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Artists display work in Sanford Hall lobby

By Lauren Smith
Staff Writer

The Sanford Hall lobby walls have had a few changes.

They are now covered with portraits, paintings and drawings, which are a part of the Black Heritage Center's annual art show.

This show displays artwork from Langston University students, faculty, staff and alumni.

Edward Grady, assistant curator and LU instructor, said that during the last four years, he created a way for LU students to display their work through this art show.

He said it features multiple-realism; art relating to real life, landscapes and portraits.

It also displays abstract art; art that one wouldn't normally see on a daily basis, Grady said.

The art show began Oct. 15, and will continue until Nov. 27.

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Photo by Aaron Parker

Langston University student Lauren Grant displays her artwork in this year's Black Heritage Center's art show. The pieces are being displayed in the Sanford Hall lobby until Nov. 27.

LU-Oklahoma City showcases everything campus has to offer

By Ándria Morgan
Staff Writer

Every state has its secrets; one of the best-kept secrets in Oklahoma City is the Langston University Oklahoma City Urban Center.

Thirteen students in the Capstone class at LU-OKC

are hosting a recruiting event, set for 6 p.m., Dec. 3.

The purpose of the event is to display the OKC campus while highlighting the Organizational Leadership degree plan, said Dwight Smith, senior corrections major at LU-OKC and a coordinator for the event.

The event will consist of a brief program displaying what the campus has to offer, tables with information about the different departments, comments from selected officials, refreshments and presentations from students about their experiences at LU.

These students are working hard to get the word out about this event.

Their public relations consultant as well as the students' instructor, Monique Brunner, is helping them reach out to Power

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Student celebrates true meaning of Thanksgiving

As Thanksgiving approaches, most people think of spending quality time with their loved ones, and feasting on amazing food. The real meaning of Thanksgiving is frequently overlooked.

Thanksgiving Day is traditionally a day for families and friends to get together for a special meal.

The meal often includes a turkey, stuffing, potatoes, cranberry sauce, gravy, pumpkin pie and assorted vegetables.

If your family is anything like mine, then your Thanksgiving dinner will include much more than the traditional Thanksgiving foods as well.

Thanksgiving Day is a time for many people to give thanks for what they have.

Thanksgiving is a holiday celebrated in the U.S. on the fourth Thursday of November. It has been an annual tradition since



Simon

1863, when, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens," to be celebrated on Thursday, Nov. 26, and every last Thursday in November thereafter.

As a federal and public holiday in the U.S., Thanksgiving is one of the major holidays of the year.

Together with Christmas and New Year's, Thanksgiving is a part of the broader holiday season.

The legend of Thanksgiving has it that Native Americans and pilgrims gathered sometime between Sept. 21, and Nov. 11, 1621, to celebrate a good harvest season.

The first American Thanksgiving included about 90 members of the Wampanoag tribe and pilgrims, and the feast lasted about three days.

The first Thanksgiving feast consisted of boiled pumpkin, plums, clams, fish, berries, fowl meat and deer meat.

The New England colonists were accustomed to regularly celebrating "thanksgivings," days of prayer thanking God for blessings such as military victory or the end of a drought.

Thanksgiving is so major, most people just think of food, family, décor and most of all, a break from school and work!

They tend to forget that

we wouldn't be celebrating this holiday today if our forefathers did not recognize this day as a special day of giving thanks for our nation's blessings.

When I think of Thanksgiving, I think about the expression of gratitude, most especially to God.

On Thanksgiving Day each year, as a family, Americans give thanks to almighty God for all His blessings and mercies toward us throughout the year.

As we near this Thanksgiving, I challenge everyone to celebrate the true meaning and give thanks, no matter what you traditionally do.

Thanksgiving is a day we should all give an abundance of thanks, for which we have so much to be grateful.

Enjoy your holiday.

Leslie Simon is a senior broadcast journalism major.

Question of the Week

What are you most thankful for this year?



"I am most thankful for my family and my grandmother. I feel very blessed every day."

Christian Carr,
junior biology major



"I am most thankful for being able to attend an HBCU. When I'm here, I feel like everybody is one big family."

Tommy Harris,
junior business major



"I am most thankful for my family, my grandmother and being a member of Kappa Alpha Psi."

Cory Battle,
junior business major



"I am most thankful for my family and just being alive."

Chevis Smith,
senior business major

Compiled By
Aaron Parker

'The Elephant in the Room' Speaker addresses controversial topics

By Landon Gray and Tyler Bowler
Staff Writers

The Rev. Dr. Jamie Washington from Baltimore, Md., visited Langston University to address several controversial topics at his presentation, "The Elephant in the Room," on Nov. 5.

"We have made it; racism is over," Washington said. "Now that we have a black president, all is well. Now we can talk about other things."

Sexual orientation, religion and the Bible were all brought up in the discussion between students and faculty.

"This session is designed to help participants move beyond the surface, politically correct conversation about race to deep, authentic, transformative dia-

logues," Washington said.

In a room filled with a broad demographic of people, the tension began to escalate when Washington brought up sexual preference and the Bible.

Washington said the Bible isn't supposed to be taken literally, but as a guideline for people to make their own decisions.

"My understanding of

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— Kavaris Sims,
graduate student

Christianity is faith, hope and love," Washington said.

When Washington said "the Bible isn't God," people in the room began to look around at one another, and some even got upset.

"I thought he was right about the Bible not being God, but he should have explained that it is God's word," said sophomore wellness major Antiyonia

Watkins.

Shantelle Holmes, junior nursing major, attended the event, and she said his presentation wasn't very specific.

Holmes said she thought he talked in circles when he discussed race at HBCUs and predominantly white institutions, and how it's important.

Though some of the peo-

ple in attendance had some disagreements with Washington, there were others who understood his points.

"I think they agreed with the whole purpose of the event," said LU graduate student Kavaris Sims.

"Some students did get their feather a little ruffled, but at the end of the day, you have to be able to accept people and what they believe in."

LU-OKC

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Jam 1140, "In the LUop," community newspapers, churches, libraries and community agencies in the Oklahoma City area.

"We want to get the word out to listeners and readers that may benefit from a program such as the Reach Higher program that Langston University has to offer," Smith said.

The target audience for this event is adults with prior college credit.

The Langston University Oklahoma City Campus Reach Higher degree completion program is a perfect opportunity to finish a bachelor's degree in an intensive, flexible format that is convenient for Oklahomans who wish to attend school while working and raising a family, according to the university website.

"The Oklahoma City campus is an adult atmosphere," Smith said. "Most of the students go to class straight from working, or (they) work afterwards."

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ART SHOW

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It features pieces such as "Enkore" and "21 Elementz," which were created by LU student Lauren Grant.

Grady has his own pieces displayed as well, including "Alleuia deo Gratias" and "Les Belles Milatraitses."

Local artists and LU

alumni such as Deon Anderson also contributed pieces to the art show.

"Although 2012 was the best year so far, there is no doubt that this will continue to be an annual event," Grady said.

He said that each year this art show has become bigger because more artists have taken advantage of the opportunity to display their work and talent.

Campus gets custom-made benches

By Tyler Bowler
Staff Writer

On your way to class, you've probably noticed the new benches sporadically placed across campus.

Ten of these benches, engraved with the new Langston University lion logo, arrived just in time for homecoming this year.

By the end of the semester, the campus will have about 20 more.

These custom-made lion benches are bringing lions together, said Ruben Oliver, director of physical plant.

LU President Kent Smith Jr. said he would like all students, faculty and staff to enjoy using the benches while interacting with each other.

"Out of nowhere, I see benches all over the yard; I can't wait to experience a nap on them," said Christian Lockley, a sophomore graphic design major.

Oliver said the new benches came from Oklahoma Correctional Industries,

which is a division of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections.

OCI utilizes offender labor, along with salaried supervisors and administrative staff, to provide various products and services to qualified customers throughout the state of Oklahoma, Oliver said.

Ordering the benches through OCI, Oliver said, he took the opportunity to get the university a 300 percent savings.

Each bench would normally cost more than \$800, but LU bought each bench for \$220, Oliver said.

The money came from a campus improvement fund.

Oliver said the benches are not completely done, however. He said they will be mounted to the ground with a concrete foundation.

By the end of the semester, the remaining benches will be in front of the I.W. Young auditorium, by the Student Success Center and several other locations across campus.



Photo by Aaron Parker

New, custom-made benches, engraved with the new Langston University lion logo, are now on campus. Thirty of these new benches will be placed in various places on campus by the end of the fall 2013 semester.

Freshmen approach the end of their first college semester

By Charles Granger
Staff Writer

The Langston University fall 2013 semester is approaching an end, and so is the freshman class' first semester of college.

"It's been a really long and tough semester, especially being a student-athlete," said Eric Jackson, freshman undeclared major.

The semester began Aug. 19, and with only five weeks remaining, the most important part is yet to come.

"Finals are the most important part of the semester; I mean, if you don't pass the final, it's a good chance you'll fail the class," said Dalton Anderson, freshman business major.

The semester isn't just a load for the students; it's also a load for the profes-

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sors.

"I am excited about completing my first semester teaching at Langston," said professor Daun Siegel.

"I have really enjoyed my kinesiology class for its relevance to my athletic training background," Siegel said. "I also taught personal health and had loads of fun with the students."

However, there is a break coming soon.

Thanksgiving holiday break is Nov. 26-28.

"It would feel pretty good to go back to California for Thanksgiving to see my family and friends," said John Finau, freshman sociology major.

The week of finals is Dec. 9-13, and if students don't have a balance with the university, they can pre-enroll for the spring 2014 semester.

Thanksgiving Day Menu



Served in the Langston University Cafeteria
Buffet Style
Lunch, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 26

- Roasted Turkey Breast
- Honey Glazed Ham
- Mashed Potatoes with Turkey Gravy
- Candied Sweet Potatoes
- Green Bean Casserole
- Apple and Sausage Dressing
- Cornbread Dressing
- Fresh Garden Greens with Ranch or Italian
- Ambrosia Salad
- Pasta Salad
- Sweet Potato Pie
- Peach Cobbler
- Banana Pudding
- Cranberry Sauce

Student purifies cancer protein

By Terry Haynes
Staff Writer

With more than 13 students enrolled in an internship program called Research Experiences for Undergraduates, or REU, this past semester, Langston University student Njemile Miro purified a protein that is found in most cancers.

The study was done at Northeastern University in Boston, Mass. Miro was part of the REU program. She studied the structure of a protein, and once she could purify it, the crystals would start to appear.

"This specific study has not been touched," Miro said. "It usually takes people two years just to get the crystals alone."

It took Miro five weeks to get the mutation, and 10 weeks to get the purification.

The purification alone takes three days, and Miro

failed her first one. On the last day, however, she was able to find crystals and X-ray them.

Finding these crystals can essentially help with the research in curing cancers.

Carla Mattos, professor at Northeastern University and one of the program leaders for REU, came to LU to present her research over X-ray crystallography.

Mattos offered the opportunity for students to do research in an academic setting with extensive connections to companies in the Boston area.

"I love to hear what the students are doing," Mattos said.

After hearing Mattos present, Miro had a clear understanding of what her mission was to accomplish next.

Miro had the opportunity to expand her studies, and was able to express her passion through chemistry.

She received a \$5,000 stipend and on-campus housing as part of the program.

Miro spent 10 weeks in the paid summer program.

While there, students conducted research for 35 hours each week in labs. They also spent time in professional development meetings and research seminars, and they gave a final research presentation.

"I encourage other students to participate in the program; it's very beneficial," Miro said.


The REU site program offers interdisciplinary research opportunities in biochemistry, organic, physical and analytical chemistry in laboratories.

The program leaders include Mattos, Pam Mabrouk and Oyinda Oyelaran.

The summer 2014 program dates are June 2 through Aug. 8, and applications are due by March 28, 2014.

Northeastern University
Biological and Chemical Catalysis

Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Summer 2014 Program



The REU site program in the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology at Northeastern University offers interdisciplinary research opportunities in Biochemistry, Organic, Physical and Analytical Chemistry laboratories with an overarching focus on the theme of Catalysis. Students will do research in a vibrant academic setting with extensive connections to companies in the Boston area.

<p>REU Site in Chemistry & Chemical Biology</p> <p>10-Week Paid Summer Research Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5000 Stipend • On-Campus Housing • 35 Hour/Week Research Work in the Lab • Professional Development Meetings • Research Seminars on the theme of Catalysis • Social and Educational Activities • Final Research Presentation <p>Summer 2014 Program Dates: June 2 – August 8 Application Due-Date: Friday, March 28, 2014 Research Locations: Department of Chemistry & Chemical Biology Northeastern University, Boston, MA Program Leaders: Carla Mattos ~ Pam Mabrouk ~ Oyinda Oyelaran</p>	<p>Research Project Examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ras GTPases: signaling proteins in cancer • Understanding the cellular responses to DNA damage • Technology assisted synthesis of heterocycles and bicyclicjugates • Catalytic interfaces for electro-organic transformations • De novo synthesis for medicinal chemistry <p>Contact Information: Carla Mattos 617-373-6166, c.mattos@neu.edu Oyinda Oyelaran 617-373-4494, o.oyelaran@neu.edu Northeastern University 360 Huntington Avenue, 102 Hurrig Hall Boston, MA 02115 www.northeastern.edu/chemistry</p>
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NAACP hosts 'Dorm Meals on a Dime'



Photo by Doristina Moncriste

Breana Johnson (left), vice president of NAACP, presents a cooking demonstration with the help of NAACP member Joseph Fields that shows LU students how to cook reasonably priced meals. This meal is Chicken a la Vodka, an Italian dish. NAACP hosted the event, "Cooking Dorm Meals on a Dime," on Nov. 7, in the Student Success Center.



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Café has new 'Mindful Station'

By Nehemiah Taylor
Staff Writer

Head Chef Dave Cordova has decided to present healthier options in the cafeteria for Langston University students.

The "Mindful Station" features options for those who are managing their diet, and also caters to those who are vegans or vegetarians.

The station is open for lunch and dinner during the weekdays

"We felt like it was the right time with the freshmen to present our new menu," Cordova said. "The menu is fresh and exciting, and we want the Mindful Station to give students something

to look forward to when coming to the café."

Some students are extremely happy about the healthy alternatives.

"This is definitely something good for Langston," said senior Shantelle Holmes. "I would definitely be opened to trying something fresh, new and healthy," she added.

However, other students said this particular menu doesn't fit their tastebuds.

"I'm a meat eater, so I'm definitely not going to be trying any of it any time soon," said sophomore Dayna Davis. "I will just stick to the salad bar when I decide to be healthy."

Although the Mindful

"If students want to live a healthier life, they can't be afraid to try something new. I think we would be doing ourselves and Langston University a disservice if we were not to explore healthier options."

— Dave Cordova,
head chef at LU

Station has had mixed reviews from the students, Cordova said the positive outweighs the negative.

"You're always going to have some negative reaction to change," Cordova said. "A lot of feedback

we do get is the lack of choices. Students want more choices, and we always want to provide students with adequate choices at each station."

Cordova guaranteed that the Mindful Station

will not go anywhere.

"We've had extreme success, and students love the live and fresh taste that the new menu gives," Cordova said. "There are tons of Mindful recipes, and now it's just picking and choosing which ones students will prefer."

Cordova also pointed out that he knows that some students are a little apprehensive to try something new.

"If students want to live a healthier life, they can't be afraid of trying something new," he said.

"I think we would be doing ourselves and Langston University a disservice if we were not to explore healthier options," he said.

KALU 89dot3

Radio station provides quality learning, hands-on experience

By Charles Granger
Staff Writer

Langston University's KALU 89dot3 radio station, as the voice of diversity, has provided education and entertainment for 30 years, and now the station is opening up the air waves even further.

KALU is managed by Kim Flannigan, director, and Andria Morgan, student manager.

Providing shows that cover sports, timeless tracks, blues and director's choice, KALU is an outlet for entertainment and student learning.

"I love putting my personality into the show," said Morgan, junior broadcast journalism major.

As station manager, Morgan has adapted to its pace and learned to do advertisement and informa-

tional spots for the air.

"I like perfecting my voice and sound," Morgan said.

The KALU radio station is preparing to get well-needed upgrades to the equipment because of water damage from the spring 2013 semester.

"I am optimistic that the university will provide everything necessary to allow the radio station to be conducive to teaching and learning," Flannigan said.

The radio station also serves as a place where broadcast journalism majors can get quality practice for careers in their futures.

"I love KALU, as it gives me a chance to perfect my craft by getting the hands-on experience necessary," said Ricky Edwards, senior broadcast journalism

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major.

While those changes are in the works, KALU continues to provide entertainment, music, education and news on air, each week, Sunday-Saturday.

Your on-campus Ad could go somewhere in this publication.

CALL

405-466-3245

for more information.



On the Menu

Tuesday, Oct. 12

Lunch

Chef'S Table:
Asian Vegetable Salad w/seared Tofu

Daily Dish:
Chipotle BBQ Chicken Macaroni & Cheese
Fresh Broccoli

Dinner

Chef'S Table:
Twisted Turkey

Daily Dish:
Hot Italian Meatball Sandwich
Curly French Fries
California Blend Veggies

Wednesday, Oct. 13

Lunch

Chef'S Table:
Roasted Shallot Tomato Coulis

Daily Dish:
Southern Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Corn

Dinner

Chef'S Table:
Bow Tie & Roasted Veggie Salad

Daily Dish:
Old Fashioned Turkey Pot Pie
Steamed Corn
Whole Green Beans

Thursday, Oct. 14

Lunch

Chef'S Table:
Antipasto Salad

Daily Dish:
Chicken Nuggets
Fresh Broccoli
Steamed Corn
French Fried Tator Tots

Dinner

Chef'S Table:
Asian Noodle Stir Fry

Daily Dish:
Arroz Con Pollo
Mexican Side Salad

Friday, Oct. 15

Lunch

Chef'S Table:
Chicken Tagine

Daily Dish:
Golden Fried Catfish
Creamy Macaroni & Cheese
Collard Greens

Dinner

Chef'S Table:
Vegetarian Korean Rice Bowl

Daily Dish:
Taco Bar
Yellow Rice
Baja Black Beans

Breakfast Special

Mondays-Wednesdays-Fridays

**Pancakes
French Toast**

Breakfast Special

Tuesdays-Thursdays

**Omelet
Bar**

Lions one win away from conference title

By Aaron Parker
Editor/Photographer

The Langston University football team won a close game Nov. 9, against Bacone College in Muskogee, edging out a final score of 39-37 in the fourth quarter.

The win marks LU's fifth victory in a row and improves the Lions' overall record to 5-4.

After starting the season 0-4, the Lions are now just one win away from being the 2013 conference champions.

Quarterback Mark Wright Jr. has been playing lights-out over the past few weeks, leading the team in rushing yards and rushing touchdowns, while also throwing for eight more touchdowns to go along



Photo from Langstonsports.com

The Langston University Lions win their fifth game in a row. The Lions defeated Bacone College on Nov. 9, 39-37, and they are undefeated in conference play.

with only three interceptions.

Runningback Kievon Jackson has rushed for two touchdowns this season, but leads the team by averaging a stag-

gering 5.9 yards per rush.

Offensive tackle Aaron Thomas said that this is the best team he has been a part

of since arriving at LU in 2009.

"It took us awhile to find our rhythm at the beginning of the season, but we knew that we had some great players on this team and that we just had to make it all click," Thomas said.

"I feel that if we would have been playing at this level from the very beginning, we could very easily be sitting at 9-0," he said.

The Lions might have started the season 0-4, but the they have turned their season around and are undefeated in conference play.

With one more win at the team's final home against Wayland Baptist University on Nov. 16, the Lions will be crowned conference champi-

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— Aaron Thomas,
offensive tackle

ons once again and earn the championship rings.

LU men's basketball team opens season

By Aaron Parker
Editor/Photographer

The Langston University men's basketball season is underway with expectations for the team skyrocketing.

The team played its first two games last week against top Division II opponents. The Lions suffered a tough loss to open the season against the No.8 ranked Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas, but the Lions fought hard the following game, just losing to Oklahoma City University 73-70 before the final buzzer went off.

Head coach Nigel Thomas said he intentionally picked high-ranking opponents to kick off the season to measure how the team compared to some of the elite teams in the country, and also to have the team playing at a high level early in the season.

"We want that hunger and that attitude right out of the

gates," Thomas said. "Playing some of the tougher schools right away will let us know what level we need to be playing at to compete for a national championsip."

Joel Clarke, junior center from Brooklyn, NY, said he believes that this team has awesome potential to be great.

"Our conditioning is great; we play hard-nose defense, and I feel that we are the team to beat," Clarke said.

"This team went through the toughest offseason training that I've been a part of, and coach made it clear that we are going to be a great defensive team," he said.

Even with a tough start to the season, the teams expectations and goals for this season have not budged.

The Lions will seek their first win of the season Nov. 12, at home against the University for Science and Arts (Oklahoma).

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Chace Green



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Position: Strong Safety

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Developmental Psychology

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