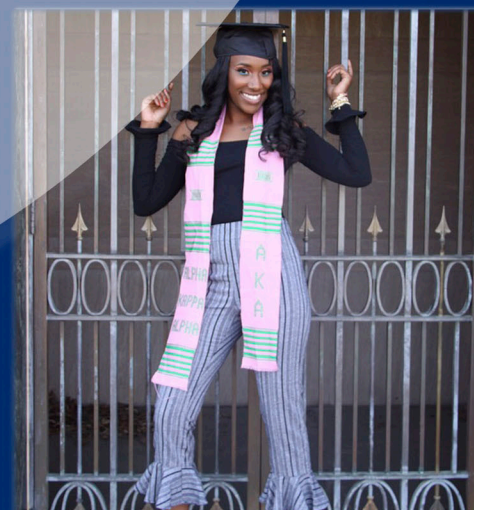
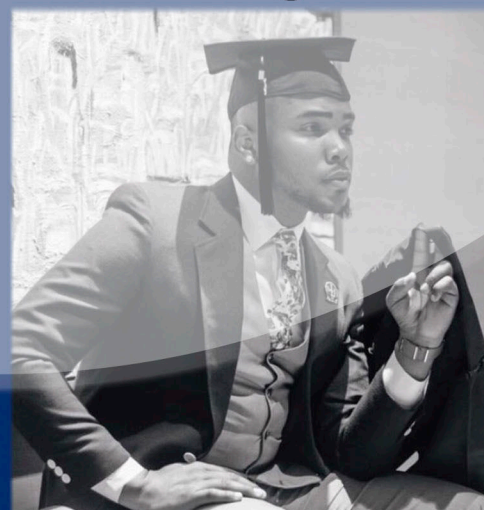
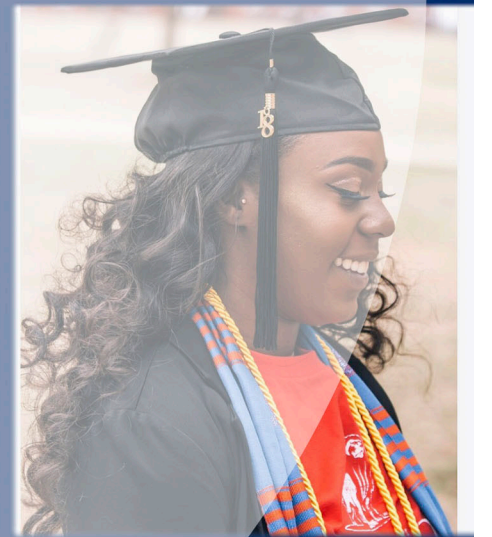
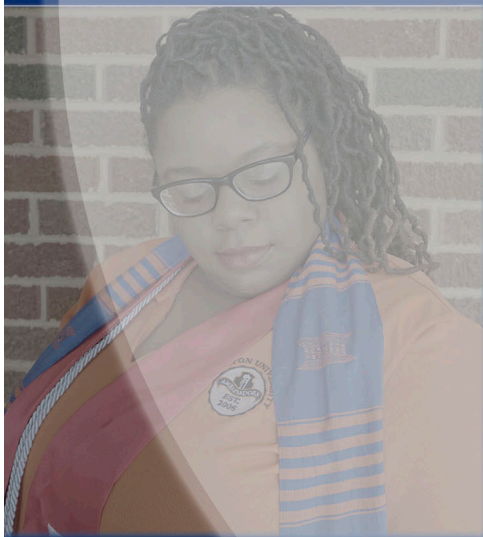
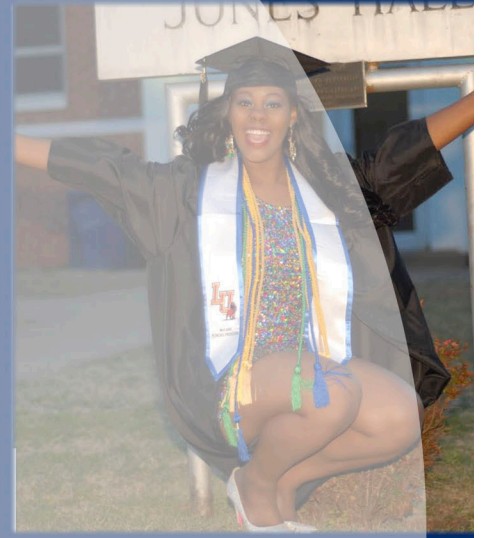
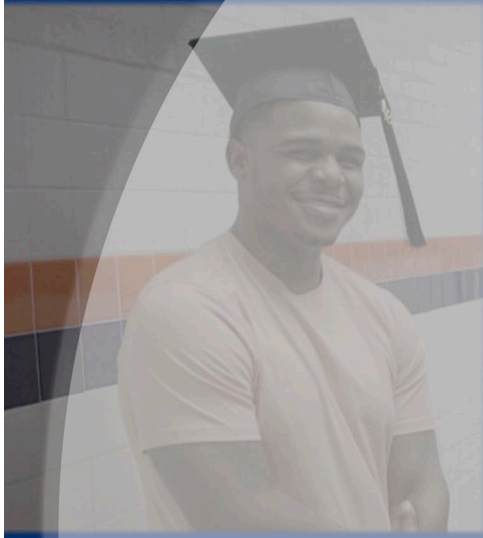


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Movie Review

'Avengers: Infinity War' is epic, phenomenal

By Clifton Thurman
Contributing Writer

Marvel has done it again making film history. The film "Avengers: Infinity War" is based on three Marvel comic book series: "The Infinity Gauntlet," "Infinity" and "The Secret Avengers."

It has already proven to be one of the best from the Marvel Cinematic Universe, and it has been the most anticipated film of the year. The movie broke records its preview night, generating a massive \$39 million, making it the fourth highest preview night of all time.

It debuted at the domestic box office with \$258 million, breaking the record of "Star Wars: Force Awakens" of \$248 million to make it the highest grossing domestic release of all time for an opening weekend. Also, its international re-

lease raked in \$383 million.

The domestic box office combined with its worldwide release made \$641 million, easily beating "The Fate of the Furious," which captured \$543 million, making "Avengers: Infinity War" the biggest global opening of all time.

Also, "Infinity War" is currently holding a score of 84 percent on the Tomatometer and an Audience Score of 92 percent. On Internet Movie Database, it has a rating of 9.0 out of 10 and a score of 68 on Metacritic.

The movie is a combination of all 18 MCU films in one. In this iteration, The Avengers, Guardians of the Galaxy, Doctor Strange and Black Panther must come together to stop The Mad Titan, Thanos, (portrayed by Josh Brolin) and his children, the Black Order, from getting their hands on all six of the infinity stones.

"Infinity War" has set the bar higher than ever. Since MCU started in 2008 with "Iron Man," MCU has been taking chances with their films, and they're not afraid of doing so. "Avengers: Infinity War" will leave you astonished.

All actors in the 17 MCU films reprise their key roles in this film. Josh Brolin was savage, returning to the role of Thanos. Brolin brought this character to life in "Infinity War," making Thanos the best villain that the MCU has ever had so far. It is an emotional roller-coaster ride watching this film, with incredible fight sequences, plot twists, magnificent CGI, the hero team-ups and epic events.

The film shows what true heroism and sacrifice is in the film. Each character's sacrifice to save humanity is key to the characters in this movie and

future MCU releases. "Ant Man and the Wasp" will be released July 6, while "Captain Marvel," "Spiderman: Homecoming Sequel," "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.3" and the "Untitled Avengers Sequel" will come be coming out over the next 24 months for always-ready Marvel fans.

"Avengers: Infinity War," directed by Anthony and Joe Russo, is phenomenal. Both of these directors have done remarkable things while being a part of the MCU, with past films such as "Captain America: Winter Soldier" and "Captain America: Civil War."

The Russo brothers are also known for their work with the comedy series "Arrested Development" and the comedy film "You, Me and Dupree." The Russos first started directing after graduating from Case Western Reserve University.

Alumni Spotlight

Dr. Patrina Sattiewhite Walter received her undergraduate degree in chemistry in 1993 and was a charter member of the McCabe Honors Program. She represented the Alpha Zeta chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. as a leadership fellow.

She is a graduate of Northeastern State University College of Optometry and practices optometry in Oklahoma City.

Walter worked for an ophthalmologist upon completion of her degree. She practiced adjacent to Vision Works for five years and worked for American Laser Vision and LASIK Vision Institute.

Her practice, Look See Eye Care, recently relocated from Edmond to Northwest Oklahoma City. Her new optometry and optical boutique, Pride (of the Eastside) Eye Care, opens in the spring of 2019.

Walter has been a member of the Oklahoma Association of Optometric Physicians and the American Optometric Association. She served on the board of directors for Prevent Blindness Oklahoma and serves as the Independent Doctors of Optometry Alliance director for central Oklahoma.

Walter is a Silver Life member of AKA, and she serves as a coach for current leadership fellows. Her heart belongs to



Patrina Sattiewhite Walter

the Oklahoma City chapter of Jack and Jill America Inc. She absolutely loves her children and all things family related.

She is a Life Member of the Langston University National Alumni Association and a member of the Oklahoma City chapter of the LUNAA. She attends Memorial Road Church of Christ.

She is married to her high-school sweetheart, and they are parents of three children. Walter is an avid fitness enthusiast wannabe who wants to be fit, but she also wants desserts.

She loves running and attending

dance class and boot camp. She "totally loves the '80s" (MJ, "The Cosby Show," Prince, UTFO, Duran Duran, big feathered hair, legwarmers, Billy Idol, Whodini, Joan Jett, Sheila E., New Edition, Salt-N-Pepa, "Caddy Shack," LL Cool J, Hall & Oates, Units and the big hair bands)! She also loves pink, glitter and optometry!

Walter believes that there are no mistakes; there are opportunities for growth and understanding. Her father's words, "learn where you stand with a man and govern yourself accordingly," are guiding her through her middle years.

Her advice to others is to work hard so you may play hard. Shine bright! You are the average of the five people you spend the most time with, so choose wisely.

Fun fact: her 4-year-old sings "Dear Langston" like an alum. Some of her fondest LU memories include basking in the sun atop the picnic table in front of Gandy Hall, running her post-meal laps on the track, being chased down by Dr. Flasch for her thesis, eating French toast in "the caf" and winning homecoming step shows – SKEE WEE. Pinkies up!

For more information about Walter's business, visit <https://www.dr-sattiewhite-walter.net>.

Dishwasher causes fire at Scholars

By Malcolm Quattlebaum
Staff Writer

Warning: use your dishwasher at your own risk because they may be prone to catch fire.

On April 24, the streets of Scholars Inn became flooded with flashing red and blue lights of nearby fire and police vehicles and the sky quickly became clouded with black smog. This is all because of a fire in building 2731.

Coyle Fire Chief Michael Galbraith said the fire was caused by an electrical malfunction in the dishwasher.

"The wiring must have shorted, and I'm sure under the right circumstances it could happen again," Galbraith said.

Langston University is currently working on ways to prevent another malfunction of this magnitude from happening, as well as fix any other problems.

"The vice president of physical affairs, director of housing and the Sodexo manager are looking into the particular issue to see if there is anything they need to rework," said resident director of Scholars Younna Smith. "They will be checking all the units for any potential issues."

The fire caused thick, black smoke to pour out of the third-floor window for several minutes, drawing a large audience

in the process.

Sophomore broadcast journalism major Ronald Diaz is a resident in building 27.

"I was in my bed when I heard knocking on my door and screaming," Diaz said. "I thought someone had died, but when I opened the door, there was a lot of water and smoke. That's when I knew there was a fire. Although it was terrible to see a dorm room on fire, it did bring the community together because everyone wanted to make sure there were no casualties."

Junior public health major Essence Reece is also a resident in building 27, and she thought it was a joke at first until people were saying, "Oh my gosh, your building is on fire!" That's when it became real to her.

Reece was disappointed in the timeliness of the fire department's response.

"It took them so long. How are you Coyle Fire Department, which is five minutes away, but it took y'all 30? It's as if they didn't care about us," Reece said.

Chief Galbraith said the reason why the fire department arrived so late is that Langston University is not under Coyle's jurisdiction. It's under the City of Langston Fire Department's jurisdiction, so Langston should've been the ones to

respond to the report first, but they never did. In result, Coyle Fire Department responded to the call.

When the fire department came, the fire fighters followed protocol and proceeded to hose down the premises. This caused water to seep down through the floors all the way to the first floor.

This damaged some belongings of a few students.

"My makeup, clothes, shoes – some that I haven't even worn – was destroyed by water," Reece said.

The students who received water damage were temporarily moved to The Commons apartments so they could wash their clothes and rest while their rooms were being dried.

As for room 2731, Smith said she presumes it will be fixed and read to live in again by next fall.

Top Right:

This photo shows the aftermath of the dishwasher fire. The appliance had to be completely removed.

Bottom Right:

This photo shows water damage on the ceiling after firefighters hosed down the fire.



Photos by Malcolm Quattlebaum

New SGA representatives prepare to take office

By Nahjee Williams
Staff Writer

Langston University announced the 2018-2019 Student Government Association winners April 26.

The purpose of SGA is to represent the student body in different aspects related to social and organizational activities, academic support and problems students face on campus. SGA has three different positions that are the hierarchy for LU. The positions are president, vice president and activities coordinator.

The purpose of the president's position is to be the spokesperson for the student

"I am honestly grateful for this opportunity to represent the students whose voices are not being heard. It's an honor to represent such an amazing university that I am proud to call my home."

— Jennifer Ho,
SGA president and
junior chemistry & biology major

body and oversee the school policies, events and the communication toward faculty and staff.

The winner for SGA president was Jennifer Ho, junior chemistry and biology major.

"I am honestly grateful for this opportunity to represent the students whose voices are not being heard," Ho said. "It's an honor to represent such an amazing university that I am proud to call my

home."

The vice president is the second-highest ranking spot next to the president. This position fulfills the presidential duties in his/her absence and monitors the student senate. The winner of this position was Tania Davis, junior sociology major. She was the only person to run for this position.

"I plan to strengthen the relationship between students and administrators, increase the rate of student involvement and [prepare] students for life after graduation," Davis said. "The radical evolution of academic leadership is upon us!"

The activities coordinator

is the person who plans and regulates all activities with the university, from Welcome Back week to Homecoming and Spring weeks. The winner of this position was Brandon Jones, junior psychology major. He was the only person to run for this position.

"While I ran unopposed, the feelings of victory are still rampant," Jones said. "I'm elated to serve my university this upcoming year, and I cannot wait to see what the future has in store."

Election day to vote was April 25. The winners were announced during the Spring Week concert. This is the first time that a woman has served as SGA president in 15 years.

LU Graduation 2018

Langston paves way to new journeys

By Destinee McClain
Staff Writer

There's decorated caps, class pictures, spring cleaning and seniors singing in the air—it's graduation time.

Langston University's graduation will be held at 10 a.m., May 12, at the W. E. Anderson Stadium. According to the registrar's office, as of April 24, 341 students will graduate in the spring ceremony.

Each student will start on a new journey, whether they travel overseas, to a new state or they stay right here in Langston. Troy Stoutermire is a graduating agricultural business major, and he will be staying at Langston post-graduation because he was offered a job at

“The first you thing you hear on Langston's campus is failure is not an option, and that saying has helped me and will continue to help me be resilient in difficult situations.”

— Coleton Dudley,
senior English major

the university.

“As a third-generation Langston student, Langston has given my family so much support and opportunity,” Stoutermire said. “I am in the process of being moved to the Office of Admissions as an administrative specialist, and I don't feel bad about giving back to the institution at all.”

For other students, things are a little different. Coleton Dudley is a graduating English major who came from Drumright, which, he said, only had a 2-percent African-American population.

“Langston taught me to get out of my comfort zone,” Dudley said. “I was not used to Langston's culture at first,

but Langston basically put me in situations where I had no choice but to get out (of) my comfort zone. The first thing you hear on Langston's campus is failure is not an option, and that saying has helped me and will continue to help me be resilient in difficult situations.”

Dudley plans to get a master's in English and move to Tulsa.

Just like Dudley, other soon-to-be-graduates are choosing to further their education. Taj Johnson, sociology major, is will attend the University of Central Oklahoma to obtain a master's in sociology.

“I'm thankful to Langston for just being that pedestal for me to grow,” Johnson said. “All the different programs that Langs-

ton's student life had to offer, like my fraternity and the ambassadors program, taught me how to plan events, time management and skills I'll be able to use in professional settings. Because of Langston, I feel optimistic about the next steps.”

For most graduates, the graduation ceremony is a milestone in their lives, and the students eagerly wait for that moment. Joice Crawford, biology major and business management minor, said he knows that the day of graduation is going to be filled with happiness.

“I can't wait for the moment I walk across that stage,” Crawford said. “It's going to feel good, the last time on the yard with everyone. It's going to be memorable”

Graduates discuss feelings, emotions, next steps

By Davanya Hudson
Staff Writer

The time that every college student across the globe looks forward to is here—graduation! The caps and roses are set to become airborne on May 12, as we celebrate Langston University's graduating seniors.

As the seniors prepare for their big day, many are ready for a new chapter, and several discussed their next steps after graduation.

“I'm ready to leave and see what's next for me,” said Ashton Thirlkill, graduating health, physical education and recreation major. “Langston has taught me a lot, and it's been a journey while attending here.”

Thirlkill's next step is to go home to Dallas and attend Parker College of Chiropractic.

Another student, Kyara Little, credits LU for challenging her in different ways.

“Education for service has truly been my main focus during my time here,” said

Little, graduating accounting major. “It's brought the best and worst of experiences but all have worked together to mold me to the person who I am today. I plan to work as a staff accountant for ONEOK in Tulsa, Oklahoma, following graduation.

Eventually, Little said, she wants to start her own business in the financial industry so she can do her part to help transform the world and shape a better economic future.

Senior business administration major Jamorie Mathews plans to attend graduate school.

“I'm excited and nervous at the same time,” Mathews said. “I'm excited to go out in the world and see what God has in store for me after May 12. My next step will be going to the University of Oklahoma, working on my master's and being a grad assistant out there.”

Tamar Brown, accounting major, also plans to attend graduate school.

“I'm sad to leave my Langs-

ton family behind, but I'm excited to see us thrive in our future endeavors,” Brown said. “My plan is to attend New England College, studying forensic accounting while continuing to work and travel the world, one country at a time.”

Other students are simply elated for graduation day.

“I am so excited! I feel as if college was a party of sorts,” said Beautiful-Joy Fields, mathematics major.

“Plans after graduation? To stay good looking, crack corny jokes and continue to and live for Jesus! I will be working at United Airlines as an inventory management analyst at their headquarters in Chicago, Illinois,” Fields said.

Brittney Jones, graduating liberal education major, discussed the different emotions she has about walking across the stage.

“I'm excited, nervous and scared for graduation,” Jones said. “Of my immediate family, I will be the first to complete a bachelor's degree. My next step is moving back to

Texas to work, and within the next year, I plan to attend grad school.”

Graduating senior Rashid Troupe said Langston has given him a very special four years.

“Not finishing was never an option,” Troupe said. “I've always known that I'd graduate from a four-year university, but my experience here at Langston has impacted me

in ways I never knew I could be impacted. Post graduation, I will be teaching biology and physical science at Del City High School, and shortly after that I will continue my education, pursuing an advanced degree in adult education. Ultimately, I want to place myself in a role where I am able to model excellence and assist in the development of the coming generations.”



Students, staff say goodbye to Director of Student Life

By Davanya Hudson
Staff Writer

The students and faculty of Langston University shed a tear as Director of Student Life Terri Link will part ways with us as she furthers her career elsewhere at Ohio State University.

"It is a bittersweet feeling leaving dear Langston," Link said. "Langston has developed and molded me into the young professional that I am today.

"I wouldn't be where I am without the help of my team and, most importantly, the students. The students have seen me grow through the good, bad and the ugly. They never judged me, but they loved me harder. They poured into me, so I poured more into them. I will carry dear Langston in my heart forever," Link said.

Her last day in the Division of Student Affairs will be June



Terri Link

1. "Knowing that Terri Link is leaving Langston really is heartbreaking," said Tayla Smith, senior sociology major. "By becoming the spirit liaison, I got a chance to work with Terri, and by doing so, she really has affected me in a positive way."

Tegen Robinson, assistant director of student life, said she

"Ms. Terri has been super instrumental and impactful since the moment I stepped on Langston's campus. She has guided me, kept things real and honest with me, and has let her actions meet everything her words [have] spoken."

— De'Marreo Felder,
sophomore education major

will dearly miss her friend and coworker.

"For me, it is bittersweet," Robinson said. "I am so happy and proud of her, but I will be missing my best friend, my sister, my partner in crime... sometimes a great mentor, and my boss.

"I pray nothing but blessing and favor for her and her future endeavors. I will truly miss Terri, and I believe the students

will, too," Robinson said.

De'Marreo Felder, a student who has worked closely with Link, expressed how much he will miss her as well, but, he said, he knows she is doing what she needs to.

"My Aunt Terri is leaving Langston University," said Felder, sophomore education major.

"I understand that God has a greater destiny elsewhere. I

am truly so happy for her next journey. I pray peace and protection as she leaves to fulfill her next placement in life. Ms. Terri has been super instrumental and impactful since the moment I stepped on Langston's campus," Felder explained.

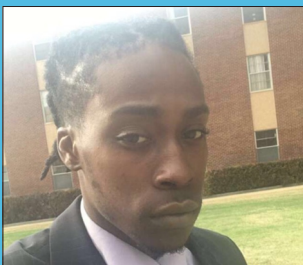
"She has guided me, kept things real and honest with me, and has let her actions meet everything her words [have] spoken," he continued. "Words honestly can't describe the way and emotions I feel to say thank you!

"The hard work and dedication she has for this university stands alone. I love you and definitely will miss you, but I know that God has aligned a great map for you!" Felder said.

The last event under her reign as director of student life will be the "Grad Bash" for the graduating seniors, which will be off campus at the Aloft Hotel in Bricktown.

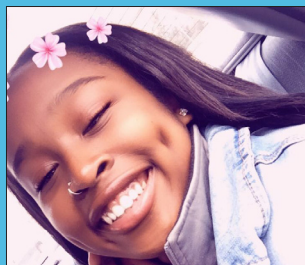
Campus Question

What are your thoughts about Kanye West's recent controversial comments?



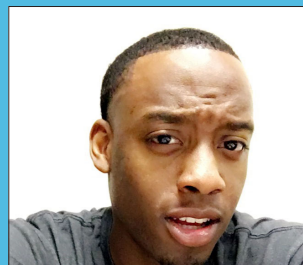
Baldwin Hamilton – Junior
Business Administration Major

"I feel the comments that Kanye West has made recently have been nothing short of irresponsible and untimely. He has no business speaking about this matter, and I feel he is just using them for the press."



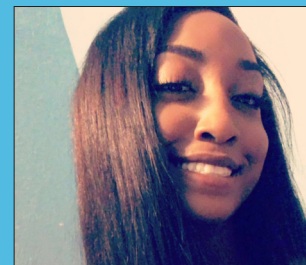
Floydrika Young – Freshman
Elementary Education Major

"The comments that Kanye West has made recently are not mature, and he should consider what he says before making them public to the people."



Davionte Walters – Sophomore
Psychology Major

"My opinion on Kanye West's quote, '400 years of slavery like a choice,' depicts so many questions. I disagree with Kanye because slaves were uneducated, knowing little on how to survive."



Ashlei Simms – Junior
Nursing Major

"I believe Kanye has the right to support whomever he wants. However, to suggest that slavery was a choice is not only discrediting and disrespecting our ancestors, but it's ultimately, accepting the white man's plan of downplaying the actual effects and extent of the oppression we as African-Americans endured and are still enduring."

Black Heritage Center reopens

By Kimberly Thompson
Editor

Out with the old and in with the new. The Melvin B. Tolson Black Heritage Center has made a stunning return.

It originally closed in February 2017 for repairs because of severe water damage to the books and lobby-area floor. It took over a year for the Black Heritage Center to be fixed and reopened because of insurance issues.

The center officially made its grand reopening May 1, freshly painted and newly carpeted. Some students, though, thought it would be closed indefinitely.

"Well, I've always been curious of what's inside since I've been here," said Kamara Heron, sophomore elementary education major. "It was my first semester in the fall, so it's been closed since I've been here..."

When Heron saw the flyer advertising the Black Heritage Center's opening, she was eager to see it. She said that there is really nothing like knowing your past and your roots to help you go further into your future.

Heron, finally being able to see what's inside the center, is excited for the new experience.

"I think I'm going to be coming in here and visiting more often," she said. "I definitely just skimmed be-

"I'm so happy that it's back open so that our people (African-Americans) can learn from our past."

— Sarah Reed,
public service
assistant,
LU libraries

cause there is a lot of stuff I want to look into deeper and definitely crack open some of these books."

Students poured into the Black Heritage Center, with their eyes open wide and mouths gaped in awe as they examined all the artifacts, books and black history the center offers

The Black Heritage Center was established in January 1970. The collection houses more than 7,000 volumes of work and several black newspapers and periodicals, according to the Langston University website. The Black Heritage Center acquires materials concerning the black experience in the United States and abroad to



Photo by Kimberly Thompson

Lavetta Polk, sophomore biology major, takes a moment to look at one of the newest artifacts in the Melvin B. Tolson Black Heritage Center. After being closed for repairs for over a year, the Black Heritage Center reopened May 1.

meet the needs of the students, faculty and staff of LU and provide materials for scholars.

The Black Heritage Center is the national repository for the National Association for the Study and Performance of African and African-American Music (otherwise known as NASPAAM). The center also houses a number

of African artifacts.

"I am excited and energized that the center is reopening," said Christian Fields, senior English major. "It shows that black individuals do have a hunger for our own culture and our own identity."

The students are not the only ones excited about the Black Heritage Center's reopening.

Sarah Reed, public service assistance in the Langston University library system, is excited to see the center opened again.

"I'm so happy that it's back open so that our people (African-Americans) can learn from our past," Reed said.

The Black Heritage Center is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Arts & Sciences hosts 18th annual Research Day

By Tallorial Bonds
Staff Writer

The Langston University School of Arts & Sciences hosted the 18th annual Research Day Symposium on April 27.

The event featured over 30 students from different majors who have gathered information and done experiments that could help solve worldly problems in the future.

Research Day is an opportunity for students to showcase their ideas, presentation skills and their overall knowledge about how their research and experiments can assist the way we live. The award winners won scholarship money from the Noyce Teachers Scholarship

Program.

The day consisted of oral and poster presentations of the students' research. Computer science major and graduating senior Mikal Sanders participated with an oral presentation on heterogeneous robots that could possibly help humans in the near future.

"Technology is always growing, so we need different ways to tackle different problems," Sanders said.

He also said that Research Day is very important to him because it gives him the opportunity to demonstrate the research he has done.

Junior computer science major Christian Fields won a first place award with her presentation over cyber protection.

Fields said that the research was important to her because she never viewed herself as a scientist until she was able to conduct research through different universities. Being able to participate in that research changed her views of herself as a woman and also as a student. Now she looks at herself more like a scientist.

"The ability to be able to present my research and to have it critiqued and be rewarded just positively influences me and helps me feel that this is something I can pursue," Fields explained.

Chairman of the computer science department Ralph Grayson was pleased with the students' presentations.

"I'm really proud of them," Grayson said. "That's what we are for – to make

an impact on young people and their futures. It lets everybody else know that Langston can do above and beyond what anybody else can do."

Christian Fields' sister, Catherine Fields, a senior mathematics major, won a third place award in an oral presentation over money management.

"The Research Day is important because it allows us as students to become knowledgeable of other areas that we may not have known about," Catherine Fields said.

Chairman of the chemistry department Dr. John Coleman is a co-sponsor of Research Day. Coleman said we engage in the research to extend the learning process.

LU student will travel to China to conduct agricultural research

By Tallorial Bonds
Staff Writer

On May 18, one of Langston University's very own students will set out across seas, on her way to study agricultural research in China for two months.

During the summer of 2017, Chairman of the Agriculture & Natural Resources Department Dr. Steve Zeng, along with the president of the university, traveled to China to help build a partnership with three universities in the country.

While there, an interest was developed between Langston and the Shanghai Frontan Animal Health Corp. in Shanghai, China. The corporation was interested enough to collaborate a partnership with Langston.

According to the Bloomberg website, the corporation was

founded in 2004. The business consists of manufacturing bulk organic and inorganic medical chemicals, meaning the business makes, trades and sells organic resources for animal health and nutrition.

The company wasted no time with the partnership. They sent a representative from China to Langston to ensure the procedures went as smoothly as possible for a student from here to go to China.

The process was not a short one, though, because of the paperwork that needed to be completed and filed, such as applying for a Chinese visa and passport.

Zeng said the good thing is that the company is providing the student with a place to live and also paying her for the summer to ensure the safety and living conditions for the student.

This is new for Langston.

Zeng said this is an experiment for Langston and, depending on how the student performs, it will affect whether or not students in the future get the same opportunity.

"We picked one of our top students for this trip simply because the company invests so much in human resources and financial resources," Zeng said. "We, of course, don't want to take the risk of someone jeopardizing the opportunity, so we put a lot of pressure on her."

So, who's the lucky student? That would be Anja Williams, sophomore agricultural business major from Tulsa.

Williams said she felt like as an African-American community, we don't have a high number of representatives in international agriculture, so to be able to start this channel to see if more students can potentially go is amazing.

"My pressure isn't really about the work I will be doing, but just the fact that I'm going to China," Williams said. "I want to make sure that I keep the same drive throughout the whole internship because I will be there for two months."

On top of her having a place to live while she is there, she will be getting paid as an American, which will be more than some of the Chinese researchers who already work at the corporation.



Courtesy Photo

Anja Williams (middle) stands with Dr. Steve Zeng (far left), Dr. Wesley Whittaker (left), Alice Qian (right) and Dr. Kent Smith Jr. (far right). Williams was selected to study abroad in China this summer, which is an opportunity generated from a partnership between Langston University and the Shanghai Frontan Animal Health Corp. in China.

Williams is going on the trip to gain more hands-on experience in her field. She won't necessarily be working on a specific job, but she will be shadowing different people in different areas.

"They are really trying to expose me to different areas of the company, but I will mostly be traveling with the CEO," Williams said.

Williams was also interested in a full-time job offered by the company as well.

"I want to get my master's

in agriculture, so that's kind of a step in the right direction," Williams explained. "So, I wouldn't mind living in China."

This chance for Williams is big. It's the first time a Langston student has been granted the opportunity, especially with her being a young undergraduate. With all this on her plate, stress levels can rise.

"I didn't expect to get it because I am a sophomore," Williams said. "To be a lowerclassman and to have this opportunity to go and basically be an ambassador is one reason I'm stressed out; it's because I have to show what Langston is about."

Williams said she hopes to motivate other students to be in her position. She said she has become motivated by knowing that one doesn't have to be a genius to be given an opportunity like this – all you have to do is put in the time.

Williams is setting the bar for Langston students and will be representing Langston University for the summer in order to build more opportunities for the future.

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Athletes enjoy new track, pits

By Derdrick White
Staff Writer

While a new football field was in the works, Langston University was working on a new track as well.

LU has sent its track athletes to regional competitions several times before, and President Kent Smith Jr. has taken notice.

"When they had the contract, the president said he was trying to do something for me and the track team for all our accomplishments," said track coach James Hilliard. "Actually, it's not a new track, but resurfaced of the old track. The difference is the exchange zones for the 4x100-meter relay are in a different color. We've always had them, but now those who don't understand track can actually see them."

Hilliard is referring to three blue-filled sections of the track. One section is near the south end zone of the football field, another at the northeast corner and the third at the northwest corner.

Freshman biology major and track team member Madyson Saulsberry likes the addition of the colored zones.

"The exchange zones are much easier for us when we do relays, like the 4x100, because if you get out of the exchange zone then obviously you're disqualified," Saulsberry explained. "Before, we would put cones down, be a little hood with it."

Saulsberry went on to say that track at Langston is one of the lesser-acknowledged sports, but with the athletes they were sending to national competitions, it was time for some appreciation from administration.

"It was nice that they recognized we have been doing good," Saulsberry said.

Even with new track covering the old one and distinctive exchange zones, the biggest addition was pits for the long jump and triple jump. Hilliard said the last time Langston had pits to practice on was 20 years ago.

"I've had all-Americans and national champions without a pit," Hilliard said. "It was something that needed to be added for the athletes. It's really a great addition and will be a big benefit to [the athletes] and getting some quality athletes to come here."

Saulsberry added that the jumpers were really excited about the pit, and the only time they would use one was at the track meets.

According to the Langston sports website, since taking the job in 1991, Hilliard has had 54 all-American athletes, eight of them scholars, while collecting 138 all-American honors (71 men and 67 women). He has coached six individual national champions, combining for nine titles and one relay champion. His women's teams have finished in the NAIA top 25 four times and the men's teams six times.



Above:

The new, resurfaced track features vibrant blue exchange zones. The colors help relay runners stay in their lanes when exchanging the baton.

Right:

Track coach James Hilliard (left) rakes the new long jump and triple jump pit for his athletes. The pits are new additions to the resurfaced track. Langston has not had pits to practice on for about 20 years.



Photos by Derdrick White

Football team plays annual spring game

By Jadason Morris
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The Langston Lions football team held the annual spring game April 26, where team white defeated team orange, 100-91. The game was scored using a seven-on-seven point system.

The seven-on-seven point system awarded points to both teams for success in one-on-one drills as well as the offense versus defense sessions.

For the one-on-one drills, the wide receivers and defensive backs for both teams faced off in the end zone. The receivers were awarded points for catching the pass, while the de-

fensive backs were awarded points for intercepting or breaking up the pass.

Both teams alternated these drills along with offense versus defense throughout the scrimmage. Starting center Trevin Carson, one of six returning starters on offense, discussed what he thought the offense did well and what they need to improve.

"We played great," Carson said. "We played fast, we played with great tempo. It wasn't lackadaisical at all. I felt like as an offense, we moved the ball well, and the defense had good spurts as well."

As far as what we need to work on,

we need to work on finishing drives. If you start at the 20-yard line and make it all the way to the red zone, you have to score."

Along with the six returning starters on offense, the Lions have seven returning starters on defense as well. The Lions are looking to improve on a season that saw them go undefeated in the regular season and win the Central States Football League Championship before a first-round playoff loss.

Assistant coach Chace Green discussed what he was most impressed about concerning the team's performance.

"The energy and competitiveness of our players was the biggest thing we got out of the spring game," Green said. "We already know who can play, so just to see our kids compete, that was a good thing."

According to the Langston Sports website, the Lions upcoming season will feature five home games at W.E. Anderson Stadium and five road games, as the Lions will begin their first year in the Sooner Athletic Conference.

The Lions' season kicks off Sept. 8, at home against conference opponent Ottawa University. Kickoff is set for 2 p.m.