Desirae Smith (right), a member of the Distinguished Black Women, pins a purple ribbon on LU Student Reiard Valentine (left) in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Week. DBW is one of many organizations holding activities throughout the week to support domestic violence awareness.

**LUPD leads domestic violence awareness**

*By Venesha Reed  
Contributing Writer*

The Langston University Police Department is helping raise awareness of domestic violence.

“Domestic violence is prevalent on campus,” said Lt. Felicia Barnes of LUPD.

“It not only happens in heterosexual relationships against women; men are abused, it occurs in homosexual relationships and between roommates.”

Lt. Barnes knows the consequences of domestic violence because she lost a friend to it.

“For what it’s worth, report (these crimes) to the police,” she said. “Don’t sit back and wait to tell someone.”

The LUPD is leading Domestic Violence Awareness Week this week, Monday-Friday, Oct. 22-26.

Activities and workshops are available for LU students to attend. All are welcomed to come and receive practical tips on how to get out of violent relationships and hear advice on how to support victims of domestic violence.

The following events are scheduled to take place during the Domestic Violence Awareness week.

On Monday, Oct. 22, the National Negro Women’s Council hosted a walk marathon called “Walk in Heels” from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 23, the Distinguished Black Women and the men of Omega Psi Phi had a candlelight vigil called “Remember My Name” recognizing former LU students and loved ones lost to domestic violence.

The National Negro Women’s Council will show the movie “Antwone Fisher,” in the SSC at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24.

On Thursday, Oct. 25, Omega Psi Phi will lead a relationship panel at 7 p.m. in the SSC.

To conclude Domestic Violence Awareness Week, on Friday, Oct. 26, a prayer vigil and balloon release will take place.

LU students and faculty are encouraged to participate in all events.

The best advice given to students who know victims of domestic violence is to “support them,” said Sterling Albertson, LUPD see VIOLENCE, page 3
Student discusses racism issues within her own race, community

“Don’t forget you must pitch the old black verses the young black males, and the young black male against the old black male. You must use the dark-skinned slaves verses the light-skinned slaves. You must use the female verses the male, and the male verses the female. You must always have your servants and overseers distrust all blacks.” This is a quote from Willie Lynch, former slave owner.

Many people may or may not be familiar with the above excerpt, yet in so many ways, I believe many people unconsciously demonstrate such behavior.

I often hear people on campus complain about how people are racist.

Yes, racism is still alive and will be but it’s not the biggest problem.

The bigger problem is discrimination amongst our own race.

Some people may here the word “prejudice” and automatically think of scenarios with a white person verses a black person.

One of the simpler definitions for prejudice reads, “Preconceived opinion not based on reason or experience.”

Often times, people walk around disliking individuals they’ve never met because of their own opinion, which hardly scratches the surface of what that individual may think of himself or herself, or have to offer.

Langston University is an HBCU, which should remind us that this university was not founded for us to be prejudice toward our own race, but to help one another reach his or her greater potential.

Where’s the unity?

Are we “Lynching” ourselves?

Dare not to judge the next individual for being fatter, skinnier, brighter, darker, Greek, Muslim, republican, democratic or a homosexual.

How can we grow to face the challenges of the world fighting against our fellow man?

Chances are we’ve already lost! Division and distrust have plagued us as a people for centuries.

Unity equals strength and if we all take a step back and analyze the unconscious acts of discrimination we display toward our own people one by one, we can change.

The opportunity this provides is priceless and quite possibly, it is the one thing that can return our fellow man?

Kaci Ferguson is a senior broadcast journalism major.

Ferguson
Financial aid procedures cause student concern

By Kara Hamer and Khalia Naquin
Contributing Writers

It is close to the end of the fall semester and some Langston University students are still without their financial aid refunds.

“Some students have received their refunds,” said Royce Mack, records clerk with financial aid.

“Most students (who) have not, either turned in their FAFSA late or didn’t return their student data forms on time,” Mack said.

Students are upset with the delay in disbursements. Some students are even walking around campus wearing, “I love Langston University, but where’s my refund?” T-shirts around campus.

“Refunds are supposed to be available in time for students to financially take care of themselves during the semester, said Leslie Simon, a junior communications major. “If we don’t receive our refunds until the end of the semester, what do we have to help us survive during the term?”

Financial aid employees said there are many factors that affect the process of a students financial aid.

Shiela McGill, director of financial aid at LU, said in addition to new major federal guidelines being implemented, the financial aid office was also short-staffed.

McGill also said that the government changed the number of times a student can receive the Pell grant that came into effect July 1, 2012.

Before that, full-time students received an unlimited amount of Pell grants if they qualified.

Now, however, a student only can receive 12 Pell grants. This caused the school to have to manually sort out who was able to receive the Pell Grant and who wasn’t.

McGill added that the school adopted a new awarding policy that Oklahoma State University designed. The policy had to be adjusted to fit LU.

Also, LU tried to save time and energy by posting an online data form on the website for students to fill out, but this didn’t work because the form itself wasn’t put on the website until July, so they couldn’t start the processing until late July.

Students also complain they don’t have the adequate funds to afford books.

According to the LU website, refunds are offered only if students have financial aid that exceeds the direct charges of tuition, fees and/or room and board. Most of the financial aid available for students is based on their financial need.

The LU website defines the financial need of a student as the difference between the cost of attending college and the amount that one’s family contributes toward that cost.

The cost of a student’s attendance depends on factors such as whether they plan to live on campus or commute and whether or not they are a resident of another state.

Enrollment plans for full- or part-time students will also influence the cost of attendance and their eligibility for financial assistance.

McGill said she understands that students are upset over this delay and she sincerely apologizes.

She said students should check their student emails for any information before they go into the office because that is financial aid’s only way of mass communication.

She said many students come into the financial aid office looking for information that was already sent to their email.

McGill also said financial aid encourages students to be more independent and check their status on their own.

She said they are working hard every day to get all of the students processed and students who haven’t been processed yet, should expect their awards soon.

If it’s been the four-to-six week processing time, McGill said to come by her office and let her know.

AAUW may charter at LU

By Da’Rius Oden
Staff Writer

The nationally known organization AAUW is seeking to start its first branch at Langston University.

The interest meeting for faculty members was held in the Black Heritage Library in Sanford Hall on Oct. 17.

The main mission of the organization is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Amy Aldridge Sanford, president of AAUW, said men are strongly encouraged to join and show their support.

She said that men even have the opportunity to become an officer.

Once activated at LU, the faculty must have three certified representatives and then students will be welcomed to join the organization as well.

AAUW was started in 1881 before women had the right to vote. It has more than 1,000 branches nationally and more than 10,000 members.

Aldridge Sanford said this year alone, the organization has given about $4.3 billion in grants and fellowships.

Members of AAUW also are heavily involved in the election process for the upcoming presidential election.

They provide awareness on all candidates and try to get people registered to vote.

The only requirement to join AAUW is to have a college degree or a person must be working toward graduating from college.

Initiation fees could be as low as $60.

“People can share in the opportunities for activism and help develop programs that promote education and equity,” Aldridge Sanford said. “The state board knows that Langston would be a great place to have a branch.”
LU student has passion for boxing

By Andrea Perry
Contributing Writer

Langston University has a few hidden gems among its variety of athletes on campus. Senior education major and middleweight boxer, Ritchie Cherry, is one of them.

Cherry was an amateur boxer for 13 years and has been a professional boxer for three years now.

“I hope to be the super middleweight champion of the world so that I can give back to those (who) have helped me along my journey,” Cherry said. “My future goal is also to fight here on campus so that Dear Langston may indulge in one of their own.”

Cherry outboxed David Luso from Amarillo, Texas on Sept. 29 in a unanimous decision at Comanche Nation Casino in Lawton.

“I felt great afterward knowing I had my son in the crowd watching his first boxing match of his father,” Cherry said. “It was a cheerful moment.”

On Oct. 6, Cherry had another match at Buffalo Run Casino in Miami, Okla., in which he was the undercard fighter for professional boxer and mixed martial artist Kimbo Slice.

Cherry, whose ringname is Cherrybomb, managed a win over Chris Owens from Tulsa after four intense rounds. The score was 40 to 37, bringing Cherry’s record to 6-1, with three knockouts, or KOs.

Between boxing, school and being a father, Cherry also gives back to the community.

He and fellow boxer Anthony Buckley host training for aspiring boxers every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. in LU’s John Montgomery Multipurpose Building.

In addition to boxing training, Courtenay Muhammad and Malcolm Muhammad teach jiu-jitsu during the same time.

“The idea is the first time we’re doing this but nervous about the outcome,” WEB/MVP members are working to make this haunted house a success. With the help of volunteers and different organizations on LU’s campus, they said they are sure this will be an event to remember.

WEB/MVP is looking for volunteers. There will be volunteer meetings every Saturday and Thursday until Halloween in Young Hall at 6 p.m.

You do not have to be in an organization to volunteer, but organizations are welcome.

If you would like more information about volunteering please contact Easley at webmvp12@yahoo.com.

WEB, MVP stir up a scare in Young Hall

By Lauren Smith
Contributing Writer

Elizabeth Young is seeking revenge on whoever tries to find her diary. Her diary is located in Young Hall on the second floor and it’s your job to try and find it.

On Halloween, Oct. 31, the Women Emerging Beautifully (WEB) and Men Valuing Parenting (MVP) will host a haunted house in Young Hall as people try to find Elizabeth’s diary. Some might run into some trying obstacles along the way, but it never hurts to try.

The haunted house will take place from 8 p.m. to midnight. Admission is $5.

Volunteers working at the haunted house will provide childcare. There also will be entertainment and snacks provided on the first floor, including nachos, hamburgers, juice, pop and lots of candy.

The haunted house is way for people to enjoy Halloween without having to drive far.

“I like the idea. I haven’t been on campus in awhile,” said Jamie Reed, junior broadcast journalism major. “Some students can’t drive to other Halloween functions so having one here is very creative and convenient.”

Not only are the students excited but the workers are too.

“I’m excited and nervous at the same time,” said Tatiana Easley, president of WEB/MVP. “I’m excited because this is the first time we’re doing this but nervous about the outcome.”

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By Kayla Jones  
Editor

Homecoming 2012 has come and gone and students are left with many questions of why this year’s Homecoming did not meet the expectations of previous years.

Mercedes Pearson, a nursing major from Tulsa, said she enjoyed Homecoming overall, but thought there was something missing. “It would’ve been better if we had a live performer,” she said.

However, students do not see or hear what goes on behind the scenes. Jonathan Sortino, 2012-2013 student activities coordinator and a public health major from Pasadena, Calif, said he thought Homecoming was good with the limited resources that were provided to him.

“They only gave us $24,000 to use for the whole week. (In) previous years, the school gave $90,000 to $100,000 for Homecoming week,” he said.

Some students students said it seemed like Homecoming wasn’t for them and felt as if they were robbed this year of Homecoming. “It’s always a disappointment to tell students that we were unable to provide what we said we were going to provide, especially since it was out of our control,” Sortino said.

SGA doesn’t have the final say about Homecoming. There is a Homecoming committee that consists of 20 faculty and staff members and one student.

“It isn’t just me sitting down speaking with the president and vice president about Homecoming,” Sortino said. “SGA has a meeting and then I go and represent SGA in the meeting about Homecoming.”

But Sortino said as he looks back on the week, he thinks “I can’t regret anything,” Sortino said. “I felt overall Homecoming was good with what we had to work with.”

Sortino said that he hasn’t received much feedback from the student body but he encourages students to let him know how he can improve.

“I didn’t run for activities coordinator to get praise. I just want everybody to have a good time,” Sortino said.

NTU Art Association hosts banquet for African-American Hall of Fame

Special from NTU Art Association

Members of the NTU Art Association of Oklahoma, Inc. hosted a banquet that inducted six distinguished honorees into the Oklahoma African-American Hall of Fame on Oct. 6 at the Jim Thorpe Event Center in Oklahoma City.

More than 260 family, friends and guests gathered to celebrate and recognize this select group of individuals whose choices in life positively impacted the past, present and future lives of Oklahomans.

Emcees for the event were Willa Johnson, an Oklahoma County Commissioner, and Wendell Edwards, TV anchor for Eyewitness News 5 in the Morning.

Live music was provided by the “Brothers Summit.” The Banquet honored Marilyn S. Murrell, Government and Politics Advocate; Theodore “Ted” Logan, Civil Rights and Government Advocate; Leonard D. Benton, Civil Rights and Law Activist; Dr. George Henderson, Civil Rights, Education, Business Leader and Author; Angela Zoe Monson, Educator, Civil Rights, Government and Political Leader; and posthumously John and Ophelia Gower, Civil Rights and Community Leaders.

The Oklahoma African-American Hall of Fame is located at Langston University-OKC. Large portraits of the Hall of Fame members are part of an exhibit that includes a touch-screen kiosk that features audio and video history of each member.

The Hall of Fame was organized in 1982 to honor and recognize achievements among Americans of African descent who are native Oklahomans or who have lived in Oklahoma for a minimum of 10 years.

Nominations are made from communities throughout the state of Oklahoma. From these nominations, only six honorees are selected. Based on the indicated criteria, within the six, only two may be “posthumous.” These selections are made by a “Board of Governors;” a group of volunteers representing local organizations in the state.

The nominees were selected by the NTU Art Board of Governors. The Board of Governors was Anthony Daniels, Bervus McBride, Mike Curd, Floyd Anderson, J. D. Daniels and Lahoma Harding.

The Oklahoma African-American Hall of Fame exhibition features some of the most distinguished African-Americans in Oklahoma.

There are now 54 citizens in the Hall of Fame. Some of the individuals who have been inducted in the past include Dr. Ada Lois Fisher, the University of Oklahoma’s first African-American law student; the Honorable Opio Toure, member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and people’s advocate; Mrs. Clara Luper, civil rights activist, publisher, radio personality, and educator; Dr. Wallace Owens, renowned artist and art historian; and the Honorable Hannah Atkins, Secretary of State of Oklahoma.

Mrs. Atkins assembled the charter members for the organization.

The NTU Art Association of Oklahoma, Inc., founded in 1979, is the proud sponsor of the “Oklahoma African-American Hall of Fame Inc.”

As a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that promotes African and African-American art, artists and culture, NTU (en-too’) stimulates its mission by providing information, instruction, exhibits and experiences that are educational and enlightening for the community.

The Association meets the first Saturday of each month at Langston University-OKC. The name, NTU, is an African word meaning ‘essence or being.’

The NTU Art Association of Oklahoma, Inc. can be contacted by phone at 405-443-4412 or email, info@ntuartokc.org. The website address is www.ntuartokc.org.
Students on campus have noticed they aren’t the only ones living here. They have been living among a vast population of bugs that vary in size, color and capabilities.

From the bugs jumping outside to jumping inside dorm rooms, this has made a lot of Langston University students uneasy in their living area.

This has also had an effect on some students’ academics.

“Sometimes it’s hard to concentrate on homework when there’s a bunch of crickets hopping around,” said Isaiah McClain, freshman biology major.

He added that he was not angry about the bugs, but he was just not used to seeing the amount of bugs.

The bugs have been spotted in various places around campus such as kitchen floors, dorm rooms, classroom light fixtures and elevators.

Erica Dixon, freshman nursing major, said she doesn’t understand how the bugs on campus get in some of the random places.

“She hasn’t distracted my academics yet, but when I saw one in the shower with me, it caused a little concern,” Dixon said.

She also said that wasn’t the first time it occurred and she wouldn’t be surprised if it wasn’t the last.

Patrick Smith, former resident director, said the first and third floors are usually more prone to have bugs.

He also suggested tips that students can take to prevent bugs in their dorms.

“There is not much we can do about the bugs; you just have to follow the tips,” Smith said.

Midterms have passed and Homecoming is over, which means the end of the fall 2012 semester is approaching.

While that may be good news for some, it might be bad news for those who are struggling to raise their grades at the last minute.

Some are feeling the effects of the mid-semester blues. With this, it could seem impossible for a student to stay focused and motivated.

“Midterm is the time of the semester when many students lose sight of their academic goals, lose motivation and stop taking actions necessary for college success.” said Regina Popper, a professor from St. Louis Community College.

She said that after midterms, it’s easy to feel a sense of accomplishment and become comfortable with a passing grade. However, it’s just as important to surpass the efforts presented at the beginning of the semester.

Moreover, Dr. Larry Vannmeter, associate professor of English at LU, said he believes that it’s important to work just as hard after midterms to ensure success in staying on course.

Some students have their own ways of coping with the mid-semester blues. Some students rely heavily on their faith.

“When it’s crunch time, I ask (God) for favor,” said Jerina Williams, a senior health administration major.

Other students rely on a strong support team.

Gloria Hamstard, a sophomore biology major, credits her mom as her motivation.

Whatever your major, “you should have a passion that is innate,” said Dr. Lisa L. Rollins, chairwoman and assistant professor of the LU Department of Communication.

As a student, “I did stay focused because I didn’t want to redo (classes),” Rollins said. “Look at your degree plan as the preverbal light at the end of the tunnel... that light at the end of the tunnel is graduation,” she added.
Men’s basketball team focuses on new season

By Michael Burgen
Contributing Writer

The Langston Lions finished the 2011-2012 season with an overall record of 10 wins and 19 losses. “We did not have a great season last year but we had a new team and new coaches,” said senior captain Emil Clayton. “We all were trying to understand one another, but this season should be way better.”

The first game of the 2012-2013 season will be Nov. 3 against the University of Science and Art of Oklahoma, and the Lions are ranked 8th in the Red River Conference preseason polls.

Senior Captain Modteets Williams said, “We were playing with a chip on our shoulder last year because we started off shaky losing our first six games. Then we picked it up at the end of the season winning five out of our last six games.

“We were on a roll heading into the playoffs earning the 8th seed,” Modteets said, “but you should know Langston has not been in the playoffs in like three or four years I think, so it felt good to end that losing streak.”

The Lions couldn’t attend the playoffs last year because of some off-the-court issues that Emil nor Modteets wanted to discuss.

Both players said the team does not like to talk about the past. They said what was done then is then. They are focusing on the task ahead and that is winning games and hopefully winning a national championship, they said.

The team has five seniors and only three freshmen.

“As a freshmen all I want to do is play my part and do what I can do to make this team as successful as I can,” said freshman guard Dylan Murrel.

“From the first day of practice I’ve felt comfortable and wanted, because no one puts (themselves) above the team,” Murrel said. “We all look out for each other and we bond so well on and off the court, so I’m just ready for the season to start.”

The Lions’ season will begin on the road against USAO in Chickasha. The first home game will be Nov. 9 against Sterling College.

For more details about the schedule, go to langstonsport.com.

Lionesses prepare for 2012-2013 basketball season

By Jabril Bailey
Sports Editor

The Langston University Women’s basketball team had its first action against other competition last Wednesday.

The Lionesses headed to Tonkawa to take on junior college opponent Northern Oklahoma – Tonkawa. “It was good for me to see what the kids do against different competition,” Coach David Johnson said.

Johnson added that he thinks offensively, the Lionesses could use a little more work.

Due to NAIA eligibility rules, several of the Lionesses were not allowed to participate in the scrimmage.

Even short-handed the Lioness’ future still looks promising for the upcoming season.

They take the floor for the first game of the season Nov. 3 in Shawnee against St. Gregory University.

Call 405-466-3245 for more information.

Senior forward Victoria Felix is excited for her senior year on the Lioness basketball team.
Top-10 Movies at the Box Office

1. Taken 2
2. Argo
3. Sinister
4. Hotel Transylvania
5. Here Comes the Boom
6. Pitch Perfect
7. Frankenweenie
8. Looper
9. Seven Psychopaths
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