

the Gazette

VOL. 81, NO. 9

STUDENT VOICE OF LANGSTON UNIVERSITY

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019



Nipsey Hussle REMEMBERING A LEGACY

SEE STORY ON PAGE 4

WARNER MUSIC GROUP

MAGAZINE

BELVE VODKA

ERE

iti

the Gazette

The *Gazette* is produced within the Department of Communication at Langston University.

It serves as a teaching tool. The newspaper is published biweekly and is dispersed across campus every other Tuesday, except during examinations, holidays and extended school breaks.

Editor

Kimberly Thompson

Cover Designer

Jasmine Mayes

Staff Writers

Monique Bonds
Ashlynn Coffee-Harris
Ronald Diaz
Remi Jackson
King Mason
Tyler McNeal
Malik Young

Contributing Writers

Desmond W. Delk
Taylor Ross
Clifton Thurman

Adviser

Nicole Turner

The *Gazette* Office
Langston University
Sanford Hall, Room 318
Ph. 405-466-3245

Send story ideas, comments and calendar events to nkturner@langston.edu. Opinions expressed in Voices are those of the writers whose names appear with the articles. Letters to the editor should be emailed to nkturner@langston.edu. Please include your name and telephone number. The newspaper retains the right to edit, accept and/or reject items deemed to be contrary to the best interest of the publication, Langston University and/or any of its governing bodies.

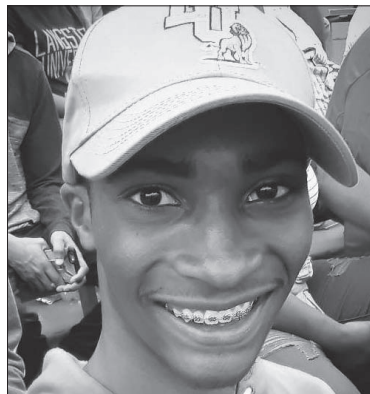
Why the wall won't work

Student debunks Trump's border plan

Most people are familiar with Donald Trump's campaign promise when he was running for president. "I will build a great, great wall on our southern border," he bragged in the summer of 2015. In addition, he claimed that he'd have Mexico pay for the expenses of the wall.

However, as we know, Trump was not able to make good on his promise, and now, instead, asks Americans to help donate to the cause. It never made sense to try to get a less wealthy country to pay for U.S. border security, especially when it's the country of the very people whom you intend to keep out.

This wall would have to stretch further than 1,000 miles in order to cover the entire U.S. southern border. This will cost millions, if not billions, of taxpayer dollars if that's what it were to come down to, which is most likely will. Still, the wall is theoretically too expensive to build even halfway down the border. There would have to be some other method of finance



McNeal

if the wall were to be built. We would need a sponsor or a partner.

In addition to the wall supposedly keeping out immigrants, Trump promised that he'd deport all illegal immigrants and "Make America Great Again." However, there are several problems with this statement. Who would we consider illegal, and who would be an immigrant? About one-fourth of the U.S. population is made up of undocumented immigrants. While some of them have entered the country ille-

gally, about two-fifths of these immigrants entered legally with a visa and have just stayed past the expiration date on their documents. There is no plan to address these immigrants, as Homeland Security does not match up entry and exit documents to see who's where and who's who.

While Mexican immigrants make up a large majority of unauthorized immigrants in the U.S., other countries make a fair-sized contribution to the count. Even if we were to put up a border toward Mexico, there are Asian, European, African, South American and even Australian immigrants that still exist in our country.

If a person living south of the proposed border still wanted access to the states, they could somehow still find a way to a different country and then easily come in through that travel route. Not to mention the border would only be on land, susceptible to a small boat that could sail right around the wall.

Trump believes that the wall

would work because of "how it has in the past." He said himself that the Great Wall of China was a prime example of a successful physical barrier.

However, China's wall, which was actually many walls put together at the cost of multiple workers' lives, took almost 20 centuries to construct. Despite these efforts, Genghis Khan set up a way to bypass the wall by going through nearby territories or defeating weak points of security. Similarly, these are a few of the flaws of any physical barrier that could be made.

In short, the 45th president made a campaign promise of little promise and substance. So far, this proposal has done nothing except give false hope to his supporters and waste ample taxpayer dollars. Throwing a temper tantrum and shutting the government down will not make the plan any more thought out, nor will it make it work.

Tyler McNeal is a junior broadcast journalism major.

College athletes deserve monetary gains

Working twenty hours a week and not getting paid doesn't seem like an intelligence choice. On top of putting in the hard work, the companies employing these unpaid workers are still making money – and a lot of it.

The public hears of multi-million-dollar television deals, shoe contracts, coaching contracts, along with enormous ticket sales to support colleges and universities. However, none of this money finds its way to the athletes who are behind the success. While having a winning season, fans will buy tickets to see their favorite player, but the colleges are getting this money, not the players.

Granted, it is hard to direct who is coming to watch who play, but when you are selling jerseys with a college athlete's name on the back and they aren't receiving a penny, it



Young

doesn't make sense.

Athletes make their schools millions on top of millions of dollars in a single year. Also, the free publicity these athletes bring to the school is unreal. The publicity not only brings in more great athletes, but it also helps attract students who simply want to attend that school.

In a live interview, former National Player of the Year for

Duke University Shane Battier explained that "it's a full-time job. If you play college athletics, if you play college football, college basketball, it's a full-time job. You don't have time to get a part-time job, so when I was in college, things like buying a pizza for my girlfriend, who is now my wife, or going to a movie, I necessarily couldn't afford. I had to work in the summer, but I had my coaches telling me, look, you should be practicing your game, not working on a part-time job. While everyone is home for Christmas break, Easter break, etc., the athletes are sweating it out on the playing fields or courts, and you cannot put a price tag on that."

In addition, a lot of college athletes come from single-parent homes where it was hard growing up as a kid and living in cities with high poverty rates. A simple solution for all this is

to pay these athletes some type of amount while in college.

Some people might argue that getting your education paid for is enough and athletes should not get paid any more than their scholarship. This is not true because while playing a college sport and being a full-time athlete, you have zero time to have a job and make money. College students need to make money to pay for their college.

While playing at the highest level of college basketball, you could be promoting things that you are very unaware of. For example, in 1991, the University of Michigan recruited a freshman class called the "Fab Five" that changed the game of college basketball. These freshmen started wearing baggy shorts garnered a lot of media attention. During one game, these

see **ATHLETES**, page 7

Student, professor advocate for health, physical education in DC

Special from
Dr. Desmond W. Delk

In an effort to educate new members of U.S. Congress about the importance of a well-rounded education within the bi-partisan Every Student Succeeds Act, Dr. Desmond W. Delk and junior health, physical education and recreation major Rylee Jo Wilson traveled to Washington, D.C. to advocate for full funding to support professional development for teachers and health and physical education programs in schools.

Delk and Wilson asked lawmakers to fully fund the federal education program Title IV, Part A, Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants, under ESSA.

They joined more than 150 fellow health and physical educators representing 39 states to attend SHAPE America – Society of Health and Physical Educators 12th annual member advocacy day, SPEAK Out! Day, in March.

When ESSA was passed in 2015, health and physical edu-

cation were designated as part of a well-rounded education, making these subjects eligible for federal education funding for the first time. Under a new ESSA program, Title IV, Part A, schools will receive funding to support a well-rounded education, safe and healthy student programs, and effective use of technology. Congress funded Title IV, Part A at \$1.1 billion and \$1.17 billion in fiscal year 2018 and 2019 respectively. As Congress reconciles appropriations for fiscal year 2020 and beyond, it's critical that the health and physical education community continues its strong advocacy efforts for this critical funding stream for schools.

During these Capitol Hill meetings, Delk and Wilson offered insight and perspective on the negative impact of marginalizing health and physical education in schools. They also shared success stories and the links that exist between health, physical education and social-emotional learning and academic achievement.

"I was glad that I was able to

advocate for PE to Sen. [James] Lankford and other congressional aides," Delk said. "They all expressed an understanding of the importance of health and PE, so that's a good start. Moreover, I was glad that Rylee Jo was able to attend and represent Langston on an exceptional level."

Wilson encouraged fellow Lions to become advocates for issues they believe are important.

"I hope to see more HPER students be a part of it," she said. "Not only did I get to meet a few of our state's senators and representatives, but I got to experience and see monuments that I read about back in elementary school. I thought it was a great learning experience on how to effectively get a point across to those who basically have the jurisdiction to make impactful decisions. I also learned and understood better the importance of my major and the impact it can make from early on. I am grateful for this experience and opportunity to speak up on HPER's and Langston's behalf. Go Lions!"



Courtesy Photo

Dr. Desmond Delk (far left) and Rylee Jo Wilson (far right) meet Sen. James Lankford in Washington, D.C., while advocating for health and physical education.

Biology major places second in oral research presentation

By Kimberly Thompson
Editor

Two Langston University students, Kendall Odell and Cayla Moore, were selected to give an oral presentation at the 2019 K-INBRE (Kansas IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence) Annual Research Symposium in Overland Park, Kansas.

K-INBRE scholars are selected based on a GPA of 3.3 and above. In addition, the scholar should have a career goal in biomedical sciences (medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, physical therapy, veterinary medicine) and conduct research about biomedical sciences in a laboratory on a college campus.

The team that represented Langston at this year's K-INBRE Annual Research Symposium included two faculty members, Dr. G. Naidoo and

Dr. Sharon Lewis, and five other students in addition to Odell and Moore. Those students were Briana Anderson, Celeste Cotton, Corajean Cunningham, Stacii Cross and Jennifer Ho.

Two students selected to participate in the oral competition of the event was a huge accomplishment in itself, but Odell won second place in the entire category, which is an even greater accomplishment.

"I was very surprised to win second place, but I also felt honored and proud," said Odell, junior biology major.

Though Odell placed in the event, she doesn't see herself returning to the symposium next year.

"Given that being selected as an oral presenter at the K-INBRE conference is competitive, I will most likely not orally present there again," she said.

"However, if I were to repeat this experience, I would work more on speaking calmly and confidently."

Odell was initially trained in Dr. KJ Abraham's biomedical research laboratory and completed an internship at Kansas State University during the summer of 2018.

Others would describe Odell's performance as outstanding. She competed with students from 10 universities, including the medical school at the University of Kansas.

Odell's research topic was titled, "Connecting Tumor Suppressor Genes to the DNA Damage Response." Odell used the algae *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* as a model organism to study this topic.

Only the best eight abstracts were chosen to present from undergraduates, graduates and

post-doctoral researchers from 10 universities, including the medical school at KU.

"This is the first time that two of our students were selected among the best eight," Abraham said.

The other selected students were from KSU, KU and KUMC. None of the students from the other six institutions were selected.

In addition, Anderson and Cunningham had the opportunity to present iposters.

Students who participated in the symposium prepared written abstracts that they edited several times.

They also prepared iposters, which are electronic posters online, and they practiced their oral presentations several times in front of faculty and peers. Students also practiced a two- to three-minute poster presen-

tation several times. Abstract preparations began in the second or third week of November 2018 and lasted about two-three weeks. Iposter preparations lasted about two weeks and oral presentation practice took about 10 days. Needless to say, participating in K-INBRE is a long process that takes hard work and dedication from students involved.

"I am extremely happy and impressed about my students since they are committed and willing to work hard," said Abraham, associate professor of biology. "They compete with the best students from comprehensive universities like Kansas State University, University of Kansas, KU Medical School and many other universities and win first and second prizes."

see **BIOLOGY**, page 7

Thousands mourn Nipsey Hussle

By Ronald Diaz
Staff Writer

On Sunday afternoon, March 31, the city of Los Angeles lost its prodigal son. At about 3:20 p.m. at his Marathon clothing smart store, rapper, businessman, father, icon and South Central native Ermias 'Nipsey Hussle' Asghedom was shot and killed. The alleged murderer was revealed to be Eric Holder. Two others were shot and injured, but Hussle was the only fatality.

Many around the country felt the loss of such an astounding individual, as vigils and memorials were set up at the Marathon clothing store and people as far as Dallas, Houston, Oklahoma City, New York City and Kansas City collectively mourned the late rapper, whom everyone knows died too soon.

According to TheUndeatefied website, Nipsey founded the record label All Money In in 2010, where he debuted "The Marathon", his fifth official mixtape. His 2013 mixtape, "Crenshaw", sold more than 1,000 CDs, which were priced at \$100. His first official studio album, "Victory Lap", was nominated for best rap album at this year's Grammy awards, though it lost to Cardi B's "Invasion of Privacy".

What makes the south LA community so distraught is not only did the city lose such a passionate rapper, but it also lost one of the most active members of the community. Nipsey made it apparent numerous times that his ultimate goal was to provide for his family, which also consisted of every living member of the south LA area. Evident in the fact that instead of taking his Marathon clothing store to areas such as Santa Monica or Beverly Hills, he opened it right off of Crenshaw Boulevard and Slauson Avenue, his home.

Because his untimely death inspired so many, according to CBS News, the LA City Council is expected to rename the intersection of Crenshaw Boulevard and Slauson Avenue "Nipsey Hussle Square." Nipsey wanted to continuously give back to the neighborhood that raised him, molded him, supported him and loved him.

Nipsey Hussle's memorial service was April 11, at the Staples Center in downtown Los Angeles, and, according to NBC News, more than 20,000 people gathered to celebrate the life of the late rapper. Residents of California were given the opportunity to get free tickets, which were all gone within minutes.

According to NBC News, singers Marsha Ambrosius, Anthony Hamilton, Jhene Aiko and Stevie Wonder were slated to perform at the memorial service. Also participating in the service was rapper Snoop Dogg and radio host Big Boy. Rapper YG and producer DJ Mustard were both pallbearers, along with Hussle's brother, Samiel Asghedom. Media mogul Karen Civil read a message that former President Barack Obama wrote honoring Nipsey Hussle. Nipsey's fiancée, Lauren London, also spoke on behalf of her late lover and sent a message to the city of LA that "the Marathon will continue."

Holder murdered Nipsey in cold blood in front of his clothing store, something Nipsey worked tremendously hard for, and in the neighborhood he loved and did everything for. That is what pains so many natives from south LA and all over. Nipsey was making big strides toward reducing gang violence in Los Angeles, which speaks volumes given the fact that, according to his Facebook page, he was "a devout member of the Rolling Sixty Crips," a national street gang formed in the mid-1970s.

According to NBC News, Nipsey was scheduled to meet with LA Police Commissioner Steve Soboroff and LA Police Chief Michael Moore just the next day on April 1, to discuss ways to reduce gang violence in LA before his life abruptly ended. Moore said the meeting would still be held out of respect for Nipsey.

Nipsey helped countless people get through tough times, and junior psychology major Tresjon Thenarse is one of them. "Listening to Nipsey, it felt like he could relate to everything I was going through at that moment," Thenarse said.

Thenarse is also an LA na-



Photo from CBS News

Above:

Thousands gather in Los Angeles to watch the funeral procession for Nipsey Hussle. The funeral was held April 11, at the Staples Center.

Right:

Girlfriend Lauren London (second from right) stands with Nipsey's children to pay tribute to the rapper during his funeral service.



Photo from CNN Entertainment

tive who grew up in the Inglewood neighborhood and knows first-hand how hard the loss of Nipsey hits home.

"Growing up in LA, it's the gang life all the way to just family culture and growing up in Inglewood on the other side of where Nipsey is from. It's just different," he said.

Nobody expected to receive the news that Nipsey Hussle was shot and killed, which caused some heartbreaking reactions from fans and LA natives, like Thenarse.

"When I first found out Nipsey got shot, I was at the crib, and the first thing I did was drop my phone and I shed tears," Thenarse said. "Then when I found out he died, I really shed tears. It's just too unbelievable."

As mentioned before, the fact

that Nipsey was killed where he was is almost too tragic and ironic for people from the south LA area to wrap their minds around, including Thenarse.

"If you know that area and you know where he is from, then you know it's unbelievable that he would get shot right there in front of his people and his store," he said.

There is a bit of controversy surrounding Nipsey's murder, with some people believing he was killed to prevent the release of a documentary he was producing about the late Dr. Sebi. Sebi had famously announced that he had the cure for AIDS/HIV, and he died mysteriously while in police custody in 2016. However, many people who are

from the south LA area know that gang violence can easily play a role.

"I feel like that's just people trying to downplay California or LA in this case, and if you really from here and from the city, then you understand that stuff like this happens in the city," Thenarse said.

There were a number of videos that either showed the shooting or the aftermath of the shooting, and while that footage is helpful evidence for the police, it was miserable to bear for fans and the community.

"I saw all of the videos, and it just made me sick to my stomach," Thenarse said.

see NIPSEY, page 7

Quattlebaum wins Mr. Langston title

By Remi Jackson
Staff Writer

Langston University crowned Malcolm Quattlebaum as the 36th Mr. Langston University on March 10.

Quattlebaum is a junior broadcast journalism major from Denver. After contemplating to even join the competition, Quattlebaum worked hard and played even harder.

"Doing the pageant was a comfort zone move for me in terms of getting out of my comfort zone..." Quattlebaum explained. "It was an accumulation of my passion for helping students. It wasn't just about the title for me, but it was about being able to make an impact."

Another reason Quattlebaum competed in the pageant is because he wanted to leave a mark, a legacy, here at Langston.



Courtesy Photo

Malcolm Quattlebaum wins the 36th Mr. Langston University title.

"I saw the need in our community for leadership, male leadership specifically," Quattlebaum said.

Quattlebaum wants to work closely and mentor freshmen and incoming students, especially knowing how difficult

the freshman year in college can be. With LU freshmen being the future of the university and the ones who will take over campus leadership, Quattlebaum wants to start molding them and pushing them in the right direction because "iron sharpens iron."

There are always events going on, but most are targeted to the ladies on campus rather than the gentlemen. Quattlebaum wants more events that help LU males get involved, get their voices heard, and to start the process of becoming better young men during their time at Langston.

Quattlebaum is determined to make an impact on campus and, starting next semester, he will work on bringing theater back to the university.

"I was a theater kid growing up. I love the arts, love being on stage," Quattlebaum said.

Soon, he plans to produce a stage play in which students can debut their acting skills.

"I want to pick a play that everyone knows," he said. Being inspired by his HBCU, Quattlebaum wants to produce the play "The Wiz", which is a 1972 musical adventure-fantasy film by Motown productions.

Quattlebaum shared his mantra about how he loves to smile and how a smile can change someone's day. Just smiling and saying hello can take someone a long way without you even knowing it, he said.

Quattlebaum is ready to take over Langston as the 36th Mr. Langston with many new ideas, events, collaborations and more. Quattlebaum won the pageant not to just hold the title, but he is determined to make the title live up to its high standards, work, time and dedication.

Floydrika Young earns Miss Black Langston crown

By Ashlynn Coffee-Harris
and Tyler McNeal
Staff Writers

Every year, Langston University crowns new campus royalty while saying goodbye to the old.

On March 31, the Miss Black Langston pageant took place in the I.W. Young Auditorium. Three contestants answered interview questions, displayed evening and swimwear and showcased individual talents in their respective categories.

The previous title holder, Jasmine Mayes, also put on a display of solo dance and flashed her gown while the Dancing Dolls put on a performance that was choreographed by Mayes, herself.

The three judges of the contest, including a former Miss Black Langston, reached their conclusion after a small intermission. In third place was contestant Marquesha Darden, and Menerva Racy was the runner-up. But only one could win the title of the 73rd Miss Black Langston, which was Floydrika Young.

"I feel very proud of myself because I went above and be-

yond and I worked so hard for this moment," said Young, sophomore elementary education major.

In the Miss Black Langston University pageant there are five stages of competition, consisting of private interview, on-stage question, swimwear, talent and eveningwear.

"The pageant was a lovely display of grace and elegance," said Jorell Smallwood, junior music education major. "I cannot wait to see what the upcoming year holds for Flo as our new Miss Black Langston."

Young shared how she feels about her whole experience of earning the title.

"The pageant experience was one that I will never forget," Young said. "I feel as though I went through one of the toughest mental challenges I had ever been through. I am grateful for everything that this pageant has taught me."

Young is happy about her accomplishment and feels that is rightfully hers due to her recent efforts to attain it. Her plan of action emphasizes her platform: 'It's natUral', which is the celebration of African-American

women embracing their roots.

"I feel so ecstatic about earning my title," Young said. "I know I deserved it because I worked so hard for it. I plan to implement my platform heavy and make Miss Black Langston more of a personality on campus by showing who I am."

Young also offered some advice to ladies who will compete in the pageant in the future.

"To future contestants... use your time wisely," she said. "Invest in yourself and, most importantly, believe in yourself because even if no one else does, all that matters is that you do, and that is what makes you a queen already. Confidence is key and be 100% yourself."

Both the outcome of the pageant and the show itself seems to have pleased most of the students who attended, all of whom are embracing the new title holder.

"Miss Black [Langston] was a very interesting pageant," said Mark Barber, senior music education major. "The ladies put their hearts out on stage, and it was very competitive. The production was great. The theme and creativity was excellent,



Courtesy Photo

Floydrika Young (middle) poses with pageant hosts Kori Long (left) and J.D. Crawford after winning the 2019 Miss Black Langston pageant.

and I love how Jasmine [Mayes] incorporated dancing into every category. I could have eas-

ily seen any of them being crowned, but congratulations to Floydrika on earning her title."

LU students hold peace rally in protest of violent incidents

By King Mason
Staff Writer

With violence being a recent topic of conversation at Langston University, the Student Government Association and student body decided to change the viewpoint by holding a peace rally.

At the event April 2, students, faculty and staff gathered on the Paw Walk in front of the Student Success Center and wore T-shirts that said "Not My Campus" to represent nonviolence. Additionally, the attendees marched around campus protesting against violence and chanting, "Peace against violence. Not on my campus. Peace against silence. Not on my campus."

SGA President Jennifer Ho, senior biology and chemistry major, explained the idea behind the peace rally.

"It all began because of the issues that started on campus, such as the shooting, but it came down to certain issues like students not telling administration or not letting LUPD know all the information," Ho said. "When situa-

tions happen, nobody wants to speak out. We are just trying to shine a positive [light] because the media never shows positivity about Langston University."

With a negative image floating around, support from the faculty really helped the outcome and concept of the rally as well.

Assistant Dean of Students Kavaris Sims explained why faculty and staff wanted to get involved.

"It's just a matter of utilizing the resources, and I'm really big on community efforts," Sims said. "I think Langston University, how we lead and how we initiate programs on the campus, has to come from a community front."

Sims said that faculty and staff want to show their support to students and back them up on their initiatives.

"The departments care enough about the students to come out," Sims said.

The peace rally made a huge impact on those who participated in the event.

Malcolm Quattlebaum, junior broadcast journalism ma-



Photo by Jennifer Ho

Students march around campus in T-shirts that say "Not My Campus" during a peace rally April 2. SGA held the rally in response to recent violent incidents on campus, as well as silence and lack of cooperation that followed the incidents.

jor, shared his experience at the rally.

"One word — honestly, this peace rally made me feel energized," he said. "And,

definitely we energized the campus and I hope everyone was touched that went to this peace rally. I want this to be momentum-building. I don't

want this to be a one thing; this is not a one-and-done [thing] — this is a first step to something way bigger to take back our campus."

Five men arrested in connection with Commons shooting

By Taylor Ross
Contributing Writer

A culture of fear struck Langston University when two people were airlifted to a hospital in Oklahoma City after suffering multiple bullet wounds.

On March 28, at about 1:30 a.m., an LU student living in the Langston Commons apartment complex and his guest, who is not a student, were victims of an armed robbery and shooting.

Wayne Stafford, a Fox25 News field reporter on the scene of the crime, said the police and the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation were looking for four possible suspects who fled the scene.

Stafford also said that "once inside the hospital, one of the victims was unconscious and un-

able to speak..." That victim was taken into emergency surgery. The other victim, though, was awake and able to speak to the doctors and Logan County police, Stafford said. Both victims survived and have been released from the hospital, according to the KOCO 5 website.

As of April 9, five men between the ages of 18 and 19 were arrested in connection with this shooting, according to the KOCO 5 website. Three of the men, 19-year-old Andre Marquis, 19-year-old Marcus Allen Crutcher and 18-year-old Colby Alain Gill, confessed to their involvement.

Though arrests have been made, the situation still had a lasting impression on Langston students, particularly because this shooting came just six

months after a shooting at the Langston Center, an off-campus venue.

Gregory McDowell, junior broadcast journalism major, lives above the apartment where the shooting took place and was shocked when he woke up to an active crime scene the morning of March 28.

"I woke up and tried to leave for class, but the police would not allow anybody in the building to leave during the investigation," McDowell said.

Another student who lives in the complex, Deirdra Marsh, said she didn't hear anything at all, no gunshots, so she was shocked when she woke up to a text message from one of her sorority sisters asking if she was OK and safe.

"It's crazy how I didn't hear a



Photo by Nahjee Williams

Langston police and OSBI respond to a double shooting at the Langston Commons on the morning of March 28.

thing," said Marsh, senior health, physical education and recreation major. "I don't sleep heavy at all and sounds normally wake me up with ease. Thank God that a stray bullet did not ricochet and

hit me inside of my apartment." LU officials and investigators "believe the shooting was an isolated incident and all the suspects have been arrested," according to the KOCO 5 website.

Students ready to stroll with favorite fraternities

By Monique Bonds
Staff Writer

Greek life makes up an essential part of all Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Many students would say Greek life is one of the things that separates HBCUs from Predominantly White Institutions.

"Greek life is different at HBCUs because it's more of a show," said Domonick Foy, senior health, physical education and recreation major. "At PWIs, it's looked down upon by white peers and administration, when at HBCUs most administration is Greek, too. You're just held to a higher standard with Greek life at an HBCU."

Greek life at HBCUs include a mix of community service, family, fun, strolling and overall campus involvement. But some famous Greek traditions at Langston that students particularly look forward to each year include Shimmy Like a Nupe, Stroll Like an Alpha and Walk Like a Sigma.

"It feels good to be a part of [Stroll] Like an Alpha," said Sakinah Muhammad, junior broadcast journalism major.

"The overall purpose of Shimmy Like a Nupe is to interact with the females on campus to see if they can be smooth as the Nupes, and it's a competition within the brothers on the yard to see who is the most creative with making up strolls."

— Kadarius Griffin,
member of Kappa Alpha Psi

"I like being a part of a team, learning new things and interacting with new people."

Many women on campus look forward to participating in these events because they're able to do the moves of their favorite fraternity.

"Walk Like a Sigma was created to give the ladies a chance to do Greek fraternity stuff," said King Mason, junior broadcast journalism major and member of the Beta Epsilon chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. "Walk Like a Sigma came along because we wanted to gather ladies who were interested in strolling like us."

Doing the moves or hand signs of any fraternity or sorority is prohibited unless approved by the organization. Every Greek organization on campus doesn't approve of this type of event, but the ones that do have been hosting the tradition at Langston for years.

"The first showcase for Shimmy Like a Nupe was in 2008 or 2009, I believe," said Kadarius Griffin, senior corrections major and member of the Alpha Pi chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. "The overall purpose of Shimmy Like a Nupe is to interact with the females on campus to see if they can be smooth as the Nupes, and it's a compe-

titution within the brothers on the yard to see who is the most creative with making up strolls."

Another popular part of this tradition is the competition between brothers as each team competes for the winning spot.

"Competing with my brothers during Stroll Like an Alpha is an experience that I feel like is something to grow with," said Nahjee Williams, senior broadcast journalism major and member of the Beta Kappa chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

To many Greeks, these showcases are more than just a competition. They host these events with hopes of bringing unity among the women on campus.

"We do Shimmy Like a Nupe to interact and come closer with the women on campus," said Kyle Shores, senior healthcare administration major and member of Kappa Alpha Psi, "as well as bring women closer together and get them out [of] their comfort zones."

Shimmy Like a Nupe was April 6, Walk Like a Sigma is TBD during their Greek Week, which is April 14-20, and Stroll Like an Alpha is April 25.

ATHLETES from page 2

freshmen decided to wear black Nike socks. At the time no one really knew or wore black socks like they did, but after this group of guys wore the socks, the merchandise in stores started to grow rapidly. Nike started to get a lot of promotion due to the Fab Five wearing their material in the games. With them being so popular at the time, everyone wanted to wear the things they were wearing.

The Fab Five were the first to wear the black Nike socks with the shoes. Everything that they were wearing at the time was basically promotion for which they did not receive any money or monetary parment. The Fab Five noticed that they were just a promotion symbol with what they were wearing, so they started just to wear a plain black shirt during their warm-ups in effort to silence the promotion of other companies that were getting paid because of them advertising their merchandise. The Fab Five felt like they were celebrities who were not getting paid.

The players should be receiving some monetary benefit from their respective universities, particularly those who fill the stadiums with fans and bring money into the school. Also, just letting big-name companies use you so they can make money is wrong. Athletes should be getting at least some of the money that these companies are making off their last names. Being a college athlete is a job, and they should be getting paid.

Malik Young is a junior broadcast journalism major.

BIOLOGY from page 3

With a great turnout like this, the only way is up, and the goal is set high for next year's symposium.

"We are expecting more students to continue research in biomedical sciences and submit more abstracts, present more iposters and compete for poster and oral competitions and win prizes," Abraham said.

Along with those goals, Abraham hopes to get more students involved with research and present their work at the Oklahoma Research Day and the National Meeting in Washington, D.C. as well.

Students interested in a career in biomedical sciences may contact Abraham at kjabraham@langston.edu.

NIPSEY from page 4

Nipsey Hussle was such an inspiration to the LA area that members of the northern California area, such as junior corrections major Isaiah Boykins, felt the energy Nipsey constantly put out.

"I listen to music with a versatile ear, and Nipsey was one of my favorite rappers growing up. I even had a little Nipsey phase that lasted all throughout middle school, so this one hurt when he died," Boykins said.

Boykins was getting his haircut when he heard the news, and he immediately felt like Nipsey's death had to be gang related.

"My heart just dropped because you already know what happened. It's gang related and that's already a problem in the black community, so to hear somebody who's big try to come out of that and he dies, just hurts," he said.

The Dr. Sebi conspiracy circled

around social media immediately following Nipsey's death, and Boykins said that social media can be really deceiving.

"That's just how powerful social media is because if somebody says something, people just take it and run with it, so if you live there, if you live in the hood, you know how stuff goes and what really happened," Boykins said.

Many celebrities shared their shock and condolences for Nipsey on social media, including Rihanna, Drake, The Game, Ice Cube, Pharrell Williams, J. Cole and more.

A man who touched and inspired so many young people to understand the area that they come from, get in and stay in touch with their communities, and truly learn and apply what it is means to be self-made, was abruptly taken away from his fiancé, Lauren London, his kids, Kross Asghedom and Emani Asghedom, his loved ones, his people and his home.

Rest in Peace, Ermias Asghedom

Student reviews three box-office hits

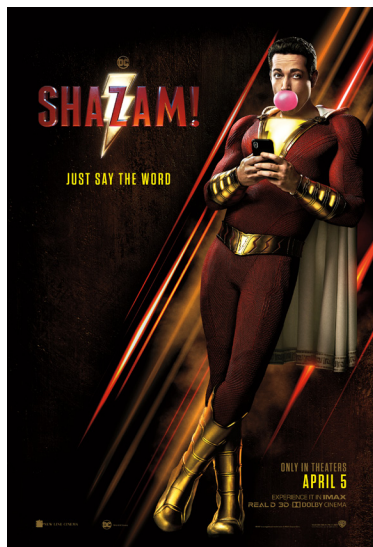
By Clifton Thurman
Contributing Writer

"Shazam!"

The film "Shazam!" is based on the DC Comic Book of the same name. "Shazam!" has surprised a lot of people. Directed by David Sandberg, it is a wonderful film. This director has directed other films like "Annabelle: Creation" and "Lights Out."

"Shazam!" is about a 14-year-old foster kid named Billy Batson (played by Asher Angel) who transforms into a superhero by shouting out one-word, "Shazam!" (played by Zachary Levi).

This film is already grossed an upward of \$45 million in the box office for the opening weekend. DC's "Shazam" has a rating of a 94% on Rotten Tomatoes, which makes it the highest-rated film in the DC Universe. So, clearly, DC has



done a great job with this film. It's a fun movie to watch; it's one of the best superhero films that has come out so far this year.

"Us"

"Us" is written and directed by Jordan Peele, who is a talented director and also has a bright future in film ahead of him.



This is Peele's second film after his first film, "Get Out", was released in 2017. "Us" has already made over \$180 million worldwide, making it the highest-grossing horror film. "Us" is about a family going on vacation and come across dopplegangers of themselves.

"Us" has a 94% on Rotten Tomatoes, a score of 7.4 out of 10 on IMDb (Internet Movie

Database) and a score of 81 on Metacritic.

As a movie-goer, however, "Us" was a decent film, but it didn't live up to the hype. It wasn't like "Get Out". It wasn't scary. Also, it was quite obvious of what was going to happen in the movie. But, it has moments that were enjoyable. Overall, it was entertaining to watch and also gave out a good laugh in some parts, but it definitely wasn't what it was hyped up to be.

"Captain Marvel"

The film "Captain Marvel" is based on the Marvel comic book of the same name. Captain Marvel (played by Brie Larson) shows how important she is to the rest of the Marvel Comic Universe.

"Captain Marvel" is directed by Anna Boden and Ryan Fleck; both of these directors have directed other films, including

"Half Nelson", "Sugar", "It's Kind of a Funny Story" and "Mississippi Grind."

The movie "Captain Marvel" is about a Kree warrior who finds herself in a war between the Kree and the Skrulls. She keeps having recurring memories of another life as U.S. Air Force pilot Carol Danvers.

Over the past two weeks, "Captain Marvel" has made over \$1 billion worldwide in the box office, and it is the sixth-biggest worldwide film with a total of about \$4.56 billion. It has a rating of a 78% on Rotten Tomatoes, a score of 7.2 out of 10 on IMDb and a score of 64 on Metacritic.

However, "Captain Marvel" wasn't the best MCU movie. I think the film was limited in not just the supporting cast, but also in the main character as well. I like "Captain Marvel" and it's a decent film to watch, but it's by far not the most spectacular thing the MCU has produced.

Campus Question

How can we come together as a black community?

Compiled By Joshua Minger



Brandon Jones
Senior
Psychology Major

"We, as black people, have too many problems in our own community. We aren't equal in our own social groups with so many homophobes, religious issues, etc. We need to love each other first before anyone else will."



Debreka Hagans
Junior
Nursing Major

"Remember to love yourselves, love one another and stop shooting each other!"



Jordan Roberts
Sophomore
Psychology Major

"We need to encourage each other and show love. We have to know our roots and, honestly, stop fighting."



Nikki Darden
Sophomore
Psychology Major

"Stop dividing ourselves, saying one skin tone is more important than another. We have to respect each other — that means no matter the gender. We all go through the same struggles. Spread love and positivity."