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## Upcoming Dates & Events

LU Founder's Day  
**11 a.m., Thursday,  
March 13,**  
I.W. Young  
Auditorium

Women's Softball  
**Noon, 2 p.m.,  
Saturday,  
March 15,**  
Langston  
Softball Field

Women's History  
Month Events  
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NAACP Meeting  
**6 p.m.,  
Wednesday,  
March 12,**  
Allied Health  
Room 111

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## Physical therapy students receive their white coats



Courtesy Photo

Students in the School of Physical Therapy receive their white coats at the annual ceremony Feb. 28.

## Music department urges alums to 'Donate a Year'

By Lauren D. Smith  
Staff Writer

The Langston University Department of Music began sought to make a difference for returning and current music students in November 2013.

They are seeking support to raise \$10,000 before May 2014.

Like many LU students, current choir and band members have trouble paying their university financial bills, which hinder them from returning to school. The Department of Music has decided to put this to an end

by reaching out to LU alumni and asking them to "Donate a Year."

"We always show pride in our freshman year, why not donate back to our university," said Larry Birden, director of bands and instructor of music.

"We are challenging Langston students, especially band and choir students, to donate funds based on their freshman year at LU," Birden said.

"Donating a Year" means that if a person was a freshman in 2005, they could pledge to donate the dollar amount of that first year, \$20.05.

For example, a person who was a freshman in 1995 would donate \$19.95.

This tax deduction will help to ensure that returning students have an opportunity to complete their degree and continue the legacy of one of LU's most notable traditions.

"I think it is a very good idea, but the alumni must be willing to help," said Brandon Stevenson, senior music education major.

"The best support comes from the

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## The Gazette

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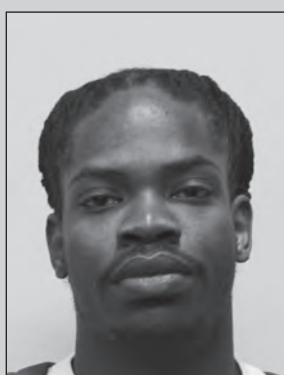
## Question of the Week

*What does Women's History Month mean to you?*



"I encourage all men to cherish the word of a woman because they came from a man. They didn't come from behind a man, but from the side of a man."

Anisa Wicker,  
junior nursing major



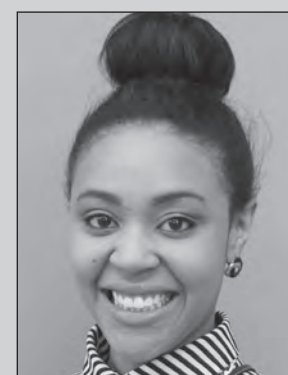
"It's about the celebration of accomplishments women fought for."

Cornelius Cotes,  
sophomore criminal justice major



"I was raised by a single mother who not only provided for two men, but gave us the insight of a male's perspective and a female's perspective."

Charles Tucker,  
junior broadcast journalism major



"Women's history means pondering on past history of women and what they did for us and open doors for us, not only politically, but nationally, beauty wise and just uplifting women."

Ja'Nore Scott,  
sophomore criminal justice major

Compiled By  
DeNeeka Hill



# Alum shares 'process' of success

By Charles Granger  
Contributing Writer

Excell LaFayette, corporate retail executive and Langston University alumnus, visited LU on Feb. 26, to give broadcast journalism majors advice on how to work in the profession.

The seminar took place in the Allied Health Building, where LaFayette addressed topics including critical thinking and success.

LaFayette started the seminar speaking to the students about the importance of self-value.

"What value do you bring to the table?" he asked. "Do you bring skill set, technology, education, and how

can you help change somebody's company or organization?"

LaFayette then talked to the students about how important it is to always look and act presentable.

"You are always interviewing and being judged. Even on your worst days, you are being judged, so it is important to always be presentable," LaFayette said.

He said when you get into the field, you will have to start out somewhere, but you don't have to stay there.

"Your path is what you are trying to build, and it's a process," he said. "You always have to think with the end in mind, so as you go

on to endure today, think about the end."

He then did a class survey of what success meant to the students and informed them of a key detail.

"Success doesn't come overnight; it's a process," LaFayette said.

Following LaFayette's speech, the students were allowed to ask and receive some one-on-one time with him to discuss goals and job opportunities.

"I thought it was really cool to have someone from our major who accomplished so much, to come back and share all that wisdom to us, was great," said Ricky X. Edwards, senior broadcast journalism major.



**Excell  
LaFayette,**  
Langston University alumnus

## FUNDRAISER

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people who have been through what we are going through," Stevenson said.

Since the Department of Music started this fundraiser, it has attracted attention of fellow LU band and choir members wanting to help young individuals continue their education.

Alumni Marc Flemon, future vice president of Student Affairs, along with many others have made their pledge to "Donate a Year."

The Department of Music is accepting donations until May 2014. All donations are helpful and may be sent to:

The Langston University Foundation  
P.O. Box 725  
Langston, OK 73050

Please specify either choir or band with a donation. For more information about this fundraiser, contact Birden at 466-3418 or Bonita Franklin, acting chairwoman and assistant professor of music at 466-2936.

## LU is Tom Joyner Foundation's 'School of the Month'

Letter from LU President

Faculty, Staff, Students  
and Alumni:

I am pleased to announce that Langston University has been selected as the Tom Joyner Foundation's "School of the Month" for April 2014.

This is the third occasion in which Langston University has worked with the Tom Joyner Foundation to raise scholarship funds for our students.

The Tom Joyner Foundation was founded in 1998 with a mission to keep students enrolled in Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs).

The Foundation partners with HBCUs around the nation to raise funding and awareness in an effort to maintain and increase enrollment at historically black institutions.

Each month, the Tom Joyner Foundation chooses one HBCU as its featured school. Langston

University has the honor of being the School of the Month for April 2014.

The Tom Joyner Foundation, in conjunction with the nationally syndicated "Tom Joyner Morning Radio Show," will assist Langston University in a national fundraising effort for our students during the month of April and throughout the year.

Listeners can tune into the "Tom Joyner Morning Show" in the Oklahoma City Metro at 92.1 FM, and

in Tulsa at 1050 AM. You can also listen to the Tom Joyner Show online.

Our goal for this campaign is \$50,000, which will be used to fund student scholarships. One hundred percent of funds raised through this initiative will be retained by Langston University.

Vonnie Ware Roberts, director of Alumni Affairs at Langston University, has agreed to once again chair this scholarship drive.

Roberts and the Tom

Joyner School of the Month Committee will be reaching out to faculty, staff, students and alumni for their assistance in reaching our goal.

Your support of this initiative is greatly appreciated. We are very excited for this opportunity to offer greater scholarship assistance to our students.

Sincerely,

Kent J. Smith Jr., Ph.D.  
President

# Langston University Choir set to begin tour in Detroit

By Jerrod Mitchell  
Staff Writer

Langston University Choir members are preparing for spring break tour.

The tour will head to Detroit, MI. Bonita Franklin, choir director, has selected 16 choir members to go on the road and perform.

"I hope that we are able to represent LU to the best of our ability and recruit students," said Karlyn Morrison, senior

early childhood development major and LU Choir member.

Music is known as the universal language of mankind and LU Choir members are hoping that language inspires listeners.

"We really want to do our best, musically, and display LU talent," said Dedrien Blackwell, junior accounting major and Choir member.

"I've never been to Detroit, so I'm looking forward to going," Blackwell

"We really want to do our best, musically, and display LU talent."

— Dedrien Blackwell,  
LU Choir member

added.

The LU Choir will leave for Detroit March 13.

Hey, Langston University. It's me, the Girl with the Orange Scarf (GWOS).

I sat back and let my male counterpart express his opinions, but now, it's my time to shine and let you all know how I feel.

The smell of spring is in the air, and I love it. My favorite time at the LU is the spring semester because of the Greek Weeks, spring break and Spring Week.

Last year, everywhere I turned there was another event going on and people gathered around just hanging out.

Now, I must be honest. All of the Greek weeks are not the same. Some weeks had me waking up the next morning tired from the night before but exited for the day ahead.

Other weeks, I questioned whether that organization's week was canceled or not.

I typically don't like to pick favorites, but I must say the Sigma's stole the show with their week last year.

At first it seemed like Mother Nature wasn't on their side when "Parking Lot Pimpin'" was pushed back. Once it was finally rescheduled, it was amaz-

ing.

Of course, I can't forget to mention the YG concert that they also put on.

Not everyone gets to go to the beach and enjoy spring break.


This year, LU is doing something different. We will be able to take a trip to Texas for three days and we only have to do a couple community service projects. Student Life is calling it "Alternative Spring Break." Be sure to check that out if you don't have plans.


Spring Week last year was a ton of fun, and this year, it's supposed to be even better. After this year's homecoming chaos, I'm expecting Spring Week to be 10 times more exciting.

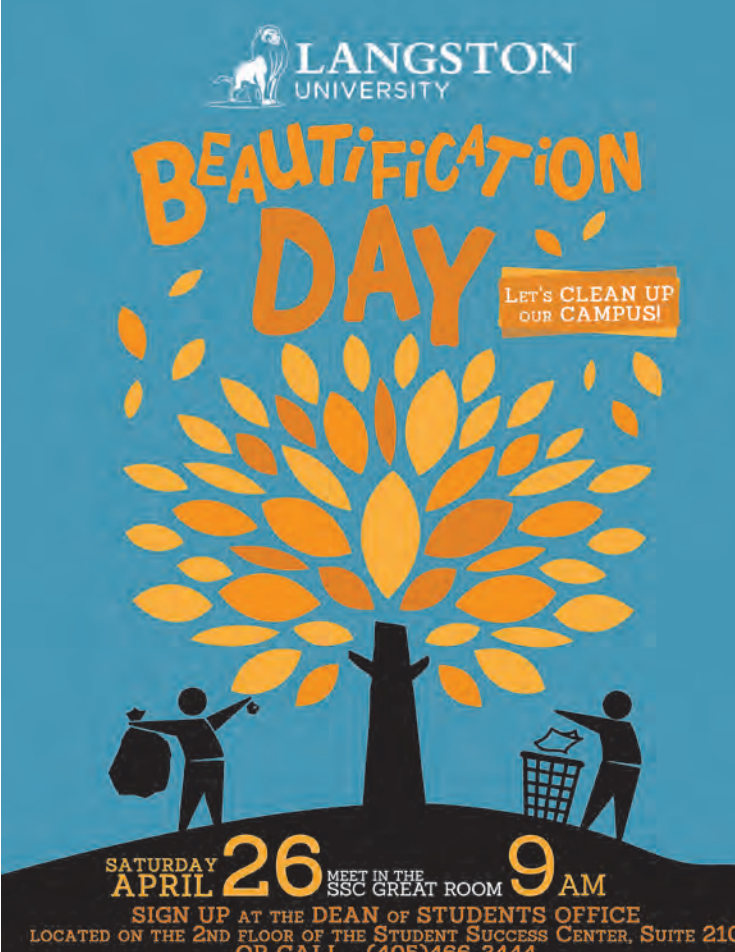
Well, the weather is finally warming up, and the spring calendar is filling up. See you all on the yard.

Sincerely,

The Girl with the Orange Scarf (GWOS)

**THE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM**  
invites you to celebrate the  
**2014 NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH**  
**Tuesday, March 25, 2014**  
**1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**  
**Location: ATRIUM**  
Opportunity to win a prize between 2:00 and 2:15 p.m.  
**You will need to be present in order to receive your prize.**  
*When taste influences what we eat, it is important to balance choosing the foods we like and those that provide the nutrients we need.*  
(Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics [ACAND], 2014)  




**LANGSTON UNIVERSITY**  
**BEAUTIFICATION DAY**  
LET'S CLEAN UP OUR CAMPUS!  
**SATURDAY APRIL 26** MEET IN THE SSC GREAT ROOM **9 AM**  
SIGN UP AT THE DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE  
LOCATED ON THE 2ND FLOOR OF THE STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER, SUITE 210  
OR CALL - (405)466-3444



## DeNeeka Hill wins Miss Black Langston pageant, looks forward to filling previous winner's shoes

By Venesha Reed  
Assistant Editor

Langston University has crowned Miss Black Langston.

With new endeavors on the horizon, freshman broadcast journalism major DeNeeka Hill is looking forward to filling some big shoes left by the previous Miss Black Langston Christian Davis.

Davis, a senior broadcast journalism major, not only held the title for Miss Black Langston, but competed in Miss Black Oklahoma, winning second runner-up as well as a sales award and Miss Popularity.

During her reign, Davis focused on organizations such as the Langston University Book Club that supported the initiative, "On Your Mark, Get

Set, Read: Getting Our Children Ready for a Literate Society."

The program emphasizes mentorship among African Americans and promotes literacy for all ages.

However, with these accomplishments, division brewed between Davis and pageant administrators throughout her reign.

Traditionally, every pageant title holder presents a farewell speech and crowns the newly elected. Davis declined to attend, leaving the rumor mill open for speculation.

"I chose to not attend or participate in the pageant because I did not support some of the decisions that were made behind the scenes in regards to the overall vision of the pageant," Davis said.

Ultimately, Davis wants her rebuttal to set the tone for future pageant title holders to "stand up for better," she said.

Nevertheless, pageant officials confirmed that she will not be stripped of her title.

With the rumors behind her, Davis is moving forward to support a peer broadcast journalism major DeNeeka Hill in her reign.

Many of the pageant runners credited Davis with encouraging and empowering them during their run as Miss Black Langston.

First runner-up and junior broadcast journalism major Andria Morgan, acknowledged Davis as one who helped her overcome her fears.

Becoming a contestant in less than two weeks before the pageant, Morgan praised

"She stood up a little bit taller, which got me interested in the pageant."

— DeNeeka Hill,  
Miss Black Langston 2014

Davis for preparing her in a short amount of time.

Although Davis wasn't in attendance during the ceremony, "she was there spiritually," Morgan said.

"When Christian did Miss Black Langton, I saw her carry the title in a way where you could see the royalty," said reigning Miss Black Langston Hill. "She stood up a little bit taller, which got me interested in the pageant," Hill added.

In setting the tone for the

future Miss Black Langton(s), Davis said she hopes the title holders will stay true to the woman they are, their convictions and what they believe is right, therefore, setting an example for the student body.

With this, Hill is looking forward to bringing Miss Black Langston to the forefront.

"I want to add a little bit more spice and make sure (Miss Black Langton) is known throughout campus," Hill said.

THE OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE PRESENTS

## Women's History Month 2014

HER STORY IS MY STORY...

**MARCH 3**  
KICK OFF RALLY  
SSC GREAT ROOM  
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

**MARCH 4**  
REAL TALK - BEYONCE FEMINIST OR NAH?  
SSC SEMINAR ROOM  
6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

**MARCH 6**  
MOVIE VIEWING  
GOOD HAIR  
SSC SEMINAR ROOM  
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. &  
5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

**MARCH 11**  
WOMEN'S PANEL DISCUSSION  
SSC GREAT ROOM  
6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

**MARCH 13**  
MOVIE VIEWING  
THEIR EYES WERE WATCHING GOD  
SSC SEMINAR ROOM  
5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

**MARCH 25**  
THE EDGE - COOKIES  
AND SEXUALITY SEMINAR  
SSC SEMINAR ROOM  
6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

**MARCH 26**  
MID-DAY NEO SOUL  
SSC GREAT ROOM  
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

**MARCH 27**  
MOVIE VIEWING  
FOR COLORED GIRLS  
SSC SEMINAR ROOM  
11:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.  
5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

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CLOSING RECEPTION  
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# Student interns at Jackson Hewitt

By Nehemiah Taylor  
Staff Writer

In an interview with CBS network's "60 Minutes," Academy award nominated actor Will Smith gave the foundation to success.

"There is no plan B because it distracts you from plan A," Smith said.

Junior accounting major R.L. Wilson lives by this quote.

Along with being a student and working as an office assistant in the Office of Student Affairs, Wilson interns at Jackson Hewitt as a certified tax preparer in Guthrie.

As a tax preparer, Wilson assists clients with their state and federal tax returns. He is currently the only intern at the branch, and he is the only tax preparer with stable hours during the week.

"They put a lot of responsibility on me; I'm basically the manager... I open up and close on Saturdays, but this is, thankfully, something that I can do very easily," Wilson said.

Jay Murray, School of Business accounting professor, explained that the relationship be-

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— R.L. Wilson,  
junior  
accounting major

tween LU and Jackson Hewitt has been good and faithful. LU has referred students to Jackson Hewitt for five years and the company always comes back to LU looking for more interns and full-time employees.

"Jackson Hewitt is real fond

of our students... they always want more of our students than what we are able to supply them with," Murray said. "Wilson is well-spoken, well-dressed, outgoing and an all-around good student... he will be successful in whatever endeavors he has planned for the future," he added.

Overall, Wilson said, his internship at Jackson Hewitt has been a decent learning experience. But, there are times when Wilson works with prejudice clients, he said.

Most might not be able to tolerate people with an intolerant mind, but Wilson has shown he is able to forcefully defend against those who judge him because the color of his skin.

"Because I'm a Langston University student, I want to be presentable to reflect a good image for my university, but the way I dress and the color of my skin, of course, they wonder how I got the job... but it's all about knowing what your agendas and goals are," Wilson said.

Although Wilson interns as a tax preparer, his career aspirations exceed past preparing tax returns.

His dream career does not align with the accounting major.

As Wilson attends classes and interns, he is working toward being a public speaker.

"Will Smith says there's no plan b, so I don't look at my internship as a plan b... this is just something I have to do to graduate," Wilson said.

He discovered his oratorical talent through a strength test given by the Thurgood Marshall College Fund. After taking the test, Wilson spoke with an adviser who encouraged him to inquire more about a career in public speaking.

"One of the advisers spoke to me; William Lathem really encouraged me to look in to public speaking... he says this is one of my talents that you can't teach... so this is a way to give what God gave to me to the world," Wilson said.

Starting at LU, Wilson plans to give back his oratorical gift by organizing seminars to uplift students and uphold a better brand for Langston University.

sity.

"In continuance of what Dr. Kent Smith is doing already, I want to continually add to what he's doing by showing neighboring universities that a Langston University student can conduct a successful seminar," Wilson said.

Wilson's seminars will include topics that will be of interest to as well educate students.

The topics will promote African-American advancement and what we can do to better ourselves as a whole.

Some of the first forums he is planning is a seminar that explores the perception and misconception of student athletes, the mentality of Malcolm X vs. the thoughts of Martin Luther King Jr. and a seminar about society's belief on love.

Wilson is planning is first seminar for April.

"Hopefully, I've built up a well enough reputation where students will respond in graces... as long as I market it well, I think they will respond well," Wilson said.

## And the winner is...



Courtesy Photo

Markita Shinault (left) poses with Ron Johnson from Institutional Research and Planning as she receives her new iPad.

## And the Winner Is ...

Did you know your opinion could be worth prizes or money in the bank? Langston University has a new software system that allows us to collect student opinions about campus life and to collect teacher evaluations electronically.

During the fall semester, each student who completed the student satisfaction survey was entered into a drawing for a \$500 scholarship for the spring. The four scholarship winners were: Stephanie Greenfield, Deangela Taylor, Davon Barber and Sydney Rios.

Students who completed the online teacher evaluations in the fall also were entered into a drawing.

Markita Shinault, an early childhood education major, was the winner of a new iPad Mini.

Congratulations to all of our winners!

Be checking your LU email for the next opportunity to share your opinion. You might be our next winner!

# US Olympian wins medals in summer, winter games

By Jerrod Mitchell  
Staff Writer

Lauryn Williams, a former U.S. track star, became the first U.S. woman and fifth Olympian to win a medal in both the summer and winter games.

After suffering an injury, Williams turned to bobsledding. With no prior experience in the sport, she competed in the 2014 Winter Olympics and won a silver medal Feb. 19.

"You're going to see a lot of minorities in this sport. You're going to see them say I was home watching Lauryn Williams and I want to do that," Ato Boldon, former track star, said, according to *YAHOO! News*.

"It is really inspiring. (Williams) showed that anything is possible," said Cami Little, junior business management major.

"All it takes is dedication and hard work," Little said.

Though Williams is experiencing major success, she insists that she almost gave up on sports after her father passed away five years ago because of a prolonged illness.

He served as her motivation to always do her best. Williams said she remembered her father's words when she wanted to quit. He pushed her to be the competitive athlete she is today.

"I think she will inspire the next generation of ath-



**Top Left:**

Lauryn Williams competes in the 4x100m Relay in the Summer 2012 Olympics

**Top Right:**

Lauryn Williams (right) and her teammate, Jamie Greubel, celebrate after winning the two-women competition of the Bobsleigh World Cup in Innsbruck Igls, Austria.



Courtesy Photos

letes by giving back to the U.S. as she already has," said Johnnie Moore, LU

track team member and sophomore English major. "Williams success exem-

plified that the possibilities are limitless as an athlete," Moore said.

## Moore police kill man at local movie theater

By DeNeeka Hill  
Staff Writer

A night out to the movies Feb. 15 tragically ended for one family in Moore.

Outside of the movie theater, Nair Rodriguez and her 19-year-old daughter got into an argument, which led to Rodriguez striking her daughter across the face.

According to the CNN website, shortly after the incident, police arrived on a domestic dispute call at the theater and confronted, not Nair Rodriguez, but her husband, Luis.

Five officers threw Luis Rodriguez to the ground and handcuffed him without asking questions. Nair Rodriguez pulled out her cell phone and began to video the event.

According to the *New York*

*Daily News* website, "Five cops pushed his body and head into the blacktop. The handcuffed 44-year-old was also hit with pepper spray."

Throughout the recording, Nair Rodriguez can clearly be heard screaming, "You kill him! You kill him! You killed my husband."

Now, this widow and her daughter are seeing justice for what happened to their loved one.

The family's attorney, Michael Brooks-Jimenez, made public the six-minute video shot by Nair Rodriguez.

Moore Police Chief Jerry Stillings defended the police by expressing ultimately the force shown in the video was appropriate and necessary.

The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation has taken over the investiga-

tion.

A representative from the Moore Police Department said that three officers from the department who were involved in this incident have been suspended with pay while the incident is reviewed.

The two game wardens working security that day at the theater are continuing in their normal roles, according to Holmes of the state wildlife department.

An autopsy on Luis Rodriguez was conducted on Feb. 16, but Rodriguez's full report won't be released until toxicology results come in, said Amy Elliott from Oklahoma's office of the chief medical examiner.

The Oklahoma Bureau of Investigation doesn't anticipate it will make any findings for months, said a representative for the bureau.

## Man pushes for marijuana legalization in Washington

By Talibb Woods  
Staff Writer

Adam Eidigner, a leading activist for the marijuana legalization initiative, spoke in Washington, D.C., Feb. 18, in efforts to let voters decide if the plant should be legalized.

If enough votes are in favor for the ban to lift on the November ballot, "Legalization has a strong chance of being approved," according to the *Washington Post*.

Eidigner hopes that the western states could help influence and accelerate the process.

Gen. Irvin B. Nathan, Washington, D.C., attorney, thinks the state and federal laws will conflict if marijuana would become legal. Nathan strongly advised the election board to reject the proposed ballot initiative.

However, Eidigner didn't care much for Nathan's concerns.

He explained to the *Wash-*

*ington Post*, "The civil rights issue is the federal government, not us. We're trying to alleviate the problem."

Despite some of the board members being skeptical, the board will vote on and disclose information within seven days.

This initiative will allow anyone older than 21 to possess up to no more than two ounces of marijuana for personal use as well as grow up to three plants at home.

Marijuana users and growers would be able to transfer, but not sell, marijuana.

There will have to be more than 25,000 votes from supporters if the board decides to agree on the proposal. Advocates said they are going for 30,000 votes.

Eidigner and the D.C. Cannabis Campaign are trying to raise \$350,000-\$500,000, and they are collecting donations. Eidigner thinks if they can legalize marijuana in the capitol then it can be legalized anywhere.



# Lady Lions lose conference tournament

*Special from Red River  
Conference website*

Playing in its first RRAC Women's Basketball Tournament final, fifth-seeded Huston-Tillotson completed an improbable run with a 67-64 victory over Langston University on Saturday at East Texas Baptist University.

With HT leading, Langston's Lynette Holmes banked in a shot with nine seconds left to cut the deficit to one at 65-64, but Ariel Callis sank two free throws for the Lady Rams with seven seconds remaining to provide the final score.

Chaquitta Thrower secured the win by blocking a final three-point attempt by Langston's Alanna Lee with time running out.

HT built a 26-6 first-half lead on the strength of a defensive effort that limited Langston to 3-of-20 on field goal attempts in the first 30 minutes.

With 3:51 before intermission, Shillalie Jones got Langston moving with a three-point play at that point, followed by a basket from Holmes as the Lady Lions closed to within 30-18 at the half.

The Lady Lions' 31-10 run extended into the second half where Holmes gave them the lead, 37-36, with 14:18 left to play.

Despite surrendering a 20-point lead, the Lady Rams were able to recover and regained the lead for good after Ariel Callis connected on a three-pointer with 4:46 in regulation to tie the game at 58-58.

Trazhazia Webb scored the next four points with a pair of free throws and a layup to build a 62-58 edge.

Webb, who scored a team-high 19 points, added two more free throws down the stretch to set the stage for the final moments of the game. Callis finished with 15 points and 12 rebounds, and Shaniqua Thomas chipped in 14 points.

It's the first RRAC women's basketball title for HT, coming in its 16th year in the league.

The Lady Rams, 15-14 on the season, defeated fourth-seeded Jarvis Christian in the first round and top-seeded Our Lady of the Lake in the semifinals. They earned an automatic berth in the NAIA Division I Women's Basketball National Championship along with regular season champion OLLU.

Langston was led by Holmes with 28 points and Alex Adekunle, who finished with 17 points after fouling out with 6:26 to play. The Lady Lions are 20-12 overall this season.



Photo by Jonathan McGill

Jada Green (left), freshman forward, prepares to shoot a three-pointer, while Shillalie Jones, senior guard, looks to rebound. The Lady Lions advanced to the second round of the conference tournament playoffs, but lost to Huston-Tillotson by 3 points March 8.

## PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

### Alexandra McGhee



**Sport:** Track and Field

**Position:** High Jump

**Hometown:** Midwest City, Okla.

**Major:** Psychology

**Favorite Food:** Pepperoni Pizza

**Hobby:** Shopping and hanging out with friends

**Instagram:** @\_lightbright93\_

**Twitter:** @lytebrite93

**Compiled By**  
Ricky Edwards

### Softball team stands at 8-13-1



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Mary Jordan, sophomore, stands ready to bat during a Lady Lions home game. The LU softball team is currently 3-1 in conference play.