but Head Coach Jacob Rodriguez said they can still make the playoffs if they win the remainder of their conference games.

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