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Upcoming Dates

Investiture Ceremony of Dr. Kent Smith Jr., LU president
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LU Softball
3 p.m., Friday, March 2, and
11 a.m., Saturday, March 16,
Langston field

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His & Hers: Tucker, Redo win Mr., Miss LU titles



Photo by Aaron Parker
Courtland Powers (left), 64th Miss LU, and Dontreka Matthews (right), 66th Miss LU, crown Jasmine Redo (middle) as the 2013-2014 Miss Langston University. Redo won the title March 1 at the Miss Langston pageant. See pageant stories on page 4.



Courtesy Photo
Charles Tucker waves proudly as the new Mr. Langston University for 2013-2014. Tucker earned the crown at the pageant March 10.

LU celebrates 116 years

By Kayla Jones
Editor

Sixteen is a special number at Langston University this year. The college has reached its founding of 116 years with the 16th president in office, Dr. Kent Smith Jr.

At the beginning of the fall 2012 semester, Smith asked all students, faculty and staff to honor the 116 years by donating \$116 as part of a new Legacy Keepers campaign.

"Legacy Keepers is a way to honor the school and Dr. Earnest Holloway," said James Dunavant, assistant vice president of institutional advancement and development.

"Our ultimate goal is to raise

\$250,000 for the Earnest L. Holloway scholarship endowment, and we have made half of that," Dunavant said.

The money raised through Legacy Keepers goes toward student scholarships and grants.

"The scholarship is available to all those students who manage to have a 2.5 (GPA) or higher," Dunavant said.

Julian Jackson, senior broadcast journalism major, said it's an honor to attend an HBCU that has been standing for 116 years.

"The school is blessed to be around as long as it has been," Jackson said. "It makes me proud and blessed to say I went to Langston."

Smith said he couldn't be more

honored or prouder than he is at this moment. He explained how the Legacy Keepers campaign originated.

"From the time I was 4 years old until I turned 21 when I moved out of my parents' house, my mother lived on 16th Street," Smith said.

He added that his mother still lives on 16th Street.

Smith said the significance of the number 16 has been "eerie" because it continuously resonates meaning and symbolism.

"Sometimes there are signs from above that point to something that is just a fit, and I think this is one of those times," Smith said.

However, it may be more than

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Student loves her LU

Far too often, Langston University receives criticism for what it is and what it isn't. In fact, you don't have to go very far to hear people bad-mouthing or disliking LU. Sadly, many students dread the LU experience after awhile.

In my short time at LU, I have seen many friends come and go. At first, many students find themselves wide-eyed and excited to embark on the new freedoms of being a college student.

But soon, that spark is put out, the realities of life kick in and we forget why we fell in love with LU.

Complaints about what LU lacks become the norm, and we forget we are the ones who create, build and carry on the legacy of this campus.

As part of the college experience, I know this journey is only what I make it.

As a student, if some-

thing needs to be done, it's my responsibility to make a change or speak up about it, and not wait for the president or faculty to make the first move.

One of my favorite things is conversing with my LU family about what we can do to improve our school and why we love it.

"One of the things that I love about LU is the one-on-one attention I get from my professors," said Velma Evans, sophomore business marketing management major. "I also love the history," she said.

Though LU is far from perfect, many changes have been made to recruit new students while keeping current students satisfied and thriving.

"Some of the biggest changes I've seen are the cafeteria changing from the multiplex building... and the changing of the living arrangements," Shan Wright



Reed

said.

Wright also noted she loves that Langston is "a city that is far away from the hustle and bustle of the city life."

With these efforts, LU is constantly growing and changing; changing to become better not just for the present, but also for the future of school and its prospective students.

"My hope for Langston is to do more outreach in the Black community and to create a better sense of awareness of culture," Wright said.

Personally, it has always been my dream to attend an HBCU.

The initial feeling of stepping onto Langston's campus was amazing. Immediately, I knew this was the school for me.

Many people have asked me how I could love LU. Well, LU is not perfect, but it's perfect for me.

I have become a better person—stronger and wiser—because of Langston. I've also learned some necessary survival skills.

As a transfer student, I've never regretted my decision to come here. I count it as a blessing.

I have created a new family away from home, gained the respect of many professors within my field(s) of study, become an honor's student and I have accepted LU as my new home.

Venesha Reed is a senior broadcast journalism major.

Woman spreads agape love

Are people of color still able to love one another?

"Loving self first and then loving neighbor" is rarely talked about anymore in our community.

So, I question: can persons of color still love one another?

I believe that by providence (divine intervention), we are gradually learning how to be fond of one another again.

A good example of the love we once enjoyed together is the quote, "Love thy neighbor as thy self," which is agape love.

Agape love, to me, is a positive way one cares for his or her creator, for self, for others, for animals, the heavens and earth.

In other words, it is not a sexual kind of love.

I think the good things I do for myself, I do for others and for our creations, too. I treat others the same



Walker

way I wish to be treated.

The good things I desire and hope for myself, I hope for others, too.

I believe that people of color are designed (serendipity) to love us. We are beginning to see that the sweet little things we do for one another make good sense, and are acts of love.

For example, when we genuinely care for ourselves and others spiritually, emotionally, physically, academically, financially and otherwise, these kind-

nesses fit into the category of agape types of love.

At Langston University, I have observed students and staff make personal efforts to comfort those who are spiritually down and sad.

To help those whom we know need things such as clothing, we are sharing our stuff with others who have genuine needs.

There have been times when I personally help direct new individuals to job sites, places and locations where they can get help to better themselves and to give back in the future.

I was helped by many people in the past. I see these attributes as acts of loving self and others.

We must encourage this greater good. They are small testimonies that show we still love us.

Many assist students with classwork. I see an increase in brothers who open doors

for sisters, instead of seeing them as a sex object.

Many brothers help elderly students tote their belongings. People who get helped, return that help and appreciation.

These are little ways we show we care about one another. It's a big deal, and we must talk about these things in our communities.

You can find your own special way to talk about the ways we can show we care.

At times, we share agape love with others, and they may abuse it.

We are not to abuse others, nor allow others to take advantage of us.

Love is kind. So, do people of color still love us? Yes, our small, kind deeds show we still do!

Silvia Walker, doctor of inspiration, is an entrepreneurial studies graduate student.

Phonathon raises \$57,000

By **Andria Morgan**
Contributing Writer

Langston University's second annual Phonathon collected \$57,000 in donations from LU alumni.

Joshua Busby, the annual giving officer for LU, with assistance from Wilson-Bennett Technology, devised a 13-day program, Feb. 9-21, to raise money for the Langston University Annual Fund.

"In our fundraising plan it calls for us to have a comprehensive Phonathon, and last year was our first year to implement that," Busby said.

About 30 trained student-callers reached out to thousands of LU alumni.

To avoid a bias selection, Chris Johnson, the Wilson-Bennett representative and Phonathon supervisor, interviewed and hired the LU

students who participated in the program.

During the 13 days, student-callers worked Monday-Friday, 5:30-9 p.m. and they split two shifts Saturday and Sunday, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

Richard Bagnerise, sophomore computer science major and student-caller, said he enjoyed the experience and talking to LU alumni.

"For one, you're giving students (a job) on campus," Bagnerise said, "two, you're giving students a chance to connect with alumni and three, you're trying to raise money for the university. That's three pros right there, and I don't have any cons."

The money raised from the Phonathon will be used for various university needs within the Annual Fund, including scholarships and faculty and staff enhancement.



Courtesy Photo

Students speak with thousands of alumni during the second annual LU Phonathon. About 30 student-callers participated in the 13-day event from Feb. 9 through Feb. 21. This year's LU Phonathon raised \$57,000 for the Annual Fund.

FOUNDERS

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just a fit.

Not only is Smith the 16th president of LU and this year is the 116th founding of the university, but the actual founding date is March 16.

These facts led Smith and his wife, Tiffany, to the idea of Legacy Keepers.

"My wife and I were having a conversation one day after a Langton football game," Smith said, "and we wanted to do some type of fundraising for the students.

"We heard loud and clear from students that there was not enough scholarship money. So, in honor of the founding year, we decided to do a \$116-campaign."

Smith said he introduced this idea to senior administrators and they liked it, so they put the

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— *Dr. Kent Smith Jr., president of Langston University*

plan in motion.

The LU roots run deep thanks to the founding fathers of the institution.

The founding fathers are John M. Langston, Edward P. McCabe, a former Kansas state auditor, and Inman E. Page.

"I feel us getting better and stronger every day and also positioning university excellence for the next 10 to 20 years to come," Smith said.



Photo by Da'Rius Oden

Sen. Rick Brinkley addresses people at the 116th Founder's Day ceremony as the keynote speaker. Sen. Brinkley, a Langston University alumni, discussed the importance of education because it drives a successful career. Sen. Brinkley represents District 34 in the Oklahoma State Senate.

The next issue of the *Gazette* will publish after Spring Break on

April 4.

Have a great break!

Redo earns Miss LU crown

By Preshus Bagby
Contributing Writer

Jasmine Redo was crowned as the 67th Miss Langston University at the 2013 Miss Langston pageant March 1.

Redo, a junior broadcast journalism major from Muskogee, Okla., won the title among three other women, Taeshana Washington, Talonnie Rodgers and Megan Bowlin.

"It was a very blissful experience to be among three women with so much talent and beauty," Redo said.

In the pageant, Redo wore a bright red dress during the opening number.

In the talent competition, she performed a lyrical dance to "Brand New Me" by Alicia Keys, and she won the swimsuit competition in a white shimmering bikini.

"I think the winner deserved what she got; she was fierce the whole pageant," said Maresha Bryant, a student who attended the pageant.

Following the crowning, Redo addressed LU students at a formal reception.

"To the students of Langs-



Photo by Aaron Parker

The four contestants in the Miss Langston pageant, (from left) Taeshana Washington, Jasmine Redo, Talonnie Rodgers and Megan Bowlin, perform the opening number dance routine for the pageant. Redo won the crown as the 67th Miss Langston University.

ton University: you guys, I worked so hard. I acted like this was the Miss America Pageant because for me, it is," Redo said.

"It's not just Miss Langston; I will be representing you everywhere I go and anytime you hear 'Miss

Langston,' you will hear great things," she said.

Redo also thanked her family, coaches and friends who supported her while preparing for the pageant.

The four contestants in the competition were judged on interviews, talent, swim

wear, evening wear and an on-stage question.

Dontreka Matthews, the 66th Miss LU, spoke to the ladies and offered words of inspiration before passing her title to the new winner.

"The new Miss Langston University—please remem-

ber that holding this title and representing our university is a privilege," Matthews said.

"It's your year, so remember to have fun and of course, make your own memories. Leave your mark and don't forget to dream big! Failure is not an option!"

Washington was the Miss Langston runner-up for the second year consecutively.

Both Washington and Bowlin tied as the winners of the talent competition.

Washington sang "Natural Woman" by Aretha Franklin, and Bowlin performed a jazz dance to "Pound the Alarm" by Nicki Minaj.

Redo said she prepared for this honorable experience for more than a year.

She even worked with a personal athletic trainer to help get her body in shape for the event.

"Success is derived from setting a specific goal and working hard to achieve it," Redo said, "because nothing worth having will come easily."

Tucker wins Mr. Langston

By Da'Rius Oden
Staff Writer

Five men competed for the title of Mr. Langston on March 10.

Charles Tucker II, James Scott, Terry Lewis, Chemar Johns and Terrell Jones participated in the pageant.

Kavaris Simms, Mr. Langston University for 2012-2013, passed the crown down to Tucker.

Tucker is a junior broadcast journalism major from Shreveport, La.

"It was an experience that I loved every part of," Tucker said. "It was a blessing, an opportunity.

"First off, because this was my first pageant and for it to be this big is a big impact on me."

Similar to the Miss Langston pageant, the interview, talent, oratorical, active wear and evening wear all played parts in the final results.

For his talent, Tucker sang "I Miss You," and first runner-up, Scott, tapdanced to "I Feel Good."

Lewis played the saxophone with a special dedication for his mother.

Johns sang "This Time I Want It All" by John Legend and Jones sang a rendition of "I Need You

"It was an experience that I loved every part of."

— Charles Tucker,
junior broadcast journalism major

Now" by Smokie Norful.

"My direction in which I plan to pursue is going to be based on a great platform and that is to 'put a smile on diversity,'" Tucker said.

"That simply means throughout any hard times one may have, one

needs to smile about it because bigger and better things are always directly following," Tucker said.

Mr. and Miss Langston University will lead the royal court and appear at various events throughout their reign during 2013-2014.

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All at 7 p.m. in the
Allied Health Building,
Room 105

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Inspirational book features LU student

By **Brittany Kendrick**
Staff Writer

R.L. Wilson's goal is to become a scholar that Langston University can be proud of.

Wilson has the honor of being featured in an upcoming book, "Inspirational Youth: Transforming Average to Extraordinary," by authors Marina V. Gillmore (Palm Springs, Calif.), Dr. Monique R. Henderson (Meridian, Miss.) and Keith L. Brown (Savannah, Ga.).

The feature in the book will focus on details about Wilson's journey from high school to his college experience.

The book was released March 4 at the National Youth at Risk Conference, where Wilson was given an opportunity to speak and give his inspiration.

Brown, one of the authors, first met Wilson when speaking during Freshman Week 2012 at LU.

Wilson participated in Freshman Week, showing his commitment and support as an Langston University Ambassador.

Brown was immediately impressed after hearing Wilson's passion as head of the Brothers, Amazing, Intellectual and Talented organization.

BAIT is an organization that stems from Wilson's love for poetry.

As a business management major, Wilson was offered the opportunity to participate in an internship with Gillmore, where he created the Achieve, Believe and Succeed retreat.

ABS is a retreat that brings inspiration to teenagers, which will be held in Meridian, Miss.

After submitting two letters of recommendation: one from LU President Dr. Kent Smith Jr. and another from Honors Program Coordinator Beatrice Lawrence, Wilson was selected to be featured in Gillmore's upcoming book.

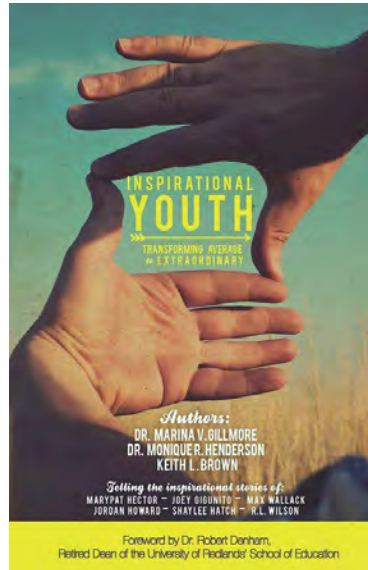
Gillmore is a codirector of the Institute of Educational

and Social Justice.

This institute supports youth by uncovering and sharing stories of people, families and communities that people serve, and to help them get those stories heard through book writing, press releases, Web writing, personal and professional development, social networking and other tools, according to the Institute of Educational and Social Justice website.

Wilson is excited to be part of something as positive as what Gillmore stands for, and anticipates his time to shine March 4 at the Google Leadership Conference.

"My goal is to break the stereotype of what African-American men contribute to today's society," Wilson



said.

Lawrence said Wilson's future is limitless, and she said she believes Wilson has the spiritual drive to do whatever he puts his mind to.

"My goal is to break the stereotype of what African-American men contribute to today's society."

— R.L. Wilson,
senior business management major



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March 4th-8th, 2013 will be priority enrollment for Seniors and Graduate students ONLY.
Monday, March 11th, 2013 will begin pre-enrollment for ALL students.

FALL 2013 PRE-ENROLLMENT CAMPAIGN GIFTS AND SCHOLARSHIP

- Pre-enroll by April 1st, 2013 to be eligible for chance to win one of Langston University's paraphernalia: USB flash drive, portfolio, messenger bag or one of three \$50 giftcard to Follett Bookstore. These items can be picked up immediately in the Registrar's office upon notification that you have won.
- Pre-enroll by May 3rd, 2013 to be eligible to win one of three \$500 tuition scholarships.
 - * Criteria for Scholarship recipient
 - * Full-time student (12 cr hrs - undergraduate student or 9 cr hrs for graduate student)
 - * 2.5 or above g.p.a.
 - * Scholarships will be awarded after Fall 2013 drop/add period

Steps to Pre-Enrollment

- Students MUST not have any institutional holds on account
- Students on Academic Probation cannot pre-enroll until final grades are in
- Students must have a zero balance in order to enroll for course(s)
- Students must have completed FAFSA in order to enroll for course(s)
- All external transcripts must be on file
- Students must complete all Admissions requirements before enrollment

Online Priority Registration:

Period when Junior, Senior and Graduate level students can register themselves online. Must have accumulated 61 hrs or more. Associate degree students MUST register through advisors.

- Meet with your advisor to find out what courses you need to meet your degree requirements.
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Chorale travels to Alabama for annual spring break trip

By Andrenique Meigs
Staff Writer

Every year, the Director of Music Bonita Franklin and the Langston University Chorale take a spring break trip to a variety of places and showcase what they do best—sing.

This year, they are traveling to Birmingham, Ala.

The LU Choir and Chorale are somewhat different.

“Choir is open to all university students. Chorale is a smaller group chosen by audition, director’s observation or on the suggestion of section leaders,” Franklin said.

“The members of Chorale must be able to learn music quickly and correctly, have good grades, good standing with the university and a desire to make excellent music,”

“We will have recruiting opportunities at the conference, so we will take Langston to Birmingham.”

— Bonita Franklin,
director of music

she said.

The LU Chorale travels to schools, churches, conferences and many other places to perform.

Franklin said some of the goals of traveling to different states include “recruitment, connecting with alumni and getting the story of Langston to the world through music!”

Students in Chorale have a passion for it as much as Franklin does.

“I love Chorale because

it allows us to venture to different places and touch people in a positive way,” said Zinat Turner, junior music major.

In 2012, the LU Chorale went to Memphis, Tenn. They performed at several churches, schools and unexpectedly, at the National Civil Rights Museum.

“I think us singing at the Civil Rights Museum was the most memorable performance for me,” said Dominique Polk, junior music major.

Polk said the atmosphere at the museum was unbelievable.

After visiting the museum, students found a new insight on where they came from.

“I will have to say that one of the most memorable tours was last year in Memphis,” Franklin said.

“We visited the Lorraine Hotel where Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated; after the tour, the Chorale sang outside (of) the museum.

“That was a very good day!” Franklin said.

While in Alabama, the chorale will attend the National Association for the Study and Performance of African American Music Conference.

At the conference, they will not only sing as an individual group, but the chorale will sing with oth-

er choirs from different HBCUs and high schools as well.

“This is the second time we have performed at a national conference, and this is the 50th anniversary of the civil rights movements in Birmingham,” Franklin said.

“So historically, culturally and musically, I expect students to gain new insights.

“We will also have recruiting opportunities at the conference, so we will take Langston to Birmingham,” she said.

The LU Chorale will also have opportunities to attend different types of workshops at the conference that include “Celebrating Freedom: Music, Martin, and Me” and “Reflected Identities and the Programs of Engagement.”

Library has charging station for electronics

By Leslie Simon
Staff Writer

A new charge station for electronic devices is available in the G. Lamar Harrison Library on the second floor.

“The charge station is beneficial to students,” said Bettye Black, director of library services.

“Long chords across the floor can be potentially dangerous,” Black said.

The charge station is compatible with many devices including Androids, iPhones, iPads and iPods and some laptops as well.

The charge station is open to all Langston University students, faculty and staff members.

“Being a student that commutes from Edmond to Langston, the charge

“This is exactly what our library needs—a way to recharge our devices without the delay of interruption of going home or to our car chargers.”

— Monica Jackson,
sophomore criminal justice major

station has helped me out a lot with charging my battery in between home and school,” said Tia Jackson, senior English major.

The charge station offers a super charge, similar to the charge stations located in airports, for a speedier charge to the battery life of the devices.

“This is exactly what

our library has been missing—a way to recharge our devices without the delay or interruption of going home or to our car chargers,” said Monica Jackson, a sophomore criminal justice major.

“People are very connected to technology, so it’s a great idea to have at least one on campus,” Jackson said.



Courtesy Photo

An LU student uses a new charging station in the G. Lamar Harrison Library for her iPad and cellphone.

Softball team has confidence in being conference champs

By Craig Murray
Staff Writer
and Aaron Parker
Contributing Writer

A common theme on the Lady Lions softball team is confidence and determination to win conference.

"I feel like we are the underdogs here at Langston, and it's about time that we demand the respect that we deserve," said Cameron Nicholson, a utility player for the Lady Lions softball team.

At Gazette press time,

the Lady Lions were 3-0 in conference play and their overall record was 7-4.

The team is on a six-game winning streak, not losing since Feb. 16.

"I feel like our team got off to a great start in conference by taking three games from the conference champs," said Nicholson, a biology major from Arlington, Texas.

"I'm most certain if we stay humble, hungry and have heart, we will be conference champs," she said.

While Nicholson brings

a big voice and motivation to the team, Kayla Mercado, second baseman and shortstop, brings confidence and intensity.

"I have the confidence that we will do great in conference as long as we play to our level," Mercado said.

"I see us winning our conference; I have complete faith and confidence in my team," she said.

Mercado is a criminal justice major from Stockton, Calif.

She is also helping to lead the way for the Lady

Lions.

Mercado already has four home runs this season, and has a batting average of .448.

Also getting excellent play is Briannah Williams, who is leading the team with 14 hits and has a batting average of .500.

All of the women on the softball team said they seem to be in agreement that their conference games are leading them to the championship.

"Conference play has gone great; I plan on us winning the conference

this year," said utility player Lauren Hayes.

Hayes is a business management major from Durant, Okla.

"I feel I bring a sense of maturity and leadership, hustle, heart and determination (to the team)," Hayes said.

As a team, the Lady Lions have a batting average of .393 and are only letting their opponents bat .282.

They have hit 13 home runs collectively, but have only allowed nine to be hit from their opponents.

Sign-ups open for intramural sports

By Charles Granger
Contributing Writer

Langston University is having sign-ups for its 11th annual Intramural Sports program. It's a chance for students, faculty and staff to get in shape while relieving stress and competing.

People can sign up at the LU main campus in the Office of Student Life Center. Registration is from Feb. 21 to March 28, and will include sports such as coed volleyball and flag football, dodge ball, coed softball and soccer and Zumba will start in April.

The teams will compete against league players who are students, faculty and staff members. Practice times are determined by each individual team.

Game times for basketball are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m., and volleyball games are Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Fitness classes are Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. The majority of the games are played in the Multipurpose Center.

Perry Culverson, interim director of Student Life and Division of Student Affairs is also the director of Intramural Sports.

He said that participation in recreational sports helps reduce stress, improves happiness, builds character, improves interaction with diverse sets of people and con-

"I thought after high school I would never get the opportunity to play volleyball again as a team sport."

— Darlena White,
junior business
management major

tributes to time management.

"Intramural sports and fitness are important to maintain a healthy quality of life and community," Culverson said.

Darlena White, junior business management major, participates in volleyball intramurals. She said she wants to encourage her fellow students, faculty and staff to take advantage of some free competition while having fun.

"I love the fact that LU is hosting intramural volleyball because it gives me a chance to step on the court and compete again," White said.

"I thought after high school I would never get the opportunity to play volleyball again as a team sport," she said.

Lions end season with 12-17 record

By Jabril Bailey
Contributing Writer

The Langston University men's basketball team ended the season this year in the first round of the conference tourney against Southwest Assemblies of God.

The final score was 87-79.

Though the season didn't end exactly the way the Lions anticipated, the team was very optimistic about the results.

"We grew a lot over these last eight months, and even though we didn't make it to the national tournament like we all had our sights on, we still made great strides from the previous years," Emil Clayton said.

Clayton, a senior guard from Chicago described the feeling of playing his last game as surreal and unbelievable.

"It was very disheartening to play my last game, but I hope the underclassman learn from this and take the experience into next year," Clayton said.

This year was the first time the Lions had made it to the conference tournament since 2009.

The players think this could make a statement to the conference that LU will be back for the next several years.

Sophomore Guard Landon Gray from Detroit spoke highly of the experience gained from the season.

He said even though they only played one game in the tourney it was still eye-opening.

"We went through so much as a team this year, and making it to the tournament was only a mild stepping stone for this year," Gray said.

Lions' coaches have been working diligently already in this offseason, preparing for the 2013-2014 season.

"I (think) things that can program progress for next year is recruiting young men who want to be committed to Langston University," Coach Jarriel Vicks said.

Greek Week

Zeta Phi Beta hosts week of activities

By Kayla Jones
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The ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. hosted their week, the "Blu Light Special," March 3-9.

The concept of tradition inspired the week.

Lashonda Taylor, junior English major and a member of Zeta Phi Beta, said they chose the theme because they wanted something that would catch everyone's attention.

"We wanted to keep Zeta week fun and interesting for the student body, but also we wanted to stay true to ourselves," she said.

They started the week with a vesper service. They also had a poetry night, the sexiest man contest and a Greek

auction.

The auction allowed students to bid on a member of a fraternity or sorority, and the person who bid the highest, got a date with whom they bid.

"We set up a nice dinner, and they (had) a choice of what they (wanted) to eat and we (fixed) it right there in front of them," Taylor said.

Zinat Turner, junior music major, participated in the poetry night and said she enjoyed herself.

"It was very powerful and the atmosphere was set; I had a nice time," Turner said.

Zeta Phi Beta was founded Jan. 16, 1920. Zeta began as an idea from five coeds at Howard University in Washington, D.C.: Arizona Cleaver, Myrtle Tyler, Viola Tyler,

Fannie Pettie and Pearl Neal, according to the official Zeta Phi Beta Inc. website.

According to the site, these five women, known as the "Five Pearls," sought to establish an organization based on scholarship, service, sisterly love and finer womanhood.

Tyler often said, "[In the ideal collegiate situation], there is a Zeta in a girl regardless of race, creed or color, who has high standards and principles, a good scholarly average and an active interest in all things that she undertakes to accomplish," according to the Zeta Phi Beta website.

The brothers of Kappa Alpha Phi are next in line to host a Greek Week, March 25-29.



Photo by Kayla Jones

Members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. host an ice cream social in the Student Success Center during their week of events, March 3-9.

Question of the Week

What are your plans for spring break?



"My plan for spring break is to go to Austin, Texas and party with friends."

Asya Marshall,
junior accounting
major



"I'm going to (South) Padre. It'll be my first time on the beach, and I'm ready! Spring time!"

Aina Robinson,
senior biology major



"I'm going home to spend time with family."

Mauricio Griffin,
senior business
management major



"I'm going to my boyfriend's (house); he lives in Dallas. Then I'm going to Kansas City, my hometown."

Janea Robinson,
junior special
education major

The Gazette is featuring each sorority and fraternity as the members host their weeks for the remainder of the semester.