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# 'I say nothing' Editor discusses depths of first debate

A record-setting 84 million viewers tuned in Monday night to watch Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump "debate," hoping to understand exactly what each candidate offers and their views on topics like climate change, race tension in America, national security and plans for America's economy.

The purpose of these debates is to hear directly from candidates, finally at the same time and in the same place, on what they believe and how they plan to affect change.

What 84 million viewers watched instead was a pathetic he-said-she-said, no-I-didn't-yes-you-did sparring match between two people who have as much in common as night and day.

In one corner, you have Hillary Clinton, a seasoned politician (senator and former secretary of state) whose husband resurrected the Democratic party in the legislative branch and who was First Lady during a time in America where unemployment fell from 7 percent to just under 4 percent.

In the other corner, you have Donald Trump, a sensitive bully who thinks the truth is subjective, whose billion-dollar fortune, extremely offensive choice of words and sloppy comb-over has solidified him as a pop culture phenom.

With each candidate sideby-side, it was hard for me to look away, even for a second. Never before have I witnessed something so hilarious and pitiful at the same time.

Though I originally analyzed all topics covered in the debate, I had to limit my analysis to only a few of the topics for sake of "space."

On the nation's overwhelming \$19.5 trillion debt, Trump promises President Obama is solely to blame "to be semiexact." What the hell is "semi-exact"? I digress.

Donald Trump's questionable business tactics have allowed him to amass his own \$650 million debt, which he



**Garlington** 

passes off as "a small number." He's built his billiondollar fortune on companies he's founded, bled dry while scraping off the top and bankrupted in efforts to avoid paying investors what they're owed, while he's accepted this loan and that bailout, even having to borrow \$9 million against his own trust fund.

Though, the housing market collapse in the mid-2000s and subsequent bailouts, contributed greatly to the national debt that Donald abhors, he was in favor of it.

Sen. Clinton addressed this in her best Donald voice, say-

ing, "Gee, I hope it does collapse, because then I can go in and buy some and make some money.'"

Trump replied: "That's called business, by the way." With one punch line, he doesn't hesitate to dismiss nine million Americans losing their jobs, five million Americans losing their homes and \$13 trillion in family wealth being wiped out.

Let's keep in mind business is a sector where morals are foregone, and the most important thing is the bottom line. Period.

Toni Braxton filed for bankruptcy twice, auctioning off her Grammys to resolve her debt incurred by footing the bill for her own tours. Hope she didn't take that one (actually two) personal. It was just business. Same reason why Lil' Wayne can't drop Tha Carter V. Business.

J.D. Rockefeller cut his oil prices in half until competitors were forced into bankruptcy, laying off employees in the oil industry by the thousands. Then he'd raise his prices again. That sly dog. And iconic business man.

Next topic. Donald's taxes. Where are they? Trump states that his lawyers have advised him not to release them until his audit process is over.

When moderator Lester Holt told him the IRS has confirmed that he is free to release his tax returns, Donald fired back, promising he'll release his taxes when Clinton recovers the 33,000 emails for which she was under investigation by the FBI who cleared her of any criminal liability this past summer.

Hillary called this his classic "bait-and-switch." This is something that Trump does often. He can't just walk up to a podium, stick a finger in his nose and say, "Uhhhh, I don't know."

That would make him look like a completely inexperienced idiot; unqualified and incapable of running the most powerful country in the free world.

Before he'd let that hap-

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## Professor secures \$5 million NASA grant

**By Kimberly Thompson** Reporter

It's been a triumphant year for many Langston University students who major in fields associated with STEM (science, technology, engineering and math).

"Last year, LU was awarded approximately \$5 million from NASA to conduct immune system research for astronauts on extended deep space missions and to increase educational opportunities for LU students in NASA-related fields," said Dr. Byron Quinn, associate professor and chair of the biology department.

What's even better is that professors and students now have their own building to conduct research associated with this grant.

The building, which is now officially the Science Research Institute, or SRI, is the former physical therapy building.

Quinn said the SRI wihouse a facility dedicated to NASA research, which has been named the Langston University NASA Advanced Research in Biology Center (LUNAR-BC).

The LUNAR-BC will act as the research instrumentation core facility. This facility will bring on additional major equipment this year that will significantly expand the research capabilities of the SRI.

Quinn said they are working on setting up a medicinal plant labora-tory, microbiology laboratory and cellular biology laboratory.

Two additional facilities are also being set up in the SRI – a microscopy core facility that will house a digital fluorescence microscope and an animal cell culture growth core facil-

Quinn said the benefits of the NASA project are

extremely significant for LU and the building is allowing for the expansion of LU's vision with its current NASA partnership.

Not only has the NASA grant award allowed LU to bring on numerous research initiatives and equipment, but it also has covered costs to transform the former physical therapy building into the SRI.

"The NASA award has funded most of the renovations that are currently undergoing to convert the building to a research facility," Quinn said.

The university has a mission to further the education of the students, and Quinn firmly believes this building will help advance the educational quality for LU students.

"The Science Research Institute will be of significant help to students," Quinn said. "Students will be able to train on high-end equipment and conduct exciting



**Photo by Kimberly McKnight** 

The former physical therapy building, located by the north entrance of campus, is now officially the Science Research Institute (SRI). The SRI will house all research initiatives involved with a \$5 million grant from NASA.

research in partnership with Johnson Space Center. Recently, we had three students at Johnson Space Center (JSC) over the summer for an internship.

"They will be able to uti-

lize the knowledge they gained at JSC here at LU in the SRI," Quinn continued. "Also, by having funded projects in the SRI, we are able to pay students for assisting with research."

#### Langston University holds 2016 Formal Opening Convocation





**Photos by Kimberly McKnight** 

**Left:** SGA officers take oaths as they are sworn into their new positions during Formal Opening Convocation on Sept. 22.

Top: Johnny C. Taylor Jr. (fourth from left) stands with LU members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. after he delivered his keynote speech at this year's Convocation.

# The Lion Grill A place where students can 'chill and relax'

**By Michael Watts** Reporter

The community of Langston and LU students have a new eating establishment in town, located right outside the campus gates.

This new establishment is known as the Lion Grill, located in the Langston Retail

Some of the items served at the restaurant include chicken tender baskets, fish and shrimp baskets, cheeseburgers, nachos and a variety of other diner-style food.

"My first time [at the Lion Grill] was very nice," said Jamie Jenkins, sophomore business major. "It was worth the walk; not only was the food good, but the people were quite friendly and they provide speedy service."

General manager of the Lion Grill, Dawnise Jackson, explained the sole purpose of why the restaurant was created and the expectations she and the owners tive, he was happy with the have for it.

"The reason why the Lion Grill was created was because we wanted something here for the students," Jackson said, "a place where they can eat and it's affordable. It also gives them somewhere to go if they just want to chill and relax. In the future, we hope to be able to host all types of events."

Everything on the menu is less than \$8, and the basket meals, which include fries, onion rings, or okra, are \$5. With tax, students can get a full meal with no drink for \$5.45. With a drink, this same meal would be \$7.09.

The Lion Grill seems to have become a spot for students, faculty, staff and residents of Langston to dine and "chill" as Jackson described.

Another student described his experience visiting the restaurant. Though at first, it seemed to be negaoutcome.

"My first experience here at the Lion Grill was slow," said Kenneth Smith, junior music major. "There were flies flying around the tables. But, overall, the food was great and worth the wait and I would definitely come again."

Even professors at Langston University have become regular patrons of the new establishment. Nicole Turner, instructor of communication, has visited the Lion Grill three different times and has not been disappointed.

"The food is delicious and the prices are extremely affordable," Turner said. "I don't think I've had that great of food at that great of a price in a long time. And, I think they are beginning to know me as a regular," Turner added, jokingly, "because I think I'm the only person who orders jalapenos on everything."



**Photo by Kimberly McKnight** 

Lion Grill General Manager Dawnise Jackson stands next to the hand-designed menu in the new establishment.

Three people who all have Langston University roots own the new restaurant. Two of them, brothers Henry Jackson and Gregory Jackson, are LU alumni. The other, Eric Rogers, is married to LU's own Athletic Director Donita Rogers.

The Lion Grill is located at 401 W. Hale St. For to-go orders, call 405-466-9815.

It is open Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to midnight; and Saturday, noon to midnight. It is closed on Sun-

## Students hold candlelight vigil to honor lost lives





**Photos by Kimberly McKnight** 

Left: Students hold torches at a candlelight vigil to honor those African Americans who have recently lost their lives. Students organized the vigil Sept. 21.

**Top:** Students rally during the vigil in support of the "Black Lives Matter" movement.

# Fashion Police

Since October is knocking on everyone's door, it is time to put away the distressed shorts and tank tops. Fall is finally here, which means it is officially "sweater weather!"

Although the majority of the campus population would be eager to turn their closets into an "autumn abode," Oklahoma still shows signs of summer heat with an autumn breeze.

Once the leaves begin to turn auburn and the temperature drops a tad below 75 degrees, sweaters and calf-high boots will be in high demand.

Until then, cardigans and quarter-sleeve tops are worn by some and desired by many. On Sept. 28, instead of rocking the infamous LU pullover, ladies and gents were sporting their best suits and pencil

The annual career fair was held this Wednesday (Sept. 28), and everyone knew that first impressions meant everything.

Some ladies were wearing plain white button downs with their own twist of style. There were even some ladies who decided to wear a pant suit with a nice pair of pointedtoe heels.

On the other hand, there were some ladies who were unprepared (fashion-wise) as well as a few who were just trying too hard.

But we'll save the discussion on hair and accessories for the next issue.

As for the men of LU, some went all out with their suits while others were stylish with their vests, bowties and ascots.

As far as I could see, if unnoticed!

any woman on this campus loves a man in a suit, or an outfit of the sort, this day was the day to see the men of LU at their absolute best.

Fashion Spotlight will be going to the brothers of the Beta Kappa chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. for putting on their party, #TheChill, which caused all lions and lionesses as well as students from OSU, UCO and OU to come out dressed to impress

The looks that were exposed that night did not go



## Debate Poll

Instead of the Campus Question for this issue, The Gazette took a Twitter poll to determine who people thought won the first debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump that took place Sept. 26. The poll consisted primarily of Langston University students and some college-aged peers outside of the university. Below are the results.

### Who won the first debate between **Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump?**

Hillary Donald **Clinton** Trump 97% 69 people participated in this poll

### Phi Beta Sigma hosts GUBIA III



**Courtesy Photo** 

The Beta Epsilon chapter of Phi Beta Sigma takes a group photo after the fraternity held its third installment of "Growing Up Black in America."

Special from Doristina Moncriffe

The Beta Epsilon chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. held its third installment of "Growing Up Black in America" (GUBIA III) on Sept. 19.

GUBIA III was organized by Rashid Troupe, a senior biology/biology education major and member of the BE chapter of Phi Beta Sigma.

The idea behind GUBIA III was the shooting of Mike Brown in Ferguson, Missouri. Rashid, a native of Missouri, resided in a neighborhood less than five minutes away from where the shooting occured.

After that incident, he felt like a conversation needed to be started about issues facing African Americans and their communities and how to better them.

He also felt that African Americans, as a race of people, need to embrace their culture and work together to make changes. He thought that starting this conversation here, at LU, was a good place to begin.

## Langston Center provides new space to host campus, community events

**Maya Jackson** 

Reporter

Langston is offering a variety of "new" this semester, giving students a refreshed feel for our Dear Langston. From new eating establishments such, as the Lion's Den and Lion Grill, to a revamped Wesley Center, the new Langston Center is just a spotlight of

Donyell Barnett, Langston University alumnus, devised the idea to open a community center for Langston about a year ago. Because Langston is a small community, he believed in ton and Langston Univer- Langston and a few par-

It's more spacious than it appears, and the layout is pretty open. I went to a party there the other day and it was pretty cool—the acoustics were A1."

> - Aczavius Smith, drafting and design major

giving students and residents a more public space that will present opportu-

The center is meant for the community of Langssity events. To rent out the facility, prices range from \$250 to \$300 for about four hours of space. Recent events include the city address from the mayor of ties and some movie nights hosted by Langston University organizations.

Barnett's plan is to open up the buildings for various types of events, such as art shows and concerts for local artists and DJs. Gabriel Hopkins, program coordinator for the Langston Center, looks forward to offering many opportunities for the community and witnessing how the building will develop over time.

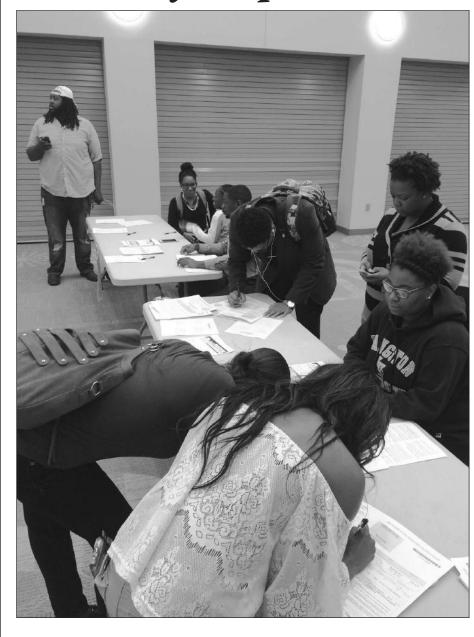
Not only will the center focus on recreational activity, but it also provides a space for tutoring and classes to assist in the community's academic needs.

"We plan to offer tutoring for university students as well as high-school and middle-school students and SAT prep," Hopkins said. "We also plan on courses for [community] members who need help getting their GED and will assist in financial awareness."

Aczavius Smith, drafting and design major, said the building is very conve-

"It's more spacious than it appears, and the layout is pretty open," Smith said. "I went to a party there the other day and it was pretty cool—the acoustics were

### Women of Purpose, NAACP host voter registration event





**Photos by Brittni Logan** 

**Above:** Edwin Williams explains the process of registering to vote to a fellow student. Members of Women of Purpose and NAACP hosted a voter registration event to encourage students to sign up to vote.

Left: Students fill out voter registration forms during National Voter Registration Day.

#### **DEBATE**

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pen, he'd talk about you, ya momma and anything else that could potentially provide a good sound byte for the next morning's headlines and distract the current audience from the fact that he's got as much intellectual substance as a boiled carrot.

Living abroad has made me criticize America's common practices. A LOT. And I have to admit that of course America is an intellectual vacuum where capitalism is the law of the land, our kids learn from the TV and eat themselves into diabetes and your skin color can still determine how far you can excel (and really whether you live or die for running a stop sign).

But it's not all bad. For many countries, America is that knight in shining armor, whether you look at Normandy beach at the end of WWII or the negotiation of the Iran Deal (which Trump mistakes as a terrible deal when really he couldn't negotiate with a person on fire to spit on himself).

What little dignity our country's reputation retains worldwide will be decimated should Trump (the epitome of what foreign citizens hate about America) be elected. He's a selfish bulldozer of a man whose immense wealth has created for him a microcosm where he is immune to the consequences of his own

Let's discuss my final and favorite topic in this debate: race.

I've not a doubt in my mind that a Trump supporter is one of two things: One, a racist, whether he/she knows it or not (you can still be racist on accident), disguised as a "patriot" (or not at all) who will proclaim that Donald Trump is the underdog champion of the fallen America, that politically incorrect voice that our nation needs and the wake-up call Washington deserves.

Or two, simply an idiot, consumed by Trump's anti-Hillary, often contradictory rhetoric, which would mean that you're probably still racist because the only thing that could be stronger than the small amount of logic it would take to understand that Trump is probably the worst presidential candidate nominated by a major party in history, is fear.

Fear of what? Retaliation. The term is "white guilt," which sufferers will never admit they have. It is the individual or collective guilt felt by some white people for harm resulting from racist treatment of ethnic minorities by other white people, both historically and currently. Look it up.

Exhibit A: "...in a place like Chicago, you do stop and frisk... which worked very well..." False. From current mayor of New York to the FBI to sociologists across the Eastern sea board, stop-and-frisk did absolutely nothing to reduce crime rates that had already been on a steady decline for 10 years.

It did, however, disproportionately affect minorities to the point that a judge ruled it unconstitutional and racially discriminatory.

Exhibit B: Trump accused

Hillary Clinton of starting the "birther lie" that denounces the fact the President Obama was born in America. His accusation was false. The record of that or anyone

remotely associated with her supporting that notion holds no merit. President Obama produced his birth certificate in 2011. After Donald took credit for pressing Obama until he gave in, which is false, he denied perpetuating the same immigrant narrative for five more years. He did exactly that.

What type of person would perpetrate such a disgusting untruth? And just what of President Obama made Trump question his citizenship?

Exhibit C: We know Trump loves to evade and provoke audiences. Lester Holt, persistent in Trump actually answering the question, asked again, "But we're talking about racial healing in this segment. What do you say to Americans, people of color who..." Trump cut him off with, "I say nothing."

HUH? You say nothing? I dropped my jaw.

He carried on, "When you talk about healing, I think that I've developed very, very good relationships over the last little while with the African-American community."

Now, before you say this is false, keep in mind he's garnered the support of Omarosa, Ben Carson and Don King. And even though they wouldn't get invited to any cookouts I'm going to, they are, for all of Trump's intents and purposes, black. CRÓCOSM.

Exhibit D: The Justice Department sued Trump for racial discrimination in 1973 because he would not rent apartments in one of his developments to African Americans.

The profiling of and discrimination against minorities is something he's done for years and continues to do. This is his most consistent practice. Scary.

I hated every second of this debate, but I couldn't stop watching. It's like being able to be a fly on the wall while your arch nemesis plots your demise aloud.

Listening almost literally pains your ears, but wouldn't not knowing their agenda be

worse?

After all the gasps and the cheers, the interjections and revelations, prosecutions and refutations, one would be fair to say Hillary Clinton won that debate. She was calm and informed. She had policies and plans. But moreover, she was quiet when it suited her, a wise tactic.

With every second of her silence, Trump spouted halftruth after exaggerated halftruth, followed by a complete untruth, followed by another already-debunked half-truth.

He proved that he can't even follow simple directions of a presidential debate by responding in two minutes and being quiet. He argued with the moderator and interrupted Hillary time after time.

Hillary offered hope while Trump insisted we should all be afraid of the disgusting third world in which we live, where crime is higher than ever before, where global warming is out and global cooling is a much more fun scientific theory and where you can pretend like what you just said a week ago never came out of your mouth.

I bet America's allies are so psyched at the idea of negotiating peace talks with a man who interrupts himself constantly, literally unable to utter complete sentences, and speaks in hyperbole like a second-grader telling a story at

And while I'm glad the debate can't be aired over, the idea that there are people who wholeheartedly support him perturbs me deeply. I can't shake the feeling that they are among us, disguised as real people... at our banks, hospitals, stores, schools and churches.

There are those who fully support lie after egregious lie. For me, Hillary has her drawbacks, as candidates are rarely a perfect fit. But nevertheless, I picture her with a leather jacket and glowing red eyes; she extends her hand, whose motion is accompanied with a light electric whirring sound, and in her thick German accent, she tells me while making perfect eye contact, "Come with me if you want live."

Marcus Garlington is a senior broadcast journalism major.

#### **King** Crossword

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# Rodriguez

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- 2. ANATOMY: How much blood does the human body contain, on aver-
- age?
  3. MONEY: How many ridges does a dime have?
- 4. GEOGRAPHY: What is the current name of the country once known as British Honduras?
- 5. LANGUAGE: What is unusual about the sentence, "Pack my box with five dozen liquor jugs"?

  6. HISTORY: When was the euro
- introduced as legal currency?
  7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which two presidents had sons who also became
- presidents of the United States?

  8. MUSIC: What was Elvis Presley's first No. 1 hit on a national chart?

  9. MOVIES: What actor played the
- character of Charlie Allnut in "The African Queen"? 10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of coyotes called?

#### Answers

- 1. It is formed by magma, and it's the only rock that floats.
- 2. 10 pints 3. 118 4. Belize
- 5. It contains all the letters of the alphabet. 6. Jan. 1, 1999
- 7. John Adams and George Bush 8. "I Forgot to Remember to Forget"

## **Langston Lions lose** first game of season

**By Perry Smith** 

Reporter

The Langston Lion football team took its first lost of the season after the Black Wall Street Classic game against Lane College, 46-44.

The two teams played at Booker T. Washington High School in Tulsa on Sept. 17. Mark Wright Jr., LU quarterback, led Langston in the passing game with 249 yards. Wright also scored the longest rushing touchdown of the night, running through the middle of Lane College's defense for a 52-yard score.

Keivon Jackson was Langston's leading rusher with 186 yards and one touchdown. Jackson had a 98-yard run stopped at the one yard line in the second quarter that led to a

Langston touchdown, rushed in by wide receiver Corey My-

Langston's offense got off to a hot start, scoring touchdowns in the first and second quarter and led over Lane College at halftime, 23-6.

"We plan on keeping that same tempo by minimizing on penalties and eliciting the plays that coach Williams' calls," Wright said, referring to future games.

Lane College's running back Marcus Holiday ran for 214 yards and scored two touchdowns. He led both teams in rushing. Though Langston scored two touchdowns, it was not enough as the team allowed three rushing touchdowns in the fourth quarter that led to a Lane College comeback.

According to the Langston

Sports website, defensively, Langston linebacker Ray Douglass Jr. led the team with seven tackles and defensive tackle Trevon Luckey came in second with five total tackles.

"We must control what we can control, keep working hard and prepare the right way," said LU offensive coordinator Coach Harry Williams.

Langston also had a game against McMurry University in Abilene, Texas, on Sept. 29. The game was delayed and eventually canceled due to severe lighting in the area. Langston led the McMurry Warhawks, 16-0, in the second quarter with 7:15 on the clock until the game was stopped by the game offi-

LU will face Arizona Christian University in Phoenix on

#### King Crossword **Answers**

Solution time: 25 mins.



