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A collage of student photos and the event title. The title 'III LANGSTON GREEK WEEKS 2017' is prominently displayed in the center. The background features various student photos, including a group of students in the top left, a student with hands clasped in the top left, a student with dreadlocks in the top right, a student in a purple shirt in the bottom left, and two students in 'WILD BUNCH' tank tops in the bottom center. The text 'SEE SCHEDULE PAGE 4' is in the bottom right corner.

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LU ranks no. 8 for best online business degree

By Marcus Garlington
Editor

Goat research. Physical therapy. Affordability. Butch. These are all things that are synonymous with Langston University and have been crucial selling points when trying to attract new students. But recently, LU's gained another reason to brag.

What does Langston University have in common with Ohio Christian University, Arizona State, Florida International and Park University? An outstanding online Bachelor of Business Administration program. And, LU out-ranked them all to claim the eighth best online management program nationwide.

Online Accounting Degrees called Langston "home to one of the best online...management degree programs nationwide."

What's different about our program is the degree. Usually, business students earn a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts, which tend to narrow the field of study. But the Bachelor of Business Administration offers a more business-oriented learning experience, which includes accounting, micro and macroeconomics, management and logistics.

Criteria for the no. 8 ranking included three main components. The first is emphasis on logistics: how much of the coursework specifically addresses topics relevant to management, operations, transportation, etc.?

This category was particularly important given the number of business degrees with concentrations in logistics. The more classes required within the concentration area (and the more logistics-related coursework present overall in the curriculum), the better.

The next is required experiential/synthesis learning: Does the curriculum include a comprehensive capstone course or internship opportunity?

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You can be anywhere in the U.S. as long as you have Internet access."

— Dr. Michael Hamilton,
assistant professor of management

Though some of these programs specifically cater to students who already have multiple years of work experience, it is usually preferable to have some requirement for students to synthesize their own learning experiences and apply their skills in new ways.

The final component was appeal and effectiveness: Are students regularly attending (and earning degrees from) these online programs?

Using College Navigator data on the number of business logistics/operations management degrees in the 2014-2015 school year, Online Accounting Degrees was able to ascertain how active each program has been recently in attracting new students and successfully graduating them, too.

Though LU has fewer graduates with a B.B.A. than most of its competitors, that does little to detract from the program's overall quality.

Langston's online B.B.A. curriculum is one of the few to actually require an internship, which demonstrates the program's commitment to ensuring that majors are well-prepared for life after college.

Dr. Michael Hamilton, assistant professor of management in the School of Business, is the program director of the online B.B.A. program. His role is to ensure the program runs efficiently. He drafts the class schedule, finds certified instructors, teaches management and correlates with the dean.

"It's a four-year degree program, which is a mirror-image of the face-to-face management degree program,"

Hamilton said. "The only difference is that it's delivered 100-percent online. You can be anywhere in the U.S. as long as you have Internet access."

Sounds easy, right? Log in and do the work whenever you want? Not really.

"It comes with its own set of challenges, but it comes with certain flexibility," Hamilton said. "But keep in mind, these are not self-paced courses. We're moving in eight-week modules, which is very quickly."

Hamilton said it's easy for some students to fall behind, especially procrastinators, because the modules progress so quickly from week to week. It's important for students taking online courses to stay focused and disciplined because once they fall behind, it's hard to get caught back up. Hamilton even admitted that it's a lot of work for him as well, as he shook his head and smiled.

Angela Thomas, an instructor of micro and macroeconomics, explained the hurdles of online teaching.

"If you're teaching in a class, you can realize in the middle of a semester that you need to make an adjustment," Thomas said. "But with online, you don't always catch it that quick. In class, you can see that the students might not be getting it the way you're teaching, so you can alter your methods. But online, it's hard to make those mid-semester adjustments without throwing the class out of whack. Once the students have started the online class, you've promised stu-

dents that this is the way it's gonna be. You can't just throw in new homework, even if it will help them."

Students gain flexibility at the cost of the instructor's flexibility.

"The thing I don't love about teaching online is that I don't get as much contact with the students... so I can't cajole and say, 'Now, c'mon, [student's name]! I know you can do better than that... make sure you get your homework done, etc.," Thomas said.

Where she can usually facilitate supportive contact and foster a relationship with a student in person, in an online classroom, that burden of starting student/teacher dialogue lies on the student.

"You have to have a different mindset when you're teaching online versus taking it in person, just like a student who's studying online versus in person," Thomas said. "For example, I let my students take their quizzes over and over again until they get the score they want because I don't get to lecture them. The only way I know for sure they've got it is by doing well on the quiz."

But, overall, Thomas was "thrilled" about the ranking.

"I think it's great. People will start recognizing Langston. This ranking could spill over into on-campus students as well. It makes me proud," she said. "My hope is for the program to grow —for us to be able to enroll more students and even expand the program by offering more degrees."

The ranking is great news not just for the School of Business, but also for LU. As the program's strongest guiding hand, Hamilton was excited about the ranking but didn't want to take all the credit. Nevertheless, he's not enthusiastic about what he did, but about what this ranking means.

"It can only help us. Everybody wants to be Top 10," Hamilton said.

LU students earn top places at OSU Research Symposium

By Walter Harris
Staff Writer

Two Langston University students placed in the 2017 Research Symposium at Oklahoma State University.

Ashley Newton, sophomore natural resources management major, placed first for her research in DNA extraction procedures using a Bronopol tablet in Alpine goat milk.

"I've always had a great interest in the sciences as well as animals," Newton said. "When I came to Langston, I became further encouraged to hone that desire to be a research scientist, whether it be in the agricultural, biological or physical science, for example. The research took about a day and a half working around the class hours."

Newton entered the competition but didn't expect to win because she is still conducting undergraduate research.

"That feeling that I had when I placed was very unbelievable... I was very shocked and felt very honored to have the opportunity to represent LU in a high-academically respective manner," Newton said.

Newton wasn't alone in her success.

Magnus Scott, agriculture science major, placed second with his research in dairy goat farming and detecting E. coli serogroups and associated

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— Ashley Newton,
sophomore
natural resources
management

virulence genes in goat milk.

"Finding food-borne pathogens persuaded my interest to improve the safety of goat milk and cheese for American consumers by developing a test to accurately detect E.coli in goat milk and feces," Scott said.

Scott's research took about 10 weeks to complete. He was also able to meet with different companies to assist him with his research.

"Getting the opportunity with the DHS, SRT has helped me grow as a person and gave me the assets to undergo any research of my own," Scott said.

Scott's professors made sure he had the proper training and resources to conduct his research as well.



Courtesy Photo

Dr. Steve Zeng (left), associate professor in the School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, poses with his students as they proudly display their research awards. Ashley Newton (middle) placed first and Magnus Scott placed second in the 2017 Research Symposium at Oklahoma State University.

Wings of Hope Family Crisis Services offers help on campus

By Jasmine Mayes
Staff Writer

The Langston University Counseling and Health Services has partnered with Wings of Hope Family Crisis Services in Stillwater to offer special services on campus. A representative from Wings of Hope visits LU on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon, and it is free for students and fac-

ulty.

Wings of Hope is committed to stopping interpersonal violence and empowering victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other abuse.

"Wings of Hope Family Crisis Services provides comprehensive and confidential services to individuals and families experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault,

stalking and child abuse or neglect," according to the Wings of Hope website.

Wings of Hope will have an event collaborating with the LU counseling center, Women of Purpose and the LU police department called "Denim Day" on April 26, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Success Center Great Room.

According to the Denim Day website, "Denim Day

is a campaign triggered by a ruling by the Italian supreme court where a rape conviction was overturned because justices felt that the victim's jeans were too tight and figured she had to have helped, which means she gave consent."

The campaign was developed in response to the case and the activism surrounding it.

"April is Sexual Assault

Awareness month, and we want to bring light to the issues and things victims go through," said Lauren Najera, sexual assault counselor for Wings of Hope.

All services offered through the LU counseling center are confidential.

If students have any questions, they can contact Wings of Hope at 405-372-9922 or visit the website.

Greek Weeks Schedule

Feb. 26-March 4

Alpha Kappa Alpha & Alpha Phi Alpha

March 5-11

Sigma Gamma Rho

March 19-25

Kappa Alpha Psi

March 26-April 1

Omega Psi Phi

April 2-8

Phi Beta Sigma

April 9-15

Zeta Phi Beta

April 16-22

Delta Sigma Theta

LU Fashion Police

Spring break has come and gone, but that doesn't mean fashions have to!

The seasons have officially changed from winter to spring, and as for us, Oklahoma's weather doesn't seem to want to stay consistent with sunny skies and warm weather. LU's Fashion Police have a few tips for you all to look spring-time fine in the inconsistent climates.

Though throwing on a pair of sweats, a top and a jacket may suffice in playing it safe with the weather, there are ways where your safe-fits can slay at the same time.

Ladies, throwing on an oversized, long-sleeved sweatshirt with a pair of high-top Converse sneakers and a distressed, light-wash denim jacket is one safe-fit example.

Even a pair of high-waist denim jeans, a distressed midriff top, an olive-green jacket and a pairing it with a white pair of low-top Converse or a pair of boots is considered a safe-fit.

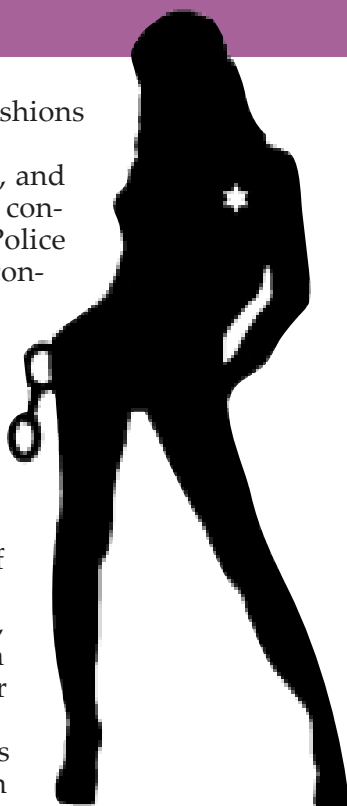
The best safe-fit out there is to wear a spaghetti-strap tank, full body suit (black or gray), an oversized, distressed denim jacket and a pair of boots (Timberland or thigh-high) or a pair of sneakers (high or low-top).

For the men, safe-fits that may seem basic to a woman's eye can be "dope" from a man's point of view. Throwing on an Adidas sweat suit and a fresh pair of sneakers or even

a graphic tee and a basic pair of denim jeans would suffice as a safe-fit.

Advice I've given before for times of wanting to slay effortlessly is simple. Just put little effort into putting your safe-fit together, but just enough effort to pull it off.

When Oklahoma's weather becomes consistent with warm, sunny skies, safe-fits seem to be the best choice for everyone on the yard. Until next time, stay beautiful, Lions.



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Byron, Grant win AKA scholarship pageant

By Destinee McClain
Contributing Writer

Stephen Byron and Lea Grant won the Mr. Ivy League and Miss Fashionetta scholarship pageant, which Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. hosted March 3.

The pageant offers a \$500 scholarship per semester. Byron said the winners can spend the funding however they choose, as long as it goes toward school.

"The most exciting part about the pageant was winning the money, besides getting to know and hang out with the other contestants," Grant said.

This pageant is different from other fraternity and sorority pageants because it is co-ed, which means both males and females participate.

"I really admire this pageant because it is a boy and girl pageant; just like the Orange and Blue pageant," said Demarreo Felder, Mr. Orange and Blue.

"The most exciting part of the pageant was winning the money, besides getting to know and hang out with the other contestants."

— Lea Grant,
2017 Miss Fashionetta

There were two contestants for each title. Sydney Smith and Grant competed for Miss Fashionetta and Nahjee Williams and Byron competed for Mr. Ivy League.

"This is a make-or-break competition due to the amount of students in the pageant," Felder said.

The contestants had about a month to prepare for the categories, which included casual wear, formal wear, talent, on-stage question, ad sales and interview.

The pageant had a Marti Gras theme. The contestants were required to find outfits and props that matched the theme.

"We had to pull it together and keep our heads on right because we didn't have a lot of time to prepare for that pageant," Grant said.



Courtesy Photo

Stephen Byron and Lea Grant win the 2017 Mr. Ivy League and Miss Fashionetta Pageant. The two won their titles March 3.

Campus Question

What did you do for Spring Break?



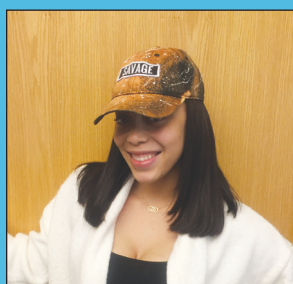
Khalifa Cooper,
Sophomore
Psychology Major

"I stayed on campus and practiced for my pageant."



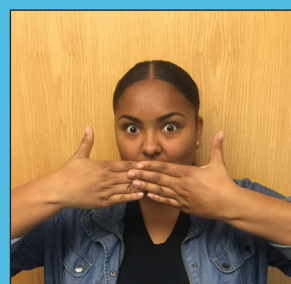
Jordan Butler,
Junior
Corrections Major

"I went to Miami and kicked it on the beach with my friends."



Deija Booker,
Junior
Corrections Major

"I went home to San Antonio to spend time with family, then went to Detroit to see my boyfriend."



Charlie Robinson,
Junior
Corrections & Criminal Justice Major

"I went to Myrtle Beach and South Carolina. The temperature was a tad bit freezing, but we still went out and had fun."

National Press Photography workshop gives LU students hands-on experience

By **Oneka Cayenne**
Staff Writer

Instead of spending spring break at a sunny destination or tropical locale, a Langston University professor and three students attended the National Press Photographers Association workshop in Norman.

Instructor of Communication Caryl Ross and students Brittini Logan, Kimberly Thompson and Bethanie Hamilton, attended the workshop at the University of Oklahoma from March 12 to March 17.

NPPA is an organization for anybody interested in visual journalism. It allows

members to network with professionals from various national companies, such as CNN and Google. This organization fights for the working news photographer, videographer and multimedia journalist in the Internet age, according to the NPPA website.

The three LU students were considered minions at the workshop, which means they assisted in production for companies and professionals in attendance. For example, if a news company was filming, the minions would help, while also shadowing the professionals to obtain hands-on experience in the field.

"[NPPA] was an eye-opener," said Thompson, junior broadcast journalism major. "One of the keynote speakers at the workshop said to me that 'it's your craft; you're always going to perfect your craft. You have to keep working to perfect it, so don't think it's the end of the world. Don't think of failure as the end of the world; failure gives you that room to grow from it, to actually see what you need to fix.' This made me focus on the things I really need to do in order to better perfect my craft, and it gave me tips to bring back to school and help my peers who didn't get to go."

Thompson said she had a great experience at the conference and that she discovered different steps needs to take for her career. She also said the conference helped her realize her passion, which is public relations.

"Also, everything I was learning in class was reinforced at the NPPA workshop," Thompson said. "This was kind of an epiphany that made me realize that what we learn in the classroom really is applicable in the field."

Logan, senior business administration and broadcast journalism major, said she felt like she made an adult decision by attend-

ing a conference where she could network with journalists instead of traveling to a typical spring break location.

"After talking to CNN photojournalists and networking with OU students in the same field, it inspired me to become a better journalist and sharpen my skills," Logan said.

Hamilton, senior broadcast journalism major, said she had a great experience at the workshop.

"NPPA was life-changing," Hamilton said. "I walked away from the conference with more knowledge and skills, and I am grateful for the experience."

Three ladies join graduate chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

By **Jasmine Franklin**
Staff Writer

The Langston University alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. had three women join its organization March 18, 2017 marks 13 years since LU's alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta has taken a graduate line.

Kimberlee Vick, communication professor and member of the LU graduate chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, said DST is a group of women that initially started in 1913 with educated, black women who wanted to have other educated and hard-working women join and focus on community and service.

"When I was in college, I didn't have any interest in joining a sorority," Vick said.

She explained that pledging might not be everyone's main priority when they go to college to earn their undergraduate degree. So, that's why the graduate chapter was created — to give that opportunity back to those who found interest in joining after they graduated.

The alumnae chapter was

"I come from a long line of Deltas... I guess you can say it runs in my blood."

— *Venecia Mohammad,*
graduate member of Delta Sigma Theta

created to keep community and service within the organization after members of the undergraduate completed their degrees. It also allows the undergraduate chapters to unite with the graduate chapter.

At the end of the process, the Langston alumnae chapter of DST had the three women who joined the sorority included Venecia Mohammad, Charlotte Brown and Dr. Taryn Price.

"My first purpose is my family," said Mohammad, a PC technician for ITS at LU. "I come from a long line of Deltas—my mom, my aunt and cousins are all Deltas. I guess you can say it runs in my blood."

Growing up in the City of Langston, Brown wanted to find a way to be able to

give back to her community, which was one of her main reasons for wanting to join a sorority.

Brown, administrator for Langston City Hall, said DST was the best choice for her because the women work hard to give back to not just their community but all communities.

Another point that the women of DST stress is sisterhood.

Price, a professor at Oklahoma State University, said that having no siblings and coming into a sisterhood through an intense process allowed her to connect and create bonds with other women.

"I ultimately believe in the vision and the progressive nature of the organization, and I wanted to be associated with its legacy," Price said.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. wins multiple awards at conference



Special from Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.

The Beta Epsilon chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. won multiple awards at the 2017 Southwestern Regional Leadership Conference.

Rashid Troupe, biology major, was awarded the Southwestern Regional Distinguished Service Chapter Scholarship, the John T. Thornton Colligate Better Businessman Award and The Future Leader of Phi Beta Sigma Transform Award.

Ari Morris, a member of Phi Beta Sigma, said the chapter as a whole won The Mission Impossible Award for Gold Level Membership, which is the second highest membership level in the fraternity, and the Level 2 Regional Outstanding Chapter of the Year, which the chapter has won for a third consecutive time.

The chapter also won the regional step show and will travel to Detroit in July to compete in the international step show and other international awards. The chapter also has been named the International Model Chapter of the Year at the past three biennial conferences.

Coyle hosts donkey ballgame

By **Tori Harris**
Staff Writer

"Donkey basketball" — what comes to your mind when you hear this? Well, it's exactly what it sounds like.

Coyle Public Schools hosted a unique event where four teams competed, and the players rode donkeys while attempting to play basketball. The event's purpose was to raise money for the school's athletic department to get new equipment and uniforms.

The Dairyland Donkey Ball LLC from Wisconsin brought donkeys to the Coyle Gymnasium, where Coyle school teachers, Coyle alumni, Keystone Food Services employees and members of the Logan County Sheriff's Office mounted donkeys and played the game with absolutely no practice.

According to the Dairyland Donkey Ball website, riders are required to attend a pregame meeting before the event to learn the rules and procedures.

- Rule No. 1: You must be on the donkey to pass, catch or shoot the ball.
- Rule No. 2: If you hit the donkey (with the basketball), you must kiss it.
- Rule No. 3: You must be attached to the donkey by all means.
- Rule No. 4: No jump ball.

"There was no such thing as a jump ball," said third-grade teacher Karah Graves.

Graves was on the faculty team that lost in the first round.

"We had losing donkeys!" Graves joked.

She found the donkeys very stubborn, for which they have a reputation and surely lived up to during the game.

The Coyle alumni team won the final round against Keystone Food Services. The community was well involved with this event as well.

Josh Sumrall, superintendent and athletic director of Coyle Public Schools, said the game was a great way to bring outsiders to Coyle, with Logan County officers stepping out of their usual police officer capacity and Keystone employees bringing their family and friends to an event they normally wouldn't attend.

"That was my goal, for the two outside teams to bring people in that wouldn't usually come to our events," Sumrall said.

For the second time in a six-year time span, "Donkey Basketball" was a night where family and friends could gather and have a night of laughter and fun.

"It's a great family atmosphere, [and] you're nonstop laughing throughout the whole night," Sumrall said.



Above:

Coyle High School alum Colton Moorman attempts to get his donkey down the court so he can shoot the ball.



Left:

Vanessa Myers, teacher's aide for Coyle Public Schools, aims at the basket and shoots the ball.

Courtesy Photos

New cheerleading coach set to join LU staff

By **Danielle Watson**
Staff Writer

Stephanie Adams, Langston University's cheerleading coach, will resign at the end of the semester, but she already knows who will fill her shoes when she leaves.

"I got engaged about a year ago," Adams said. "I knew that I would be moving to Wichita, Kansas, with my fiancé, but not until... May."

Adams announced that Naomi Jenkins will officially be the new cheerleading

coach as of June 1. Jenkins is certified in stunting and has been a part of an NAIA championship cheer squad. She also works with Douglass High School cheerleaders.

Adams said that coaches do not make a great deal of money, so the sport they coach is something that a person must love and breathe.

She also said that Jenkins has a wealth of knowledge and background in cheerleading. Adams added that Jenkins loves cheer and loves LU, and she is glad to hand

off the "spirit stick" to Jenkins because Jenkins is a great fit for the job.

"When I got the call about being the new head coach, my thoughts were, 'I'm about to make Langston the new Morgan State,'" Jenkins said.

Jenkins has been cheering since 1999 when she began all-star cheerleading at Spirit of Oklahoma in Midwest City. In college, she was a cheerleader at the University of Central Oklahoma, where she won two national championships and an NAIA

championship at Oklahoma City University.

"My immediate goal is to give our University a great spirit program and compete at NCA in Daytona Beach, Florida, and do well," Jenkins said. "I can't wait to mentor these ladies and help shape great young women. Come ready to work hard, run miles, get better and be your absolute best, not only LU cheerleading tryouts are April 7-9, at 5:30 p.m. in the C.F. Gayles Gymnasium. Participants must wear black

spunks and a black sports bra the first two days, and navy spunks and a gray sports bra on tryout day. Ladies who do not look "game-day ready" will be dismissed from the tryouts. The rest of the details will be posted on the Langston sports website.

"Cheerleading is something I enjoy doing, and I can't wait to see what the new coach will bring to the table," said cheerleader Kaleah Underwood, sophomore nursing major. "However, I've heard great things."

Lions advance to quarterfinals!

Men's basketball team makes school history at NAIA national tourney

By Perry Smith
Reporter

The no. 6-seeded Langston University men's basketball team advanced to the quarterfinals in the Duer Bracket of the Division I NAIA national championship tournament at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri.

Langston won two games in the NAIA national tournament for the first time in school history. No. 6 Langston Lions upset no. 3 Biola Eagles, 78-76, in the first round at 10 p.m., March 15.

Lions guard Michael Harris came off the bench and led the team in points, scoring 22 with two rebounds, one assist and one steal. Forward Terrell Jones came up big in the night as he scored 20 points with seven rebounds, two assists and two steals. Also, forward Daryle Morgan Jr. had 14 points with five rebounds, one assist and one steal.

The Lions came back in the second round March 17, and defeated the no. 2 Dillard Bleu Devils, 84-74. The score was tied 60-60 at the 9-minute mark, after LU guard Curtis Jones made a two-point basket.

The Lions went on a 24-14 stretch to seal the win.

Morgan Jr. punched in a double-double this game as he had 20 points, five offensive rebounds (12 total) and one steal. Jones also netted in a double-double as he scored 17 points and had 11 assists. Harris scored his highest of the tournament with 25 points, two steals, one assist and one block.

In the quarterfinals March 18, Langston faced no. 1 William Penn Statesmen. The Lions lost by only four points in an 80-84 victory by the Statesmen.

The Lions started the game offensively aggressive as they led over the Statesmen in the first half; Langston led by nine, 42-31. Langston was 16-of-19 from the field goal in the first half and then went 17-of-21 in the second half.

The Lions shot 83 percent from the field goal for the game. Upon the Lions' 51-42 lead in the second half at the 15:10 mark, the Statesmen went on a 11-0 run against the Lions and took the lead 53-51 as a fastbreak two-pointer was made by Statesmen guard Kevin Smith.

With the score at 69-80 and the Statesmen leading, the

Lions went on an 11-4 run with 4:16 left on the clock as they tried to make a push at the end but fell short.

Langston's Harris was the team's leading scorer for the third straight time with 20 points, two assists and one steal. Morgan Jr. put up 17 points and grabbed six rebounds, while senior Jones scored 14 points with seven rebounds and two steals.

"It really means a lot to the guys and I what we were able to accomplish this season," Jones said.

"When you talk about something that hasn't been done in school history, it lets you know you have done something special. The fact that we had eight seniors made it better because we want to leave our mark," Jones said.

According to the Langston sports website, Jones was named to the NAIA All-American third team. He finished his LU career with two NAIA All-American selections and three All-Conference first-team selections.

The Lions went 24-10 overall and 12-6 in the Red River Athletic Conference. They tied for second place with LSU-Shreveport.



Photo from <https://langstonsports.com>

Senior guard Curtis Jones brings the ball down the court during a game at the NAIA national tournament. Jones was named to the NAIA All-American third team, and he finished his career at LU with two All-American selections and three All-Conference first-team selections.

Softball team begins conference at 4-4

By Michael Colston
Staff Writer

The Langston University softball team began conference play with a strong start of 4-0, but the Lady Lions fell short in a four-game showdown March 24 and 25.

The Lady Lions started conference play with Texas College, outscoring the Lady Steers in every game by an average of 22 points to their one. The next weekend, LU lost four games to the University of Houston - Victoria.

Referring to the games in

Houston, Coach Hosea Bell said in the first two games, the ladies simply played "horrible ball." They lost the first game 11-0 and the second 10-5. Going back the following day, Bell said, his team played "great ball."

"Only losing 1-3 and 0-1 to the same team is not bad," Bell said. "It shows you a lot, so I have mixed emotions about it."

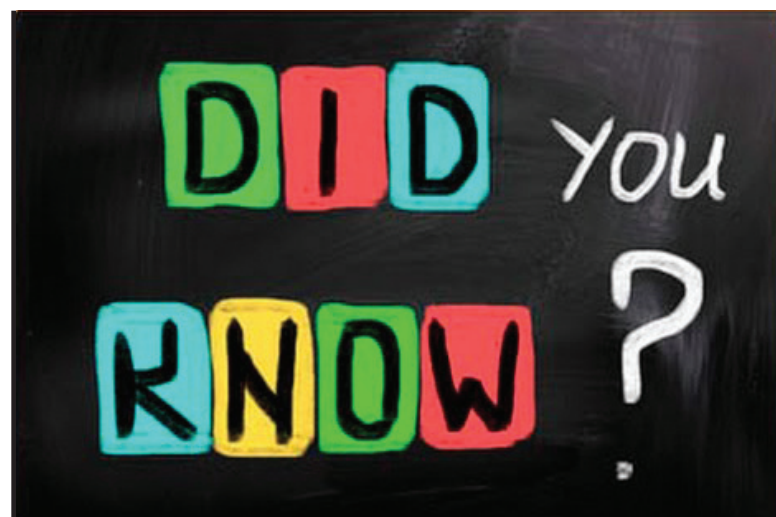
Senior team captain Angel Council said she thinks she must "do more" to carry the team.

"I didn't play as well the first game, and I feel like I stepped it up the second

day, but I know it still was not enough," Council said.

Kylee Fowler did not play during the games in Houston, so she was able to watch her team as a spectator.

"Just watching the games on different days, you could tell the energy levels were 100-percent different," Fowler said. "The girls were moving faster. It looked like a whole new team out there (the second day). Even though it wasn't enough to come out with the win, the girls played amazing ball the second day."



1. The original capital of Oklahoma was Guthrie, from 1888-1910, before the state seal was moved to Oklahoma City in June 1910. Oklahoma became an official state in 1907.
2. Jennifer Hudson attended Langston University in 2000 for one year before transferring back to her home town in 2001 to attend Kennedy-King college in Chicago.