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# Talib Kweli inspires LU students through powerful words, message

By Marcus Garlington  
Associate Editor

It's not every day that a hip-hop heavyweight makes his presence known in the 405, but Feb. 23, must not have been any ordinary day. Talib Kweli blessed Langston University with an intimate "fireside chat" about his life, love of his culture and the struggles he has experienced and witnessed on the front lines of the #BlackLivesMatter movement that began with a dramatic call to arms at Harry Belafonte's house.

Kweli, a Brooklyn native, described the faithful night that ignited his most recent fire and led him to protest in Ferguson, hand-in-hand with members of a community that was devastated by the confusing and infuriating murder of Michael Brown in August 2014 by Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson.

"I work so hard, and I like to enjoy the fruits of my labor, but I could not allow myself to become so comfortable that I no longer could relate to the struggles of the everyday people. How could I voice my mind about the struggle if I was no longer on the front line?" Kweli thought aloud.

He recounted the night Harry Belafonte summoned him and many other recognizable names to designer Kenneth Cole's New York apartment. Among those present were Kweli himself, Dave Chappelle, Chuck D, Rosario Dawson and even Jamie Foxx via Skype.

Kweli remembers that night so vividly; the night Harry Belafonte chronicled his own life and conversations he'd had with Malcolm X and Martin Luther King. This was the legendary Mr. Belafonte passing the torch.

He was attempting to give those in attendance a blueprint on how to be more active, telling them how the movement "needed to be younger and not based around celebrities." The grassroots movement would be the way to go; real people affecting real people, not so-called "activists" speaking through their Twitter and Facebook accounts.

Kweli said this millennial age faces such a complex set of obstacles that you have to expect very early in order to be able to avoid them. Because he was the son of two professional educators, he admitted that at a young age, he understood he "was built into a system that was designed for [him] to perish."

But Kweli felt it was his duty to "[use] art to show black lives are valuable, black lives matter]" in order to combat crises like the school-

to-prison pipeline, for-profit prison infrastructures and, of course, the worst kind of police brutality, like the kind that took Michael Brown's and Trayvon Martin's life.

"Not only did I see myself in Trayvon, I saw my son, Amani," Kweli said.

He went on to acknowledge the three women who were inspired by Trayvon's murder and their "revolutionary idea that black lives were just as valuable as everyone else's and that courts, police and media are a part of an unjust system aimed at killing and arresting people of color for profit."

This (Twitter) is where the #BlackLivesMatter hashtag was born and was used to address "racist policing, mass incarceration and subsequent dismissal of black death by the mainstream

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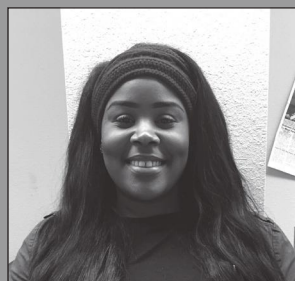
## Campus Question

What is your dream destination or vacation for Spring Break?



Tre Spears — Freshman  
Psychology Major

"Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, because it's really beautiful, it's by the beach and the sunsets there are fantastic."



Danielle Watson — Sophomore  
Broadcast Journalism Major

"My dream location for Spring Break would have to be Jamaica because I just really need time to myself to just breathe and relax."



Chris Smith — Junior  
Corrections & Criminal Justice Major

"Miami. It's the place that everyone wants to go. Although it's expensive, everyone wants to go have fun there. All the beaches, palm trees, nice weather — I think that'd be a great place to go."

# Health Administration Club looks for larger membership

By Kimberly McKnight  
Editor

The Department of Health Administration is enhancing the Health Administration Club this semester.

"The health administration [career field] is ranked no. 4 in the country for careers," said Kiyah Washington, president of the Health Administration Club.

The club's current membership is at 15, and that number includes a mixture of juniors and seniors who are studying within that major.

"The club was put into place for students who are either interested in the major or possibly looking for information and students who are just health administration majors," said Lacy Stewart, activities coordinator.

Because the club's number of active members is limited,

"Health administration is not known on campus, [and] most students believe it's either physical therapy or nursing. Health administration is really just a bridge to get into the business side of health."

— Lacy Stewart,  
activities coordinator

the executive board members are pushing to gain more students to join the club, hoping to recruit anyone from freshmen to seniors.

"I want to have a seminar for freshman and sophomores to tell them what the major exactly is and give them insight on the career opportunities that this major has," Washington said.

Washington said that some students may be confused about what health administration "really is."

"Health administration is not known on campus, [and] most students believe that it's either physical therapy or nursing," Stewart said. "Health administration is really just a bridge to get into the business side of health."

Stewart said that within this major, students graduate with better job opportunities and more money.

The goal of their upcoming seminar will be to enlighten the freshmen and sophomores, and to give them guidance on the difference from physical therapy, nursing and health administration.

"We are just trying to make sure that we are reaching out to students who want to find a major but they don't know exactly what their major will be," Stewart said.

The club has previously been split between juniors and seniors, but the executive board would like it to be one big organization that will include all classifications.

"We just [want to] help to build a bigger program and give more knowledge to people about health administration," said Brittnea Davis,

vice president.

Their ultimate goal for the club is to set up a mentoring program that will give advice and guidance for students, so they can prepare for the classes in which they should be enrolled.

"We've hit hardships where it's been classes that [we] should've taken or that we attempted to get in, and if it wasn't for us sticking together or for Dr. Khiwa, we probably would have been in a worse position," Stewart said. "So, we don't want to get any new students and have them go through the same thing if we can prevent it."

Students who would like to join the Health Administration Club can go to the Allied Health Building and speak with Dr. Edward Khiwa. He will give one of the chair members the student's contact information.

# Students remember historical figures through Sketches of Black History public speaking event

By Kimberly Thompson  
Staff Writer

In honor of Black History month, Women of Purpose presented Sketches of Black History, featuring the advanced public speaking class, on Feb. 24.

The program was opened with a poem titled "Black Boy" by Jennifer Falu.

Each student in the advanced public speaking class chose a person or persons that have overcome obstacles, whether it was regarding racial diversity or stories of black power.

Chantrell Fields, senior psychology major, recited a written word titled "My Great Pastor."

"I chose my pastor because he is a great man of God, plus he is an edu-

cated black male that overcame all the odds that was put against him," Fields said, "being born into poverty, and now, having thousands of people follow him as we all follow Jesus."

Many decades ago, the month of February was dedicated as a time of remembrance for the African Americans who paved the way or made a difference across the world.

"I do believe the Sketches of Black History is important," said Doristina Moncriffe, administrative assistant for the School of Arts and Science. "I believe that we are getting away from learning some of our history and being able to discuss it and present it to other people."

Maya Jackson, junior, broadcast journalism major, recited Tupac Shakur's "A Rose that Grew from Concrete."

"Did you hear about the rose that grew from a crack in the concrete? Proving nature's laws wrong, it learned how to walk without havin' feet," wrote Tupac Shakur, which is part of the excerpt that Jackson recited.

Tupac Shakur wrote music about the struggles of black people in the hood, making him a rap hero to some.

"I instantly thought about Tupac," Jackson said. "He should be recognized because he had a huge influence on me because I could relate to what he rapped about."



Photo by Kimberly McKnight

The advanced public speaking class, taught by Lonnie Johnson Jr., performs at Sketches of Black History. During the event, members of the class gave speeches about important and influential people in African-American history.



# LU bands present 'Pops' concert

By Brittini Logan  
Staff Writer

With the winter season coming to an end, the Langston University concert and jazz bands welcomed the spring season with a "pop" of culture.

The Langston University Department of Music presented its first Langston "Pops" concert March 2. Students, faculty and family members attended the event to enjoy the sounds from the LU contemporary ensemble as well as some classical sounds from the LU concert band.

"The initial purpose for the Langston Pops is to bring attention and awareness to the other music ensembles we have at Langston University," said LU Marching Pride Band Director and Music Instructor Lonnie Easter Jr. "Most people associate the band with The Marching Pride; however, we have ensembles that exist beyond that."

Easter said most of the student population isn't used to sitting through full concert band performances or jazz concerts. So, by choosing popular music to perform for the first concert of the semester, he hoped students could hear something they recognized and

enjoy the concert, as well as find an appreciation for the work the band students put in outside the Marching Band.

From the classical Star Wars main theme song to the soothing, yet funky sounds of jazz and R&B, both the concert band and contemporary ensemble put on a performance that showcased the many talents of LU students.

"We have a lot of different cultures, a lot of different backgrounds of people who understand music," said Leon Christian, senior music education major. "Music is a universal language. It doesn't matter where you come from or what you do, music is music, and as long as you have the love and passion, you will always be able to adapt and relate with other people."

As the students connected with the audience through music, the amount of audience members seemed to concern some students who did attend the concert.

"The Langston Pops concert was nice, but we could have had more support from our student body," said Teresa Asberry, senior public health major.

With the lack of physical advertisement for the



Photo by Brittini Logan

The Langston University band presents its "Pop" concert. The jazz band and concert band performed pop culture music March 2, for the first spring 2016 concert.

concert, not many students knew about the event.

Christian said the concert was announced and promoted on social media; however, he said LU students tend to have a mindset of, "If I don't see it, I don't read it."

Christian said if there would have been more information posted on campus besides just on social media, there might have

been a better turnout.

On the other hand, the students who performed had nothing but hard work and dedication as their motivation to put on a good show. The concert band has about 40 instrumentalists, and the contemporary music ensemble has eight instrumentalists.

"I believe the students were excited as well as nervous," Easter said. "They

have put a lot of work into preparing the music and want it to be seen as a viable form of art and expression."

With an event that expressed multiple talents through the diversity of sound, the music department plans to perform a more "traditional" concert later in the spring semester, incorporating the choir into that concert as well.

## Philosophy Club helps to stimulate minds

By Kentre' Holt  
Reporter

A revived club that is increasing in members, with 40 people who have an interest in philosophy, is at the cutting edge of grasping the knowledge and truth.

"The purpose of the Langston University Philosophy Club is to create a space for members of the Langston community to read and discuss philosophical texts in an effort to further their understanding of a number of philosophers and philosophical ideas," said Dr. Ricco Wright, assistant professor of math-

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assistant professor of mathematics

ematics.

Wright said that what the club largely examine things that deal with justice, morality, ethics and existentialism.

This growing club was created by Wright for students

who are fascinated with the idea of philosophy and want to know more about philosophers.

Wright said he created the LU Philosophy Club because many students expressed

interest in philosophy after he gave guest-lectures in Dr. Steiben's ethics course and in Dr. Karpov's world literature course in fall 2014.

"These students were intrigued by the ideas and thoughts of philosophers, such as Plato, Socrates and Kant, as well as 2Pac, Biggie Smalls and Nas," Wright said.

The Philosophy Club usually meets once a month to discuss everything they've been assigned to read. However, meeting times vary, depending on when the members finish the assigned readings.

Shaquille Anderson, senior business management major,

said he joined the Philosophy Club because he enjoys learning the historical side of philosophy.

"I'm very interested in how philosophical concepts and theories are still relevant today," Anderson said.

Wright said that during the meetings, the members discuss a handful of questions as people share their answers, and others weigh in at their leisure.

"The club discussions are always edifying and fun, and members always give thought-provoking commentaries on the texts," Wright said.



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media.”

As the MC carried on with his speech, he addressed the hashtag #AllLivesMatter, which he described as the “most hyper-privileged, entitled way to put how you feel above people’s lives. Of course all lives matter, but all lives aren’t treated like they matter... and this is something that’s been proven historically and statistically time and time again.”

Kweli also explained that #BlackLivesMatter is not a call for supremacy, but

a passionate, non-violent rallying cry for equality. He also explained why the hashtag #BlackLivesMatterToo was rejected, even though people felt it to be less offensive.

“If you have to add ‘too’ or ‘also,’ you probably didn’t care in the first place,” Kweli said. “It’s painfully obvious that white lives matter, and saying ‘black lives matter, too,’ is overstating this obvious fact and accepting the perception that [black] lives matter less to begin with.”

On the subject of police, Kweli shared that they are human, and as such, are prone to error, deceit and

outright failure.

“The job of police is to protect the status quo, always,” Kweli said, explaining how easily those in uniform might be swayed to abandon the oath they took upon graduating police academy.

Kweli’s point was that if those in power and in possession of a badge are human and can cause such discord, we, as equally powerful human beings, can stand up to that corrupted power. “Activists must go beyond hashtags and retweets,” he said.

In reference to the Ferguson Revolution to some, and Riots to others: “It wasn’t

started by a group of activists, but average Ferguson residents who knew the world before Mike Brown was impossible to go back to. They positioned themselves on the front line. [To] actually [change] policy, flesh on the ground needs to be involved.”

So that’s what he did. In the wake of Mike Brown’s death, Kweli reached Ferguson days after the story broke that relayed the sketchy circumstances of his untimely death. He admitted that he thought going to jail was the worst possible outcome, but that was a consequence he was prepared to face. He never anticipated that after police appeared in Mike Brown’s neighborhood in their riot gear that he would have “ended up on [his] back, with a rifle in [his] chest.”

While Kweli denied that the Ferguson incident should be called a “riot,” as police in riot gear were present in Ferguson soon after his death, long before any so-called “riots” broke out, he did add that “rioting is the language of the unheard,” and he was going to do all he could to bring attention to the citizens of Ferguson and their concerns. He felt as though the cameras pres-

ent in Ferguson did just as much of a bad job representing the true sentiments of Ferguson’s citizens and sensationalized the violent crowds, burning buildings and tear gas.

Kweli said no one was there to defend the citizens or listen to them, just order their dispersion. Police were ready to oppose the citizens they swore to protect and the prosecutors and district attorney were not going to be in a hurry to indict the officers with whom they’ve work so closely for years.

In conclusion, Kweli added these compelling words regarding peace: “The moderate, who is more devoted to order than to justice, who prefers negative peace, which is the absence of tension, instead of positive peace which is presence of justice, must be no more. We cannot wait for a more convenient future.”

Students who listened to Kweli speak were in awe of his inspirational words.

“I think it was empowering on the highest degree seeing a man from our community humble himself and speak knowledge to our campus,” said Ukai Hunter, senior psychology major. “This was an inspiration—period.”

## Moniaoluwa Otubaga wins Miss Black Langston crown



Courtesy Photo

Sophomore Moniaoluwa Otubaga stands proudly with Langston University President Kent Smith Jr. after she won the Miss Black Langston crown. The annual Miss Black Langston Pageant was held Feb. 25, in the I.W. Young Auditorium.

## Women of Purpose raises the 'dough'



Photo by Brittini Logan

Women of Purpose sells Krispy Kreme donuts to fellow LU students in the SSC as part of a fundraiser.



# KKK protest turns into blood bath

By Maya Jackson  
Staff Writer

In an age where discrimination, racism and prejudice still run rampant, it's no news to see how a Ku Klux Klan protest quickly turned into an almost fatal blood bath.

On Feb. 27, violence broke out as Ku Klux Klan demonstrators and counter-protestors fought in Anaheim, California.

The brawl broke out around noon, just an hour before the protest was scheduled to start.

A total of five people were hurt. Three of the five injuries were stab wounds, and a total of 15 people were arrested, according to the *LA Times*.

This "walking protest" was to be led by William Quigg, leader of the Loyal White Knights in California and other Western states, which is a section of the hate group that protests illegal immigration, terrorism and street crime.

The counter-protestors rallied at the park before the hate group arrived. Witnesses said protestors swarmed the Klan

as soon as they stepped out of their vans. Police showed up minutes after the brawl started.

Brian Levin, director of Cal State San Bernardino's Center for the study of Hate and Extremism, was standing near the fight when it broke out.

"I think the police response saved their lives," Levin said. "They would have been torn limb from limb," he told the *Huffington Post*.

The Klan members responded to the attacks with "self-defense" motives, stabbing two

of the protestors with the ornate end of a flag pole and another with a pocket knife.

Quigg said that he does not think they are better than any other race; they are just "different."

"This is a white Christian nation, and we get all these illegal aliens coming over here selling drugs, getting on welfare, having more babies to get more money, then sending that money back to Mexico, not putting back into the U.S. economy," Quigg said in video recorded by a bystander.

"But, if they are here legally and working, I have respect for that," Quigg said.

The violence caused from the KKK protest sparked reaction from people across the country, including the Langston University campus.

"I think it could've been dealt with in a better way," said Langston University sophomore Anthony James. "It didn't have to be violent, but the fact that it did turn violent shows that we need some serious change, and we're not playing."

## School of Agriculture uses drone technology

By Indy Nelson  
Staff Writer

The Department of Agriculture and Applied Science has introduced drone technology to explore red cedar vegetation control.

The department currently is conducting a research project using goats to control red cedar, which is the only green vegetation in the winter.

However, on March 7, the drone project was introduced at "Ag Day," demonstrating its features and techniques.

"We want people to understand that agriculture isn't about farming; it's a science as well," said Vernon Jones, associate dean of agriculture and applied science.

Langston's agricultural science is utilizing drones in various ways instead of doing a foot search and foot count for animals.

Drone technology has been growing explosively in the field of agriculture, although almost all application is related to crops.

This is an application used to measure vegetation, specifically red cedar, which is the most invasive tree problem in Oklahoma and the Eastern

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Marcio White, geographical information systems operator and professor, said they are utilizing drones to collect data. The types of data can be photographs, GPS coordinates, locations, video and audio. The benefit is that it's efficient for its cost.

Drones allow data to be found at a lower cost versus hiring a helicopter for millions of dollars. The goat research department is using the technology to see the effects goats will have from red cedar over a three-year period.

Red cedar is a weed, and farmers would like to eradicate these weeds from their fields because they are damaging equipment and taking up space of the crops.

The effects will be viewed from photographs

taken by the drones within a 20-acre area where goats will be placed, testing if the goats will eat the seeds or not.

The project begins with a mission planner, a software program where you can create a polygon and grid upon the project area, which captures the area photographs, creating a 2-D and 3-D model with elevations.

According to MIT, cheap drones with advanced sensors and imaging capabilities are giving farmers new ways to increase yields and reduce crop damage.

Periodically, over the years, the drone will take photographs every three to six months to compare the sets of data. The purpose is to see the reduction of the cedar trees to avoid herbicides or burns.

## Alpha Speak Out teaches students values of opinions

By Dayna Davis  
Staff Writer

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. gave Langston University students the opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns on topics that are usually ignored because of the severity of the issue during Alpha Speak Out on Feb. 17.

"The purpose of [Alpha Speak Out] is to allow people to begin thinking about these different issues, getting people to think about the other perspective," said Dr. Ricco Wright, assistant professor of mathematics.

In the beginning of the event, students were asked to write down their four principles of life. The room was then divided into four sections: strongly agree, agree, strongly disagree and disagree. After every scenario the host presented, students went to the side of the room they agreed upon. After deciding on whether they agreed with the scenario or not, and to what degree, the host would then ask if their decision aligned with their four principles of life.

"As the co-host, along with Shaquille Anderson, our objective [was] to come up with thought-provoking questions," Wright said, "questions that would interest the students and allow them to think about things they haven't yet thought about."

The event helped students learn how to use active listening and critical thinking skills. After engaging with one another, the students learned the importance of having different perspectives and being able to respect others' opinions, even if those opinions are different from their own.

"I think Alpha Speak Out is beneficial to students because it gives them a chance to listen and understand the way that other people think," said Maya Jackson, junior broadcast journalism major. "It's a platform to expand the minds of those who may feel other peoples' thoughts and actions are parallel to theirs, when in reality we're all different."

## College Finance 101

# Five ways to save money on spring break

Special from Oklahoma Society of CPAs

If you're one of the many college students with growing loans, a part-time job and a full class load, planning a spring break trip might seem impossible.

However, an early and organized plan can help expand your travel options without breaking your budget. The Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants offers these five tips to plan a trip without skimping on quality.

### 1. Book a staycation.

Not all vacations require a day's worth of traveling. In fact, you would probably be surprised to learn how many sites you haven't seen in your own state or city.

Many people tend to dismiss local destinations because they figure the oppor-



tunity to visit will always be present.

Try visiting a local museum, national park, lake, sporting event or restaurant you have never been to. Your favorite destination could be right under your nose.

### 2. Drive to your destination.

Unless you purchase an airline ticket well in advance, flying to your spring break destination could break your budget.

As gas prices continue to lower, driving is your cheapest option, especially with other passengers split-

ting the cost.

### 3. Use discount travel services.

Discount travel services—such as Airbnb, Groupon Getaways and Kayak—offer a wide range of transit and boarding packages.

However, if you plan on getting the best deal on these sites, you will want to make sure you start researching and comparing prices at least six months before your trip, so start planning for fall break.

### 4. Beware of too good to be true deals.

Not all cheap deals are worth buying, or even safe for that matter. Make sure any travel agency or online booking company is legitimate.

Also, check user reviews online. Disgruntled customers are usually the first to voice their opinions. Once

you have carefully read through any contracts that need to be signed, use a credit card to complete the transaction.

This way, scammers do not have access to all of your banking information if hacked.

### 5. Save year round to splurge a little more.

If the trip you had in mind is a little more expensive than expected, don't fret. Like all budget goals, it can be achieved with a well thought out plan and determination.

If you need some guidance, there are hundreds of travel blogs and weekly savings plans on Pinterest.

For more college money tips, visit [www.KnowWhatCounts.org](http://www.KnowWhatCounts.org), like Know What Counts on Facebook, and follow Know What Counts on Twitter.

## Zeta Phi Beta reactivates Stork's Nest in Langston

Special from Stork's Nest

The March of Dimes and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., Beta Phi Zeta Chapter, recently reactivated the Stork's Nest prenatal program in Logan County.

Stork's Nest is a collaborative, community-based program between the March of Dimes and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. that encourages pregnant women to receive early and regular prenatal care to help them have a healthy pregnancy and a healthy baby.

The public is invited to attend the official ribbon-cutting and Grand Opening Celebration for Stork's Nest, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on April 16, at the Salters Chapel AME Church in Langston.

"Stork's Nest is based on a culture of women helping women by focusing on communities with the greatest need to improve birth outcomes and reduce perinatal

disparities," said Kamisha Busby, Midwestern Regional Stork's Nest Coordinator for Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. "Our Nests provide a safe environment of social support to pregnant women who may face serious health care challenges."

Busby said that in Logan County, the infant mortality rate is 8.7 percent. That number is significantly higher for minority women at 14.1 percent for African-American mothers in the State of Oklahoma.

"Stork's Nest helps pregnant women make healthy choices to have full-term pregnancies and healthy babies," Busby said.

Stork's Nest stresses the importance of early and regular prenatal care, offers culturally sensitive prenatal educational classes and encourages a variety of healthy-pregnancy activities. Women join a Stork's Nest after being referred by a health care provider or a



Courtesy Photo

social services program.

Women earn points for healthy pregnancy activities and redeem these points for maternity and baby care items. Beginning March 5 and again April 2, the Stork's Nest will begin to conduct monthly education and information classes/seminars and the distribution of incentive items, such as baby clothing, diapers, baby blankets and other essential baby needs

for clients throughout Logan County.

Perspective clients can contact the Stork's Nest via email at [langstonsstorknest@yahoo.com](mailto:langstonsstorknest@yahoo.com) or by phone at 405-410-1303. Drop-ins will also be welcomed at the location in Langston, 119 Washington St.

"We are so proud of more than 40 years of partnership with the Zetas. Nationally, Stork's Nests have helped

hundreds of thousands of pregnant women," said Jennifer Lacy, division director for the Central Oklahoma Division of March of Dimes.

"We want every woman in our community to have a healthy pregnancy and a healthy baby," Lacy said. "Thank you to the sisters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and everyone who supports the March of Dimes for making Stork's Nest possible."



# Men's basketball team defeats No. 1 seed for conference victory

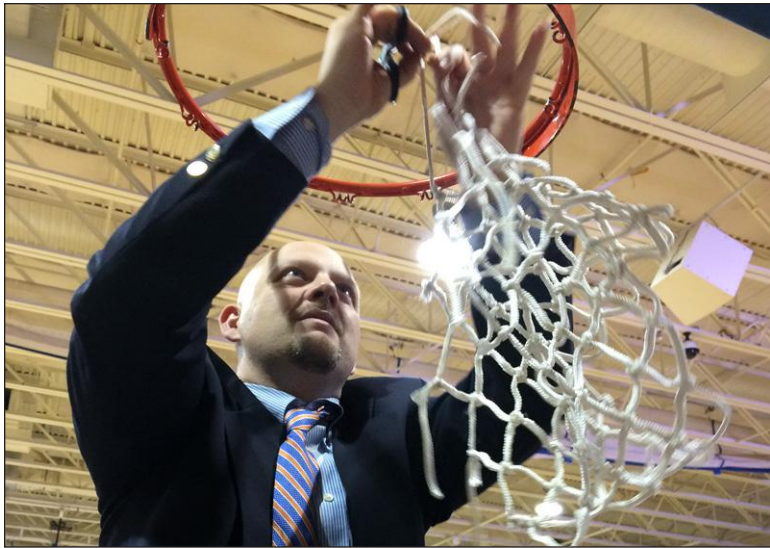


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Head Coach Stan Holt cuts the net after the men's basketball team beat LSU-Alexandria in an overtime battle, 74-72.

By Perry Smith  
Reporter

Langston University Forward Terrell Jones scored the game-winning layup in overtime to lead the Lions to their third Red River Athletic Conference Championship title, with a 74-72 overtime win over No. 1 ranked LSU-Alexandria on March 5.

The previous day, Langston defeated Our Lady of the Lake University in the semifinals, 71-65. Conference Tournament MVP Curtis Jones was the leading scorer with 26 points and two assists in that game.

“We had to keep fighting against a team who won 22 games in a row.”

— Stan Holt, head coach

Terrell Jones was the unsung hero of the championship game; he had 22 points, five rebounds and three assists.

“When I saw No. 25 (LSUA forward Brian Sylvester) not move, I just went for it to lay it up,” Terrell Jones said.

Langston guard Curtis Jones was the second leading scorer, putting up 16 points and nabbing three

steals.

“It’s just a matter of being tough,” said Head Coach Stan Holt in an interview after the game. “We had to keep fighting against a team who won 22 games in a row.”

The LU men’s team, for the fourth time in history, is headed to the NAIA national tournament in Kansas City, Missouri, on March 16.

## Basketball goal mishap delays game

By Zhana Davis  
Staff Writer

If students didn’t make it to the Langston University vs. Texas College men’s basketball game, they were given a second chance to attend.

The team had to reschedule its game with Texas College during the warm-up before the game on Feb. 25, because one of Langston’s basketball players accidentally broke the rim. How? In a glorious dunk that separated the rim from the backboard.

The game was scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m., im-

mediately following the women’s game. It took about two hours before the game was officially called off because custodians were unable to replace the rim that night.

The next morning, Langston’s staff fixed the rim, and the game was rescheduled for March 2, at a neutral court in Dallas.

“I instantly got sad when I realized I broke the rim,” said Ryan Scales, a freshman point guard on the LU basketball team.

“I was pretty bummed and surprised when they canceled the game, but the whole experience brought

me and my team closer, which helped us get the win in this Saturday’s game.”

The men’s basketball team is looking forward to bringing home the win in the NAIA National Championship in a couple of weeks. The men won the conference championship games March 3, and March 5, defeating Our Lady of Lake University and LSU-Alexandria, putting them in place to compete in the NAIA National Championship tournament.

“The last month or so, they have really been coming together as a group,

“I was pretty bummed and surprised when they canceled the game, but the whole experience brought me and my team closer, which helped us get the win in this Saturday’s game.”

— Ryan Scales,  
freshman point guard

and that’s what I think has been helping them,” said Trevon McNabb, women’s basketball team manager, who also is a huge sup-

porter of the men’s team. “I can definitely see them taking the whole thing in the national tournament...”

## Lady Lions softball team ready to 'go deep' this spring

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Langston University softball season is underway, and the ladies are looking to go deep in the conference tournament and win nationals.

The first home game was Feb. 19, which was part of a tournament. The team’s record is 5-6, but the

ladies look to improve for the remainder of the season.

“Our expectations are to go game by game, playing to our best ability and keeping a winning mentality,” said Alessia Gallegos, junior health, physical education and recreation major.

She added that they want to work hard every game, “all the way up to the conference tourna-

ment, where we will battle to win nationals.”

LU’s softball team is filled with players who love what they do and are proud to represent their school.

“This will be my third season as a captain. I’ve started all years here, and it has been a great experience and a huge blessing,” said Christine Rosas, junior HPER major. “I love my coaches, teammates

and wouldn’t trade them for anyone else! They are the foundation to my happiness here at Langston!”

There have been new additions to the roster this season that include eight freshmen and one junior transfer from Nebraska. For more information about the Lady Lions softball team, go to <http://www.langstonsports.com>.