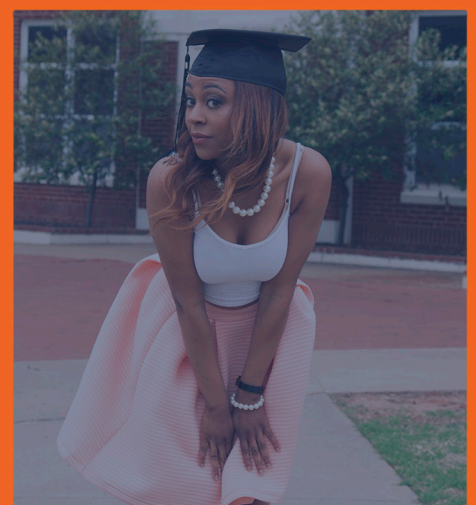
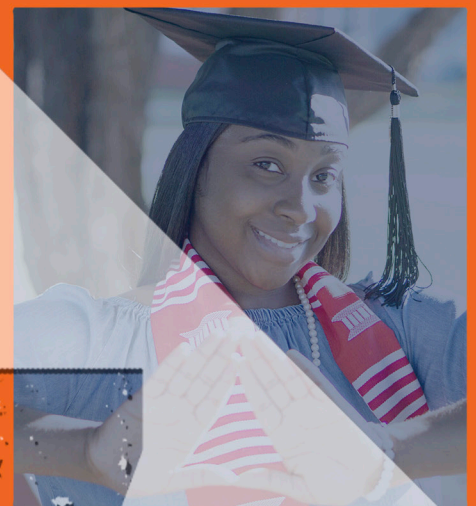


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Editor says farewell to LU, shares some major 'keys'

I'm not going to pretend like the last four years have flown by and tears come to my eyes when I quietly reflect on the good times passed. I'm also not going to exacerbate the clichéd narrative that hard work and dedication triumph and blah, blah, blah.

But what I will do is be candid with you...and share some of the best practices of my undergraduate career that have garnered me opportunities that many of my peers often inquire about.

When I first got to Langston, it was a bittersweet relief. On one hand, it wasn't the school at the top of my list. But on the other hand, it was my saving grace. I remember exactly where I was when Chauncey Jackson called me and offered me a full ride.

So, I promised myself that I wouldn't waste it and I'd excel at every turn. I think I did pretty well on keeping my promise if I say so myself. But every step, every obstacle was another lesson about myself.

For starters, when people found out I went to London for a semester their eyes double in size and they always ask, "HOW?!" How does one select a university on the other side of the world? Google.

The rest was talking to people like the vice president of Academic Affairs, the dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, the registrar and the chair of the communication department.

I'm not going to give the play-by-play of meetings with this dean and that adviser, but I will tell you it was a lot of hard work on the front end and a lot more anxiety on the back end. I faced a bit of opposition at first, and it was difficult trying to prove to administrators why I should go and why they should pay for it.

I was discouraged because one of the first responses I



Garlington

got was, "We don't do that." I thought to myself, "Why not?" We may not do "this" per se, but it's definitely something that could be done. And I was determined to see it through until I was sipping tea while watching the sun rise behind Big Ben.

That brings me to my next key—determination. There weren't many instances where I took a simple "no" for an answer. I held out. I sometimes had to go over people's heads. But I did it with respect and never out of spite. I found that a lot of "no's" at Langston weren't just that They were often used instead of "I don't know" or "I don't know how."

So, I didn't let those stop me. I kept pressing until I found the person or answer I was looking for. And that did me a lot of good.

Next key. Convince yourself you're worthy. What I mean is the world outside of Langston probably seems huge. There's a lot of competition out there in the real world, but I PROMISE we're just as qualified as any other university's students.

I realized this when I applied for my internship at the United States Department of State in D.C. I was so intimidated by how competitive the process was and how demanding the actual internship position would be. The application process took six months and I had to get a secret security clearance because it was a federal job, but I handled it.

And as far as the job? Nailed it. I ended up teaching myself Wordpress so I could build them a special website on their internal server, which is something they were going to pay a contractor \$70K to do.

And, ever since then, my resume might as well be dipped in gold. But it took me a while to gather the confidence and convince myself that I had what it took to excel! My supervisor framed a certificate for me to thank me for my contributions. All the other interns from Temple University, Florida International, Georgetown and George Washington were jealous. Haha.

My next key is looking ahead. Always look ahead. Especially when it feels like the quizzes and projects and meetings seem like a waste of time and energy, or when it seems like what's going on outside of school is such a distraction that you can't focus.

You have to know that your persistence will be rewarded and it's all contributing to the single goal of graduation. I've lost friends. My father passed away. My car's been totaled. I was diagnosed with a chronic congenital illness.

BUT I never took a semester off. I couldn't afford to lose the momentum. And you can't either. Stay encouraged. And how did I do that?

Friends. I have great friends here at Langston. When we all got here in 2013 we were all scholars.

Over the years, we've held overnight study sessions and even made finals a friendly competition. We studied hard, but we partied harder. They were strong pillars of support for me and always checked me when I dropped the ball.

So, thanks Alissa, Imani, Chelsi, Ashley, Ukai, Tajae, Daisy, Aysia, Keshia, Kim and Bethanie.

Who else did I build rela-

tionships with? Of course, President Smith. If you don't know that man, get to know him! And, make sure he knows you.

My adviser, Mrs. Lawrence—my favorite staff member on this campus. She always relayed opportunities to me and wrote me amazing recommendation letters.

Know the chair of your department. My chair, Lonnie Johnson, was always a person I could depend on to advocate for me when I found myself in a bind and had my back when I had a grievance.

Finally, to the adviser of this newspaper—Ms. Turner, dude, I really love you and I'm gonna miss you. Thank you for the opportunity. You're the best.

Build a relationship with your professors and always speak to them outside of class when you see them. You never know when you might have to miss a class, or worse, a test.

Life happens. But when you're serious about your studies, your professors will want you to succeed. They'll do what they can to help you...MOST of the time.

My final key is have fun! Make sure you take the time to pat yourself on the back and take a break! Recharge. I love to travel, so I'll fly to LA or Atlanta or drive down to Dallas or even go home to Kansas City when I feel like I need to escape the pressure. And, it's all right because I've built those relationships with my professors. I can miss a day or two. But I make sure I get the work before I go. BEFORE.

Alas, parting is such sweet sorrow. Hope that helps. It's been a pleasure to be your editor. Fare well, Lions. I'll see you guys at 10 a.m. May 13, in Gucci SS17. *smiley purple devil emoji*

Marcus Garlington is a graduating senior broadcast journalism major.

University goes into lockdown while police search for gunman

By **Tori Harris**
Staff Writer

Langston University faced a lockdown for over three hours April 18, while a suspect was at large after shooting a deputy and carjacking a woman at a nearby gas station.

LU was alerted of the suspect, Nathan LeForce, who was on the run in Logan County. The university went into an immediate lockdown, as did Coyle and Muhl public schools.

After Joshua Busby, dean of students, was notified about the situation by the president's office, he asked LU officials to keep students where they were or to get them inside a safe area as authorities searched for LeForce, who was expected to be armed and dangerous.

According to the KOCO website, LeForce had shot Logan County Deputy David Wade about three times, once in the face, and then drove away in the deputy's vehicle.

The suspect later carjacked a woman at the Smitty's gas station, which is fewer than 3 miles away from the university, according to Google

"I was paranoid at first. People were telling the story but not the full story. I was going off of social media until I turned on the news and got the full details."

— *Uniqua Wilson,*
senior public health major

maps. That moment is when students, faculty and staff were alerted of the situation.

People said they were alerted through email, texts, friends or LU officials. There was an emergent active shooter alert sent campus-wide, notifying everyone associated with the university.

The alert instructed people to stay in their current locations, and buildings were secured. The university has a crisis situation plan that shows the process in certain situations. Busby mentioned that there also is an active-shooter training during Lion Camp for incoming freshman.

"All that is okay when it's a drill or when it's practice,

but when it's live, everything changes," Busby said.

Busby, who was a student at LU in the early 2000s and then became a staff member for the university after graduating, said a situation like this has never happened at Langston since he has been here. He thinks his team handled the lockdown procedures effectively.

"I commend my team. I think we did a great job of getting it done [and following procedures]," Busby said.

The alert read: LU-Alert—A deputy was shot in Logan County a short time ago, not on the Langston campus. According to the police, the suspect is possibly armed

and dangerous. All faculty, staff, and students on the Langston campus should stay inside their current location. The Langston campus is on immediate lock down, and all facilities on campus have been secured.

"I was paranoid at first. People were telling the story but not the full story," said senior public health major Uniqua Wilson, who was secured in her dorm room during the time. "I was going off of social media until I turned on the news and got the full details."

The university remained on lockdown for several hours, with the first alert sent out at about 11 a.m. and the release alert sent just before 3 p.m. The university's protocol led to some frustration among students because they wanted to eat lunch and weren't allowed to leave their current location.

Wilson mentioned she was getting ready to go to the cafeteria when she received the alert.

"I was [madder] because I was hungry," she said.

Some students also said they were hearing rumors about being monetarily fined if they left the campus or exited a building. However, Busby debunked those rumors.

On the contrary, some students and professors were able to gain productive time from the lockdown. They had extra time to finish lectures, catch up on homework or class work and grade papers.

"Students understood that they needed to stay," said Dr. Sharon Lewis, associate professor of chemistry.

"I told them, 'You cannot leave. Either stay in the lab or come watch TV.' So, they were in here kicking it, watching TV," she said.

Lewis mentioned that some of her students were working on a lab project when the lockdown occurred, which kept them productive.

"Nobody complained because they were trying to get that lab done," Lewis said.

Because of concerns on how the university handled the situation, the lockdown resulted in some frustration from students. But, at the same time, it let students, faculty and staff know that the university cares and protects its community when immediate action needs to happen, Lewis said.

"If Vice President [Clyde] Montgomery was not out there at Page Hall, I would have got in my car, gone over to Smitty's, and got a sandwich," Lewis said.

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We will find out our placement in the three other categories at the awards ceremony

in Oklahoma City on June 10.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. holds first pageant in three years

By Jasmine Franklin
Staff Writer

The Beta Upsilon chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. held its annual Mr. Debonair & Miss Jabawalk pageant April 18, at 7:13 in the I.W. Young Auditorium.

There were four contestants running for the Mr. Debonair title and seven contestants running for the Miss Jabawalk crown.

Kory Long, sophomore psychology major and the Jabawalk committee chair, served as the pageant's coordinator, ensuring everything was perfect for that night because her sorority hasn't had this pageant in three years, she said.

Because the Beta Upsilon chapter of DST Inc. didn't have an adviser for a few years, the chapter was inactive and wasn't eligible to host events on campus, Long said.

"This pageant is really, really special to me—one of the biggest projects I have had at the LU," Long said. "I made a serious commitment to make sure the pageant was successful, and I believe it was."

Long also had outside help

from a student, Tyren Veasley. Veasley assisted her with the pageant coordination and practices. When Long needed an extra pair of hands, Veasley was always there, Long said.

"It was very fun seeing how hardworking everyone was, especially the contestants, since the pageant hasn't been done in four years," said Veasley, sophomore broadcast journalism major. "And we were able to create a phenomenal show."

The previous Mr. Debonair, JD Crawford, gave his crown to Anthony Crenshaw, a junior psychology major. Cara Howard, the previous Miss Jabawalk, passed her crown to Dayonna Ruffin, a junior business management major.

This pageant was Ruffin's experience vying for a crown. Her platform is "HAIR," which stands for Helping Assist Individuals Replenish. She said it is a way for her to give tips and guidance to her peers about their natural hair.

"My favorite part about this whole pageant experience was meeting new people and creating unbreakable bonds," Ruffin said.

As for the male side of the

pageant, Crenshaw said his family was the reason he participated because Delta runs in his family. He decided to do something outside of the box for himself as well.

His platform, "Beating All Odds," was inspired from his childhood experiences growing up with a single mother, Crenshaw said. Crenshaw explained that his platform supports African-American males who grew up in a single-mother household and how that can affect them long-term, such as ending up in jail, having a child in their teens, not attending college, attending college only on an athletic scholarship.

"I beat the odds," Crenshaw said. "The odds were against me and any other African-American male who grew up in a single-mother home."

Both contestants received a scholarship, which was based off their individual percentages of their overall advertising sales that they contributed to the pageant.

The minimum Mr. Debonair & Miss Jabawalk can receive in scholarship funding is \$300, but there isn't a maximum, Long said.



Photo by Kimberly McKnight

The new Miss Jabawalk, Dayonna Ruffin, and Mr. Debonair, Anthony Crenshaw, proudly display their crowns.

LU Fashion Police



April is here and Oklahoma's weather is still playing tricks on our closets. A time where the sun would be shining and the wind would be blowing just right, the clouds have taken over and the temperature has dropped below 50 degrees. But there are also ways to stay stylish in the inconsistent climate.

Ladies, throwing on a basic graphic T-shirt, light-wash denim jeans, your favorite pair of boots and a nice jacket is a great look. The jacket you add to your look could make it or break it. A nice "track-style" jacket with a graphic saying on the back could give a basic outfit a little more attitude and personality. At the end of the day, adding personality to your outfit allows you to express your creativity through style and daring concepts.

Even wanting to pursue a cute, yet comfy outfit consists of a basic, white,

oversized T-shirt, your favorite pair of distressed, high-waist jeans, nude color UGG boots and an olive green trench. Also, wearing an over-sized, midriff hoodie with high-waist jeans and a clean pair of sneakers would suffice.

Fellas, you can get away with dressing in your favorite sweat suit and a basic, black or white, tall tee and clean sneakers to conquer the day being suave, yet comfortable. In this type of weather, the less effort men put toward their outfit for the day, the less time they'll have worrying about if they want to wear a suit and tie for Business Tuesday or if they want to wear a nice button-up with a sweater on top and a clean pair of dark denim jeans with a nice pair of shoes.

Overall, this spring has been a cold transition, but summer will be here before you know it. Pack away the tall boots

and heavy coats and lay out the summer attire of tank tops, shorts, sundresses and sandals. Until next semester, stay beautiful and stay comfortable, Lions.



Hard work pays off

'Track star twin' is example of true success story

By Kimberly Thompson
Reporter

You may know her as Tia, the track star twin, but there is so much more to this young lady.

Tiajuana Brimer is a graduating senior computer science major at Langston University. Born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri, she wasn't always into track. She enjoyed basketball more.

"I actually prefer basketball over track. I participate in track because it's a stress-reliever and keeps me in the best shape," Brimer explained.

When she was 10 years old, she attended a sports banquet at Herbert Hoover Boys & Girls Club where she was approached by the track coach. He said, "I see you keep winning all of these awards for every other sport. Why not try running track?" After Brimer OK'd it with her mother, the coach told her, "Practice is Monday up at Beaumont High School." So, she went to the track practice the following week and ran in her first meet that summer. The rest was history.

Everyone has a motto that they live by and, Brimer says, her motto for life is, "Hustle

in silence and let your success make the noise. With that motto comes hard work. Brimer has a go-getter mentality, which is one of the many reasons why she has had a successful experience at Dear Langston. Not only has this mentality helped her, but her determination to "not go back home and be like everyone else" fueled her desire to make a better lifestyle for herself and to make her family proud.

Brimer describes herself as hardworking, selfless and ambitious. These three qualities show in her academic work as well as her track life. Brimer's drive has helped her land a full-time job with ONEOK in Tulsa, which means after graduation she is all set to transition into the career world.

Brimer's motivation for succeeding and doing her best in all aspects of her life comes from her family.

"I just want to make them proud and make a better living for myself," she said. Being a student and an athlete has not been an easy task for Brimer, but, over the years, she has learned some helpful tips that she is willing to share with other students who have to find a balance between school and sports.



Photo by Kimberly Thompson

Tia Brimer proudly displays her honors stole that she will wear during graduation. Brimer is a graduating computer science major.

"It was hard to be a student and an athlete because you never seem to have any free time to yourself," she said. "You're constantly on the move, either in class, at practice, at a meet or doing homework. But to lighten the load on yourself, you should communicate with your coaches

because they may let you take a day off to study for a test, do homework or even let you practice around your schedule to accommodate more time to yourself."

Brimer advises other students to "build time management skills. You have to be able to balance both, but

always put your studies first because you have to have good grades in order to play the sport of your choice. However, if I were someone else, I would strive for a 3.0 or higher GPA because after you're done playing sports, you only have your degree to help you land a good job."

Exchange student explains LU experience

By Kimberly Thompson
Reporter

There are many different students walking around campus, and many of them are not from the United States. With Langston University being a minority-serving institution, you can find many students who add to the diversity of the campus.

Liming Zhang, senior agribusiness major, is from Central China. Zhang has been living in the United States for two years. The decision to attend LU involved President Kent Smith Jr. going to a university in China to recruit fu-



Zhang

ture students. Her father also helped her with the decision to attend Langston.

"I wanted to meet different people, make different friends and [experience] dif-

ferent cultures," Zhang said.

Zhang enjoys being a part of the LU community and interacting with students who come from different cultural backgrounds. She not only likes learning about other cultures, but also teaching students about her own culture.

"Langston is a good place to study and make friends," Zhang said. "My English is improving rapidly."

LU a diverse campus that allows students from different parts of the world to unite, but because it is a small university, it makes living on campus feel like living at home. Some exchange stu-

dents attend larger universities where they can get lost in the crowd and become another number, but that is not the case with Langston.

"At Langston, one class may have 11 students," Zhang said, "but in China, one class will have 50 or more students. So, if you have a question, you will have less time for help [in China]."

Being an exchange student, however, is not always an easy transition from one place to another. With moving to an unfamiliar place also comes unfamiliar feelings.

Coming from China to America bears its own pros

and cons, and many exchange students have to learn to adjust, particularly to the language barrier.

"I found it difficult for me to understand some of the language because we come from different backgrounds," Zhang said.

Zhang also has had a hard time adjusting to the different food in America. She said she is not a fan of American food. So, to prevent herself from getting too home sick, she enjoys cooking her favorite dish of tomatoes and eggs on a bed of freshly cooked rice. She said that nothing beats authentic, home-cooked food.

DELL provides careers for LU graduates

By Kimberly Thompson
Reporter

A Langston University alumnus is opening doors at DELL for LU graduates.

Client Technical Support Specialist Austin Jackson graduated from Langston in 2015 and has been working with DELL for a year and nine months.

Similar to most college students, Jackson followed his passion after graduation. For him, his passion is working with computers.

"I have always been interested in computers since a sophomore in high school, where I took computer repair classes, web design and networking," Jackson said.

Attending LU is what made Jackson become more involved with his passion, and it was his first interaction with the computer science world. It was Ralph Grayson, title, and Dr. FIRST NAME Ro, title, who inspired him to pursue a

"The computer science department and Dr. Grayson have opened so many doors and opportunities for me."

— Austin Jackson
LU alumnus

degree in computer science. Grayson taught him the business aspect of computer science along with some advanced programming in which Jackson thinks made him more valuable to companies.

The legendary Ro taught him how to "use his brain" when it came to discreet mathematics and java programming. Also, the computer science department has had the highest job placement rate throughout the years, and, according to most compensation surveys, computer science majors have the highest salaries after graduation.

The first time Jackson heard about opportunities with DELL was through Grayson, First name Boyles, and First name Wallace. DELL was giving a presentation about its new university relations program, and the company was looking to recruit college graduates.

What particularly made Jackson interested in DELL was the fact that the company went private a few years ago and the business was steady growing. He knew DELL was one of the top technology companies in the world, and there would be more opportunities for him there than any other

technology company in the market.

Now, Jackson has been back to Langston as a guest speaker in computer science classes, giving back to the university and department that helped him get his start in the real world.

"The computer science department and Dr. Grayson have opened so many doors and opportunities for me," Jackson said. "[Visiting Langston] was my way of paying it forward. I also wanted to give the students insight on the business and let them know what is expected of them if they decided to join DELL."

Some of the students were eager to jump at this opportunity to work with DELL and wanted to know what they had to do to be a part of the company.

"The presentation itself is a reflection of how they conduct themselves at work," said Luis Sierra, junior computer science major. "They

make an emphasis to talk about how they work hard and play hard. I think you can see that by how they present their information professionally while taking the opportunity to crack a joke here and there."

Sierra wasn't just impressed with Jackson's presentation, but he also was impressed with how Jackson was able to attract students' attention.

"The presentation definitely opens the door for us," Sierra said. "They're able to gauge our interest by our questions, and afterwards, we're able to talk to them one on one and get their unfiltered thoughts. Building that rapport means they'll look out for me when I apply."

The university relations program at DELL gives students the upper hand for advancing their careers. It was designed to mold students and allow them to move into leadership positions.

Quiz bowl team finishes in top quarterile at national tournament

By Walter Harris
Staff Writer

Langston University's quiz bowl team finished with three wins and two losses, placing it among the top quartile of all registered teams in the Honda Campus All-Star HBCU National Quiz Championship for the first time.

After the team completed a 3-1 round-robin performance at the HCASC National Qualifying Tournament, the team qualified for NQC, where it earned LU a \$3,000 grant from American Honda.

The team consists of four players: Alexander Smith, Fisher Davis, Coleton Dudley and Troy Stoutermire.

"We wanted to be the most aggressive team there," said coach Kyle Gregory, LU recruiter and coach of quiz bowl team. "Whether we knew the answer or not, we wanted to buzz and at least give a relevant



Courtesy Photo

Quiz bowl team members proudly stand with their coach, Kyle Gregory (middle). The members are, from left, Coleton Dudley, Alexander Smith, Gregory, Troy Stoutermire and Fisher Davis.

guess. We also had our players responsible for certain categories, so they knew that, 'Hey, if I miss this, it's on me,' and we came together as a team for the bonus question."

Smith, senior natural resources major, thinks competing with the team was a great learning experience.

"American Honda really fostered an environment that allowed us to grow professionally," Smith said in a news release. "The seminars put on after the games helped, but even more importantly the gathering of great leaders allowed me to gain insight for the next steps beyond graduation."

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SGA candidates use Lion Alerts to promote personal campaigns

By Marcus Garlington
Editor

Elections are a fundamental part of the American Democratic machine and really any institution or organization founded on the principle that power to govern comes from the consent of those who would be governed.

Elections provide the means by which we delegate this power to elected representatives. And they come with rules—lots of them.

On a number of occasions, the Lion Alerts system was used, nay abused, for the purposes of promoting certain candidates in the 2017-2018 student elections.

Many saw it as an unfair advantage that incumbent candidates had on students who were new to the election

process and LU's Student Government Association.

While it is a free service and a tool of the Student Activities Board (and technically not an "official" communication tool for LU), it is also a service upon which Lions, faculty and staff rely.

Most of the messages that come from Lion Alerts involve homecoming, Spring Week and updates about the welcome back party or end-of-semester activities. It was even utilized to notify the subscribers of the active shooter at large in Logan County last week that resulted in a campus-wide lockdown for several hours.

It's safe to presume that subscribers of this program trust Lion Alerts. It's also safe to presume that this trust gives the administrators of

this program an unfair advantage when campaigning for their candidates.

If we at Langston believe in the Democratic principle and the integrity of the election process, then such instances cannot be tolerated, as they cannot co-exist.

Joshua Busby, dean of students, said that the Office of Student Life does have an election policy that The Gazette was not able to acquire before this issue's deadline.

Busby also said he thinks it's important for SGA elections to mirror real government elections, and he condemned the misuse of the Lion Alerts system.

"Obviously, everything we do here we want to be indicative of what life after Langston University is," Busby said. "After evaluating

this election and the process, we'll need to go back to the drawing board relative to the makeup of the policy because we feel that there might have been some things that were unrealistic relative to the expectations of the students and might have even been infringing upon some First Amendment rights, which is something we don't want to do. You'll see that revamped piece in the policy as it relates to social media."

This election policy, as it would concern Lion Alerts, would be difficult to enforce because it is something for which users must opt-in by texting "@sabale" to 81010. It does not rely on university resources for its user pool. People volunteer to receive them.

And, because it's free, LU has no stake or liability in the messages it sends out because the university has not had to invest any dollars to maintain the program.

"What we know is that, at this point, there's only one individual who has access and is able to send those alerts out and that's the PR chair of SAB, who is appointed by the activities coordinator," Busby said.

"It's not university-sanctioned. But early on in the process, the service was utilized by three or four candidates," he continued. "I had a serious problem with this because I feel that all candidates didn't have access to it."

"My position was: either everybody can have access to it...or we cut it out. SGA President Keilan Armstrong took the position that no candidates could use the Lion Alerts system."

"Ms. Terri Link met with the candidates last week to inform them of that decision. At that point, every candidate agreed that they would not post campaign messages on the Lion Alerts system."

"But, of course, on election day all subscribers of the system got an alert. And now we're still trying to investi-

gate this incident. And once we have all of the facts, we'll move forward and try to adjust our election policy and also consider if this warrants any type of disciplinary action."

In the biggest sense, it's a moral and ethical misjudgment, Busby said. However, he said, he does not want to jump to conclusions while Student Life is still investigating.

"We feel that moving in the future, we should re-evaluate the guidelines and really see if they're realistic," he said. "You can have a lot of stuff on paper but if you can't enforce it... it really means nothing."

"We were very clear in our first meeting with the candidates. We acknowledged that while we encourage spirited campaigns, we will not accept [mud-slinging]. We have agreed that a first offense would be a warning and a subsequent offense could result in your being removed from the election."

It's important to consider the fact that Lion Alerts was not an issue in previous campaigns, but as technology advances, we must be swift to update policies and equip them with mechanisms to address that may arise from these advancements.

"The Lion Alerts piece was something we weren't expecting. But we must be mindful that when some student leaders run for positions, there are some [incumbent] candidates who have access to the outlets that communicate with the student body," Busby said.

"And we must recognize that this access could be an unfair advantage to emerging or prospective student leaders. It has to be something that has to be available for everybody... or it won't be available for anybody."

"So, from this point moving forward... it's something we're going to try to stay away from all together concerning elections," Busby said.

Toastmasters has charter party



Photo by Kimberly Thompson

The Toastmaster's club at Langston University displays its new banner with all of the members. The club held its Roaring Legacy's Charter party April 25, to celebrate its recognition as an official Toastmasters club in Langston.

2017-2018 SGA Election Results

President

JD Crawford, 379 votes—65%
Jamorie Matthews, 203 votes—35%

Vice President

Deija Booker, 135 votes —23%
Coleton Dudley, 172 votes—30%
Gabriel Hopkins, 38 votes—7%
Jarae Williams, 234 votes—40%

Activities Coordinator

Kadarius Griffin, 248 votes—43%
Jasmine Mayes, 330 votes—57%

Proposed Student Fee for the Wellness Center

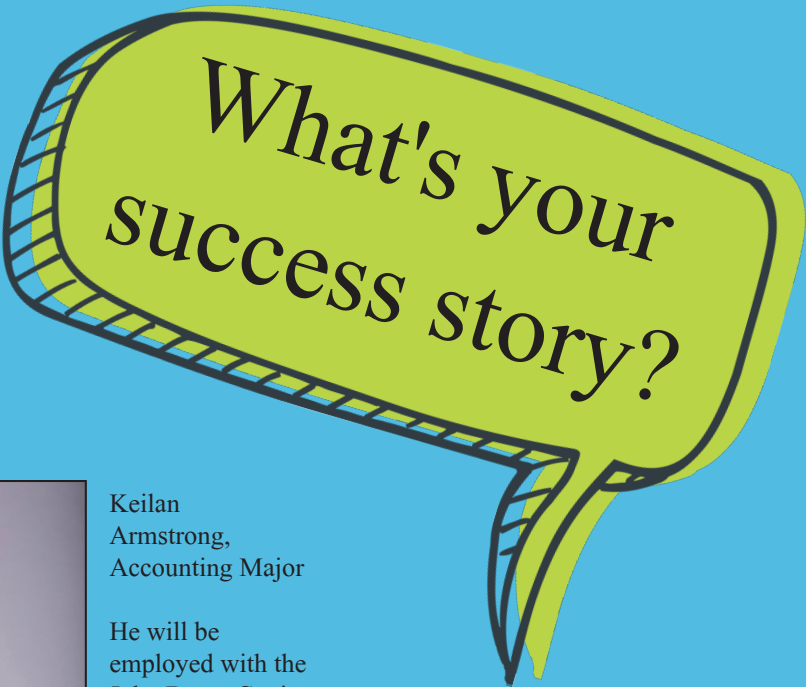
Yes, 386 votes—66%
No, 200 votes—30%

*Note:
A total of 590 students cast their votes in this election. LU officials think it was the highest voter turnout in recent memory.*

The votes were counted and tallied by 12 individuals, including Office of Student Affairs staff and representatives for each of the candidates.

Campus Question

Special Graduation Edition



Halina Garraway,
Math Major
Electronic
Technology Minor

She will be working with Boeing in Oklahoma City as a Systems Engineer.



Keilan Armstrong,
Accounting Major

He will be employed with the John Deere Co. in the Accounting/ Finance Development Program, located in Moline, Illinois.



Kimberly McKnight,
Broadcast
Journalism Major

She will be working at Fox 23 in Tulsa as an Associate Producer.



Mira Bakine,
Biology Major
Chemistry Minor

She will attend medical school at Oklahoma State University. She plans to specialize in pediatrics or emergency medicine.



Omolola Oluwaseun Ajike Hasaan,
Economics and Business
Management Major
Broadcast Journalism Minor

She will be employed with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as a Financial Institution Specialist in Los Angeles.