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ESD Club hosts scholarship sessions



Photo by Jonathan McGill

Students fill out a scholarship packet during one of the sessions that the ESD Club hosts. During the sessions, members assist students with filling out

scholarships. The ESD Club holds these sessions every other Thursday from 11 to 11:30 a.m. in Jones Hall, Room 115. The final session is Dec. 4.

Parking tickets leave students apprehensive on where to park

By Austin Terry
Contributing Writer

You're running late for class. You pull into a parking spot and make it to class in the nick of time. But when you return to your vehicle, you find a ticket waiting for you on your windshield.

For students with vehi-

cles, this probably sounds familiar, particularly this fall semester.

Campus police have cracked down on parking rules, and have issued multiple tickets to those who do not have a valid parking decal.

Also, tickets have been issued for people parking in the wrong places on cam-

pus because certain decals are specific to certain parking areas.

The price of tickets range from \$25 to \$50.

Jamie Washington, assistant director of the Business Office, said an unpaid ticket can halt enrollment for students registering for spring 2015. This way, school officials and LU po-

lice can ensure tickets are paid before students return for the spring semester.

"Parking tickets, housing and any other unpaid funds are always posted to students' account," Washington said. "If (tickets are) unpaid, students are unable to pre-enroll or en-

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Thuggin' won't cut it in college

Since when has it become acceptable to act in a thuggish manner while attempting to get an education? Since when is it OK to bring guns and violence to a place where you are given an opportunity to better yourself?

Over the past couple of months there have been plenty of fights, students found with possession of guns and gang-related violence right here at Langston University.

How can you say, "I want a college degree," but refuse to conform to the life of a college student and abide by the rules set at this higher institution, a place set aside for your learning?

Has it become more important to maintain a thuggish mentality than to obtain a college degree? And, is it even possible to be a collegiate thug?

Here at LU you will meet people from many different walks of life. We all have a past and have been through hardships before, but it



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isn't about where you came from—it's where you plan on going.

So many times we are offered an opportunity to have a promising future but tend to let it slip away because we are so focused on holding on to the past.

Our generation has made it important to remain "tough" and maintain a level of respect from others.

But, to a large degree, we have made these things so important that we've become extremely sensitive, and we are just waiting to explode and go from zero to 100 at anyone and every-

one whom we feel has disrespected us.

When we are placed in an educational environment, is this really acceptable? It should be intolerable—our education isn't a right that is owed to us—it's a privilege that's granted to us.

There are people in your life who want you to make the best out of your life and may have worked hard to get you into a college to further your education.

You need to make those people proud. And, if no one else is pushing you to be better, then you should push yourself and become self-motivated.

You cannot earn a degree when you are too busy fighting, skipping class and getting kicked out of school because you want to bring the street mentality to Langston.

If you want to be better, you have to do better. You must set an example for those who are looking up to you as a positive role model.

Someone has made it possible for you to be here, but it is up to you to do what it takes to work hard and accomplish your goals.

Being a thug will only get you so far in life, but being a college graduate will take you to places that you could only imagine as "common street thug."

There is nothing wrong with leaving behind a harsh past and growing into someone who has used their harsh reality to build a better future.

In 1 Corinthians 13:11 it says, "When I was a child, I talked like a child; I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me."

So, let us put away all of those childish things and grow into our full potential here at Langston University. Nobody can make that happen but you.

Andrenique Meigs is a senior broadcast journalism major.

Question of the Week

What are you going to do for your long Thanksgiving break?



"Hopefully we go to the playoff so I won't have a break."

Christian Knowles,
junior HPER major



"I'll be eating food with my girlfriend at her house."

Aaron Gatlin,
senior business management major



"I'll be going home for the break."

Erick Johnson,
sophomore business major



"I plan on going home to Oklahoma City and celebrate my mom's birthday as well."

Jarron Thompson,
sports editor and senior broadcast journalism major

Compiled By
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Oklahoma politicians rally students to 'Rock the Vote'

By Nehemiah Taylor
Editor

According to *US News*, midterm voter turnout has become a constant issue, and the 2014 midterm elections were no different.

Oklahoma politicians spoke with Langston University students on why they should "Rock the Vote" during midterm elections.

Politicians, including Rep. Lee Denney, Rep. Mike Poteet and Langston alumni Sen. Mike Shelton and Rep. Connie Johnson, led the panel discussion, addressing the midterm voter issues as well as conducting last minute campaigning before the polls

opened.

One of the many reasons why people think they don't need to vote during midterm elections is because the Electoral College plays a vital role in electing officials in office.

Rep. Connie Johnson said that this is one of the many lies that have been told to keep people out of the polls.

"Why do we feel like our vote doesn't count?" Johnson asked. "Many times you've been lied to. If you know government, you know the Electoral College only weighs in during the presidential elections," Johnson explained. "So never let anyone mislead you about the Electoral College."

Rep. Mike Poteet said that while on the campaign trail, he was shocked to find out people weren't registered to vote.

"I've always voted and I thought everyone else voted as well," Poteet said. "I've found out on the campaign trail people aren't registered, and I'm disappointed by that. But it is imperative that you vote and let your voice be heard."

In a report by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, research found that Oklahoma has made the deepest cuts to school in the nation since the start of the recession.

In the final part of the panel discussion candidates addressed this issue

and discussed what they would do to allocate funds to increase funding for Oklahoma higher education.

Shelton made it a point to tell students that tuition has increased tremendously in Oklahoma because of Republicans in office.

"Tuition at our higher-eds since the Republicans have taken over in 2004, has gone up 1,000 percent," Shelton said.

Shelton explained that the increase makes it difficult for people who can't afford to pay for higher education.

Shelton also said Republicans are attempting to take money from the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program by lowering the

salary criteria for the scholarship, which is currently set at \$50,000.

"It's already hard for people to get OHLAP, and now, they're trying to make it harder to where people will have to start paying for college out of pocket," Shelton said.

Shelton said that the funding for Langston depends on students voting and electing the right officials who are going to fight for Langston.

"In Oklahoma, it's OU, OSU and everybody else, and that's why your elected official is key to make sure that Langston University is equally important on receiving funding," Shelton said.

Student body meeting addresses crucial topics

By Indy Nelson
Contributing Writer

Chauncey Jackson, director of Enrollment Management, provided students with tips about the benefits of applying early for the Free Application for Federal Application Student Aid (FAFSA) at the student body meeting Nov.

He also encouraged students to apply for two underutilized scholarships, the Continuous Scholarship and the Development Scholarship.

"I want to make sure students utilize all their financial means," Jackson said.

Dr. Natasha Stephens, dean of students, informed students about the spring exemption for housing and/or meal plans. She said the strict deadline to submit documentation is by 5 p.m. Dec. 12. She also instructed students to have accurate documentation.

"The deadline is a hard deadline; there will be no

exceptions," Stephens said.

Stephens also said that students who are unable to leave the first week of winter break have until noon Dec. 14 to clear housing.

If students do not have a bill, they may return as early as Jan. 18, 2015, at noon.

Another topic discussed at the meeting is campus curfew, which is 11 p.m., and it is strictly enforced. But, students are hoping for an open campus 24 hours a day.

"I don't like that (the curfew) limits students," said Demauri Myers, financing and economics major and also the president of the Student Government Association.

"We should be able to exercise our right as an adult with no curfew," Myers said.

Vice President of SGA R.L. Wilson encouraged students to become more involved in Business Tuesdays and Orange and Blue Fridays by getting the word

out to their peers to participate.

Lastly, Timm Taylor, representative of Sodexo management, addressed students' concerns regarding cafeteria deficiencies. Particularly, students mentioned the slow service, rigid rules regarding ID cards

and cleanliness.

"It would be nice to have adequate service such as food handling, workers in clean uniforms and the carpet to be removed," said Janea Robinson, education major. "That way, there is thorough sanitation."

Taylor, however, said the

café is so adamant about students having their ID cards at all times because people take advantage of the system.

"People have been abusing others' ID cards by giving false information and getting in for free," Taylor said.

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roll for next semester," she added.

Students who receive multiple tickets can pay them off one at a time or in full, and they will be removed from the students account as they are paid.

"The parking rules are way too strict for students," said Joseph Gibson, sophomore broadcast journalism major.

These strict parking rules are now leaving students cautious of where they park because they are in

fear of receiving an LU police ticket on their windshield.

"I'm just really careful where I park now," said Ricollis Jones, junior computer science major.

"It's been a few times where I've parked in the wrong spots without realizing it and almost got numerous tickets for it. If not for people letting me know I was in the wrong spot, who knows how many tickets I'd have," Jones added.

Students are not the only ones being affected by the enforcement of the parking rules. Faculty have also

been receiving tickets.

Biology instructor Willie Baker said he thinks that there should be some type of warning system implemented so that both students and faculty can pay more attention to where they park.

If that system was in place and the rules were still broken, Baker said, then he would have a better understanding of why the tickets were being given out at this new rate.

A representative from the LU Police Department was unable to be reached for a statement regarding the enforcement of tickets.

Student leaders finally address concerns about Migos concert

By **Deja McCants**
Contributing Writer

It may have been over a month ago, but Langston University students are still appalled after the highly anticipated Homecoming performance by rap trio Migos fell short of expectations.

The university held an open-campus concert Oct. 15, allowing outside civilians to enter with a \$10 fee. There were people from many surrounding areas who attended the concert.

"People from Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma City, Tulsa and colleges Oklahoma-wide were all in attendance," said Colby Pitts, sophomore graphic design major and member of the Student Activities Board.

Many of Langston's own were unsuccessful at entering the concert because

of the overflow of people. "Crowd control was a major factor," Pitts said. "Eighteen police officers were hired for the night—only four showed up."

Hundreds of people were piled up outside the C.F. Gayles Gymnasium, waiting to enter the concert.

"The scene outside was chaotic," said freshman criminal justice major D'Andre Perry.

"People were pushing, shoving and even passing out," Perry said. "The girl next to me looked like she was having a panic attack because she was claustrophobic. I even witnessed a couple of fights. To me, it was not even worth attending, especially because after standing outside for hours, I still was unable to get in."

Though many students

were unable to enter, some prevailed.

"I got in through the back of the gym," said sophomore criminal justice major Keavin Turner. "The concert itself was great, but the only downfall was that everyone else was not able to join me."

Some students thought the event needed to be more organized.

"(Langston) could have done better at preparing for the projected amount of people coming," said junior criminal justice major Precious Armstrong. "They also needed a larger security presence to maintain control. I was highly disappointed."

Paul Pugh, junior broadcast journalism major and activities coordinator for the Student Government Association, said student leaders had to step in and

act as crowd control due to the lack of police officers at the event.

"Students took on responsibility of managing incidences that occurred," Pugh said.

Despite the events that took place during the Migos concert, there was a second concert the next night with singer Adrian Marcel. Langston students said this one was more successful.

"The second concert we had that week had two separate lines," Pugh said.

Pugh added that in the future, open-campus events such as the Migos concert will not reoccur.

Outside college students will enter through one door, while LU students will enter through another.

Pugh said entry also will be limited to college students only to prevent unnecessary altercations.

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— *Precious Armstrong, junior criminal justice major*

Are you dating a jerk? LU Counseling Center hosts dating seminar

By **Ándria Morgan**
Contributing Writer

Domestic violence awareness month may be over, but the Langston University Counseling Center decided to continue the awareness into November.

Kelly Simpson, senior counselor at Langston University, Julia Aikman, Wings of Hope prevention program coordinator and Brittany Kendrick, student co-facilitator, held a dating seminar Nov. 5.

"The Counseling Center is available to offer support and other services to students," Simpson said.

Aikman, the guest speaker for the seminar, began the seminar explaining the many factors in life that influence expectations and beliefs about

relationships, such as movies, families and music a person listens to.

Kendrick, senior broadcast journalism major, played examples of songs that objectify and degrade women, which could have a direct effect on a person's life or attitude.

The seminar concluded with Aikman describing the different warning signs to look out for in an abusive relationship. She emphasized the meaning of consent: when both people agree to have sex.

"You have this amazing life ahead of you at Langston," Aikman said. "You have the choice when you want to be sexual."

The LU Counseling Center offers various types of services to accommodate students. For more information about these services, call 405-466-3400.

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Three more states legalize marijuana

By **Deja McCants**
Contributing Writer

Three more states—Alaska, Oregon and the District of Columbia—voted in favor of the legalization of marijuana at the midterm elections Nov. 4.

Oregon's new laws allow persons 21 and older to possess, sell and manufacture marijuana, according to CNN.

Alaska's laws are similar to the laws of alcohol. The buyer or seller must be at least 21 years old and must have an ID present at the time of purchase, according to The Marijuana Policy Project.

As approved by voters in The District, adults 21 and over can grow up to six cannabis plants at home, possess up to two ounces

of marijuana for personal use and give up to an ounce away but not sell it.

There are many pros and cons to legalizing marijuana in the state of Oklahoma, according to several Langston University students.

"I think (marijuana) should be legalized because it would bring more money into Oklahoma," said senior psychology major Beatrice Harrod. "It will also lessen the incarceration rate and save Oklahomans lots of money."

Some students think that by legalizing marijuana, individuals would save money as well.

"I believe that if weed becomes legal in Oklahoma, the tax payers will save a lot of money because there will be less people in prison on marijuana charges," said junior

business major Osagie Sesebor.

However, not all students agree with the legalization of marijuana in Oklahoma, whether it saves money or not.

"I don't believe that weed should be legal in Oklahoma because we are a Bible-ridden state," said junior business major Floyd Renfrow. "I also believe that the crime rate would go up. Honestly, I don't believe that weed should be legal in any state."

Though Alaska, Oregon and The District have decided to legalize marijuana, politicians plan to overrule the vote because D.C. is a district, not a state, according to CNN Politics.

Other states that have legalized marijuana are Colorado and Washington state.

"I don't believe that weed should be legal in Oklahoma because we are a Bible-ridden state... Honestly, I don't believe that weed should be legal in any state."

— *Floyd Renfrow,*
junior business major

Money saving tips *Lifestyle of the 'broke college student'*

Special from Oklahoma Society of Certified Accountants

When you're living away from home for the first time, suddenly there are expenses you might not have imagined, which can cause your wallet to be a little on the lean side. With money tight, what do students do when they want something besides cafeteria food?

The Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants offers some great ways to save money on food.

1. It's all about the ID card.

A college ID card can help you score student discounts on a number of restaurants in a college town. Be sure and ask if you aren't sure if there is a discount.

2. Refrigerators and microwaves are your friend.

If you don't have your own, it could be a good investment since

you'll use them a lot. You could go in with your roommates or suitemates and share the cost.

If you live in the dorm and purchasing isn't an option, it would be a great way to meet your neighbors by asking to use theirs.

3. Host a get-together at your place.

Have a potluck meal and have friends bring some food. Make it a theme night and possibly watch a movie or even break out some games.

4. Don't fear the coupons.

Newspapers often have coupons on Sundays. They can also be found online at various coupon sites.

5. Say "yes" to deal-of-the-day sites.

There are a plethora of sites such as Groupon, LivingSocial and Amazon Local that offer deals in limited quantities that can help you save big,

The only downside is to pay attention to the fine print.

6. Check weekly ads.

Help your dollar go further by checking out weekly grocery sales in the newspaper. Most stores have new specials that begin on Wednesdays. Also, don't be afraid to comparison shop for the best deal.

7. Go ahead, bulk up your cabinets.

If you have the room, then buying some items in bulk is a great way to save money. However, be mindful of any perishable food items with a quick expiration date.

8. Get social with restaurants.

Social media sites are a great way to hear about deals. Like or follow your favorite restaurants. Often restaurants will post specials for their social media fans. You can also sign up with your favorite restaurants to get deals delivered to your email ad-

dress.

9. Attend campus and community events.

Keep a watch out for school or community events that will have free food. It's a win-win. You can learn something, meet new people and get a bite to eat.

10. Watch out for the costly fourth meal.

It's late at night and it might be tempting to run to the drive-thru or order a pizza. Keep snacks at your place so you'll be less tempted to pick up the phone or run out for food.

Food costs can be a budget buster, but it doesn't have to be if you take the time to do a little planning and budgeting.

For more college money tips, visit <http://www.KnowWhatCounts.org>, or <http://www.FeedthePig.org>. You can also follow @KnowWhatCounts or @FeedThePig on Twitter.

Death-with-Dignity Act sparks controversy

By Paul Pugh
Contributing Writer

Dying on a person's own terms is not something that he or she can control, but the Death-with-Dignity Act has made this possible.

According to the website, <http://deathtowithdignity.org>, Oregon, Washington and Vermont Death-with Dignity-laws allow mentally capable, terminally ill adult state residents to request and receive a prescription medication to accelerate their death.

This is one of many end-of-life care options available in Oregon, Washington and Vermont.

Oregon voters approved this law in 1994 and confirmed their support in 1997. The Oregon Death-with-Dignity Act went into effect in 1997.

The Death-with-Dignity Act has recently received national attention because of Brittany Maynard, a 29-year-old who shared with millions of people via social media her decision to end her life after moving to Oregon to take advantage of the state's doctor-assisted suicide law.

Maynard was diagnosed with a stage-four malignant brain tumor. She legally killed herself with lethal medication prescribed under the Oregon Death-with-Dignity Act on

Nov. 1, in her Portland home, surrounded by family and friends.

Maynard posted a YouTube video Oct. 6 that explained her diagnosis and how she planned to die.

"I plan to be surrounded by my immediate family," she said in the video.

Maynard's death has brought new eyes to the death-with-dignity movement. Though the act has been in place since 1997, the recent age of social media has made unspoken issues more relevant.

"I found out about her story on Twitter," said Joshua Howard, senior psychology major. "A lot of people were using the hashtag #RIPBrittanyMaynard; I immediately did my research and found out about the Brittany Maynard story."

Barbara Coombs Lee, co-author of Oregon's death-with-dignity law and president of Compassion and Choices, highlighted the importance of Maynard's age in this national conversation.

As of December 2013, about 750 people had taken their own lives in Oregon, with only six of the patients being under the age of 35 and the remainder about 71 years old.

"I never would have thought that someone so young could go through

"Just imagine if someone took their life too soon. It has been plenty of cases where the doctor said someone would only live up to six months, and people end up living many years..."

— Colby Pitts,
sophomore drafting and
design major

something so painful," said Sabrina Gonzales, sophomore psychology major. "You usually hear of these stories happening to old people."

The topic of death-with-dignity has ignited a discussion with everyone from doctors to advocates.

According to a poll on <http://www.debate.org>, 77 percent of people surveyed agreed that this option should be legalized, while

23 percent disagreed and said it's wrong.

Most people who disagreed with the option based their opinion on religious beliefs. Those who agreed believe that people should not be forced to suffer if they do not have to.

"I respect the right for terminally ill people to have the right to die on their own terms, but it just seems a little strange to me," said Colby Pitts, sophomore drafting and design major.

"Just imagine if someone took their life too soon. It has been plenty of cases where the doctor said someone would only live up to six months and people end up living many years past what the doctors diagnosed," Pitts said.

An organization called Compassion and Choices joined Maynard to start a fund to encourage advocacy for this choice.

They started a website called The Brittany Maynard Fund to expand the death-with-dignity option to all, according to the site.

Compassion and Choices is the largest organization working to improve care and expand choice at the end of life. The organization is working to get more states involved with the idea of death with dignity.

English-Speech-Debate Club initiates campus recycling

By Dhiana Brame
Reporter

There are many reasons why it's important to recycle and compost as much as possible. Making new products out of recycled material reduces the need to consume precious resources.

"I feel like any school, high school, middle school, elementary to college, needs [recycling]. It's a good thing to promote," said freshman English major Gabriel Hopkins, who is the president of the English-Speech-Debate Club.

Hopkins has come to the conclusion that it is time to enforce recycling at Langston University.

The ESD Club has taken the necessary steps to ensure

that recycling bins are in the main buildings on campus.

"We have a couple bins in the SSC, one in the library, just all over campus," Hopkins said.

Soon, the club members hope to possibly have at least one or more recycle bins in every building on campus.

These bins will be collected by ESD Club members every Friday and taken to Stillwater's main recycling facility by the club's adviser, Andre Love, English instructor.

"It's just such a waste when people don't recycle," Hopkins said.

"What happens is, they'll end up distributing this paper and they'll just go out and throw trash to the landfills," he said.

"It's a waste of space because every time they get all the trash they end up having to bury it. They don't burn it or anything; they just bury it so it just takes up extra space. So, overall, it's just better to recycle," Hopkins said.

The ESD Club has plans to host different seminars and workshops to help get more students involved. The biggest project the club members are working on is the Campus Clean-Up Day.

ESD Club meetings are at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Thursdays in Jones Hall, Room 115. All students are welcomed to join this group on its mission to promote recycling. If interested, students are not required to be a part of the ESD Club.

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Students play for cash prize at 2014 L.U.C.K. tournament

By **Ándria Morgan**
Contributing Writer

Many people have said, "Langston is an institution for the students." This idea was the start of the annual Langston University Court Kings (L.U.C.K.) Tournament.

This year the Office of Student Life held its second annual tournament. Kavaris Sims, regional area coordinator and a 2013 graduate of LU, implemented this tournament for the students. This year four teams of eight players competed for a cash prize of \$320.

Students of Nicole Been in the HPER and sports management department refereed the games for an out-of-class experience.

After six games, the undefeated "Money Team" walked away with the trophy and cash prize. Jonathan McGill, junior broadcast journalism major, coached the winning team.

"It was awesome to put the team together at the last minute but still not lose any games," McGill said. "None of the games were very challenging."

Like most basketball games, players disagreed with the calls made by the referees. With tempers high and money on the line, physical altercations were inevitable.

"If you go to the multi between 6 and 8 p.m. you'd see the level of competition," Sims said. "They really love basketball, and they all want

to win the grand prize."

The tournament was established in fall 2013 during Sims' graduate assistantship for the Office of Student Life. His job was to implement fitness and recreation programs for the students.

Sims approached students to get an idea of the programs they wanted to have. This is the second year for the tournament, and Sims has treated each one as a learning experience.

Next semester, he plans to have another L.U.C.K. tournament and a flag football game. He plans to re-evaluate the rules and, hopefully, hiring professional referees. Sims also hopes to have a female basketball tournament in the spring as well.



Photo by **Ándria Morgan**

The orange team and green team play in the first round of the L.U.C.K. tournament.

Lady Lions off to winning 2014 season



Photos by **Jonathan McGill**

Top: Head Coach Cheryl Miller gives her team a pep talk during a home game this season. The Lady Lions were 4-0 when this publication went to press.

Left: Senior guard/forward Lynette Holmes brings the ball down the court during the home game against Lindenwood-Belleville. The Lady Lions defeated the Belleville Lynx, 78-42.

Basketball team has high hopes in new head coach, new players

By Jarron Thompson
Sports Editor

When it comes to athletics at Langston University, football is the "King of Beasts." Now, a new-looking Lions men's basketball team is seeking to join the ranks of the elite at LU.

The Lions have suffered losing seasons on the court in recent years, but the additions of an intense, first-year head coach and highly touted recruits have the Lions standing at 1-0, and they are eager to net a winning season after a 71-61 victory over Southwestern Christian.

Sharpshooting junior guard Karon Abraham led the way, scoring 18 points and was complimented nicely by junior Curtis Jones, who put in several key buckets.

Jones said that he "sees a big change in the program," and is optimistic about the Lions' future under Head Coach Stan Holt.

"He's a stand-up guy, and he really cares about his players and students," Jones said. "For him, it's more than just basketball."

Jones is a transfer student from Manhattan College in New York. The experience he gained playing there may be the spark for which the Lions have been waiting.

Jones hopes to turn things around with the help of key returning players Renard Green, Landon Gray and Donald Denasto.

Denasto said that even though Coach Holt is in his first year at Langston, he has the team on the right track.

"He's a cool coach. He seems to have everything together," Denasto said. "I can see that he's definitely making improvements."

The sophomore forward/center has been working diligently in preparation for the grueling season, and he said he is ready to see how well he will "fit in" to the system this year.

The Lions continued their quest for a title when they defeated Oklahoma City University on Nov. 18 in Oklahoma City.

They are now 2-0, and will next travel to Alamosa, Colorado, to take on Adams State.



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Karon Abraham (middle) is a new recruit for the Lions this season. He is pictured with Head Coach Stan Holt (left) and Athletic Director Mike Garrett.

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Angel Council



Sport: Softball

Position: 2nd Base & Short Stop

Major: Biology

Favorite Food: Mexican Food

What Motivates Me: Coach's

Peptalks

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**Congrats, to our
Lions football team for
making the playoffs!**

GOOD LUCK

as you take on

Grandview University

in Iowa on Nov. 22!