Every year, students, faculty and staff gather in the I.W. Young Auditorium for a Founder’s Day program. This year, Langston University celebrated its 115th founding year March 8. Dr. Henry Ponder, interim president, delivered a speech to celebrate the founding of Langston University.

“Were it not for the lives and labors of several men and women, we would not be here today,” Ponder said. “It would not be right or fitting if we did not stop to honor those individuals who collectively founded this great university.

Ponder went on to talk about Edward P. McCabe and Charles Robins, who purchased 640 acres of land and established it as the town of Langston City. They named the town after John Mercer Langston, the first African-American to serve in Congress. The townspeople and settlers of Langston raised the money to establish a place where they could send their children to achieve higher education. On March 12, 1897, The Colored Agricultural and Normal University was established.

Langston is Oklahoma’s only black higher education institution. The mission was to instruct both male and female colored people in the art of teaching and in the agricultural, mechanical and industrial arts.

Dr. Joann W. Haysbert, the 15th and first female president, served six years under the mantra of “moving Langston University from ex-
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The library has a new, easier way for you to search for the resources you need for your classes. Introducing, LionSearch.

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### Question of the Week

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be and why?

- “South Africa because it’s the Motherland and I’ve always wanted to go.”
  - TaKera Dugan, sophomore psychology major

- “Naturally, the Bahamas because it’s the most beautiful place in the world and it’s my hometown.”
  - Karissa Smith, junior computer science major

- “The Dominican Republic because that’s my home country.”
  - Geovonta Doss, junior business management major

- “I would go to China to learn about their culture and eat some authentic Chinese food.”
  - Tevin Jones, junior biology major

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Ponder expressed how happy and proud he was of the history and the accomplishments LU continues to make.

“We have many miles to go on our journey to greatness,” Ponder said.

During the program, Elaine Williams and Tilahun Sahlu were recognized for their 25 years of service and inducted into the Quarter Century Club.

The Rev. Kathy Simmers led the students, faculty, staff and guests in prayer and the LU Concert Choir, under the direction of Bonita Franklin, performed the selection “The Last Words of David” by Randall Thompson.

Kavaris Sims, Mr. Langston University 2012, offered greetings to those in attendance.

“I ask that you keep the love of Langston University in your heart and soul and remember when the road gets tough and you want to give up, remember and always keep in mind, that there is no place like home,” Sims said.

Don'treka Matthews, Miss Langston University 2012, spoke on the occasion of Founders’ Day.

“I challenge you, dear Langston, create the stars because the sky is not our limit, it’s our foundation,” Matthews said.

The LU Concert Choir performed “Ezekiel Saw the Wheel” arranged by Moses Hogan.

Ponder introduced the keynote speaker, Joyce Henderson, a retired education administrator and community volunteer.

Henderson addressed the audience with adoration and pride.

“If it had not been for Langston University, I would not be a graduate of any college today,” Henderson said. “Langston University was there for us when other colleges would not admit us.”

Henderson further talked about her family and friends that attended as well as gradu

“We hear speeches, we hear words, but the meanings become reality depending on circumstances.”

— Joyce Henderson, keynote speaker at the 115th LU Founder’s Day

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She also works as the communication department’s internship coordinator and was excited when the keynote speaker, NewsChannel 4 sports director Bob Barry Jr., complimented intern Darryl Golden for his great work at the station this year. Golden is a senior broadcast journalism major and is a past OBEA winner for his sports video essay.

Thirteen LU students attended the awards ceremony and career fair. The career fair preceded the awards luncheon and included broadcast companies such as KOCO 5 Oklahoma City, Cox Media Group, Griffin Communications, Stillwater Radio, KJRH 2 Tulsa, BOTB Radio Network, Perry Publishing and Broadcasting Company and more.

Students were able to submit their resumes and network with media personnel for future internships, employment opportunities and industry contacts.

“Four students earn top awards at a local competition March 8 in Oklahoma City. (From left) Terry Haynes, Rickey Freeman, Mauricio Griffin and Julian Jackson were recognized for their parts in either producing, acting, directing or writing TV videos.

“I felt a sigh of relief, because I got a step closer to my dream of being an actor, and you have to start somewhere to get to your destiny.”

— Mauricio Griffin, junior business management major
City re-opens, revamps Langston Retail Plaza

By Kayla Jones
Staff Writer

After years of being closed, the Langston Retail Plaza has opened with seven new businesses.

The Langston Retail Plaza is located at 401 W. Hale St., and Langston residents are excited.

Harriet Jackson, a Langston resident, said it’s about time the city did something with the empty space.

“I’m happy they are finally investing back in the community,” she said.

Although this is not the first time the retail plaza has been open, this time around the approach is different.

Linda Tillman, director of the Langston University Center for Community Engagement, said it differs from the previous one because under the approval of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the retail plaza is now a retail incubator.

“The retail incubator management provides a more hands-on approach in assisting the tenants to grow their businesses,” Tillman said.

A grant was first written in 2000 by the Langston Community Development Corporation to provide the funds to construct the Langston Retail Plaza.

The final checklist for construction of the Langston Retail Plaza was completed in 2006. LCDC managed the Retail Plaza from 2006 until August 2011.

In August 2006, Dr. JoAnn W. Haysbert, former LU president, placed the Langston Retail Plaza under the management of Tillman.

Tillman said the full operation of the Langston Retail Plaza will help Langston residents by providing some basic services so residents won’t have to drive 10-12 miles to Guthrie or Stillwater.

“In addition, residents will benefit through increased tax revenue for the town of Langston to improve municipal services such as street pavement, police and fire protection,” she said.

All the businesses that are opening are black-owned businesses.

The Langston Retail Plaza is fully leased to the following tenants: Langston Dry Cleaners, Textbook Brokers, The Zone Convenience Store, The Langston Federal Credit Union, Sam’s Varsity Cuts Barber Shop, Da’Chuch and Soul Food Restaurant. The restaurant and barber shop are currently placing equipment and making esthetic modification and plan to be completely operational by April.

“Our goal is to make a positive impact on students, faculty, staff and residents attending school, working and/or living in the town of Langston,” Tillman said.

The anticipated date for all stores to be open at the Langston Retail Plaza is April 15.

Langston Credit Union makes improvements, relocates to new retail plaza in community

By Zach Holmes
Staff Writer

Credit unions in Guthrie, Edmond and Stillwater cater to the citizens of those towns. The Langston Credit Union is better accommodating the people of this town.

The Langston Credit Union, which was founded in 1914, has been through many changes throughout the years.

The union was created by people of the Langston community to provide a loan program for those with modest income and foster a savings program.

The union serves only people with a membership. To become a member of the union, one has to work for the university or reside in the Langston community.

Gabrielle Dinwidde, Langston resident, said the union saves trips to surrounding cities.

“This is my first semester living off campus so now I am eligible for membership. I am excited about being a member because now I don’t have to drive all the way to Stillwater for a small loan,” Dinwidde said.

The union provides dividends to members share accounts that are paid annually on a percentage. It also offers signature loans, which are unsecured loans for new members. As much as $750 is approved for new members and as your membership increases, so do your loan amounts.

Secure loans are also available. Secure loans are loans against your shares based on how many shares you have. As a member, one can loan at a lower interest rate of 8 percent instead of 18 percent for signature loans.

Jeremy Mitchell, Langston Credit Union employee, ensures the union will soon offer more transaction options.

“We are working on getting debit and checking cards. Hopefully we will have an ATM by the end of the semester,” Mitchell said.

Members of the union also will be eligible for promotional loans during Christmastime or the beginning of the school year.

The special loans are offered at a lower-interest rate to provide holiday money or for those tough times. Relatives of someone who works for the university or a Langston citizen are automatically eligible to become a member as well.
‘Expect the unexpected’

Yearbook staff focuses on change, growth

By Darrell Strong
Staff Writer

The 2011-2012 Langston University yearbook will come out in early May, and the yearbook staff said to expect the unexpected from them this year because the best is yet to come.

“Of course it’s going to be good,” said James Scott, sophomore broadcast journalism major and editor of the yearbook. “This yearbook will embody the growth of Langston University.”

There are 15 people on the yearbook staff, which is more than there has been in previous years.

Christian Davis, a sophomore broadcast journalism major and writer for the yearbook, said it is typical to have a yearbook staff of 15 to 20 people. That way, work can be dispersed evenly, she said.

“You can expect a whole new brand of creativity out of this yearbook,” said Terry Haynes, a junior broadcast journalism major and writer for the yearbook.

People can also expect growth and a different outlook on how students view LU, along with an essence from the past yearbooks infused with the new. Some of the past influences can be traced back to the 1927 yearbook issue titled “The Claw.”

“The Claw is one of the best issues I’ve seen out of the previous yearbooks,” Haynes said.

Students such as Brandon Perry, a junior agriculture business major, are excited about the new yearbook.

“I look forward to the yearbook because it’s a part of my college experience and I keep it for my college memorabilia,” Perry said.

Haynes said this year’s yearbook staff is more passionate than in the past. He said the staff is focusing more on what the students at LU are doing instead of what the university is doing.

“Langston has gone through a lot of changes this year, and the yearbook will reflect the change in the university as well as the changes in our world,” Scott said.

The motto from former President JoAnn W. Haysbert was, “Moving from excellence to greatness.” Haynes said he believes the yearbook will do the same. “This yearbook will be better, period,” Haynes said. “We’re trying to follow up last year’s yearbook by making it great again.”

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Celebrating 70 years of church history

The Rev. Craig Finley speaks to the congregation of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church in honor of the church’s 70th Anniversary Celebration. The church, which is located in Langston, had two guest speakers for the special occasion. They celebrated March 11, having two services for the day, one at 11 a.m. and one at 3:30 p.m. The event’s title was “To God be the Glory... For 70 Years.”
LINC, STEM students win first-place prizes at national conference

By Andrea Perry  
Staff Writer


The students were a part of the Langston Integrated Network College and Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (LINC and STEM) programs on campus.

Ten students submitted abstracts from their research and two students, Phoebe Lewis and Kayla Love, won first place prizes.

Lewis, who had won first place earlier this year for her research on Hepatic Immune Activation in the SIV/Macaque Model of HIV at the Kansas Inbre Symposium, presented the same abstract.

Love presented research on Refractive Index Sensitivity of Dye-Doped Silica-Coated Gold Nanorods.

This involved breaking gold down to its smallest substance and using nanotechnology vitaly for a variety of applications in biotechnology and also the treatment of cancer.

“It feels great to win, because I’m a very competitive person,” Love said. “I just know that all of my hard work payed off, because I don’t like losing.”

She said the LINC program in LU’s chemistry department spends a lot of time and energy preparing the students for these types of competitions.

Love said she had spent the whole night and morning before her presentation re-checking and re-searching her research so she would be prepared to answer any questions thrown at her during her presentation.

Brittany Stoutermire, a senior biology major, said it was her first time attending the ERN conference and that she had a great time working on her networking skills and presentation capabilities. Stoutermire took pride in the winners.

“I am very proud of them (Lewis and Love); they did great jobs,” Stoutermire said. “We all worked so hard to get where we are today, so it’s awesome to see our scholars succeed.

The conference was chaired by Dr. John Coleman and Irene Williams.

Rajah Singh, a senior chemistry major, enjoyed the trip.

“The conference was great, and I was happy to be surrounded by like-minded individuals,” Singh said. “I feel that Kayla and Phoebe help set a positive image for Dear Langston by winning first place at the conference.”

Love said she was excited to have won another award for her mother, and she looks forward to bringing in many more to take home to her.
Take a Vacation!
Top Five Spring Break Hot Spots — Where Everyone Will Be for Spring Break 2012!

According to About.com, these are the top five places for Spring Break:

1. Cancun — you’re still the one. This little piece of Mexico is pure craziness during March and April.
2. Panama City and Panama City Beach (PCB) — they have Florida’s spring break top-dog billing yet again in 2012.
3. Miami and South Beach — South Beach is a tres cool club scene.
4. Europe — great time to be in Europe.
5. Puerto Vallarta — It’s a beach-meets Mexican-mountains city that will again have a lot of what you want for 2012.

OR (The Gazette Staff threw this in the mix; it’s really No. 8 on the list.):
South Padre Island! It’s where vacations are biiiig Texas style. It is more popular than ever this year as an easy and easygoing U.S. beach town.

Funding limited this year? Then try a Staycation!
Here are some local places that are both entertaining and affordable (you could even visit one of these each day!):

1. Bricktown — From a water taxi to many unique, fun restaurants, clubs and bars, there is always something to do in OKC’s historical Bricktown.
2. Thunder Game — OKC’s own NBA team. Check out the schedule at http://www.nba.com/thunder/schedule/.
3. Dave and Busters — A newly-arrived restaurant in OKC. Eat great food and play fun arcade games... all for adults!
4. Classen Curve — Into the high fashion, hipster type of places? Check out the website at http://classencurve.com/. You can dine, shop and play!
5. Oklahoma City Zoo — Only $8 admission, the Zoo is opened every day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is both a living and botanical garden.

What’s Cookin’?  7Layer Lasagna
By Jennifer Williams-Bradshaw

**Items Needed:**
- A pound of ground beef
- A casserole dish
- A large pot
- 1 package of lasagna noodles
- 1 pound of shredded cheese
- 1 package of provolone cheese, sliced
- 1 package of cheddar cheese, sliced
- 24 ounces of Prego pasta sauce
- Italian Seasoning
- Black pepper
- Seasoned salt
- Garlic powder

**Preparation:**

In a large pot, fill it with water and place on the stove. Bring to a boil. Add lasagna noodles to boiling water.

In a large sauce pan, brown ground beef and add black pepper, seasoned salt and garlic powder to your liking.

Drain the seasoned ground beef. Add Prego pasta sauce to the seasoned ground beef. Bring to a simmer.

Pre-heat oven to 350.

In the casserole dish, begin to lay out the lasagna noodles so they overlap in the bottom of the pan.

Take the Provolone and begin to layer it over the noodles.

Spoon meat sauce mixture over the cheese evenly.

Take the shredded cheese and sprinkle over meat sauce mixture.

Take more noodles and create another layer.

Repeat previous steps until all of the meat sauce is used, alternating between the different flavor cheeses.

Lastly, finish with the shredded cheese and sprinkle the Italian seasoning on top.

Place in oven for 15 to 20 minutes or until cheese is melted.

Serves 6 to 8 people.
Softball players hold strong team bond

By Charles Tucker
Staff Writer

The Langston University softball team is five games into the season. These games started like a rocking chair, back and forth between two wins and three losses. The composer is still at an all-time high because these ladies have what other teams might not, which is experience.

“The thing that makes this team different from last year’s team is the bond that the team has; they are together and that’s the key,” said Quinton Morgan, head softball coach.

The softball team has been challenged, but the players said they are taking this adversity pill and swallowing it with ease. Jasmine Wilson, a junior softball player, said, “When you travel, you deal with other teams’ homefield advantages and their umpires definitely help them out along the game with calls, but we as a team will overcome that.”

The team was mentally worn more than physically on the three losses. “My players were mentally tired from the different variables of the game. The calls the umpires made were kind of mind blowing and obvious,” Morgan said.

The thought of quitting never crossed the players’ and coaches’ minds. “It’s imbedded in my players regardless of any loss to lay everything on the line,” Morgan said.

“This is an enjoyable game for the players on the field for LU. “The excitement is very high because the season has begun and all the hard work we put forth we get to portray it,” Wilson said.

Although the season has just begun, the ladies said they think they have a bright future on the field. “The championship is attainable this year because we have put forth the hard work and dedication as a team,” Wilson said.

For a complete LU softball schedule, go to www.langstonsports.com.

Quinton Morgan, head softball coach, teaches a player throwing techniques during practice. The Lioness softball team plays against Northwood University on Friday, March 16, at noon and 2 p.m. in Langston.