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Scavenger Hunt
of Black History
Facts**
Feb. 18-March 4
Wesley
Foundation

**Miss Black
Langston Pageant**
7 p.m., Saturday,
Feb. 22,
I.W. Young
Auditorium

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Black History
Month Events**
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Wednesday,
Feb. 26,
Allied Health
Room 111

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Donuts & Dialogue

President meets with students to discuss campus concerns, questions

By Jerrod Mitchell
Staff Writer

Students gathered in the Atrium with their issues concerning the university at 9 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 13, at the event, "Donuts & Dialogue."

Students and faculty came together to discuss an array of topics, including dining, bills and university tickets.

"I heard about the event via Instagram, and I was hoping to get answers to questions that have been on my mind concerning scholarship issues," said Nicholas Simon, freshman biology major. "I think it's crucial that people in administration hear the students' problems and fix them to the best of their ability."

President Kent Smith Jr. answered questions and invited faculty members to join and give more information based on their specialized departments.

"(Donuts & Dialogue) provides an opportunity for me to interact with students in a different way and a different mecha-



Courtesy Photo

President Kent Smith Jr. and other faculty and staff members meet with students at the first "Donuts & Dialogue" event of the spring semester. Students had the opportunity to ask questions and share concerns about university policies and initiatives.

nism, not being in an office," President Smith said.

The students were responsive in this meeting and more attended this one than they did at the

event in the fall.

The students were responsive and thought their voices heard.

"(President Smith) was very candid; I appreciate

that," said Marcus Garlington, freshman broadcast journalism major. "I believe he will do all he can to address all of our concerns."

Dean of students looking to hire RAs

By Dhiana Brame
Staff Writer

Are you interested in becoming a resident adviser? Dr. Natasha Billie, dean of students, is on the hunt.

Billie held an informational Feb. 3, in hopes of finding a maximum of 30 applicants to potentially

become resident advisers.

Her goal is to find students willing to maintain a progressive interest in assisting other students and making sure not only freshmen are aware and involved on campus, but upperclassmen are as well.

She hopes to find advisers for Centennial Court,

Scholars Inn and the Commons.

Terry Lewis, senior international studies major, said he agrees that it's a great idea to have "RAs."

"It's very important to me that our school stays well-rounded and we keep a common understanding among all students," Lewis

said. "What better way to do that than having resident advisers?"

Billie is seeking students who currently live on campus and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA

"My goal is not to leave upperclassmen out," Billie

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Question of the Week

Do you think our generation is honoring historically black leaders and currently contributing to black history?



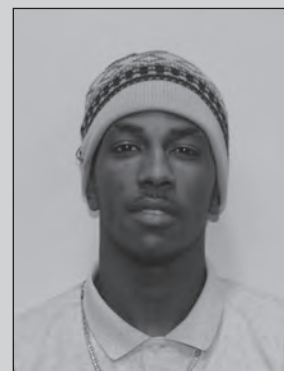
"I feel like we are falling off track... I do feel like we need a lot of work done, and I feel like that starts with us."

Jasmine Williams,
sophomore early
childhood education
major



"No, because this generation doesn't care about what happened in the past... they are moving on to the future, but the past is what got us here today."

Colby Pitts,
freshman graphic
design and business
management major



"Some blacks are trying to make a difference in the world, while some are waiting for somebody to help them out... others are trying to go to school and be a better person to fulfill what Martin Luther King's dream was."

Samuel Guilloux,
sophomore HPER
major



"Yes... by having Black History Month and showing that we really care and going to HBCUs."

Brianna Elay,
freshman criminal
justice major

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DeNeeka Hill

LU-OKC implements various projects

By DeNeeka Hill
Staff Writer

Langston University has three campuses, the main campus in Langston, LU-Oklahoma City and LU-Tulsa. The campuses never seem to slow down when it comes to work.

The LU-OKC campus introduced its new Student Government Association Officers last semester, and those officers immediately started new projects.

Charles Wilson is the new SGA president on the

OKC campus.

"Our purpose is to advocate change in the campus community, to continue an open line of communication between the students, administration and executive board of SAB, to challenge ourselves collectively to continue to open our doors to students in new, creative and innovative ways and to help promote cultural tolerance, awareness and participation in everyday lives of the LU community," Wilson said.

The other officers are

Vice-President Juanita Crawford, Secretary Kendra Potts, Treasurer Diane Cazenave, Assistant Secretary Renea Dudley, Activities Coordinator Tiwanda Hamilton and Assistant Activities Coordinator Melvin Williams.

In the fall, they didn't waste any time when it came to hosting events. They hosted "Grilling on the Parking Lot," "Meet the Greeks," AIDS Awareness Week and a Mr. and Miss Langston-OKC Coronation.

This spring semester, they plan to keep the ball rolling with more events.

For Black History Month, they have planned a fashion and talent show that will feature a "soul food" buffet.

In March, they will begin the process of gathering information from students who are interested in running for a Student Activities Board officer seat and Mr. and Miss Langston-OKC for the 2014-2015 school year.

In April, a spring cook-

out and "Thunder Reading Bus" will be implemented on the campus.

Not only have they dedicated time to making sure students have a chance to get involved, but they also have been finding ways to better the OKC campus.

"The SAB council also voted on and was approved for a beautification of our campus, which included purchasing new furniture and (a) big screen television for our campus and our student lounge," Wilson said.

RA

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said.

All applications are due by Friday, Feb. 21. After applicants have been selected, they will complete an interview process.

If selected as a resident adviser of Langston University, students will be rewarded with a stipend as long they fulfill their required duties.

Billie is looking to separate ambassadors from resident advisers.

She said she does not want ambassadors to have to carry the extra weight of an RA's job.

Ambassadors will continue assisting their residents, but, she believes, they are two different jobs, and she hopes to separate the two.

Billie encourages everyone to apply and "Live out Loud at the LU!"



Scholarship applications available online

Special from Financial Aid

The Office of Financial Aid is excited to announce that the scholarship application for Langston campus continuing students for the academic year 2014-2015 is now available at <http://www.langston.edu/future-students/first-steps/scholarships>.

The application opened Feb. 13, and will close Friday, March 14, at 11:59 p.m.

Please be sure to read the requirements for the scholarships carefully, and make sure that your application is complete before submission.

Incomplete applications

and applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

In an effort to reduce waste, only scholarship applications received via the online web form will be accepted. No paper applications will be considered.

Also, please remember that in order to be eligible for any university scholarship, undergraduate students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5; graduate students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0.

Additionally, you must have completed and submitted the 2014-2015 FAFSA, which can be found at

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>.

The priority deadline for submitting the FAFSA is Saturday, March 1. Applicants meeting this deadline will receive the highest priority in federal awarding.

Award notifications, including university scholarships and anticipated federal aid, will be distributed beginning April 15. Notifications will only be sent to your *Langston email address*.

If you have any questions about the scholarship application process, or about your financial aid awards, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at 405-466-3282.



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- Intend to study agriculture, food, natural resource sciences, or other related academic disciplines
- Demonstrate leadership and community service
- Submit an official transcript with the school seal and an authorized official's signature
- Submit a signed application (original signature only)

College Students: **APPLICATIONS DUE (Postmarked) NLT, February 28, 2014 and mailed to Mr. Dwight Guy, PO Box 846, Langston University, Langston, OK 73050**

- Submit a current resume
- Submit two letters of recommendation
- Submit a 500-800 word essay describing (1) your interest in USDA, (2) how you envision the scholarship will impact you and your future as a public servant, and (3) your experience and perceptions about agriculture, food, and natural resource sciences

http://www.outreach.usda.gov/docs/2014_College_Application.pdf

For additional information contact:

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Shaquille Anderson wins Mr. Langston University

Far Right:

Shaquille Anderson is crowned Mr. Langston University.



Top:

Shaquille Anderson and BreYona Pettaway reign as the 2014 Mr. & Miss Langston University.

Bottom:

Six contestants wait anxiously for judges to announce the winner of the 2014 Mr. Langston Pageant.

The six contestants were (from left) James Scott, Shaquille Anderson, R.L. Wilson, Christopher Vine, Emmanuel Robinson and Dedrien Blackwell.



Photos by Jonathan McGill



What's going on Langston University? It's me again, The Guy with The Blue Tie, (GWBT) here, ready to state my opinion, which I feel obligated to share now that I've gotten the campus' attention.

Well, to start, I didn't get to share my concerns at "Donuts and Dialogue" because I had class, like many other students.

Nevertheless, I will continue to go to class and hope that my fellow students stated the fact that Black History Month has pretty much come and gone, with only an Instagram challenge to remind me of the month.

Don't get me wrong, I've heard there are more events planned, but I'm waiting on glammed-up poster to let me know what's going to happen for the remainder of this month.

One thing that did bother me as a student is the lack of support Dr. Marc Lamont Hill received when coming to LU. I thought it was weird that the elephant in the room was packed out, while Hill was more like a mouse.

Not only is it Black History Month, but it's also pageant season!

Congrats, to our new Mr. and Miss Langston

University, BreYona Pettaway and Shaquille Anderson, and to all the contestants because they all worked equally hard.

It seems like every year the contestants for the pageant get more and more predictable.

However, I arrived at the Mr. Langston pageant a little late, thinking it wouldn't start on time.

So, I can't really give a full assessment of the pageant, but I did hear the backlash, and I'll be keeping my ears open for people willing to share their thoughts.

Sincerely,
GWBT

Fairview Missionary Baptist Church hosts 'Scholarship Sunday' for LU

By Lauren Smith
Staff Writer

To kick off Black History Month at Langston University, students, faculty and staff visited Fairview Missionary Baptist Church in Oklahoma City for the annual "Scholarship Sunday/Langston University Day."

According to a press release from the Fairview Missionary Baptist Church, Fairview uses this special occasion to raise funds for its scholarship program to support local college students.

LU President Dr. Kent Smith Jr., the LU Concert Choir and the LU Silent Voices of Praise participated in this annual scholarship day.

Local Greek fraternities and sororities also were invited to participate in

the service.

"I feel that scholarship day is very important and beneficial," said Jamie Reed, Fairview Missionary Baptist Church member.

"It is great opportunity because college isn't cheap, and anytime a student can receive something to help further their education, it should make them want to strive for that 'W,'" Reed said.

The keynote speaker was Erick Harris, a third-year law student at the University of Oklahoma-College of Law, where he serves as the editor-in-chief of the *Oklahoma Journal of Law and Technology*.

He currently serves as an adjunct professor of political science at the University of Central Oklahoma, where he teaches an undergraduate American

government class.

He is also a member of the Oklahoma City Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. and a member of Fairview Missionary Baptist Church.

In addition to this scholarship day, LU has a range of activities planned for Black History Month celebration, including the Miss Black Langston University Pageant and the Martin Luther King exhibit, which will be displayed in the Melvin B. Tolson Black Heritage Center from Feb. 21 to Feb. 28.

On Wednesday, Feb. 19, the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) will host HUMP Wednesday, along with the Student Activities Board "Movie Night and Discussion," featuring the film, "The Help," at 8:30 p.m. in the I.W. Young Auditorium.

Guest lecturers visit journalism students



Photo by Jonathan McGill

Terry Monday (right) and Butch Hartfield speak to LU students. Monday is the vice president of programming at Perry Publishing and Broadcasting, and Hartfield is from Epic Records. They visited the campus as part of a "Guest Lecture Series" that Kim Flannigan, instructor and KALU director, devised for journalism students to help them prepare for a career in the media industry.

THE OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE PRESENTS

LANGSTON UNIVERSITY BLACK HERITAGE MONTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 18

Cali Club Hosts-Movie Night and Discussion
Featured Film: **Fruitvale Station**
Moderated by Dr. Gregory Price
Dean of the School of Business
I.W. Young Auditorium
8:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 19

NPHC HUMP Wednesday SAB Movie Night and Discussion
Featured Film: **The Butler**
Moderated by Mark Vaughn
Assistant Director of Admissions
I.W. Young Auditorium
8:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 20

Division of Student Affairs Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
HIV/AIDS Seminar with guest speaker Hydeia Broadbent
Allied Health Building, Room 105
11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

OSL, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Blood Drive
SSC Great Room
1:00 p.m.

OSL, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. HIV & STD Screenings
SSC Multi Purpose Center
1:00 p.m.

SAB Apollo Night
I.W. Young Auditorium
8:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 21

February 21st - 28th Martin Luther King, Jr. Exhibit
Melvin B. Tolson Black Heritage Library
12:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 22

Miss Black Langston Scholarship Pageant
I.W. Young Auditorium
\$2.00 - Student
\$3.00 - Faculty/Staff
\$5.00 - General Admission
Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.
Pageant starts at 7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 25

Real Talk "He Said, She Said"
C.F. Gayles Atrium
6:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 27

OSL and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Scandal Season Premiere
SSC Great Room
9:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 28

OSL Mobile Learning Excursion Black Wall Street Tour
Tulsa, OK
\$10.00 per student
Please register in the Office of Student Life
SSC, Suite 210 (seating is limited)
Departing from the SSC at 1:00 p.m.

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Striving to go to Africa

Students raise funds to study abroad

By Nehemiah Taylor
Staff Writer

Two Langston University students, Joey Goggins and Micah Wise, are raising funds for an opportunity to study abroad in Africa.

According to the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship program, the global experience gives students the opportunity to earn college credit in their major and/or intern for a global company. Students also get a chance to experience a culture that might be the alternative to their own.

Freshman broadcast journalism major Joey Goggins, said studying abroad will give her the opportunity to become enlightened about her cultural roots and be more appreciative of her life in America.

"Materialistically, we have everything, and we still complain... It would be interesting to witness people going through things far worse than us and how they're able to manage," Goggins said.

Sophomore education major Micah Wise, said she wants to change the perception on how she and her peers see Africa.

"I want to know more about my culture, and I want to see

what the media doesn't show about Africa..." Wise said.

Best friends Wise and Goggins were first presented with the idea of studying abroad by a friend who studied in Africa in summer 2013.

They were both hesitant of the idea, but after attending a study abroad meeting in January, the two were convinced this was a journey that they would have to make together.

"After the meeting, we said, 'We're going,' and we weren't going without each other," Wise said.

"The very next day after the meeting, we started raising money for the trip," Goggins said.

Tuition for studying cost \$6,000, which includes the plane ticket, room and board and meals. The day after the ladies attended the meeting, they raised \$150, and now, they are looking to add to that by selling candy and planning other fundraisers.

"We have \$100 from candy... I've raised \$170 on my GoFundMe website, and Micah has raised \$220 on her GoFundMe website," Goggins said.

The ladies are preparing their own personal fundraisers for later this semester.

Goggins is working on an art gallery, where she will ex-

"... there are times when life hits you, and you become discouraged, but you just have to keep pushing to get to your goal."

— Joey Goggins,
freshman broadcast journalism major

hibit some of her paintings. The gallery will open April 5, at Ralph Ellison Library in Oklahoma City.

"My friend and I are drawing up a lot of art for this gallery, and I'm also going to be selling some my favorite, most important pieces just to raise money for Africa," Goggins said.

Wise, who is a Feline Dancer for the LU Marching Pride Band, will have a zumbathon in her hometown, Tulsa.

After Wise's mother posted a link to her GoFundMe account on Facebook, she received a supportive message from a zumba instructor in Oklahoma City.

"She has been very helpful; she got in contact with some zumba instructors and actually set up a zumbathon just for me to raise money," Wise said.

At first, 37 people had verbally committed to attend

the zumbathon, but as Wise logged onto her Facebook page to check the registration, her eyes were engulfed in tears because she noticed the 37 had increased to 52.

"I've really been through a lot, and it is such an amazing feeling to know that I'm getting closer and closer to my goal," Wise said.

Goggins and Wise both acknowledged that raising the \$6,000 has been challenging. Goggins found out her Grandmother died in the mist of her raising money for the trip.

"This has been a journey, and there are times when life hits you, and you become discouraged, but you just have to keep pushing to get to your goal," Goggins said.

So far, the ladies said, the support for them raising money is mixed. Although they are getting a lot of outside

support, they said, LU has not shown them equal support.

"When we asked (a) faculty member if they would support us by buying some candy, they immediately shut us down, but we realized for every person that tells us no, there are five people who tell us yes," Wise said.

The ladies said it is a must that they raise the money for their trip. They both want to be able to gain more knowledge of their future careers.

Goggins, who already has a published book called "Poetry's Love Trap," hopes that studying abroad will give her more inspiration to write more often.

"I not only want to learn, I want to be inspired... I'm going to use this trip to finish my book that I'm writing (about) my father," Goggins said.

Wise hopes to share her study abroad experience with her family.

"I have a younger brother, and I want to inspire him to get serious about his education," Wise said.

Currently, Wise and Goggins are working on their application for the Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship program to help pay for their trip. The ladies have both raised a combined amount of \$475 on their GoFundMe accounts.

Langston professor presents MLK speech

By Jarron Thompson
Contributing Writer

A leader should be fearless in the face of danger, and one of the strongest leaders that we have seen in this world is Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

King is the well-beloved civil rights activist who was assassinated while standing outside of the Lorraine Motel in 1968 by a sniper bullet from James Earl Ray.

This was following a sanitation labor strike in Memphis, Tenn.

Dr. Edmund Kloh, associate English professor at Langston University, has studied the life of King extensively.

Kloh presented a speech at the Southern Conference on African

American Studies on Feb. 7, in Baton Rouge, LA.

The speech is titled "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: The Black Messiah."

"Dr. King sacrificed his time, his family and his dignity," Kloh said. "He died in doing so. Not only for the freedom of black people in America, but for black people all over the world."

Kloh said he calls King the "Black Messiah" because "he did exactly what Christ did."

"He laid down his life so that his people might be free," Kloh said.

Students on campus admire and respect Dr. King for what he did for the country.

"He was for the cause, and he was very serious," said Charles Granger,

senior broadcast journalism major.

"He was a good leader because he was a pastor, and it's the pastor's job to lead the congregation," Granger said.

Todd Thompson, a junior broadcast journalism major, said intellect is a quality that a leader should have.

"(King) was one of the great intellects of our time," Thompson said. "We have to give him credit for what he did."

King earned a degree in sociology from Morehouse College. He was also valedictorian of his class in 1951.

Thompson said that King was brave as well as smart.

"Most people wouldn't be able to bare the challenges he encountered in the South," Thompson said. "He en-

dured so much hostility."

King is admired by many for promoting nonviolence in a violent society, and was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1964.

"... Martin Luther King prevailed upon his followers, instructing them to exercise nonviolence as they were being beaten," Kloh said in his speech at the conference.

"Millions of Americans, including the international community, were shocked to see on television the flogging of unarmed and peaceful demonstrators. In the midst of all of this, Dr. King, the messiah, was arrested for violating what was described as a state court injunction forbidding demonstrations," Kloh said.

Michael Sam looks for best fit in NFL Draft

By Talibb Woods
Staff Writer

With the 2014 NFL Draft approaching, it's hard to take attention away from University of Missouri's pass rusher, Michael Sam.

Sam was the SEC Defensive Player of the Year and will be the first openly gay NFL player if drafted in May.

In an "ESPN News" interview, Mel Kieper, NFL Draft analyst, predicted Sam to be selected in the fourth to early sixth round.

"Other pass rushers with Sam-like skills and talents have been selected between those rounds, like Cliff Avril, Super Bowl Champion for Seattle Seahawks," Kieper said, in the interview.

Where Sam will be drafted will certainly cause attention from the media as well as teammates in the locker room.

According to the ESPN website, a representative

"I just want to go to the team that drafts me because that team knows about me, knows that I am gay and also knows that I work hard."

— Michael Sam,
Mizzou defensive lineman

for Sam, Joe Barkett, said he thinks the San Diego Chargers would be a great fit for Sam, judging from how the organization handled Manti Te'o's girlfriend hoax in 2013.

Te'o's off-the-field issues were quickly forgotten, and Te'o was not allowed to talk to any media, which helped the situation.

"I think the Chargers would be a great fit for (Sam), especially considering the way they handled the Te'o issue," Barkett said. "It seemed to blow over very

easily once the first game had happened."

Barkett said he believes Sam will be addressing the media, but they want to find out the best way to address it, according to the ESPN website.

"I just want to go to the team that drafts me because that team knows about me, knows that I am gay and also knows that I work hard," Sam said.

The NFL Draft will begin at 8 p.m., May 8, and we will find out where Sam will play on Sundays.



Sam

'Legends' restaurant sparks college-student atmosphere

By Dhiana Brame
Staff Writer

Legend's Food & Sport is a sports bar that has been open since January 2013.

The owners of Legend's are looking to attract a different crowd—particularly, college students.

"We've already made it known that we are a family friendly restaurant, so now, we're just looking to bring more fun in the restaurant," said DJ Willett, co-owner of Legend's. "We want to do something that no restaurant has ever done."

Dasha Jordan, senior business management major, said she was surprised when she found out the restaurant was there.

Her first visit was "awesome," she said. She plans on returning for more service.

"It's a great chill-spot

"It's a great chill-spot for college students! Especially when big football and basketball games are on TV."

— Dasha Jordan,
senior business management major

for college students!" Jordan said. "Especially when big football and basketball games are on TV."

Some people have said that the restaurant is comparable to the popular area restaurant chain, Louie's.

The menu includes items such as wraps, soups, salads, sandwiches, burgers, pizzas and more.

The majority of the pricing falls at \$10 or less. The restaurant also offers a "Blue Plate Special" every day during lunch, which includes

an entree of the day and a drink, for about \$7.

The restaurant also is equipped with 16 high definition TVs.

Dustin Curry, another co-owner of Legends, said he is pleased with the restaurant's progression since its opening day.

"I just want more people to know that we're here, and we have great food and prices," Curry said.

The restaurant is located at 2310 S. Division St. in Guthrie.

Oklahoma Museum of Popular Culture creates new website

Special from Oklahoma Historical Society

The Oklahoma Historical Society has created a new website for the Oklahoma Museum of Popular Culture (OKPOP).

The web address is www.okpop.org. The site features information about the proposed museum, including location, operations, content and collections. Visitors will be able to contribute collections to the museum, participate in programs and learn about hundreds of Oklahomans who have impacted popular culture, both nationally and internationally.

Stories featured in the museum will include movies, radio, television, illustration, literature, theater, Wild West Shows and Route 66—all connected to a sense of time and place through the language of music. The website will share these stories and keep visitors updated on OKPOP progress, press and events.

When constructed, the OKPOP will be a 75,000-square-foot, four-story building dedicated to the creative spirit of Oklahoma's people and the influence of Oklahoma artists on popular culture around the world. Pending approval from the Oklahoma Legislature, the OKPOP Museum could open as early as 2018.

For more information, visit <http://www.okpop.org> or contact Nicole Harvey at 405-522-5202.

Holmes has record-breaking season

By James Scott
Staff Writer

A transfer student from the University of Arkansas is taking the Langston University basketball court by storm.

Lynette Holmes, a 6'1" junior forward from New Orleans, is gaining national attention for her record-breaking statistics.

LU's athletic department shows that Holmes broke the school record by scoring more than 20 points in both halves, with 20 in the first and 31 in the second half, during the last game against Our Lady Of The Lake, which was played at our home court.

According to the NAIA official website, Holmes is ranked No. 1 in Division 1 for both points per game, which is 28.7, and total scoring at 573.

Holmes has set a record that is not just big for the Lady Lions. It also has not been done by anyone on the

“It's impressive to actually witness history be made...”

— Dazjon Johnson,
business and
psychology major

men's basketball team in history.

"It's impressive to actually witness history be made," said Dazjon Johnson, business and psychology major, "and for her to actually do something that has not been accomplished by any man or woman at Langston as long as LU has been around is a huge deal!"

With the help of Holmes, the Lady Lions have a record of 13-10 this season, with six more conference games left in the season.



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Lynette Holmes, 6'1" forward, gets ready to drive to the basket. Holmes scored more than 50 points in one game, breaking an LU record and attracting national attention.

Track team members look to make history during 2014 season

By Khalif Sanders
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The Langston University track and field team traveled to Norman for the OBU Indoor Invitational on Feb. 15.

LU athletes competed in the 60-meter, 4x4, 600-indoor, long jump and high jump.

Stephen Reid, junior business management major, said they must keep their winning work ethic and stay motivated if they plan on reaching their offseason goals.

"We have as much talent, if not more, than anybody in the nation," Reid said. "We just have to work like it. We are a winning program already, but we want to stay winners. It starts at practice."

The Lions don't only have a conference title in site, but they also have aims of winning the NAIA National Championship and becoming the first track team to win the title in Langston University history.

"I feel that the athletes on the team this year have one focus, and that is to make history," said Ashley Neal, senior accounting major. "We don't receive as much respect as other sports on campus, but we have the biggest heart," she added.

"We work hard to get to where we want to be, and we give it our all to put our school on the map. It's just not a sport to us; we live and breath it," Neal said.

Nationals start Feb. 28 and end March 3.

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

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