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Langston recruits record freshman class in history

By Charles Granger
Reporter

With more than 600 freshmen enrolled this fall, Langston University has its largest freshman class in school history.

LU is making major changes, which started with recruiting efforts.

The university began these efforts with customer service because the staff wanted the incoming freshmen and parents to feel welcomed and apart of the LU family.

Another technique that LU is using is building relationships with the freshmen by staying connected with them through phone calls, emails and more face-to-face contact.

"Also, we took to social media because Dr. Smith is a huge advocate on that," said Mark Vaughn, assistant director of admissions.

With such a big freshman class, the possibilities of challenges, good or bad, may arise.

"The biggest challenge is to get them to graduate and to keep them coming back



Photo by Jonathan McGill

Freshmen take a moment from playing games during Lion Camp to show their school spirit with their "L's up."

year after year and to keep them learning," said Lonnie Johnson Jr., instructor and acting chair of the Department of Communication.

Each administrative department faces different challenges, but it is the ad-

mission's office's job, he said, to process the information of each student.

With over 12,000 applications turned in, not everyone was able to be accepted.

"Telling a lot of kids with low GPAs that they couldn't

come was hard," said Vaughn, "Trying to get the students to not look at the cost was also a challenge."

However, Laquan Johnson, a freshman from

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LU switches to block rate tuition

By Leslie Simon
Reporter

The Langston University financial aid department is trying a new strategy called block rate tuition to help students graduate within four years while also saving money.

Block rate tuition means

that students can take 12-18 credit hours for one flat rate instead of being charged per course, which would mean that the more hours a student took, the higher the cost of his or her tuition.

The cost of blocked rate tuition for in-state students is \$2,400.60, and the cost for out-of-state students is

\$5,893.80.

"Block rate tuition is perfect for us! A lot of students try to limit their credit hours due to cost, which prolongs graduating," said Darren Thompson, freshman biology major.

Block rate tuition is designed to help students graduate quicker, while po-

tentially reducing the total cost of a Langston University degree. As for most degrees, completing at least 15 hours of applicable coursework each semester puts a student on track to graduate in four years, which means several benefits to

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Did Willie Lynch's plan succeed?

What if I told you that there was a plan implemented over 300 years ago to break down and enslave the African-American community for life?

What if I also told you that though there have been tremendous achievements accomplished in the black community, this plan is present in our community?

In 1712, a man named Willie Lynch delivered a speech to American slave owners that led to the way the black community treat one another, from slavery to present day.

In Lynch's speech, he states that his method of controlling slaves was so good that it would last for at least 300 years.

He also provided a list of differences and how to make them seem "bigger," such as skin tone, sex, intelligence and more.

The focus was to create an environment of distrust and envy between them and teach them to only rely on the slave owners.



Meigs

They were to put the old slaves against the young, dark skin against light skin and male against female.

If you take a look at the black community, you will see that there is a gap and lack of respect between generations.

And, we can see on social media where we tend to take sides when saying, "#team-darkskin" or "#teamlightskin."

We can also see that we have a lack of communication and long-lasting relationships with one another.

Lynch states that by destroying the male image, it would leave the female "left

alone, unprotected and raise the male and female offspring in reverse roles."

Now, a large population of the black community has grown up without a male presence, which has left the female to take on both the mother and father role.

In this, they planned to "keep the body, take the mind," which meant to mentally disable the black family and build to perfection their physical traits.

The goal of the slave owner was to use these methods to "create an orbiting cycle that turns forever unless a phenomenon occurred and resifts positions of the male and female savages."

And, it hurts to say that, in a way, they have achieved their goal. We have created separations within our community and have allowed ourselves to become dependent upon everyone else but ourselves.

Though this plan has shown true in some aspect of the black community, I believe that there has been a

'phenomenon' that gives us an opportunity to rise above these expectations. This phenomenon is black empowerment, and through this, we have accomplished more than any of those before us could have imagined.

As a race, we have achieved many milestones such as equal rights, equal opportunities and even having the first African-American president of the United States.

We can see that African Americans have been excelling in academics as well as careers and professions.

So, though we have somewhat played into the plan of those who had no good intent for us unless it was to serve them, we have grown as a race to become presidents, government officials, CEOs and much more.

So, you see, someone may have a plan for your existence, but it doesn't have a chance against what we plan for ourselves.

Andrenique Meigs is a senior broadcast journalism major.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What do you think of students having to move off campus during Thanksgiving break?



"Not everybody is able to go home and don't have the resources, so the campus should stay open for those who can't."

Tawny Davis,
senior psychology
major



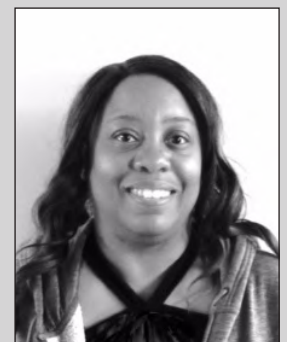
"I don't agree with the terms. For it to be a holiday and it to mean something, they're taking advantage of it, and it is not fair."

Charles Tucker,
senior broadcast
journalism major



"If you stay somewhere and you're getting billed for it, you should be able to stay as long as you're here."

James Thomas,
sophomore music
major



"For students to have to pack up everything and move out and then (have) to move back in is a stressful situation."

Jacquitta Combs,
senior corrections
major

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Andrenique Meigs

Langston recruits students from China

By Marcus Garlington
Contributing Writer

After a trip to China, President Kent Smith Jr., Dr. Clyde Montgomery and Dr. Steve Zeng hand-selected four Chinese students to attend Langston University out of hundreds of applicants.

Langston University is pleased to welcome Chunyang "Sophie" Liu, Xheyang "Lily" Zhang, Yang "Jackie" Song and Yiqun "Kevin" Wang to its campus. These students studied at Hunan University of Science & Technology in China.

During this past summer, President Smith, Montgomery, vice president for academic affairs, and Zeng, chair of LU's Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, traveled to China with the intent to recruit students for the agriculture department.

Zeng explained his job description very simply.

"Take care of the students," Zeng said. His priorities in-

clude recruiting new "talents" and ensuring that his department provides "the best learning environment for (students)."

"We traditionally have been recruiting urban and suburban students from big metros like Los Angeles, Detroit, Chicago and New York... but to enhance our diversity, we need to reach out to international students," Zeng said. "Now, because China is the biggest source of international students in the U.S., Dr. Smith had the initiative to reach out to China. We actually have already established connections with some Chinese universities through goat research."

Zeng went on to applaud President Smith and Montgomery on their capacity for support of Langston's academic departments.

During their trip to China, LU administration and faculty signed three memorandums of understanding (MOU) with three Chinese universities: China Agricultural University in Beijing, Hunan University of Science and Technology at Luoyang and Northwest A & F University.

Langston's leaders also conducted three seminars for undergraduates and faculty members. We, as a university, "renewed and strengthened research collaborations at CAU and NWAU" and "established new teaching collaboration/partnership with HUST," Zeng said.

Interviews were held on site, and Langston's leaders selected four students to enroll as animal science majors at Langston University as exchange students in fall 2014.

"We will be working on the '2 Plus 2' teaching col-



Courtesy Photo

Four students from China join the Langston University family as part of the "2 Plus 2" program. Pictured (from left) is Chunyang "Sophie" Liu, Xheyang "Lily" Zhang, Dr. Marvin Burns, dean of the School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, Yang "Jackie" Song, Yiqun "Kevin" Wang and Dr. Steve S. Zeng, chair of the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

laboration between LU and HUST in hope to bring more Chinese students next year," Zeng said.

The "2 Plus 2" Program is an exchange student initiative that currently is on a trial basis and allows students to complete two years of undergraduate study at their respective international universities, as well as complete their degrees and graduate from Dear Langston.

Depending on the performance of this program's current students, the program can grow to accommodate many more students, or the program could be terminated and Langston's resources will

be invested into other departments.

In a group interview with Zeng, the students admitted that English is one of their most difficult adjustments. Our exchange students also said that the distance is difficult. They miss their families, and one student even said she misses her significant other.

Though our language might be difficult, they said everything has lived up to their expectations so far. The students enjoy their teachers and classes, and they would like very much to be graduates of Langston University.

Lily's hometown is Luoyang City in Henan Province. She said she enjoys Korean pop music artists, often referred to as K-Pop, like Big Bang.

Sophie's hometown is Xin Xiang City in Henan Province. She is a huge fan of Fei Wang, a Chinese volleyball player. Sophie said she enjoys playing volleyball and reading. One of her favorite dishes is fried chicken.

Kevin loves basketball. He said his favorite player is Kevin Durant, and he looks forward to attending an Oklahoma City Thunder basketball game. He calls himself "The Chinese Kevin Durant." Kevin also is an avid fan of pop music.

Jackie is from Inner Mongolia, China. He said his hobbies include singing and soccer. His favorite player is Cristiano Ronaldo. Jackie's favorite singer is Michael Jackson.

Jackie said his improved English would be most valuable to him; Sophie said she will be glad for her newfound independence; and Kevin said he will be glad to have made more friends.

Overall, these students have traveled 7,000 miles for one goal—education.

With the "2 Plus 2" program in its trial stages, its future is uncertain, but Smith, Montgomery and Zeng are optimistic that everything will not only work in their favor, but in the favor of LU.

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students.

These benefits include canceling additional semesters or years of expense for housing and other costs, reducing student loan debt upon graduation and allowing entry into the workforce earlier.

"Block rate tuition encourages our students to take more course hours, while helping eliminate the stress of cost, to graduate in a four-to-five-year time span," said Chauncey Jackson, interim executive director of enrollment management.

FRESHMAN

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Oklahoma City, was surprised by all of the freshmen who attended Lion Camp.

He said there were so many people "it was cra-

zy."

LU is working toward topping this fall freshman class number by recruiting harder.

Langston has two people traveling year-round, going to different high schools in the country and trying to go to every col-

lege fair they can, Vaughn said.

Having all these students may be exciting and good for the school, but the most important challenge is to retain every student and provide a quality education, Vaughn said.

New band directors have strong goals for Langston University Marching Pride

Special by Nicole Turner
Gazette Adviser

When Lonnie Easter graduated from Langston University in 2002 with a bachelor's in music education, he knew he'd be visiting the campus in the future as an alum.

However, he didn't know he'd eventually be returning to campus as the director of bands.

In summer 2014, LU administration hired Easter as the new head band director, and Langston also hired a new assistant band director, Kalem Graham.

"Life happens when life happens," Easter said, "and (the director of bands position) just became the perfect opportunity at the perfect time... I don't think there's a band director alive that wouldn't want to go back to where they came from."

Together, Easter and Graham have several items on the agenda for the Langston University Marching Pride to accomplish, both in the near future and long-term.

They said they approach everything from a team aspect. This year, the band's main priority is to have a bigger presence in the student body.

"This season's goal is operation take over the campus," Easter said.

One way the LUMP is accomplishing this mission is by putting in hard work and practicing long hours. The 65-member-band practices from 6 to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday, and sometimes on Saturdays if the need arises.

"They are a hard-working group, and I feel like they don't take the practices in vain," Graham said.

He said the band also wants to get back to the roots of Langston by playing some classic songs that have not been played in the past few years.

He said the band always has a list of several songs prepared to play, includ-

ing "In the Stone," "Black & Blues," "Love Never Felt So Good" and "Electric Lady."

The band doesn't just play classics, though, because a new priority is to cater to crowds of all generations, particularly the students on campus.

Easter said the band decided to bring in more popular radio tunes this year as well, and the band plays at least six of the Billboard Top 10 songs on the R&B and Hip Hop music charts.

However, Easter said, the songs on the chart change often, so they have to work hard to stay updated on new songs.

"I'm excited about getting the campus excited about the band again," Easter said.

The band's primary concentration right now is Homecoming, and the band members are preparing to impress not only the student body, but also LU alumni.

"I think Homecoming will be an exciting time," Graham said. "We're already planning the Homecoming show; we've had those wheels in motion since July."

"We're trying to make sure that when the alumni come back, they are pleased with what they see and hear," he said.

In the next few years, Easter and Graham want to expand the membership and raise the level of musicianship in the band.

"Once we build this base of musicianship, it'll just roll over year to year while we continue to try to increase the students that we bring in," Graham said.

The directors also want the LUMP to be noticed beyond the campus and alumni.

As a long-term goal, Easter said, he plans for the band to start performing at local events as well as events across the nation, such as the Honda Battle of the Bands, The Rose Bowl parade and the presidential



Photos by Jonathan McGill

Top:

The Langston University Marching Pride forms an "LU" while marching during the halftime performance at the Missouri Classic.

Right:

The LUMP assumes formation during its first performance of the semester, which was at the Missouri Classic against rival Lincoln University at Arrowhead Stadium.



inauguration.

"There's no reason we shouldn't be performing a halftime show for the (Oklahoma City) Thunder at least once a month," Easter said.

As a graduate of LU, Easter is passionate about what he wants the band to become in the future.

He said he wants the LUMP to grow throughout the years, and, eventually, he knows Langston can support a 200-member band if the university continues to increase enrollment like it has.

"I love my university," Easter said. "This isn't just a job for me, I'm from here. I have life experiences in these walls."

One of Easter's challenges, however, is that he has to remind himself that he's not a student anymore, but the director of bands.

So, Easter said, he has to do things in a different way than he did when he was the drum major of the Marching Pride.

"I have constant flashbacks of these four walls at a different time," Easter said.

Easter went on to get his master's degree in jazz studies from the University of Central Oklahoma in 2011.

He taught for nine years at Millwood Public Schools and then two years at

Douglas High School before accepting the Director of Bands position at LU.

Graham came to LU from Radford University in Virginia, where he finished his master's degree in music this past May.

Graham was a graduate assistant, but he also has taught middle school and high school band.

"I'm extremely excited to be here," Graham said. "I think this is one of the most beautiful campuses I've ever been on."

"I can't wait for the world to see the 2014 edition of the Marching Pride; I think they will be pleasantly surprised."

'The Voices within Me' LU student becomes author

By Brittany Kendrick
Assistant Editor

Just as gold is refined through the fire transforming into a beautiful and valuable piece of worth, one Langston University student went through intense experiences, which led to her purpose.

Cheryl Craig, an English major, used her hardships to propel herself into her destiny. Craig is the author of a book titled "The Voices Within Me," and it is subtitled "Though the Struggle is Real, Hope is Alive." The book is described as a book of poems.

"I want to reach women struggling through some of the same issues I've been (through)," Craig said. "I had a dark and abusive childhood."

Craig found herself search-

"I want to reach women struggling through some of the same issues I've been (through)."

— Cheryl Craig,
English major

ing for hope and identity through a maze of domestic violence, drug abuse and prison. Through her incarceration, she began to hear what she thought was God.

"I wasn't for sure if it was God speaking to me," Craig said.

But God proved himself real to her after losing her daughter in January 2009.

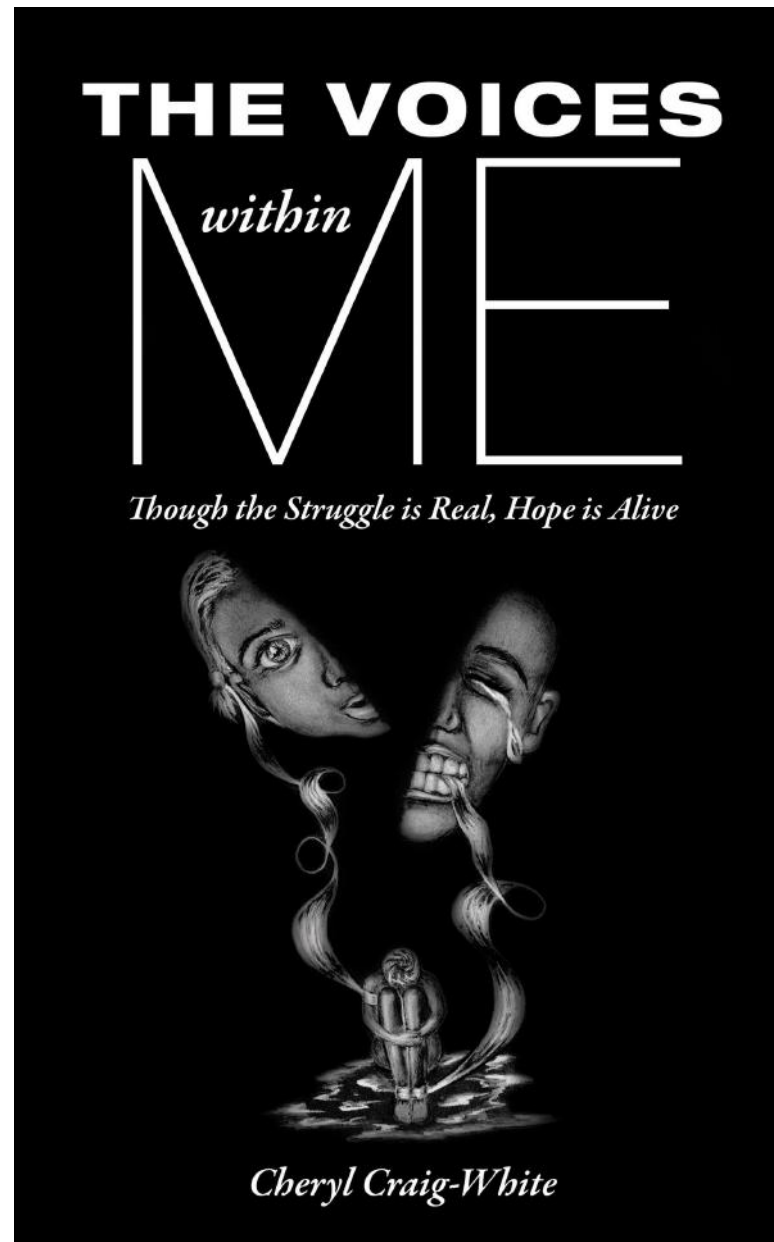
"I began to draw closer to God and suddenly realized God knew what he was doing," Craig said.

She often uses the scripture 2 Corinthians 5, "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord," as a reminder of God's promise.

Craig began to blossom in life, achieving many things. Craig is retired from the Army and is a current member of the National Multicultural Writers Association where she was mentored by many women in her writing ventures and style.

Craig is involved with the "Evangelism Movement" and is married to a local pastor, Layton White of First Baptist Church in Guthrie.

Craig said she allowed the problems and difficult choices and consequences in life to lead and guide her into success and peace though her spiritual source, Jesus Christ. She now hopes to continue in the direction of inspiring others.



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'How can they make us leave for a week?'

By Dhiana Brame
Reporter

It is now required that all students who live on campus must move out of their dorms for Thanksgiving break, which is a weeklong break this year.

Out-of-state students are furious with the decision the university has made, because it is leaving some with no place to go.

"I, personally, didn't think that this was done in adequate time to save students some of the unnecessary hassle," said Demauri Myers, who serves as Student Government Association Presi-

dent.

"Realistically," Myers said, "we know that the closer it gets to the holiday season it becomes much more expensive for people to purchase airfare."

It has been made clear that not every student has reliable transportation or families who can provide the necessary funds to send their child home twice within three weeks.

Students have said, "It just makes no sense."

"How can they make us leave for a week, come back and take finals, then pack up and leave again for a month (winter break)," said Dori-

ann McDonald, who is enrolled as an out-of-state student.

"I'm from Los Angeles, California, and those tickets cost at least \$500 round-trip during the holidays," McDonald added. "I'm supposed to pay \$1,000 just to get home?"

Some students who can't afford to go home are struggling to find places to stay off campus.

"As a student, the obstacles of trying to find a place to stay during this time, when in actuality I have already signed a lease, seems pretty

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'Indie Night Show' to screen former student's 'HOME' film

By Terry Haynes
Contributing Writer

With more than 12 students as members of LU cinema this semester, Langston University alumn Julian D. Jackson created a Science Fiction short film titled "HOME."

The movie was filmed on the LU campus this past year.

Jackson studied broadcast journalism so he could take television courses and pursue his passion in filmmaking.

"You don't want to have limitations on your work," Jackson said. "If you have limits, that makes you dull and you can't stand out."

It took Jackson several months to film his short feature and all winter to perfect his edits.

The film was released on 21Elementz Productions website on Valentine's Day.

All cast members were LU students who had the opportunity to showcase their theatre talents.

Mauricio Griffin, a graduating senior and one of the main characters for "HOME," had a chance to play the lead role of Griffin Newt.

The film features other LU students such as Jar-ron Thompson, Darrell Strong, Ritchie Cherry and Lauren Gantt.

"We just want to leave

our mark at Langston University," Griffin said.

Joseph Alvarez, director of "Indie Night Show," said, "I love Sci-Fi, especially if black folks are in it."

The "Indie Night Show" is a weekly showcase in Hollywood that shows between four and six short films, Web series, trailers or episodes every Saturday. "Indie Night" has chosen "HOME" to be screened Sept. 27.

Jackson and his cast members plan to travel to Los Angeles to screen their movie to a Hollywood audience.

"This is a really huge accomplishment for 21Elementz," Gantt said.

English education major receives Thurgood Marshall College Fund

By Nehemiah Taylor
Editor

More than 35 percent of public school students are Black or Latino, but less than 15 percent of teachers are African-American or Hispanic, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

The Thurgood Marshall College Fund's Teaching Quality and Retention Program (TQRP) addresses the shortage of minority teachers with a unique program for African American males known as the Teaching Quality and Retention Program.

During the program, Black students in education from America's many universities meet at a designated university for a week to develop the knowledge and skills needed to "successfully enter into a competitive and challenging teaching environment."

Senior Education major Emmanuel Robinson was selected to represent Langston University.

Because of Robinson's high academic record, Dr. Ruth Ray Jackson, dean of the Department of Education, thought he would be a good candidate for the program.

"With Emmanuel being active across the university and his academic record, I knew he would be one that would benefit from working with African-American teachers as well as prospective educators from across the country," Jackson said.

During his weeklong experience at the TQRP, Robinson had the opportunity to learn and work alongside educators who have experience in teaching in the elementary, middle school, high school and even college classrooms.

"This was an opportunity for him to see other people

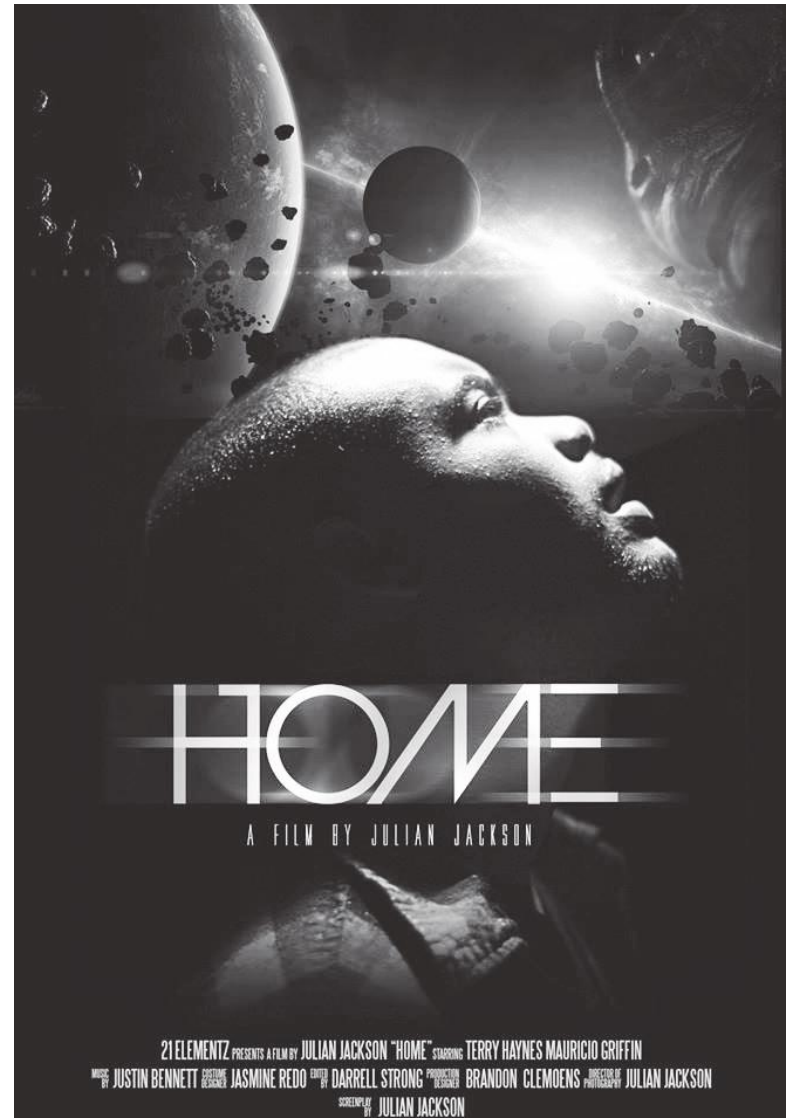
who look like him who are pursuing a career in education," Jackson said.

"Male teachers are highly sought after, and being a minority male, your marketability increases, and he confirmed that by some of the experiences he had and educators he was able to interact with," she added.

With the public school classroom being filled by African Americans and Hispanics, minority teachers are highly sought after to relate to students.

"There is an element to seeing someone who looks like you... it's important to have a teacher that students can visually identify with," Jackson said.

"It's important for non-minorities to have exposure to male minority teachers because it goes a long way in refuting stereotypes that society has about minorities and what they are capable of doing," she said.



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remedial," said Goldie Lavender, a junior business major from St. Louis.

"What was my lease (or legal document) for if no one was going to follow the rules?" he added.

LU is working with alumni to serve as host families for students who aren't able to travel home for the holidays.

But, students don't agree with the plan. Most are actually uncomfortable with the idea of spending Thanksgiving with a family they've never met before.

Myers said that President Smith stated in a student body meeting that the reason for consolidating those days were to save on operational costs needed for the university to function during those days.

Myers said the decision was made with intentions of potentially saving the university at least \$18,000 in expenses.

LU volleyball poised for new season

By Jarron Thompson
Sports Editor

At first glance, the Langston Lady Lions volleyball team may appear to be just another typical group of female athletes. However, after closer observation, you'll find that there is nothing typical about them at all.

This group of ladies is loaded. Not just with talent, but with brains as well. The team boasts the highest grade point average of any team on campus, and the ladies are setting a shining example of what it truly means to be a student-athlete.

Rob Lutz, head volleyball coach, guides the Lady Lions as they look to capture a winning record this season. He thinks that coaching a group of intellectual student-athletes can take away some of the pressures of being a coach at the college level.

"It's nice when there's no need to be concerned about eligibility, classroom attendance or grades," Lutz

said. "When you have players that are good in the classroom, that's one less thing that you have to worry about."

A truly diverse team of athletes, LU has players hailing from Canada, Serbia, Brazil and the United States. The difference in cultures, however, has not affected the comradery between the young ladies.

"We have unbelievably, amazing team chemistry," Lutz said. "The level of support and understanding within our program is at an all-time high."

Jelena Merseli, a freshman biology major and one of LU's newest recruits, said that she "group chatted" with her teammates prior to making her first trip to the U.S. to help her feel more comfortable about her big move.

Merseli is a six-foot dynamo from Belgrade, Serbia, who has only been on U.S. soil for about a month. She said that she is still getting used to the change, but she is ready for it.

"I have prepared for this

for the past two years," Merseli said. "School is very important to me, and I am very ambitious. Everything has worked out for me."

Merseli, who also has a twin sister who plays volleyball in Iowa, was a straight-A student in school before attending Langston, and she said she would like to continue that trend by maintaining a 3.5 grade point average or higher.

Lutz said good recruiting is key when developing a winning system and that Langston's program "continues to elevate and improve."

Merseli certainly hopes that is the case.

"Balancing sports and schoolwork is tough, but I'm crazy about that stuff," Merseli said. "I love to work out, and I want to be a surgeon," she added.

The Lady Lions had a 3-4 record at the time of this publication after an impressive straight-set victory Sept. 8, vs. Mid-America Christian University.



Photo by Jonathan McGill

The Lady Lions block an attempted kill from Mid-America Christian University. The Lady Lions moved to 3-4 after a straight-set victory Sept. 8.

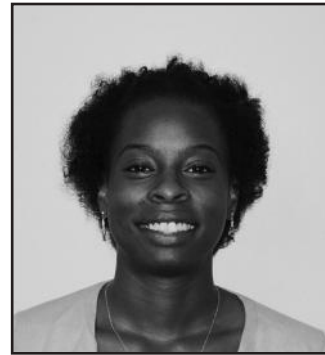
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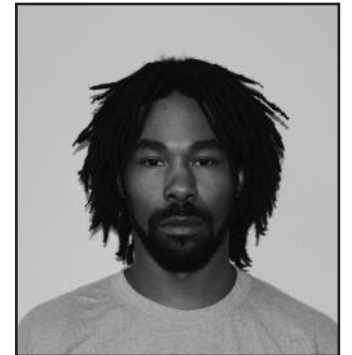
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Langston wins battle of the 'LUs'

By Dhiana Brame
Reporter

Langston University gets an A-plus as the football team made a comeback and defeated Lincoln University during the Missouri Classic at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City.

After four quarters of heart-stopping football, the Langston Lions came from behind and took control of the game, beating Division II Lincoln University, 49-48, by blocking a field goal at the end of the game.

The Lincoln Tigers immediately scored the first touchdown within the first two minutes of the game. The excitement only grew stronger as sophomore quarterback Mark Wright Jr. threw a 53-yard touchdown pass to Sheldon Augustine, leaving the score 7-7.

However, the tie was only temporary as the Tigers stole the lead, 14-7, after a kickoff return of 87 yards. Indeed, the scoring continued.

Eventually, Lincoln took a 21-point lead, dominating 42-21.

"I thought they were going to throw the game because their defense was subpar," said Ashli Bell, a senior broadcast journalism major.

One last touchdown was scored before the half, leaving the Lions trailing 42-28.

After halftime, the Lions came back as a new team, making it impossible for the Blue Tigers to score a touchdown until late in the 4th quarter.

The Lions took the 3rd quarter and made it theirs. The Lions scored 21 points, taking their first lead of the game 49-42.

"I never questioned my teams' capability because Coach Sanders always told us that great teams find a way to win," said Sheldon Augustine, a senior

Augustine mentioned

that at halftime Coach Sanders simply told the team, "they won the first half, now let's go out and win this half."

In the 4th quarter both teams fought hard. Thomas Worthy, a senior from Derider, Louisiana, dominated the defensive line, ending the game with 12 tackles for a loss and three sacks.

Each team stepped up, making it tough for anyone to score a touchdown until a Lincoln Tiger rushed a touchdown, leaving the score 49-48.

The extra point to tie the game was blocked by senior linebacker Evan Scott, who executed a good play, leaving the Lions with a very impressive win.

"It felt amazing to make such a comeback because the student body and alumni was there supporting us, and we didn't want to let them down," Augustine said.

"Coach Sanders motivated us to come out there and take what was ours, and that was the classic," Augustine said.

Augustine led his team with nine catches for 178 yards and finished with two touchdowns. He certainly didn't do it on his own; Mark Wright Jr. was a star. Wright threw a total of three touchdown passes and rushed for 98 yards.

Wide receiver Devon Bailey and running backs Rico Roberson and Kevin Jackson also stepped up in a time of need for their team, all scoring a touchdown.

"As far as execution goes, I think communication needs to improve," said Ricky Edwards, a graduate assistant for Langston University Football and former Lions football player.

"All in all, we played great, and I am looking forward to next week's game," Edwards said.

As of publication, the Lions were 1-1.



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Sheldon Augustine, WR, waits for the opening kickoff at the Missouri Classic. Langston University played Lincoln University at Arrowhead Stadium on Sept. 6.

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