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LU Speech-Essay Invitational
9 a.m.-2 p.m.,
Friday, April 19,
Sanford Hall

Spring Week
April 22-25

Watch for fliers and posters around campus for a list of events going on throughout the week.

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LU launches online application, has more prospective students

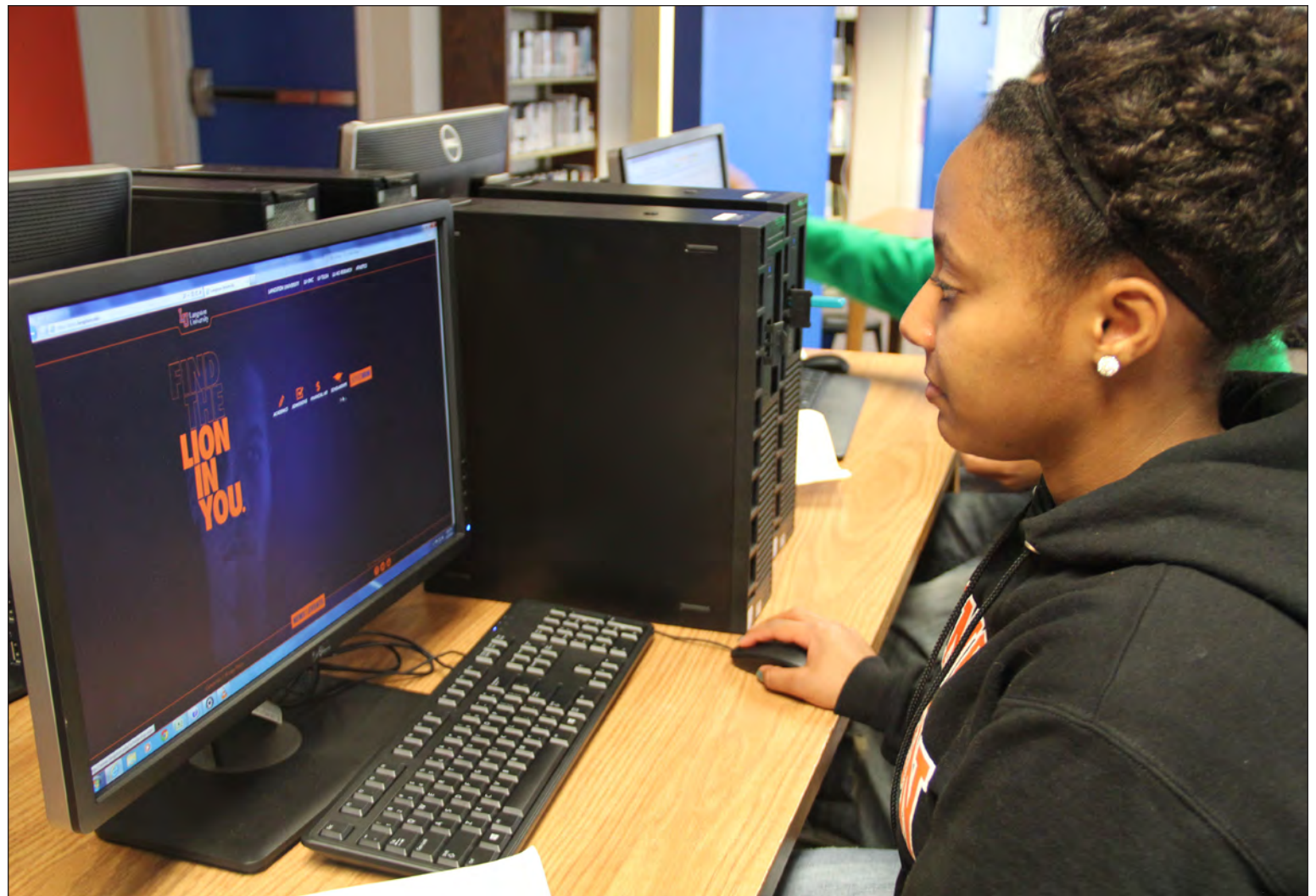


Photo by Andrea Perry

Camilla Little, sophomore supply chain management major, checks out the new landing page on the Langston University website while she studies in the G. Lamar Harrison Library. This screen is what people see first when they visit the site. LU also launched an online admission application March 7, which brought in 414 applications by the end of the day. See **ONLINE** story on page 3.

Pre-enrollment still open for fall 2013

By Charles Granger
Contributing Writer

Langston University students are hurrying to take advantage of priority registration for the summer 2013 and fall 2013 semesters.

Priority registration began March 4 for juniors

and seniors and March 11 for freshmen and sophomores. The final day for priority registration is May 3.

Nate Jones, an LU adviser and counselor, said there are some key requirements that students should be aware of.

First, students need to

have a complete zero balance in their student accounts. Second, students need to complete their 2013-2014 FASFA application. Finally, students should have housing secured if they plan to live on campus.

"Freshmen and sophomores can go to the Uni-

versity College on the third floor to meet with an adviser, and juniors and seniors are to report to their respective department," Jones said.

Jones said students also need to learn to check their LU student email for

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Sister advises fellow women to embrace highest potential

Can a woman's natural abilities be depleted or cultivated?

My mother and father taught me that women had the potential to make huge positive differences in the world.

But an ancient notion actualized, which said, "female gender and children should be seen, and not heard," was imposed on me during my teenage years.

I began to have low expectation of myself and lost focus.

This led to questioning God about my natal endowments vs. his admiration for males.

Many women have confessed to me that they, too, were diverted from their best because of falling for similar senseless ideas.

Spiritually nurturing men, women and educators embraced me and helped me get rid of this poor opinion about myself.

They encouraged me to replace bad thoughts with



Walker

good thinking.

I started practicing their advice on a daily basis through scriptures, spiritual encounters and education.

I am learning that a woman is not only a parent or a mate; she is a phenomenal, intelligent being with infinite capacities and possibilities.

Women have accomplished great feat through the ages and in our times as well.

We are great nurturers, teachers, leaders and models. Sisters are very good for society and, yes, we should

definitely be seen and heard.

Look at first lady Michelle Obama – she is a wonderful woman who encourages natural gardening at the White House and inspires Americans to eat healthy.

There is a Biblical woman, Esther, who advised a great king named Solomon; Pharaoh's daughter saved Moses' life.

Another woman anointed the Christ with her most expensive perfume.

Women are treasure! Sisters, is this the way you feel about yourself?

As a woman, do you value your natural endowments and adornments, or do you throw your "pearls to pigs?" We "are wonderfully made" regardless of the opinions of naysayers.

What should we do about the aged accounts that "Women should not be heard"? As the young people would say, "Just throw it to the curb!"

My transformation is not unique to myself specifi-

cally.

I believe that all sisters can improve their images and achieve excellence within their capacities.

At times, the cares of life deplete us and causes us to doubt our capabilities.

If you find yourself in such a condition, don't give up; as long as there is breath in our body, there is possibility for change.

If a certain sister is suffering from depletion and is unable to improve herself right now, then those of us who are stronger and more cultivated could make effort to be good models and portraits of change for her.

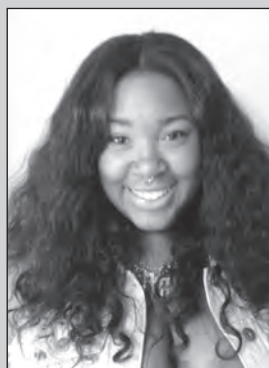
Yes, a woman's natural abilities can be distorted, or it can be cultivated.

At the same time, no matter what condition she may find herself in, women are still worthy of being seen and heard.

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

Question of the Week

What has been your favorite activity or event on campus this year?



"The plus-size pageant because you never see plus-sized women compete in pageants. And, I want to be a plus-sized model."

Shantelle Holmes,
junior nursing major



"It would have to be Sigma Week, just because it was an overall good week. Parking Lot Pimpin' turned out great, and the Y.G. concert was pretty cool."

Steadman Bell,
junior physical
education major



"I'm still trying to think of one. There really wasn't anything very exciting."

Kamaya Woodridge,
junior child
development major



"The Honors Day awards ceremony. I received two awards, for the Dean's Honor Roll and the President's Honor Roll; and, I was nominated for 'Who's Who?'"

Adriana Henderson,
senior liberal
education major

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Da'Rius Oden

LINC, STEM students give presentations at 13th annual Research Day Symposium

By **Andria Morgan**
Contributing Writer

Langston University hosted its 13th annual Research Day Symposium on April 5.

About 35 students from Langston's Integrated Network College (LINC) and the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) program presented their research projects to fellow students and judges.

The presenting students were judged on oral presentations and poster presentations.

Kayla Love won 1st place in the oral competition for her presentation titled "Soil Conductivity Analysis of the Detection of Perchlorate Brines on Mars."

Second place winners in the oral competition were Rajah Singh, with his presentation of "Regiospecific Lithium-Mediated Sn₂ Benzoylation of a Natural Anthoquinonoid Dye" and Tiffany Glover, for her presentation titled "Effect of Maize Mosaic Rhabdovirus on the Behavior of its Vector, *Peregrinus Maidis*."

Terry Phillips won 3rd place for his presentation titled "Measurement of Ion Leakage in Dark Stressed Plants."

The poster competition 1st place winner was Eugene DeLoach for his presen-

tation of "The Effectiveness of Intensive Rehabilitation Program on Patients that underwent Total Knee Arthroplasty."

Ebonie Rhone, Raven Farris, Jill Johnson, Rene Takang and Stanley Nzuonkwelle all took 2nd place for the presentation, "Providing effective Leadership in the Rehabilitation Counseling Profession."

Finally, C. Gaylord Dunn won 3rd place in the poster competition for his presentation titled "The Effect of China's growing Crude Oil Consumption on Crude Oil Prices."

"It's nice to do research about something that can impact our society, and it's even better being awarded for doing and presenting this research," said 1st place poster-winner DeLoach.

About 20 Langston University professors from the School of Arts and Sciences served as judges for the event.

Kellyn Pollard, sophomore biology major and first-time presenter, said she enjoyed the experience.

Like a scholar, she said, she plans to use Research Day as a trial run for more presentations in the future.

"It was a learning experience," Pollard said. "It helped me prepare for what I need to do to compete for Research Day in the fall."



Photo by Aaron Parker

Tomica Blocker, who is seeking a doctorate degree at Oklahoma State University in the zoology department, gives a motivational presentation to LU students about attending graduate school. Blocker, an LU alumna, served as the guest speaker at the LU Research Day on April 5. She plans to attend medical school after graduating from OSU.

ONLINE

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By **Andrea Perry**
Contributing Writer

Enrollment at Langston University for fall 2013 is at a high.

Since March 7, online applications have been made available to prospective students. More than 4,700 applications have been submitted to the university (the largest amount of applications submitted in five years), and 3,087 of those were submitted online.

The day that the website went live, 414 online applications were submitted.

"The events that led to the increase in completed applications for enrollment next year, I would say, are that the enrollment management team has worked very hard in their recruiting efforts," said Langston University

President Dr. Kent Smith Jr. "And, we have increased the amount of marketing of Langston University to the general public, including direct mail marketing to high school students."

Interim Executive Director of Enrollment Management Chauncey Jackson said he looks forward to receiving all new students in the fall.

"We're more aggressively going after the students," Jackson said. "We realize Langston University is a great place, we just had to tell people about it."

Jackson also expressed his excitement about the incoming freshman class.

"Our goal is to have 550 freshmen in the fall, but I'm pretty confident we'll have a class of over 600," he said.

"I'm excited; it's a fun time to be in enrollment," Jackson said. "We have a new campaign, 'Find The Lion In You,' that will launch this

summer."

Changes have already been made to the college website, <http://www.langston.edu>, in support of this campaign.

Now, the website has a landing page you will immediately see. It features faces of different students with blue and orange letters superimposed over them saying, "Find The Lion In You."

"The website is evolving. We have cool, new online applications," Jackson said. "Our recruiters are going out of state now, recruiting folks. This is a time when I can say 'Man, I got a cool job!'"

Some states LU recruiters have visited include California, Texas, Arkansas, Washington and Oklahoma.

Next year, Jackson said, they plan to expand recruitment to more states such as Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Tennessee and Washington,

D.C.

Smith said he looks forward to a more full campus and the progression of the university as a whole.

"Overall, I am excited that many students have a strong desire to be a Langston University student," Smith said, "and I hope that it will mean that we have a record-breaking freshman class in many respects."

Jackson shared the same sentiments.

"We have great academics, great student life and we're not overly expensive," Jackson said. "You get a great education at a great price."

"We're not shy about telling them we want them here," he said. "We've been more responsive in the admissions area. We're doing great things; the only thing that was missing is that people didn't know how cool it was, and we're telling them now."

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information like this.

"I mean, students get the classes they want, the time they want and the professors they want," he said. "Students also have the ability to change their schedule if they needed to."

Darlana White, junior business management major, said she loves the fact that LU gives students the opportunity to handle their business early so they won't have to sit and wait.

"I was so stoked at the opportunity to (have) first pick on the classes I needed," White said.

Life after graduation

Students have 'mixed emotions' about graduating from college

By Leslie Simon
Contributing Writer

It's that time of year again — graduation. The 2013 spring commencement is 10 a.m., Saturday, May 11. Graduation will be held at the Anderson Stadium.

Langston University has some very excited graduating seniors.

"It feels like a dream come true. After all my hard work, the time is finally here," said Brittany Vaughn, a graduating business management major.

Prior to graduation, students are faced with many serious decisions.

Some of these may in-

clude whether they will attend graduate school or not, which state they will live in and ultimately, if they can find a job in the field in which they earned their degree.

These particular decisions make one student at LU have "mixed emotions."

"The whole not knowing what is the next step is the biggest worry," said Raymond Williams, graduating liberal arts and education major. "But I am more than excited to be graduating college and from an HBCU."

However, Williams does have an immediate plan af-

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— Tia Jackson,
graduating elementary education major

ter graduating as well as a long-term goal.

"After graduation I hope to be working with a (fitness) program in Huntsville, Texas that is in sync with Houston Independent School District," Williams said.

Eventually though, he said, he wants to open his

own fitness center.

Other students don't have a goal set in stone yet.

"Graduating is something that I've looked forward to for a really long time," said Tia Jackson, graduating elementary education major. "Now that it's here, I have no clue what I'm going to do next."

After years of being told what to learn and what to do, these young people will be thrown into the world of "adulthood," which could be an adjustment.

According to an article on The Smart College Grad website, making a list of goals is a helpful life tool. This will keep post graduates on track, and insight of the plans they intended for their lives.

Whatever the future holds, high hopes still ring true as these students prepare to walk across the stage in May.

"The graduating seniors of Langston University are at the finish line. I'm sure that nothing but greatness is in store for my class of 2013," Jackson said.

LANGSTON UNIVERSITY

SUMMER & FALL '13

PRE ENROLLMENT

March 4-May 3, 2013

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.
- Students can enroll at home, work, campus, Library, etc.
- PRE-ENROLL NOW to ensure you get the classes you prefer.

Priority Registration:

Period when freshmen, sophomore, and non-degree students register through their advisors.

- Make an appointment with your advisor to plan schedule and enroll.

Zero Balance · Complete FAFSA · Secure Housing

Gone fishin'



*Editor's Note:

~One of our Gazette contributing writers and photographers stumbled across Langston University's president spending some male bonding time with his second oldest son.

This picture moment was too good not to capture and feature in the newspaper.~

Dr. Kent Smith Jr. helps his 6-year-old son, Tyler, catch a fish from the pond on the LU campus.

President Smith said this particular fish wasn't Tyler's first time to catch a fish; however, it is his favorite place to go fishing.

Photo by Andrea Perry

Langston celebrates diversity with International Day event

By Andrenique Meigs
Staff Writer

Langston University has a common motto, which is being a student's "passport to the world."

One way this motto is showcased is through celebrating the annual International Day event.

This year's International Day is Friday, April 25, in the C.F. Gayles' Atrium.

Violet Ndangoh, president of the Langston University International Students Association, said this event is used to celebrate diverse culture through dance and art.

"Many faculty, administrators and students celebrate this occasion every year, and thus it teaches the students at Langston the different cul-

tures around the world," Ndangoh said.

Students and faculty from Africa, Europe and the America's (North, South and Central) will participate in this event.

The event will feature a variety of poems, dancing, playing of instruments and singing.

There also will be art exhibits.

Dr. Meshack M. Sagini is an international student adviser at LU.

He said International Day is a great way to unite people and educate one another about different cultures and countries.



"It is a great occasion for people to come together, particularly in the global era when the whole world al-

most becomes one," Sagini said.

He said that by recognizing the importance of the day and sharing it to with the community, they people can see the type of diversity LU has on campus.

Sagini said it also is good for a university to be diverse.

He added that it's important to celebrate diversity to achieve such accomplishments.

Ndangoh noted that she thinks the International Day event on campus raises global consciousness at LU.

"Also, we use the venue to encourage the attendees to recruit students for Langston University," Ndangoh said.

In addition to International Day, some try to recognize different cultures and diversity outside of campus as well.

Sagini took a group of international students to the state Capitol in Oklahoma City on April 8 for an International Student Awareness Day.

The governor and the speaker of the house addressed the visiting students and welcomed them.

The students also were served a meal that featured cuisine from various countries.

Sagini said he wishes faculty would encourage students to participate in these events more as well as encourage them to strengthen the spirit of the community.

Students earn recognition at annual Honors Day ceremony



Photos by Aaron Parker

Left: LU President Dr. Kent Smith Jr. presents Emilee Rowell with the 2013 President's Cup award. Rowell, a senior nursing major, received the award at the annual Honors Day ceremony April 11 in the the I.W. Young Auditorium.

Top: Students walk across the stage to receive their Honor Roll awards from President Smith at the 2013 Honors Day ceremony.

LU to host campus Open House

By Brittany Kendrick
Staff Writer

An opportunity for Langston University students has arrived to get involved and represent the school in a big way.

LU is having an Open House weekend April 19-20 that includes High School Day and Family Day.

It will be a two-day event that shines light on the student body and faculty.

Registration for the Open House will begin at 8 a.m. April 19, and a welcome session will follow, which will include presentations by the Langston University Marching Pride band and more.

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ity and academics," said Dazsa Carter, executive administrative assistant for enrollment management.

High School Day will include a campus tour for students to explore the LU campus and scout potential departments and majors in which they may be interested.

It also will include an "eat and greet," where the high-school students can

enjoy their lunch while exploring the student organization fair in the G.F. Gayles Gymnasium.

The "eat and greet" will give the potential students an opportunity to discover all LU campus organizations, including math clubs, the honors program, students in free enterprise (SIFE) and Greek organizations.

There will be a Greek

showcase immediately following the organization fair that will entertain the students, while giving them a glance of LU campus life.

Carter said there is still time for organizations to sign up and participate in the student organization fair.

She said the tours will be short and sweet, so there is a great opportunity for campus organizations to display programming and scholarship information.

"I feel enthusiastic about all the students coming out and seeing all that Dear Langston has to offer," said Quinton Dixon, senior business management major.

Dixon will assist with the tours, along with the rest of the LU student Ambassadors.

He also will participate

in the Greek showcase as a member of Phi Beta Sigma Inc.

Beatrice Harrod, junior psychology major, said she thinks High School Day will be a great time for LU to showcase the best aspects of the school.

"It will be a rewarding experience for the university," Harrod said.

Family Day will follow this event Saturday, April 20.

Family Day will provide potential students and their families with more in-depth information about LU, including financial aid, housing and security.

During Open House weekend, students interested in attending LU can also bring their transcripts and complete an application on site for possible admission to the university in fall 2013.

E (Kika) de la Garza to host Goat Field Day

By Kara Hamer
Contributing Writer

The countdown is on for the 2013 Goat Field Day, hosted by the E (Kika) de la Garza American Institute for Goat Research at Langston University.

The 28th annual event is Saturday, April 27, at the E (Kika) de la Garza goat farm, located in the City of Langston.

Registration begins the day of the event at 8 a. m.

This year's theme is "Enhancing Goat Products."

Malcom Muhammad, an LU alum, is an employee at the goat farm, and expressed his excitement about the upcoming event. "The Langston University goat research farm is the top goat research farm in the nation..."

"People from all over the world (want) to be a part of the Langston University goat research Farm!" Muhammad said.

The field day attendance averages from 200 to 300

people.

Registration for the event is free, but there is a \$10 per person charge for an optional lunch that consists of barbecued goat and other goat products including goat milk ice cream.

In addition, a goat milk cheese making workshop is scheduled for Friday, April 26.

Separate registration and a \$100 fee are required for this event.

Four guest speakers will present during the first half of the Goat Field Day in the morning.

In the afternoon, the event will include hands-on workshops about topics including French goat cheese, carcass improvement, nutrition for health and production and goat reproduction.

This year, the featured speakers are Patrick Anglade, Dr. Ken McMillin, Dr. Jeffrey Gillespie and Dr. Frank Pinkerton.

According to the Insti-

tute for Goat Research website, Anglade is the owner and operator of Consultant of Formation en Fromagerie, which is based in Pyrenees, France.

He has a Master of Cheese Technology from the Milk Industry and Economy University of Rennes.

McMillin, according to the Institute website, is a professor of animal science at the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center in the School of Animal Sciences and Department of Food Science.

McMillin has many years of experience working in and with the meat and poultry industries. He also is a contributor to the *Goat Rancher* magazine.

Gillespie also is a professor at the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness.

According to the Institute website, Gillespie conducts research on live-

stock and aquaculture production economics and farm management.

Through his research endeavors, Gillespie recently served as the editor of the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*.

Pinkerton, aka The Goat Man, is a former Langston University researcher and instructor.

While at LU, according to the Institute website, Pinkerton conducted extension work in dairy, Angora and meat goats.

He has more than 40 years of experience housed within his career as a goat researcher and rancher.

Not only has Pinkerton published several scientific articles, but since March 2005, he also has written a monthly Q&A column for the *Goat Rancher* magazine.

For more information about the annual Goat Field Day or to register for the event, go to <http://www.luresext.edu/goats/library/fd2013.html>.

Thank you!

The Society of Distinguished Black Women, PrimeThinkers and WEB, would like to thank the Langston University organizations and family for your support in our 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt for LUECLC. We appreciate the help!

Lady Lions look to win championship

By Darrell Strong
Staff Writer

The Lady Lion softball team is looking to make a run at a shot for the national championship title this season.

One of the reasons for their success this year has

been the opening of the new ballpark in T.G. Green Park.

It has not only improved their play, but has given the Lady Lions a home-field advantage, unlike in past seasons.

Junior Melissa Naylor recalled last year they hadn't touched dirt before their

first game.

This season, they've been able to have individual practices that have helped tremendously.

Naylor said that because the new field is across from campus, LU students have been able to come and support the team at games, and

not have to worry about the hassle of driving fifteen minutes to a game.

Confidence has been the biggest piece to the Lady Lions' success this season.

"Right off the bat beating the No.1 ranked team in the conference, Texas Wesleyan, we swept them, and it was like we won the championship," Naylor said.

She said that after that victory, consequently, the next couple of games didn't go as well.

But, they battled back and have gotten better during the season.

Rebounding from the setback and going on a road trip against a host of Division I schools and blowing them out, Naylor said, showed that when they came and played their game, no one could beat them.

The one thing the Lady Lions are focusing on now when heading into the post season is simple – finishing.

"Six of the seven games we've lost have been in the last inning by one or two runs," Naylor said.

If they play a solid game and finish, then they'll be fine, she said.



Courtesy Photo

Lady Lion Ashley Fabain, pitcher, throws a fastball during a game against No. 1 ranked team Texas Wesleyan University. The Lady Lions hosted Texas Wesleyan on March 2-4 in a three-day game series. LU won all three games.

Football team practices for approaching season

By Aaron Parker
Photographer

The Langston University football team is back in action and preparing for the fall 2013 season.

The team is already having weekly full-contact scrimmages, and players are trying to earn themselves a starting role.

With many players returning, and star quarterback Quon Miles, there is a lot of excitement for the upcoming season.

Senior offensive tackle, Aaron Thomas, who has been member of the team for four years and is eligible for a fifth, said he is more than ready for next year.

"We're going to have a good team this year, and I can't wait until the season gets started," Thomas said.

"This is going to be my last year, too, so we definitely have to have a strong season."

Thomas, who also will spend time at the center position this next year, has been a starter for the past three seasons, but has had to miss some games because of an injury.

"I just want to get out there, stay healthy and bring another championship ring to LU," Thomas said.

Senior defensive back, Devin Wilson, said he's looking forward to beginning the season as the start-

ing cornerback.

"There is a lot of competition out there; a lot of guys that really have a lot of speed," Wilson said.

"I am confident in my abilities though," he said. "I have been training for this all winter, and everyday at practice, I am showing the coaches just what I can bring to the team. For me, the season has already started."

With many players returning, but a brand new coaching staff, it could be interesting to see how things turn out for LU football team.

However, both the coaches and players are focused and determined as they prepare for the upcoming season.

Track team finishing season, ready for NAIA Championship

By Craig Murray
Staff Writer

The Langston University track team is wrapping up the 2013 spring season.

"This year, the season has been rocky with the injuries, for which was my hamstring, but I'm getting back to my normal self," said DeAnthony Henderson, a member of the track team.

Henderson, a sophomore psychology major, has been running track since he was 15 years old. He competes in the 110-meter high hurdles and the 400-meter hurdles.

"I enjoy being an All-American that everyone looks up to and asks for help on things," Henderson said.

At the North Texas Classic on April 6, Henderson ran a 1:01:52 in the 400-meter hurdles.

Some student athletes are new to the team, but still show success.

"This season is going well for me," said freshman Haneef Hardy, an early childhood education major from Philadelphia. "Some meets are a little slower than others but, overall, I'm running good."

Hardy said he values his teammates' advice and support, and then uses it on

the track.

"Being one of the fastest runners on the team in my events (is) pretty cool, but learning from my teammates and building a relationship on and off the track is one of the best things," Hardy said.

David Walters, a junior computer science major, competes in the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash and 4x100 relay race.

"This season going great so far," Walters said. "I'm currently sitting in 2nd place in the 100-meter, and I intend on winning at nationals."

This is his Walters seventh year running track.

"I enjoy going out there and showing (up) every week for my teammates," Walters said.

He placed 1st in the 100-meter dash at the North Texas Classic, running a time of 10.48.

Walters ran the 4x100 relay with teammates Brandon Smith, Stephen Ried and Dejon Brown. They ran a time of 41.60.

The track team traveled to Fort Worth, Texas on April 14-15 for the Red River Conference Championship.

The team has four meets remaining in the season before the NAIA Championship on May 23-25 in Marion, Ind.

Greek Weeks

Two fraternities wrap up weekly events

By Kayla Jones
Editor

We have reached our final Greek Weeks of the semester.

The brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. have begun their famous "Omega Fest," which is this week, April 14-20.

Julian Jackson, member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., said he encourages all students to come out during Omega Fest and enjoy the week.

"During Omega Fest, we just want everyone to come out and have fun with the Bruhz," Jackson said.

They started their week with a vesper service April 14. Their block party/probate was April 15, the Miss Omega Pageant on April 16. For the remainder of the week, they are having Que-Lympics, a fatherhood seminar and their infamous "Something So Nasty" party.

Katie Harrison, a sophomore business major, said



Photo by Aaron Parker

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity members proudly display their organization hand signals and wear their fraternity colors and letters in honor of their week of events.

Omega Fest is her favorite week.

"I love Omega week," Harrison said. "Last year was my first (time) experiencing it, and I just absolutely had a blast."

All week on the yard the Omegas will be cooking.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. is the first international

fraternal organization to be founded on the campus of a historically black college.

According to the Omega Psi Phi website, Omega Psi Phi was founded Nov. 17, 1911 at Howard University in Washington, D.C. The founders were three Howard University undergraduates, Edgar Amos Love, Os-

car James Cooper and Frank Coleman. Joining them was their faculty adviser, Dr. Ernest Everett Just.

From the initials of the Greek phrase meaning, "friendship is essential to the soul," the name Omega Psi Phi was derived. That phrase was selected as the motto.

Manhood, scholarship, perseverance and to uplift were adopted as cardinal principles.

The alpha chapter was organized with 14 charter members Dec. 15, 1911.

However, Howard University administration did not initially recognize the fraternity as a national organization, and Omega Psi Phi's leadership refused to only accept local recognition.

As a result, the fraternity operated without official sanction, until the university withdrew its opposition in 1914. That same year, however, the beta chapter was chartered at Lincoln University.

Omega Psi Phi was incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia on Oct. 28, 1914.

Let's not forget the men of Phi Beta Sigma Inc.

They hosted their week April 7-13, which was a week the *Gazette* was not published.

Phi Beta Sigma hosted events such as the sexiest lady contest, the Y.G. concert, the Miss Blue & White Pageant and a campus favorite, "Parking Lot Pimpin'."

According to the official Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity website, the organization was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 9, 1914 by three African-American male students.

The founders were Honorable A. Langston Taylor, Honorable Leonard F. Morse and Honorable Charles I. Brown.

They wanted to organize a Greek-letter fraternity that would truly exemplify the ideals of brotherhood, scholarship and service.

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