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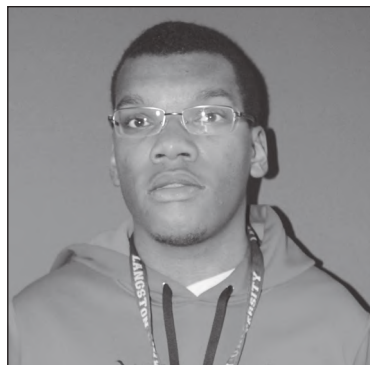
# Student discusses birth of Black History Month

February is known as Black History month, but when did it begin?

According to the History.com website, Black History Month started in about 1915, half a century after the 13th Amendment abolished slavery in the U.S.

Later that September, Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jess E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by black Americans and other people of African descent. It is now known as the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History, according to the History.com website.

The group sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide



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with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

The NAACP was founded on Feb. 12, 1909, to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the birth of President Lincoln, according to the History.com website.

Decades later, mayors of cities across the country began yearly proclamations, recognizing Negro History week. In the late 1960s, thanks in part to the Civil

Rights Movement and a growing awareness of black identity, Negro History week had evolved into Black History Month on many college campuses.

President Gerald R. Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history," according to the History.com website.

Since 1976, every president has designated February as Black History Month. Many students across campus have different views on what Black History Month means to them.

"Black History means a lot to me every year," said Lemarcus Lott, junior biology major. "It allows me to learn something new about my

history and culture of being an African American."

Some of the important contributors to Black History Month and equality for all include Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his "I Have a Dream" speech, Rosa Parks and her Montgomery bus boycott and George Washington Carver and his research on the peanut.

Other students take pride in celebrating their heritage and roots for this special month.

"Black History Month is a time for African Americans to reflect on where they came from," said Aneesha Moore, freshman HPER major. "It means a lot to me because I take a lot of pride in being an African-American female. I love how we come together in union with one another."

*Michael Watts is a junior broadcast journalism major.*

## Campus Question

Who is someone you consider to be an important person in black history?



Dr. Marsha Herron — Assistant Professor, Chair of Elementary & Special Education

"One person who is important to me... is actually more of a local hero by the name of Wayne Dempsey. Mr. Dempsey, even as a teenager, understood the value of education and equality. Mr. Dempsey is widely regarded in Oklahoma City as a man who fought on many fronts for equality and justice."



Paul Pugh — Senior Broadcast Journalism Major

"Gordan Parks because he was a revolutionary photographer and his career is something that I would love to live up to."



Dr. Ernet Barnett — Assistant Professor of Elementary & Special Education

"The South African activist and former president Nelson Mandela helped bring an end to apartheid and has been a global advocate for human rights. A member of the African National Congress Party beginning in the 1940s, he was a leader of both peaceful protests and armed resistance against the white minority's oppressive regime in a racially divided South Africa."

## Tour for Diversity in Medicine Doctors, dentists visit Langston-OKC

By Brittnei Logan  
Staff Writer

Twenty-eight states and 34 college campuses—the Tour for Diversity in Medicine (T4D) has met with over 300,000 students—and Langston University was lucky to be one of those 34 colleges.

According to the Tour for Diversity website, the tour strives to educate, inspire and cultivate future physicians and dentists of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds by forming local connections in order to fulfill a national need.

Langston's biology students, ranging from freshmen to graduating seniors, traveled to the Langston University-Oklahoma City campus Feb. 10, to learn more about the steps it takes to further their career within their specific majors and more.

"The Tour for Diversity was one of the best experiences I've had during my time here at Langston," said Rashad Hall, senior biology major.

"Seeing all the black physicians really motivated me to continue chasing my dream, to obtain a doctorate of dental surgery and open my own practice as a dentist, serving under-privileged communities," Hall said.

The speakers of the day were of all different ethnicities. There were African-American doctors and dentists as well as Latino/Hispanic physicians.

The T4D's co-founders Dr. Aldren Landry and Dr. Kameron Matthews, along with their team of mentors, introduced themselves to the students and kept their attention with insightful information.

"I was impressed by how much enthusiasm, love and passion everyone had for their careers and the things that they were presenting," said sophomore biology

major Ashley Michalski.

Throughout the day, the mentors alternated speaking about various topics, including the logistics and planning for applying to medical and dental school, test-taking preparation and skills and ways to receive financial aid for medical or dental school.

T4D also provided an example passage question from the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) and allowed students to answer the question and then critiqued students on the best way to analyze and answer.

"Getting to see some practice test examples for medical school inspired me to want to learn and retain as much as possible in regards to the knowledge base surrounding my major," Michalski said.

Though the day seemed to be filled with plenty of informative topics, each mentor mentioned a personal story of inspiration, trial and tribulation or accomplishment to encourage the students to fight for the specialty in their desired career.

"What stuck out to me the most were the stories that included failure or a paradigm shift. There were a few stories of people failing the MCAT multiple times and prevailing in the end," said Rashid Troupe, senior biology major.

"There was also a man who started out as a teacher but decided to follow the doctoral path. It shows me that it is never too late and that it is possible if you're willing to work at it," Troupe said.

These stories kept the students engaged and allowed them to relate to the T4D mentors more on a personal level.

"We hope to work with the program organizers to bring this exciting program back to Langston University," said Associate Profes-



Photos by Brittnei Logan

### Top:

A group of Langston University biology students and Dr. Clarence Hedge, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences (far left), intently listen to one of the doctors (far right, front) at the Tour for Diversity in Medicine.

### Right:

An LU biology student (right), speaks with one of the doctors at the Tour for Diversity in Medicine. Langston University students traveled to LU-OKC on Feb. 10, to learn how to obtain a career in the medical profession.



sor and Chair of LU Department of Biology Dr. Byron Quinn.

"The students were excited and highly thankful that the Tour for Diversity program came to Langston University," Quinn said.

Overall, the T4D was an opportunity for motivation as well as networking for the different types of specialties in the students' careers after

graduation. There were also exhibitors at the tour, such as the U.S. Army, Pharmacy is Right for Me and College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Hall said that this tour was a great opportunity for networking and there were

a great number of vendors, which provided information on their particular programs.

Hall said some of those programs sparked his interest, particularly the U.S. Army.



# Second time's a charm, too Maya Jackson wins Miss Langston

By Kimberly McKnight  
Editor

Everyone deserves a second chance, and Maya Jackson got hers during the 70th Miss Langston University Pageant on Feb. 11.

Jackson competed last year in the 69th pageant, where she placed third and was second attendant to Miss Langston. Jackson had won every phase of competition last year, but this year, she won every phase and earned the crown.

"The moment was very surreal. Even after winning every category, I still was not certain if I won or not because I won every category last year and still ended up in third place," Jackson said. "So, I was ready for any of the other girls to be crowned."

This time around, Jackson went into this pageant with a different way of thinking.

"I had to get myself in the mindset of working, and when I say working, I mean working for it, working on things that I was lacking in, and for me, it was my interview," Jackson said.

In Jackson's previous pageants she competed to her best ability and hoped for the best, but after losing three times, Jackson said, she had to switch gears.

Jackson said her least enjoyable parts of the pageant were interview and onstage

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— Maya Jackson,  
Miss Langston 2016

question.

"I learned to love them both. I had my little sisters do mock interviews with me over winter break. I would be in my room for hours, reading and doing some self-reflection," Jackson said.

Although Jackson won that night, she had doubts about competing again and potentially losing.

"At first I was not going to run. I kept beating myself up as being the 'runner-up chick,' but I kept getting asked and I finally decided, hey, why not, you only live once," Jackson said.

Jackson's purpose for doing the pageant a second time around was not all about winning the crown.

"It was about showcasing my persistence and ambition and taking a stab at a chance to represent Langston, which has a huge place in my heart," she said.

Former and present students are thrilled that Jackson is the newly crowned Miss Langston University.

"Maya was dedicated and determined to try again, and she succeeded," said Langston alumna, Cami Little. "So, I'm very excited for her. I do believe Maya will represent Langston University well. She is very poised, not easily stirred, so I know she will be a great representation and fulfill the roll beautifully."

Jackson plans to implement her platform "Dream Fit," but aside from that she plans to be a mentor and lead by example.

"I feel Maya will have an amazing reign as Miss Langston," said Chloe Evans, junior business management major. "She is very spontaneous, and I feel she will go above and beyond to fulfill her position."

Jackson said there is more to her crown than sitting high and pretty on the throne.

"I am more than ready and excited to put in the work and to represent my Dear Langston to the best of my ability," she said.



Photo by Zhana Davis

Maya Jackson walks across the stage after winning the crown at the 70th Annual Miss Langston University Pageant. Jackson earned the title Feb. 11, where she competed against four other ladies.

## Contestants prepare for Miss Fashionetta, Mr. Ivy League

By Kimberly Thompson  
Staff Writer

Lights, camera, action... It's Miss Fashionetta and Mr. Ivy League.

The purpose of the Miss Fashionetta and Mr. Ivy League pageant is for young women and young men to be a part of the pageant to implement a plat-

form, hold a title on campus and also be a role model to anyone on campus, said Keirra Cain, senior health administrative major.

To participate in this year's Miss Fashionetta/Mr. Ivy League, a candidate must have a minimum 2.5 GPA and pay a contestant's fee of \$250.

Candidates also must at-

tend a majority of the practices for the pageant.

"I chose to participate in Miss Fashionetta because it was something different," said Mary Boyles, freshman nursing major. "I'm really shy, so I thought this could help me, and I wanted to make new friends."

The winners of Miss Fashionetta and Mr. Ivy League

will receive a \$500 scholarship at the end of their reign after they complete their platforms.

This year's pageant is at 7:08 p.m., March 29, in the I.W. Young Auditorium.



## Eugene Buckman wins Mr. Langston



Photo by Paul Pugh

Eugene Buckman (middle) makes his debut as Mr. Langston during the 33rd Annual Pageant on Feb. 18.

# New beginnings

## Alum steps into head coaching job

By Marcus Garlington  
Associate Editor

To introduce Langston University to Quinton Morgan would be a waste of time. He's not new to this campus, and anyone who's involved themselves with Langston athletics in the past 10 years should recognize his face.

It's been a long road from the Lincoln Manner neighborhood of Kenner, Louisiana, to Dear Langston for 34-year-old Head Football Coach Quinton Morgan. At Bonnable High School, he excelled in both baseball and football, and just like every other high school athlete, he dreamed of a major league contract in either sport with baseball taking preference.

His pro-ball deal would most likely follow a successful NCAA Division I baseball stint at Southern University, where he began his collegiate athletic career. But then, life happened. Morgan tore his rotator cuff and just like that, his baseball dreams, both collegiate and professional, were over.

Morgan transferred to Jackson State University on a football scholarship where he met Greg Johnson, who at the time of Morgan's transfer in 2003, was the defensive coordinator for the Jackson State Tigers. In 2004, Johnson accepted the head coaching position at Langston University.

"I left Jackson State with him and came to Langston and played for him in 2004, 2005. In 2005, we won the championship," Morgan said.

Following the team's victory, Morgan celebrated a victory of his own – graduation. Following his bachelor's degree in health, physical education and recreation, he obtained his master's in urban education from Langston University as well, all while playing arena football – two years for the San Angelo Stampede and one with

the Iowa Barnstormers. As a graduate student and professional athlete, Morgan noted that he declined NFL tryouts while he was pursuing his graduate degree.

"[Education is] very, very important. To be honest with you," Morgan goes on in his distinguishable Louisiana accent, "every kid has that dream to make it to the NFL, but it's literally 1 percent that actually [do]. So for the ones that have that dream, they have to have something to fall back upon...and that's the most important thing: making sure they have that nice security blanket if dreams and aspirations don't come true."

In 2008, upon the completion of his master's, Morgan admits that his life was "all over." He worked as a grad assistant coach at Langston during the summer and fall while pursuing his grad degree, but once the arena football season started in the early spring, he left Langston's campus to live in San Angelo and then Des Moines during the season.

"I didn't know exactly which avenue I should take. I was looking for stability, y'know," unable to shed his Louisiana colloquialisms. "And this is where the educational [component] came into play. On one hand, you have the desire to fulfill this dream...and you're working towards it, but at the same time, you see yourself getting older, and reality has to sink in. I'm just fortunate that I was able to realize that early enough to take advantage of all the other skills and training I've acquired over the years." Morgan mentioned that "coaching runs in [his] family" and was always a viable option, but he candidly admitted that his focus was elsewhere. Fortunately, for the Dear Langston family, his transition into an official coaching position did not take long.

In 2011, Morgan was

named the head softball coach and recalls the only difference is handling 100 men, as opposed to 25 women.

"But the techniques to get them motivated are the same. I push their bodies to the limit. We're up at 5:30 every morning, every day throughout the week. We push them into the cafeteria to eat breakfast, and that prepares them for their day, academically," Morgan said. If you can't tell by now, academics are kind of his thing. So much so that before I could finish the question, "What goals did you set upon acceptance of this pos-?" He blurted out, "Academics! Academics..." he interjected. "Study hall. I put together an academic plan because my philosophy is: 'You've gotta use football, don't let football use you.' Don't come here, bang up your body, tearing ACLs and messing up joints, then leave with no degree."

It's a deal-breaking attribute he requires in potential recruits. "Academic kids tend to make the least mistakes on the field. If he's not having problems with his trigonometry and physical science, the X's and O's should come easily," he said.

"As for things I'm looking to bring out of my team right now.... accountability... more camaraderie... more discipline... Those three things are the big difference between a win and a loss," Morgan said. He continued by adding, "I can't say that I've had a 'big challenge' because I've got a great supporting cast and good kids. The transition was really simple. They believe in me, and that's usually the biggest challenge as a head coach... getting kids that you didn't recruit to believe in you... but these kids know me, and they've seen what I've done."

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# Students visit Oklahoma capitol to advocate for higher education

By Maya Jackson  
Staff Writer

The Oklahoma State Capitol hosted its annual Higher Education Day on Feb. 17.

Students, faculty and representatives gathered to voice concerns and listen about the future of education in Oklahoma. Some speakers included Gov. Mary Fallin, Gen. Tony Stickland and Lt. Gov. Todd Lamb.

"Higher Education Day allows students and representatives of our college and university campuses an opportunity to meet with their legislators and make the case that higher education is the best investment that they can make in Oklahoma's future," said Chancellor Glen D. Johnson in a press release from Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

"Our state system of higher education remains committed to increasing our college degree and certificate attainment, which strengthens our state's economy," Johnson said.

As most universities and K-12 schools know, funding from education has dropped tremendously, and Langston University is one of many Oklahoma schools that will experience the blow of over a quarter of a million dollars in budget cuts.

The cuts are coming from a proposed revenue failure in the state, and it was decided that more money had to be pulled from somewhere, and in this case, a majority is being pulled from education.

"It's a tough year ahead of us, but I know our state representatives will do the best they can and remain laser-focused to the key of our future—the students," Stickland said.

Gov. Fallin, who has been scrutinized for her policies, said that "we can't just print money like the government does...we have to make some tough decisions." She



Courtesy Photo

Beautiful Joy Fields stands with State Regents Chairman Gen. Toney Stricklin (left) and Chancellor Glen D. Johnson (right).

also noted the importance of graduating on time so that the workforce can employ more workers.

A repetitive statement made by representatives in hopes of keeping Oklahoma's workforce and economy afloat was a charge for students to stay in Oklahoma after they graduate.

"When you finish your degree, please do not leave! Use your skillsets here!" Lamb said.

Junior mathematics major Beautiful-Joy Fields was one of three LU students who were granted the opportunity to speak on their school's behalf at the capitol.

Fields was given a standing ovation after she spoke on how education has impacted her family and life for the better, giving her opportunities to travel, meet new people and even save a

whale.

"I feel that budget cuts have placed all of higher education in a bad situation due to our dependence [on state funding]," said Shaquille Anderson, Langston

University student body president. Fields and other Langston University students visited the Oklahoma capitol for Higher Education Day on Feb. 17.

University student body president.

"As far as Beautiful Joy's speech, she did a phenomenal job," Anderson said. "She represented not only Langs-

ton University but also the students and higher education as a whole wonderfully, and I was glad Langston University was able to deliver such a powerful speech."

## Correction:

In the last issue, Feb. 11, *the Gazette* stated in the article about breaks during the winter vacation that a 911 app would be ready to download in two-three weeks.

However, according to President Smith's office administrators, the app is still in the developmental stages with the company that is providing the app, and they are unsure of the exact completion date.

## Basketball Homecoming

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The Langston University athletic department invites all current and former student-athletes, current students, faculty, staff, coaches and athletic personnel to this year's basketball homecoming on Friday, February 26, and Saturday, February 27.



# Three San Francisco men die in car crash during Super Bowl

By Zhana Davis  
Staff Writer

Three friends who attended the NFL Experience died after they ran from police and crashed.

The NFL Experience is a theme park operated by the National Football League during the week of the Super Bowl. It is a combination of interactive attractions and special events.

According to ABC 7 News in San Francisco, three people inside a vehicle led California Highway Patrol (CHP) officers on a brief pursuit Feb. 6,

dying after their car struck a taxi and caught fire in the San Francisco South of Market neighborhood.

South of Market is a relatively large neighborhood in San Francisco, which is located just south of Market Street and contains several sub-neighborhoods, including South Beach, Mission Bay and Rincon Hill.

The CHP said an officer first spotted the white Chevy sedan doing donuts near Fifth and Bryant streets. That officer followed them, but the car sped off, blowing through red lights.

"Our officer determined that the continuation of that enforcement stop or pursuit, if you will, was too dangerous due to roadway conditions, traffic conditions. And so, he discontinued the pursuit," CHP Officer Vu Williams told ABC 7 News.

The medical examiner was only able to identify one person so far, who is 23-year-old Pittsburg resident Roland Zanie. The other two bodies remain unidentified. Zanie's stepmother said she's in shock and keeps expecting him to walk through the door.

Friends of the victims took

flowers, balloons and teddy bears to the accident site.

"Regardless of if the Super Bowl was in California or another state, accidents happen every day," Latissa Smith said.

Smith is a 42-year-old resident of Vallejo, California.

"These young adults get too excited when we have nice, memorable events out in the Bay Area for the fact that we don't really have much for the kids to do," Smith said. "The young boys that died in that car accident made a mistake that [cost] them their [lives].

We have to make smart decisions, definitely, when we do have huge events like the Super Bowl in California, knowing that people are expecting for our young folks to mess it up for everyone."

According to the San Jose Mercury News, "The CHP is committed to thoroughly and professionally investigating this incident," CHP Commander Christopher Sherry said in a statement Feb. 7. "I want to offer my sincere condolences to the involved families of the three young men... This tragedy has deeply affected all of us at the CHP."

## Beyoncé's halftime performance sparks controversy

By Jessica Joseph  
Staff Writer

Beyoncé's halftime performance during Super Bowl 50 on Feb. 7, sparked criticism leading into an "Anti-Beyoncé Rally" at NFL headquarters, located in New York City.

On Feb. 6, Beyoncé premiered her new single and music video, "Formation," a real ode to African-American culture. The song features lyrics, such as "I like my baby's hair with baby hair and afros, I like my negro nose with Jackson Five nostrils," harmonizing over marching band cadences, which holds a special place in black culture because of historically black colleges.

Visuals also include a sinking New Orleans Police Department squad car, alluding to Hurricane Katrina, which devastated the most impoverished urban parts of New Orleans more than any other area, and many think that because of this, government agency responses and relief efforts were slower than usual.

"It's an outrageous act on the U.S. police," said Rudy Giuliani, former New York City mayor and former presidential hopeful, on Fox11 News.



Photo from <https://www.nj.com>

Beyoncé performs at halftime during Super Bowl 50 with her backup dancers.

Michelle Malkin, senior editor of the Conservative Review, tweeted in criticism, "Cuz nothing brings us all together like @Beyoncé shaking her ass & shouting 'Negro' repeatedly."

While the video showed graffiti with the words "Stop Shooting Us," Beyoncé's performance during the 50th Super Bowl featured costumes where a Black Panther Party motif was evident.

Formed in 1966, the Black Panther Party for Self Defense was one of the largest black revolutionary groups, famous

for taking up guns in defense against police brutality, opposing Martin Luther King's non-violence approach, according to the Socialist Alternative website.

"It's a big step for Bey, and I applaud her for her courage," said Imani Miller, junior broadcast journalism major. "The video is empowering coming from a popular artist like herself."

Because of her music video and performance during the Super Bowl, protesters had a rally Feb. 16, at the NFL headquarters, according to the

Event Brite website. On the site, it reads, "Do you agree that the Black Panthers was/is a hate group which should not be glorified?... Let's tell the NFL we don't want hate speech & racism at the Super Bowl ever again!"

However, on the day of the rally, there were none to protest Beyoncé. There were actually about a dozen present at the NFL headquarters in support of Beyoncé and the Black Lives Matter movement.

According to KTLA, The National Sheriffs' Association blamed Beyoncé's "anti-police entertainment" performance for four officer deaths the week of the performance.

Law enforcement agencies across the country are hoping to punish Beyoncé by boycotting her Formation World Tour, which sold out in a matter of days. In light of this, the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam, offered his support and security for her tour, calling her "my sweet sister Beyoncé," and saying, "You not going to offer her police protection? But the [Fruit of Islam, the security branch of his organization] will," according to the CNN website.

That is to be speculated because Beyoncé has never pub-

licly condoned or encouraged the instigation of violence against law enforcement. She did shout out Red Lobster, citing it as a reward for her husband for adequate sexual performance in the lyrics of "Formation," and the seafood chain was happy to announce a 33 percent increase in sales the day after the video was released, according to USA Today.

According to the Huffington Post, Beyoncé has silently donated over \$7 million to the homeless in Houston, which is her hometown. According to CNN, Beyoncé and her husband, Jay Z, have also spent "tens of thousands" to bail out arrested Black Lives Matter demonstrators in Ferguson and Baltimore and are using \$1.5 million of Tidal's revenues to donate to the cause as well because they both co-own the streaming service.

These symbols of black empowerment do not sit well with legislators and law enforcement, but it'll take a little bit more than some angry conservatives to dethrone this decade's most influential entertainer, who is unmistakably, unapologetically and to the disappointment of many, black.

# Athletics launch new website

By James Ford  
Staff Writer

A new website for Langston University athletics launched at noon Feb. 9.

After being out of date for some time, LU decided it was time for change. The new website, <http://www.langstonsports.com>, now has current pictures of some athletes from each sport, as well as the coaches. There are

now brief descriptions about what is happening in the season of each sport and the full roster for each team is listed as well.

"We were experiencing technical difficulties with the athletic pages attached to Langston University's website," said Donnita Rogers, Langston University athletic director.

"We needed a site that was more athletic-friendly that

could handle the type of information that we wanted available to the public and that offered more features utilizing modern technology," Rogers said.

Some LU students and athletes are happy about the upgrade.

"I feel like it is a lot more organized," said Ebony Lawrence, sophomore biology major. "I can now see the latest stories on every sport and

the most upcoming events for the Langston Lions."

However, not all LU students are completely satisfied with the site.

"I feel as if the entire team should be known on the website," said Tara Howard, track team member and junior accounting major.

She said there should be more "individual pictures" for the events, but that other than that, she is "happy and

excited that they updated the website."

This isn't the first change at Langston University, and there are more to come.

"We currently have pages that are in the process of being designed for our cheerleaders, student-athletic training staff, SASS Langston University Hall of Fame Members, Langston All-Americans and Letterman Club Members," Rogers said.

## MORGAN

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On the biggest challenge facing the team, and not just for him, Morgan said, "Our biggest challenge is each one of our opponents. And that is because... we want to get everyone's best game... we have to be prepared because our ultimate goal is a national championship — but we have to focus on one game at a time."

Morgan feels like his team members have met their accountability quota but admits that he works diligently to ensure academic success for his players by organizing study halls, conferring with professors and Misty Wakefield, who oversees peer tutoring, and monitoring progress reports.

In five years, Morgan sees LU football's "retention/graduation rate up, overall team GPA rising and continuing of the legacy that we have."

Regarding that legacy, Morgan said, "The legacy of Langston Football..." he paused briefly, but continued, "Hard work is the company of success, and when it comes to Langston University Football and its legacy, every team that has won a championship here has put in hard work. Without the hard work, there can't be success."

Morgan is also aware of rumors that surround the Langston Athletic Department, but he was confident in his belief that the department is currently more



Photo from <https://www.langstonsports.com>

Head Football Coach Quinton Morgan holds the Black Wall Street Classic trophy in the air after Langston defeated Texas College.

stable than it's been previously.

"We have an athletic director that knows Langston... she's a great fit for Langston, as well as our president who backs us 100 percent. As far as rumors... you'll always have the naysayers. Let those on the outside remain on the outside. But pay attention to what happens inside: the achievements of our players and our team's victories," Morgan said. "It's not about me. It's about the kids."

Please note that at the same time that Morgan accepted his first full-time football head coaching position, he and his wife, Ashley, were also preparing for their first child, Addison Jade Morgan, who was born earlier in February.

He chuckled when he admitted that championships

and degrees are a "whole different ball game" and explained why he wore a black hoodie with matching sweats to this interview saying, "This is newborn daddy time."

"It's an experience! Very fun. Now, that's my biggest challenge right there, but coaching has given me knowledge about recognizing when I'm being too hard on someone. You tend to be a little harder with your own," he said, "but everyone thinks she'll have me wrapped around her little finger," he added reluctantly.

I immediately asked him, "Are they right?"

"Probably so," he admitted, smiling.

His biggest adjustment has been "not using [his] football voice in the house." While the team thinks Baby

## LU outscores University of Southwest

By Perry Smith  
Reporter

The Langston University men's basketball team defeated University of Southwest, 102-76, Feb. 23.

Langston played aggressively and had a steady offense throughout the entire game, outscoring Southwest in the first half, 51-39, and in the second half, 51-37.

Langston passed the ball efficiently, getting 24 team assists for the game; Southwest had 12 team assists.

Langston had four players off the bench who scored in double figures. Langston guard Myles Elgin was the game-high scorer, making nine of 11 from the field, scoring 22 points and grabbing seven rebounds.

Southwest guard Jim Coleman was second in

scoring with 20 points.

"The team's main focus was to stay aggressive and keep up the defensive pressure," Elgin said.

Langston guard Antonio Arnold hit four of six three-pointers, scoring 12 points and getting two steals. Guard Renard Green had 11 points, three assists and one steal. Forward Jeremy Wilson scored 10 points and grabbed nine rebounds.

"We are currently in position of a first-round bye," Assistant Coach Trey Hendon said. "If we take care of business at home, we will keep our place at second."

Langston is 13-3, sitting at second place in the Red River Athletic conference and 21-6 overall in NAIA Division I. University of Southwest is in seventh place at 5-11 in RRAC. Langston has two games left in the regular season.

Addison might, "soften him up," Morgan had no comment, saying, "I can't say she won't... I don't want to contradict myself." But he does believe that having a child will improve his coaching technique.

"She's helping me with patience and understand-

ing, which can really make the difference in how you affect a person's life."

Morgan assures that with a football in one hand and a diaper bag in the other, he's ready to tackle future seasons with an even better record than the previous one at 7-3.