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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. racks up awards at conference

By Brittni Logan
Staff Writer

The Alpha Zeta chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. went from making a statement on the Langston University campus to making a bigger statement in Kansas.

The Alpha Zeta chapter attended the 86th Mid-Western Regional Alpha Kappa Alpha Conference on March 17-20, in Wichita, Kansas.

The conference is an event where numerous chapters of the first African-American Greek-lettered sorority come together as one.

Doristina Moncriste, member of the Alpha Zeta chapter, thinks the purpose of the conference is to bring more development within the members of the sorority.

Moncriste also thinks the workshops at the conference help provide training and updated information for members.

"The conference was fun. It was great to see AKAs from our region who were all successful and working hard for our organization," said Imani Jackson, junior biology major and president of the

Alpha Zeta chapter.

The conference brought multiple women from Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma with the mindset of how to take their organization to a new level through dedication and hard work.

With all that work, though, there was time for breaks that allowed women of the organization to get to know other members of the sorority.

The conference lasted four days, and on March 19, the Alpha Zeta chapter took home several awards, such as the chapter with the highest GPA, the largest chapter in attendance at the conference, the best step show, as well as the "Battle of LU" basketball game, which was a competition between Langston and Lincoln University.

"I had no idea what to expect during the awards ceremony, but by the end of it, I was proud to be a part of the Alpha Zeta chapter," said Chelsi Black, junior biology major and secretary of the Alpha Zeta chapter.

"It was rewarding to see all the work pay off. I was especially proud of TaJaë for being recognized



Courtesy Photo

The Alpha Zeta chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority attends the regional conference. The 86th Mid-West Regional Conference was held March 17-20, in Wichita, Kansas.

for her academic achievements," Black said.

TaJaë Lloyd received the Nettie B. Fisher Outstanding Undergraduate Neophyte Academic Award, and she also was the recipient of the Larzette Golden Hale Wilson Undergraduate Soror Academic Award.

"I was surprised and glad that I was able to represent the chapter well at the regional conference," said Lloyd, junior biology major and corresponding secretary for the Alpha

Zeta chapter.

This conference may have impacted every member of the sorority, but Lloyd felt that seeing the sorority members who hold international offices and receiving the two highest academic awards for the region encouraged her to keep striving.

The Alpha Zeta chapter also received the Margie N. Barne Undergraduate Chapter Scholarship Award and the Alberta G. Jones Award for Operational Excellence.

NAACP prepares for Get HYPE college tour

By Michael Watts
Staff Writer

The NAACP is generating health awareness and visiting Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and Langston University is one of the stops.

The NAACP is partnering with the Get HYPE college tour to encourage young adults to advocate for civil rights and social justice issues in their communities through civic engagement.

"The goals of the program are to promote healthy, active living while in college, engage in health advocacy and knowing one's HIV/AIDS status," according to the NAACP Health Department website.

The Get HYPE college tour stands for Healthy Young People Everywhere. It was designed as a unique way to attract young health advocates and present national health initiatives, according to the NAACP Health

Department website.

An adviser for the NAACP organization at Langston University, Doristina Moncriste, shared her view about the upcoming college tour.

"The point of the tour is to get out and bring awareness about health issues to minorities," said Doristina Moncriste, NAACP adviser.

According to the website, the tour focuses on mobilizing communities by engaging them in legislative, academic and

community-wide efforts and empowering communities to become change agents.

"The purpose for the Get HYPE college tour is for young people to get involved in or out of campus," said Brian Hall, NAACP coordinator.

"[Students] can be informed to things, such as political issues, health and wellness, civil rights and other issues," he said.

The Get HYPE college tour will visit Langston University on April 21-22.

Rep. Mike Shelton returns to LU to deliver Founder's Day speech

By Marcus Garlington
Associate Editor

Founded in 1897 as the Colored Agricultural and Normal University, the road traversed by the founders of Langston University and their predecessors has not been an easy one. After having been birthed from the Morrill Act of 1890 and founded in 1897, Langston University has endured as the only historically black college in Oklahoma for 119 years, which is no easy feat.

To celebrate this long-lasting tradition of "Education for service," students, faculty, staff and alumni gathered March 10, in the I.W. Young Auditorium to observe the brave men and women who founded LU.

State Rep. Mike Shelton, Oklahoma City native and alumnus of Langston University, addressed the crowd as the keynote speaker once more. His face and voice is one that is familiar to LU, and his encouragement and sense of humor are crowd-pleasers among the audience.

"Having sat in your shoes at graduation, I have seen stars and people of prominence give this speech. We announced that we were \$1.5 billion in the hole, and when we're not in the hole, you get a star. You get me when

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— LU President Kent Smith Jr.

there's budget cuts," Rep. Shelton began, attempting to familiarize himself with those in attendance. His candor was well-received.

"When I was a student, I flunked out as a freshman at Langston," Shelton said, reminding students that every path to success is not forged in error-proof success and accomplishments befitting a young prodigy, but it is embedded in the spirit of hard work and is accompanied by patience and endurance, which is how LU and its legacy has survived for so many years.

"Those pioneers didn't have a lot of money. You don't have to make a whole bunch of money to make a difference. Those founders

saved every penny, every dollar that they had to be able to purchase the original 80 acres," Shelton said. "Look at the #BlackLives-Matter movement."

Shelton cited the grassroots movement that flourished into an international hashtag and organization that's dedicated its time and resources to ensuring the underprivileged and exploited minority communities receive the due process guaranteed to them by America's constitution. Shelton even commented on Donald Trump's presidential campaign.

"What we're seeing on television – the candidacy of Donald Trump – I'm not trying to get overly political,

but I'm gonna tell you it concerns me because I feel like we've made so many great strides here in America... too many. And it's a shame that somebody's candidacy can boil up some ugliness that's been covered up so long."

After the quick digression, he resumed his speech that celebrated the occasion.

"I think that gives us every reason to be vigilant for the future of Langston University," Shelton said. After that, he took time to introduce "someone extremely important to [him]."

"My son, Alexander Shelton, is going to Langston," Shelton said, as he began explaining the importance of "playing your part" in securing LU's legacy and ensuring its future.

"In the Bible, Deuteronomy says, 'In these homes, there will be good things that you did not buy, and really it goes on to tell you that if your children or your children's children ever ask you how you came to this place, tell them: 'What we're here to do today is tell you the story of our founders so you can tell your children's children the legacy.' We can all be modern-day founders; there are still trails to be blazed. You, as students, can play a major part in blazing those trails. The ultimate

goal is to be bigger than yourself. The founders put their goals first and themselves last, and we have to continue to do that."

Shelton finished his speech by reminding the audience of the company they're in as members of the LU family.

"Langston is a place of second chances... third chances," he said. "You all here share some great experiences with people, like Hollywood Henderson, Bessie Coleman and Dr. Julia Hare. You are a part of something great, and we want you to be a part of this tradition and be a modern-day founder so you can blaze the trail for those that come after."

Immediately following Shelton's speech, President Kent Smith Jr. offered some candor of his own, as well as a gift.

"In light of budget cuts, we have a gift for you because, of all the speakers we've invited, Rep. Shelton was the one whom I received the most feedback about," Smith said. "The message that he presented at the commencement hit a lot of people close to home. We wanted to bring him back one more time, formally, for him to have an opportunity to address our students. No one in the Oklahoma legislature has stood for us greater than he."

Annual Greek Weeks are underway

By Cornelius Jewel Lee Jr.
Contributing Writer

Langston University fraternities and sororities are representing their organizations during this year's Greek Weeks.

The Alphas kicked off the traditional event Feb. 28-March 5.

"Black and Gold Week 2016 was a difficult one," said Jonathan Sortino, member of Alpha Phi Alpha. "We've been very hands-on and personable with the student body and all

of our events. Even though we've had restrictions with our events on a national level due to unfortunate events outside of this region, we've made do with what we had, and we hope you all enjoyed our week."

The Sigma Gamma Rhos had their time to shine March 6-9. There was a slight halt in the Greek Week events because of spring break, but upon returning to campus, the Kappas picked back up with their week, March 20-26.

The Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity hosted several events, including a volleyball tournament and a men's workshop.

Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority has been proceeding with their week from March 27 to April 2.

"Our week has been amazing," said Zhana Davis, member of AKA and senior broadcast journalism major. "The Alpha Zeta chapter worked together to give students an outstanding week. The best day was Monday because we had our mixer,

and our block party was poppin'."

The last three Greek organizations to host their weeks include Omega Psi Phi on April 3-9, and Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta are combining their weeks to form Blue and White Week on April 10-16.

"The entire week will be elevated from Sigma weeks in the past," said Kenneth Crowley, member of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity. "From Taco Tuesday to Parking Lot Pimpin', we will deliver a wavy week. Look forward to a polished, elevated week."

School of Agriculture welcomes students for exchange program

By **Indy Nelson**
Staff Writer

The School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences has introduced a foreign exchange student program, LU-Henan University of Science and Technology.

Dr. Kent Smith Jr., president of Langston University, went to meet with administration at HAUST in China during summer 2014 to help establish this program.

"The experience has been good. Students have been friendly, and teachers have been helpful to our paths," said Tina Hu, junior agribusiness major, who is a student involved in the program.

"I learned more English,

and I learned about the different culture here," Hu said.

There are four students selected to participate each year, based on their English proficiency, class rank and academic performances. The students stay at Langston for almost one year, August until June or July of the next year.

Upon arrival at LU, the students choose a first name that reflects the American culture and is easier for English speakers to pronounce. These names help make their transition to an American campus easier.

Students study the same program as they do in China to accredit the classes to their graduation.

Mitch Ma, another student

in the program, said his experience has been great, and he enjoys playing sports in the multi-purpose gym, where he has made friends.

Dr. Steve Zeng, chair of the agriculture and natural resources department and the adviser to the exchange students, said the program helps to enhance international presence on campus and provide a diverse learning background. It also benefits LU by increasing enrollment, tuition and fees, and it fosters a competitive learning environment.

"In order for future expansion of the program, the department will need resources from the university to allow more students to come to Langston," Zeng said.



Courtesy Photo

The four students in the Langston University School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences foreign exchange program proudly display the LU hand symbol with President of LU Kent Smith Jr. and their professors.

LU harbors talent Student to go on tour for poetry book

By **Kimberly Thompson**
Staff Writer

Langston University may be harboring the next Maya Angelou.

Na'Tuiya Davis, junior broadcast journalism major and a two-time nationally ranking poet from Lawton, Oklahoma, has written a book of poems, titled "Wordplay: An Oral Stimulation."

Most poets have a passion for writing, but this was not the case for Davis. So, what was Davis' inspiration?

"It was a really bad breakup; the breakup was the beginning point of my poetry," Davis said.

"Wordplay: An Oral Stimulation" is a theology of poetry, which has poems about black empowerment, acceptance, gay pride and the exploration of intimacy.

"Amy is insecure. Amy doesn't know what it's like to be loved, so Amy pops the pills that I give her, 'cause she wants to feel deep like a poet," wrote Davis,



Davis

which is an excerpt of her poem, "Amy." This poem is one of many included in Davis' book.

Reasons may vary for other poets to write what they do, but Davis had a very distinct reason for her lines.

"I just wanted to make my

ex-lover immortal. It was the best gift I could imagine giving them," Davis said.

"You might not know who 'she' and 'her' are in my book or who I am talking to, but you know the person must be incredible; therefore, they are immortal," Davis said.

"She & Her" is the title of another poem in Davis' collection.

On Oct. 27, Davis decided to write her book after finding a poetry contest online, titled "Woman of the World" poetry slam. The winner of the contest would be sent to nationals.

Davis wrote her poems, and then memorized them the morning of the competition. She competed and won on the same day.

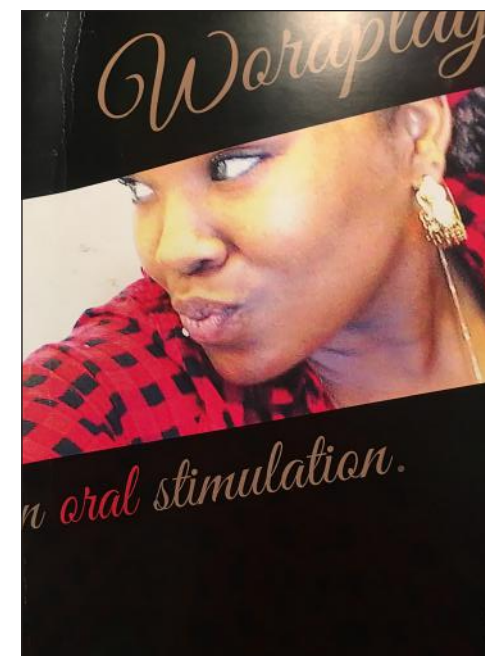
"I really wasn't going to go, but then I started to think about how I always say I am going to do something, but I never follow through with it," Davis said.

Davis will be on tour May 16-Aug. 1. She will tour 16 states and 120 cities, including Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Los Angeles,

Houston and many others.

"Wordplay: An Oral Stimulation" is \$10 and has been available for purchase since Feb. 12.

The book is available in PDF format online, which can be downloaded. There is a copy of it on Red Dirt poetry's Facebook page, or it can be purchased directly from Davis.



Early Childhood Laboratory plans week-long celebration

By Dayna Davis
Staff Writer

Close your eyes and think back to when you were a child. Now imagine how awesome it would be to have an entire week dedicated to you.

It may be a little late for most people, but if you have children, newborn through 12 years old, or know someone who does, don't miss out in the upcoming activities at the Early Childhood Laboratory on campus.

The week of April 11-15, will be the nothing but the celebration of children, which is known as "The Week of the Young Child."

This is an annual event held nationwide that originates from the National Association for the Education of Young Children, which

is a foundation that originated in 1971 and has been serving children since.

Jennifer Moore, director of the ELC and also a member of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, will hold all of the week's events on campus.

"We will take the time to pause and recognize them by doing a variety of activities each day to highlight early education and its importance," Moore said.

"We will let them know that we appreciate and honor them by continuing to create a fun-filled learning environment," she said.

Throughout "The Week of the Young Child," the ELC will host an activity each day.

The first day will begin at 10 a.m., April 11, with a proclamation ceremony in

the Atrium. The ceremony will help to shine light on the organization and provide background information.

Each day has a theme, including Taco Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday and Family Friday.

On Friday, vendors from surrounding communities and organizations will set up booths and provide information to parents.

One of the vendors, Oklahoma City/County Health Department, will provide information on safe sleep. Other vendors who will attend include DHS, Poison Control and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. – Beta Phi Zeta Chapter – Stork's Nest.

For more information, contact the ELC at 405-466-3465. A list of the week's activities is on the right.



The 2016 Week of the Young Child will be held April 11–15, and the theme for 2016 is "Celebrating Our Youngest Learners."

The Week of the Young Child is a time to reflect and recognize that children are our future. It is a time to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child is in an environment that will promote their early learning to ensure a productive future.

Schedule of Activities

MONDAY	April 11, 2016 10 a.m. 3 p.m.	(MUSIC MONDAY) PROCLAMATION PROGRAM (Atrium) T-SHIRT DAY (Early Childhood Lab)
TUESDAY	April 12, 2016 10 a.m. 3 p.m.	(TACO TUESDAY) Taco "bout" Fun (Early Childhood Lab) Taco celebration (Early Childhood Lab)
WEDNESDAY	April 13, 2016 10 a.m. 3 p.m.	(WORK TOGETHER WEDNESDAY) FIELD DAY (Anderson Field) GRAFFETI DAY (Early Childhood Lab)
THURSDAY	April 14, 2016 10 a.m. 3 p.m.	(ARTSY THURSDAY) Creative Expression (Early Childhood Lab) Ice Cream Social (Early Childhood Lab)
FRIDAY	April 15, 2016 10 a.m. Noon to 5 p.m.	(FAMILY FRIDAY) STORYTIME (Early Childhood Lab) CARNIVAL/VENDOR FAIR (Multipurpose)

New Miss Fashionetta, Mr. Ivy League join Langston University royal court



Taelyr Jackson, freshman broadcast journalism major, and Jorrell Smallwood, freshman music education major, pose with their crowns and sashes.

Jackson won the Miss Fashionetta Pageant and Smallwood earned the Mr. Ivy League title during this year's Alpha Kappa Alpha-sponsored pageant.

The event was held March 29, in the I.W. Young Auditorium.

Photo by Zhana Davis



Women of Purpose Doughnut Sale!

Preorders: March 28-April 3

Campus Sale: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., April 4, SSC

Two years and counting

KALU still down after 2013 flood damage

By Marcus Garlington
Associate Editor

If you haven't noticed, Langston University has been undergoing major renovations over the last few years, in every sense of the word. Administration pushed a major media campaign, unveiling a new motto, new logo and refurbished website. The campus has seen changes as well; new benches, new paint, new plants and even new buildings. Forgotten in the midst of it all? KALU.

LU's student-run radio station has been in disrepair for over two years because of a leak in the main studio that flooded the work station. That, paired with temperature-control issues campus-wide, left much of the equipment available to students damaged beyond repair.

Kimberlee J. Flannigan is an instructor in the communication department and also the general manager of KALU 89.3 FM. While it seemed that everything that could have gone wrong did go wrong, Flannigan saw a silver lining.

This was a chance for a major upgrade to the radio station, as the only solution was new equipment, but before she requested a new work station and on-air mixing board, she wanted to ensure that those items would not undergo the same fate of



Photo by Marcus Garlington

The campus radio station, KALU 89.3 FM, remains empty and lacks equipment. A water leak flooded the master control room in 2013, destroying the on-air mixing board and work-station and causing the carpet and ceiling to mold and stain.

their predecessors.

"The remodeling was a necessity and direct result of the water leak that happened in the master control room of Sanford Hall," Flannigan said. "The process began with requesting funds to get everything replaced. At that point, administration approved [the necessary equipment and labor costs] in 2013. But, then, the engineer came in and said that the new equipment we ordered would not be compatible with the electrical system in the radio station, so we had to have him come in

and rewire the master control room. This was 2015."

Flannigan recounted how she and some students began removing the old, damaged equipment, so the electrician and engineer could immediately begin working, but it wasn't easy because the work-station was, literally, crumbling after being wet for so long.

The new work-station is now sitting in storage in the physical plant. It will take a certified carpenter to assemble the work-station and a certified electrician to install the electrical components.

To date, there has been overhead duct work to prevent future leaks, a renovated electrical system and a fresh coat of paint applied to the walls of KALU's master control room. The next step is carpet.

The old carpet was stained and began to mold following the leak. The new carpet has been purchased and is awaiting installation in the studio. It is also in storage at the physical plant.

On Nov. 1, 2015, Sodexo acquired the business that was formally managed by The Habitat Company,

which was a third-party vendor that controlled housing at LU.

Upon Sodexo's acquisition of the physical plant's duties, it inherited many pre-existing malfunctions and is prioritizing on a daily basis of which projects are able to be completed, where the funds are coming from to complete the projects and how many workers can be spared to do so.

Sodexo brought Jason Kinder from Webster University to LU as the new director of facilities. Kinder, manager of the custodial, maintenance and grounds-keeping staff, said one of his greatest challenges is correcting the missteps and gaps in management that led to the housing debacle at the beginning of fall 2015.

"I believe that we're making some very positive strides to provide a great living experience for the students here at Langston," Kinder said. "I try to be a big catalyst for a lot of changes, [using] my management style to bring innovation to the Sodexo team, which ultimately reflects on the university."

Kinder was happy to explain that the program used to regulate the temperature of buildings on campus was "in shambles," but in six months, his staff was able to correct the program so that

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School of Education hosts Ira D. Hall Lecture Series

By Kentre' Holt
Reporter

United States Magistrate Judge Bernard M. Jones visited Langston University to offer motivational words as part of the Ira D. Hall Lecture Series.

Jones enlightened everyone with points of knowing what kind of legacy to leave.

As Jones spoke on how to

be exceptional, he described his lecture in three objectives of greatness: sacrifice, being able to serve and believing in yourself.

"I was inspired to lead a legacy of leadership! I may fall eight times, but I'll get up nine!" said Raven Daniels, junior health, physical education and recreation major.

Jones encouraged people to stay focused, even though suc-

cess is not easy. He told them to sincerely believe in themselves throughout their journey.

"Judge Jones is an example of coming from little and accomplishing much," said Andrea Montgomery, professor of physical therapy.

While the evening proceeded, different speakers expressed different stories on the Hall family and recapped the

history and accomplishments of the two people who were the highlight of the evening.

According to the Langston University website, Rubye Hibler Hall worked for the Oklahoma City School District for 43 years as a teacher, as well several other categories within education.

Ira D. Hall was a principal of several schools and Assistant director of all-black high

schools for the Oklahoma Department of Education.

The daughter of the Hall family was present at the event that honored her parents.

The event concluded with LU President Kent Smith Jr. presenting the Lion Award to Judge Jones.

The lecture series at LU honors the Halls and their dedication to education in the state of Oklahoma.

ISIS strikes again, 31 dead in Brussels

By Zhana Davis
Staff Writer

ISIS attacked again, killing 31 and injuring 270 people, in Brussels, Belgium.

On March 22, three blasts occurred in Brussels. The first explosion erupted at Brussels' Zaventem Airport shortly after 7:30 a.m. According to *The Telegraph News*, three men walked into the departure lounge and let two blasts rip through the buildings. The first blast took place at an excess baggage payment order and the other near a Starbucks, killing 11 people.

According to ABC News, a third explosive device was uncovered from the scene, hidden in a suitcase, leading authorities to believe that there were other explosives to be uncovered in suitcases.

About an hour later, a third blast was reported in the Maelbeek Metro Station, killing 20 people and wounding many others. Hours later, police reportedly found an unexploded suicide vest.

Belgian prosecutors con-

firmed that it was a substantially larger bomb, which appeared to have failed to go off. Later, bomb disposal experts neutralized it in a controlled explosion, according to *The Telegraph News*.

"There was glass everywhere, and crash... everywhere," Michelle Mpoy said. Mpoy was at a nearby check-in desk in the airport when the bombs exploded.

"It was total confusion. There were upset women falling down and crying; it was truly hell," Mpoy said, according to a video on *The Telegraph News* website.

Evan Lamos was one of the people evacuated from the metro train near Maelbeek.

"I was on my way to work this morning via the metro. I got on the metro at the Art-Loi station; I was coming towards Schuman, and we were in between the Art-Loi station and Maelbeek when we felt a small blast of air," Lamos said.

"We heard some thudding in the distance; the metro immediately stopped. The lights turned off. The engine turned off.

A message came over the intercom saying that there has been a disturbance on the line that continued for a few minutes. People was obviously nervous."

According to *The Telegraph News*, Charles Michel, Prime Minister of Belgium, said, "I strongly condemn these hateful attacks. Our thoughts go out to the victims and their families. We stand united against terrorism."

Belgian authorities spearheaded a manhunt for one of the suspected attackers, who was spotted on surveillance video at the airport wearing a white coat.

Belgian authorities said that during a raid in the Brussels neighborhood of Schaerbeek, police found an "explosive device containing nails," "chemical products" and "an ISIS flag."

According to BBC News, two brothers, Khalid and Brahim el-Bakraoui, both Belgian nationals, are behind the bombings.

Brahim was part of the attack at the Zaventem airport that killed 11 people; Khalid struck at Maelbeek



Photo from *The Telegraph News*

Brussels residents gather near a bombing site to pay their respects and honor those whose lives were lost in the blast. On March 22, ISIS attacked at two locations in Brussels, the Zaventem Airport and the aelbeek Metro Station.

metro, where 20 people died. The brothers and about 15 other people have been detained on suspicion of terrorist activity.

"Two of the three suspects from the airport explosions were believed to be suicide bombers," the Belgium Federal Prosecutor said in a press conference Tuesday.

Belgian authorities have shared the names of the attackers with U.S. authorities, according to a senior U.S. official who was briefed on the situation.

ISIS said that its "fighters" were responsible for the attacks, according to an ISIS-affiliated website, as authorities search for a suspect on the loose.

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Sodexo's control of a building's environment is now at "about 90 percent."

Regarding the radio station, Kinder said the physical plant, under his direction, did some "light maintenance work."

"I know the carpet's been ordered; I know that there were some [budgetary issues] that we've been working through, but we are through that... that project should be coming to fruition within the next month—followed through to completion," Kinder said.

Lonnie Johnson, instructor and chair of the communication department, offered some insight to the situation as well.

"As a result [of the flood], there are lots of things that need repair," Johnson said. "There is a lot of equipment that we need. That's the side I see the most because that's where the budget comes in. Ms. Flannigan was careful about not placing certain kinds of equipment in a [less-than-suitable] environment to ensure that the equipment was worth the purchase."

Johnson said he understands the pressure that Sodexo is facing. In the past few years, he said, there have been lots of changes that have been overseen by the physical plant.

One of his daily frustrations was erratic temperature of Sanford Hall, but he "could only imagine" the trials they face, having the station undergo serious re-

pairs.

"I'm sure the physical plant has limited resources, as far as people on the ground, and experience difficulties," Johnson said. "Bottom line is everything has to get done. I'm sure there are lots of things around the university that need repairing, and we are one of those many things; and we're no different. We need ours fixed like everyone else needs theirs."

"If the university is considered a business," Johnson continued, "the product of a university is our graduates. We aren't able to produce the best product we could if we don't have those tools we need to train them."

Flannigan emphasized the importance of having equipment suitable for the work that is required of students.

"The [live], hands-on experience not only helps speaking skills, but also your critical thinking," Flannigan said. "Learning theory and applying it with a skill-set gives you an optimized learning experience."

Flannigan shared her optimism about the future of KALU, and she is eager to see its renovations completed.

"We should be broadcasting in [high definition]," Flannigan said. "We're going to have more student participation, less automation; that means more human bodies in the radio station, giving the KALU listeners more information about the surrounding communities."

By fall 2016, the renovations should be complete, and Kinder is excited about

finalizing them.

"Any time we can unveil a new building that's going to help with student retention and just keep student's morale up on campus, that's awesome," Kinder said.

Other projects for Sodexo's facilities staff includes the upcoming Web-based Maximo work-order system, which will "speed up" the work-order process "tremendously," as well as the EcoLab Hydrys system, which uses reverse osmosis and an electrical charge to produce chlorine gas (a common disinfectant), all from tap water.

After seven days, the chlorine gas dissipates, and the mixture returns to regular tap water, which is supremely sustainable, both financially and environmentally.

Busting Brackets

Low seeds cause many upsets in NCAA Tourney

By Maya Jackson
Staff Writer

March Madness is underway, and the nation was shocked to see several unexpected winners in this year's NCAA Tournament.

On March 15, for the first time in NCAA Tournament history, a No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4 seed have lost first-round games on the same day. It also was the first time a No. 13, No. 14 and No. 15 seed won a tournament game on the same day. Eight teams, seeded No. 11 or lower, advanced into the second round, the highest such number in NCAA Tournament history.

"Seeding" is when a team is given a preliminary ranking based on previous wins. The teams with the high-



est rankings are the No. 1 seeds, while the lowest are ranked No. 16. The teams are strategically placed in the tournament based on their seeding. There are 64 teams ranked out of the four respected divisions of the NCAA, with 16 teams in each division.

"I guess there just comes a time when things change! I'm not the biggest basketball fan, but it makes me excited to see underdogs kind of making their way up

there," sophomore Jasmine Anglin said.

The lowest-seeded teams playing in various cities across the country won six times March 15, and seven times on March 16. In 2015, that happened five times on the tournament's opening two days combined. The 13 first-round wins for lower-seeded teams tied the NCAA Tournament record set in 200, according to the SB Nation website.

A few trending topics

fell among Middle Tennessee State, Stephen F. Austin and Hawaii.

Middle Tennessee State sparked a 90-81 triumph over Michigan State. A total of 13.02 million brackets were entered this year on the ESPN website, and 22.3 percent of them had Michigan State winning it all.

"I love that there were upsets, and I feel like it shows why this tournament is one of the best!" senior broadcast journalism major, Trevon McNabb, said.

A 12-point halftime deficit marked the biggest comeback victory in a tournament game for Notre Dame, which is now just a win over Stephen F. Austin away from victories.

Hawaii became the 21st No. 13 seed to win a first-round game, and the first

since La Salle in 2013, by taking down fourth-seeded California, 77-66. The win also marked the first NCAA Tournament victory in history for the Rainbow Warriors.

Overall, 10 double-digit seeds won first-round games, breaking the record of nine set in 2001 and 2012.

"It doesn't matter once you get in the tournament. It's all about the team that you're playing, not the number in front of it," said Wichita State Coach Gregg Marshall, according to *USA Today*.

The Final Four teams will play in Houston on April 2. No. 2 University of Oklahoma is set to take on No. 2 Villanova at 5:09 p.m., and No. 1 University of North Carolina will battle No. 10 Syracuse at 7:49 p.m.

Lady Lions fall short in NAIA Tournament

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The Langston University women's basketball team fell short in the first round of the NAIA National Tournament.

On March 16, the Lady Lions traveled to Independence, Missouri, to face off against Shawnee State, the No. 2 seed in the playoffs. According to Langston Sports website, the first quarter was tight and had six ties and five lead changes.

Though the final score was 77-69, the team entered the tournament with a record of 20-7. With only seven players on the roster, they still managed to make it to the tournament.

It was "one of the most beautiful things I've ever seen," said Treyvon McNabb, senior broadcast journalism major. "Even with seven people, they went beyond [expectation]."

This was the last year for one of the team's best players, and the emotions ran high after the season's end. T'Keya Mason, senior health, physical education and recreation major, has been playing for LU since her junior year.

"It's been a great experience to play under Cheryl Miller and playing with my teammates I love the most," Mason said. "Yes, we made it to where we wanted to go, but just came up short this year."

For more information and updates on any sports, visit the new LU athletics website, <https://langstonsports.com>.

Langston hosts career fair



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More than 40 organizations and businesses participated in the spring 2016 career fair. At the event March 23, LU students visited with company representatives to network and scout potential job opportunities.