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Students reflect on Judge Jackson

By **Sasha Ndisabiye**
Staff Writer

Amid the national outrage and controversy surrounding Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court, the news is having a more positive effect on the Langston community.

After the retirement of Justice Stephen Breyer, President Joe Biden announced that his nomination to fill the seat would be taken by a black woman. This sparked major backlash from across the country, as people debated the effects of having a woman of color on the bench, as well as predicting which individual would have the qualifications to fill such a prestigious spot. On Feb. 25, Jackson became the first black woman to be nominated to become the 116th Associate Judge of the United States Supreme Court.

Langston alumni and Oklahoma City Court bailiff Crystal Bryan said, "For me, seeing a black woman be dragged the way she was, with all her accomplishments, was really sad-dening... to see in this day and age that we still aren't looked at as equal to our counterparts. We have to be twice as good, twice the education, twice the experience and still be looked down upon." During the prolonged process of questioning the appointee by the Senate Judiciary committee, many took notice of the questions being asked and the treatment of Jackson by members of the Republican party. She was asked to define what a woman is, and her stance on critical race theory by members of the GOP. These types of questions came across as racially motivated, exploitative, and irrelevant to the task at hand, which is discussing Jackson's past and qualifications as a nominee. Dr. Nicholas "Nick" Timmerman, assistant professor of history at Langston said, "It was interesting seeing how individuals in the Senate took the opportunity to utilize that process of investigation to basically score political points." The attacks Jackson endured were less about her as a nominee

and more about Republican senators boosting their own image and reputations by discussing topics only important to their party. With the current state in the House of Representatives, the Democratic party holds the majority of the seats allowing Jackson to have the support she needs without relying on swinging republican votes.

Jackson, 51, was born in Washington D.C. and raised in Miami, Florida. Both of her parents went to historically black colleges



and universities, while Jackson went on to graduate magna cum laude at Harvard University. When she was in pre-school her father attended law school, which influenced her as a young girl and drove her to do the same. She later graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School and worked as a supervising editor of the Harvard Law Review. Throughout her legal career, Jackson has collected a mountain of qualifications including serving as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals in the D.C. circuit, judge on the U.S. district court for the district of Columbia, Vice Chair of the U.S. sentencing committee, public defender and Supreme Court clerk.

Kilah Johnson and her

mother Bryan, mentioned previously, also hold a unique bond through the practice of law and the court system. Johnson, a corrections major at Langston, described times when the two of them would follow active court cases in Oklahoma City while also sending each other official court reports and watching live streams together. Influenced by "the side of court not everyone gets to see" and her mother, Johnson is now the second generation of black women in

one against eight, with nine on the Supreme Court. I feel like her one voice and her three other non-conservative counterparts aren't enough to make big changes yet." Even with their doubts, Johnson and Bryan are hopeful that having that representation will open for bigger opportunities and conversation down the line.

With some still unconvinced that there will be any major improvement, others are optimistic about the power of a democratic republic. "Well, here's the thing about the Supreme Court, is that it doesn't necessarily break down as evenly as people think it does," said Timmerman. With nine members of the Supreme Court the thought is that there should be a three-to-three-to-three ratio, meaning three leaning more right, three leaning more left, and then three moderates. Under the Trump administration the bench became more conservative after the three Supreme Court nominations of Neil M. Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, and Amy Coney Barrett. As this is Bidens first Supreme Court nominee, the intention is that Jackson creates a more liberal bend in the bench. The republican party has worked hard to have a six-to-three curve, but in the past three or so years the votes have not played out as expected. The "three in the middle" meaning Kavanaugh, John Roberts, and Gorsuch have recently been "swing votes". Timmerman said, "...They have swung in ways that are really unpredictable for conservatives, which have pissed people off, even Donald Trump ... just because you put somebody on the bench doesn't mean that they are going to rule in a political way that you think they would. It all comes down to the way they interpret the law."

Timmerman explains that the meaning behind this nomination will create major historical ramifications. He said, "As a historic moment, I think this is huge. I definitely think she will get on the bench."

Sasha Ndisabiye is a sophomore broadcast journalism major.

Opinion: Cafeteria hours need to be expanded

By Nia Daniels
Staff Writer

Janel Andrews, a sophomore English major, has classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 11 to 12:15 p.m. with film and literature, then from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. she has romantic literature, and finally from 2 to 3:15 p.m. she has introduction to psychology. On those days, she's not able to eat lunch. Andrews said, "I do wish the cafeteria hours were expanded; lunch is from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. when I have my classes."

Andrews isn't alone; band students, athletes and other students with midday classes also miss meals under the limited hours the cafeteria stays open. The hours should be extended because they don't accommodate all students' schedules; only a certain number of people can eat in the cafeteria at one time with restrictive space. The cafeteria is the only spot on campus that offers three meals a day and many students have responsibilities that prevent them from making it into the café during the limited hours.

The new cafeteria hours were established in the spring semester of 2022 and are from 7 to 9 a.m. for breakfast, 11 to 1:30 p.m. for lunch, and 5 to 7:30 p.m. for dinner, cutting down their original time by thirty minutes. Students on the traditional meal plan are only allowed to use three "swipes" per day, and if they want to exceed that number of swipes, the cost will be taken out of their Lion bucks. Each student's meal plan comes with a certain number of meals that you can have per week, and one swipe equals one meal. So, the traditional students'



Photos courtesy of Sasha Ndisabiye



meal plan has 18 swipes per week and 100 Lion bucks. Lion bucks consist of money included in students' meal plan that they can use to eat in the café, Lion's den, C-store, and any other restaurant on campus.

Chandler Craddock, a junior business management major, believes the café hours should not have been cut, but that the hours should remain the same or be extended. According to Craddock, the lunch hours are inconvenient because he has class until 1:45 p.m., which only allows him to make it to the last fifteen minutes of class if he wants to eat lunch. "Dinner should be extended to 8:30 p.m. because two hours and thirty minutes open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner is not enough, especially for certain students who can't go in those spans of time," said Craddock.

Michael Chappel, a freshman management and information systems major, also feels that the café hours are inconvenient and conflict with his schedule. "I mostly have morning classes, and once I get out of the classes, I have one late class that conflicts with my schedule and doesn't allow me to eat lunch. If I don't have food at home, I don't eat, and just wait until dinner time," said Chappel. He proposes that the café's lunch hours should run from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. because many students have morning classes. Keyonte Hammon, a freshmen management information system and business administration major, has a schedule that also con-

flicts with lunch hours. "I feel like dinner hours could be slightly longer because I know some people who have labs late," said Hammon.

According to food services director Sheena Ellis, the cafeteria hours are set by their contract with the institution. Langston University was not available to comment for this story.

"I can't eat lunch and dinner every day because it clashes with my work schedule. I often have to work, so I have to pay out of my own pocket to grab something to eat because I wasn't able to make the cafeteria hours," said Mikayla Robinson, a junior sociology major. Robinson thinks the cafeteria should go back to being open all day long like it was her freshmen year in 2019; she recommends the café being open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The size of the cafeteria has decreased since the beginning of the spring semester because of the construction that has been taking place. Since the beginning of the spring semester, the university has been working on construction on one side of the cafeteria, causing only half of the full cafeteria size to be open for students. The tight amount of seating offered makes it challenging to find places to sit. This has caused the lines to become long for students who are waiting to be served. According to Ellis, "It's an adjustment because I lost seating capacity for my students because of the construction that is happening."

The café is students' only source of

food on campus, besides the C-store that provides gas-station-like snacks. Since the construction of the new cafeteria, school restaurants like the Lion's Den and Jasmines' have closed down. Those were the only two restaurants on campus that offered alternative foods to what was served in the café. Students now have to rely solely on the cafeteria for their daily food and nutrition. The problem is, how are students able to do so if they can't make it on time to eat in the cafeteria?

The band practice and the cafeteria hours interfere with one another. Cherish Daniels, a sophomore band member said, "I make food before practice because it cuts so close." Daniels suggested that café hours could be expanded from 5 to 8 p.m. not just for her but also for her bandmates.

The spring semester doesn't have as many sports going on as the fall; however, there are still students who attend Langston University who are not athletes or in the band who want to see more expanded hours in the cafeteria to accommodate all students. The institution should allow the cafeteria to stay open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; that way, students can make it to the café to enjoy at least one meal, and they can still stick to their daily schedules. The institution needs to be more diligent in ensuring students on campus are being fed because students shouldn't have to worry about when their next meal will be or have to choose between going to class or eating. Students shouldn't have to commute fifteen minutes to go get food from a fast-food restaurant when they have the opportunity to eat on campus and save gas and money because they are still paying for a meal plan. For some students, eating at the café is their only time to relax and socialize and destress from having to worry about school; the café, in a way, is a haven that gives students a safe space.

At the end of the day, how an institution treats its students contributes to the number of students who choose to come back. Langston University is sending a message to students that if they're not in the band or in a sport, they don't matter, and their feelings, schedules and busyness will not be accounted for. No matter what role you have at Langston University, we all have a voice and have value; it's not just exclusive to the band and the athletes but to everyone.

Nia Daniels is a junior broadcast journalism major.

A whole new line: Students cross at probate

By Nia Daniels
Staff Writer

General News

Langston University held in-person probate on Thursday, March 10, in the C.F. Gayles Field House with between 400 and 500 people in attendance. The Field House was filled with families, alumni, students and faculty that wanted to see who all the new members would be and to support some of their fraternities, and sororities.

A probate is a new member presentation where the newest members of sororities and fraternities present history, reveal who they are and step or stroll in front of

the whole school. This presentation is the first time where the new members are put in front of the public and are initiated for the rest of the campus to see. Additionally, probate is a celebration honoring and congratulating those individuals who have made it through the initiation process. This year at the probate, three organizations from the Divine Nine and three Musical Greek organizations showcased their new members.

Sigma Gamma Rho

Recently the Sigma Gamma Rho's made history for being the largest line to come through the State of Okla-

homa, crossing 17 women. According to Kammerrin Herron, senior psychology major and corrections minor and President of Sigma Gamma Rho, "It was the only way to go for me when I came across Sigma Gamma Rho, I felt like I embodied what our mission is, and I wanted to do and be that. Sigma Gamma Rho are seen as the underdogs. Any time a Sigma woman is called upon we rise to the occasion." Once Herron was inducted back in 2020, she had to learn how to be a good leader and with her line sisters figure out their place on campus. There weren't any Poodles on the yard at that

time and all they had was graduate chapter.

Sharodon Jenkins, sophomore broadcast journalism major and president for the National council of Negro women, crossed Sigma Gamma Rho as well. The process for her to become a part of this sorority lasted over a month. When it was time for the probate, she said, "I was nervous but when the announcer announced us coming out and the crowd went crazy, I was ready to give them a show and finally reveal what I'm a part of."

Alpha Phi Alpha

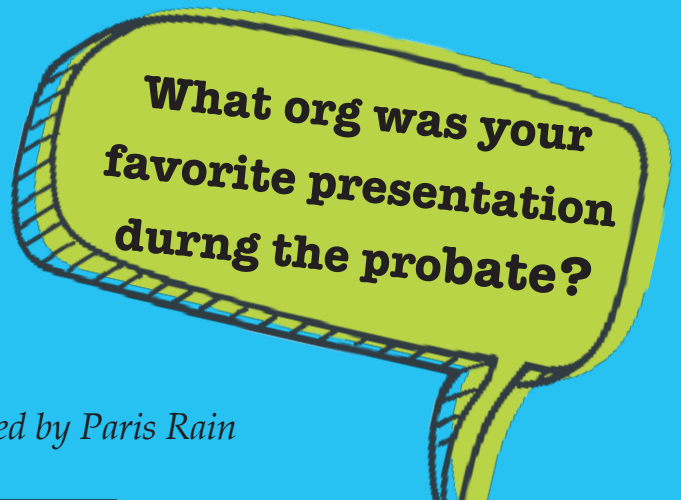
Marcus Jackson, junior

computer science major, crossed Alpha Phi Alpha Incorporated in a line of ten. Jackson chose the Alphas because growing up the men in his life who challenged and helped him were Alphas and that drove him to want to know more about the fraternity and how he can be a part of it. Jackson attended some of the events the Alphas hosted on campus and he could see himself being one. The Alphas core values are manly deeds, scholarship and love for all mankind. When it came to performing at the probate, Jackson was excited.

"When you're on line, nobody's supposed to know

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Campus Question



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Donovan Halcomb
Sophomore
Technology

Sigma Gamma Rho because they were deep and accurate and as a drummer I know how hard it is to get a deep line to look that accurate.



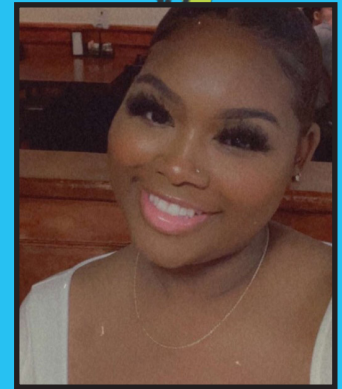
Asia Cockrell
Sophomore
Corrections with a minor in
Criminal Justice and Sociology

My favorite presentation at the probate was the alphas. I could tell that they knew their information and was confident when speaking



Christopher Green
Freshman
Psychology Major

My favorite org at the probate was Sigma Gamma Rho because I just love me some poodles.



Nina Love
Sophomore
Nursing Major

I found the SGRHO showcase to be exhilarating, not only was it a historical moment for the chapter, my beautiful friend Devyn was able to fulfill her legacy! The performance was coordinated and precise.

Alumni spotlight: Chris Antwine

By Lhea Lilly
Staff Writer

According to almabase.com, "Universities play a critical role in shaping the lives of their students who then go on to become successful alumni with promising careers and the potential to impact local communities."

A postgraduate making strides to be an impact, Christopher Antwine earned a Master of Science in vocational rehabilitation counseling from Langston in 2016. Antwine is now one of three board certified neurotherapists in the Oklahoma City area and founder of Elite Brain Performance and Neurofeedback. Antwine explains, "Neurofeedback essentially uses neuroscience and technology to train and rewire a person's brain waves." Antwine provided some wisdom on being an entrepreneur and how consistency is important to success. Antwine

says he believes mental health is "super important ... I start my day, every single day, with gratitude and a workout."

He says he works out for the physical benefits, of course, but more for the spiritual connection; it is during that time that he implements his affirmations. Consistency and balance are two things he spoke intimately about. Antwine has a vision to provide a telehealth aspect of his services for athletes to assist in improving overall performance. As a former athlete, he says if he had known of a place where he could get services to deal with those outside challenges it could have increased his overall performance.

"To be among the best is something different. It's not just physical, it's absolutely mental and this is where I feel Elite Brain performance fits in."

When Antwine started college, he never thought this would be the path he would be on, but personal

challenges lead him to neurofeedback. According to theelite-brain.com, he struggled with performance anxiety and the inability to control impulses due to emotional dysregulation.

"I struggled with overthinking, low self-esteem and attention/focus issues which inhibited me from reaching my highest potential in the classroom, my social life as well as is in my sporting event." He always felt that athletes were ignored emotionally, and this sparked a passion in him to help athletes to reach their greatest potential, not just on the field or on the court, but also in the classroom, in relationships and with yourself, which he feels is the most important.

Lhea Lilly is a broadcast journalism major and HPER minor



Photo Courtesy of The Elite Brain

Faculty opinion: Emmitt Till anti-lynching law



By Jerry Elix
Faculty

On March 29, President Joseph Biden signed into law the Emmitt Till Anti-Lynching Act. This law defines lynching, saying anyone who conspires to commit any offense under paragraphs 1-3 of the Hate Crimes statutes that results in death or serious bodily injury is to be imprisoned for up to 30 years. This law took 120 years, 200 attempts, and a conservative estimate of over 4,400 lives taken by lynching from 1877 to 1950 to pass both houses of Congress and signed into enforcement by the President. With lynching becoming illegal federally, we can truly say that our country has changed. The only change that made this law possible is a demographic shift in America.

When I was eleven years old, my late father told me a story about his childhood in Roosevelt, Oklahoma. It was August 1942, and my father turned 12 years old three days prior. He and his brothers had just gone out into the fields in Southwest Oklahoma going from farm-to-farm raiding chicken coops. During this time, the Great Depression still had the United States in its grips. The only way his family could find food was to raid nearby farms for chickens and eggs, milk the cows left in the fields or steal reserve grain from silos. After raiding several farms near Snyder, Oklahoma, my dad and his brothers were walking the 12 miles back home to Roosevelt. Like today, most of this area was a series of wheat fields. Shelter belts were built to protect these fields from erosion that occurred during the dust bowl years of the early to middle 1930's. These belts of trees and bushes created small, forested areas where deer, feral pigs and other animals could be hunted. Also, these areas were used to hide the illegal manufacture of alcohol and hold secret meetings of religious organizations, masons and the Klan. When my father stepped into a clearing near his home, he noticed something that would remain in his eyes for the remainder of his life. In the trees, he saw five boys, around the same age as his brothers and himself, hanging from the trees. My father was so frightened by the sight, he released his bowels in his pants. My father and his brothers dropped everything they had and ran home. My father said he was so afraid that he was not able to leave the house for

about a week. He later learned from his mother that the boys were killed because they were suspected of raiding the farmhouses in the area. His mother, out of fear for the life of her children, contacted his oldest sister living in Dallas to pick them up and take them away. His oldest sister drove through the night and took them out of Roosevelt. My father did not know it, but that was the last time he would see his mother; she would die in childhood later that year. This story about my father's childhood has stuck in my mind throughout my life. As a teenager, the fear of this possibly happening to me was constant. I could see myself in my father's situation going from farm-to-farm raiding chicken coops for food. But America has changed for the better since 1942.

The change in America is demographic. In 2040, it is estimated that the combined population of America's minorities will be the numeric majority in the United States. The current Congress now seats the largest number of minorities in American history. Today, 23 percent of Congress consists of minorities. Without the significant numbers of minorities in both the Democratic and Republican parties within Congress, the Emmitt Till Anti-Lynching law would not have passed. In 1900, George Henry White was a Republican member of the House of Representatives from North Carolina. Mr. White, being the only African American in Congress at the time, sponsored and introduced the first anti-lynching bill of the modern era. The bill failed, but the long fight to get an-

ti-lynching legislation passed continued. Year after year, lynching after lynching in Rosewood, Tulsa, Atlanta, Chicago, Baltimore, Mobile, Memphis, New Orleans, Richmond and others, year after year the stories continued terrorizing generations of Americans who felt that their government could not and would not protect them. The estimated 4400 Americans lynched is a very conservative estimate. The list of towns and cities do not include Roosevelt, Poteau, Paul's Valley, Ardmore, Sayer, Washington, Fairview and other points within Oklahoma.

This change includes millions of people that care for their fellow man and used their voice and vote to move change forward. Even during the period of a Black President, an anti-lynching law could not pass. That was the period when people thought American racism was in the past. But later, we saw proof that American racism was just taking a nap. With the knowledge of continuous racism by some, complacency by others, the only possibility an antilynching law could be adopted is through a Congressional change in ethnicity. Congress today is 23 percent minority. In 2040 this will double, and by 2070, Congress will be mostly made up of the new majority. During this time from now to 2070, more miracles from Washington and State houses around the country will occur. The question for this new majority is, will you be better?

Jerry Elix is an Instructor of Political Science.

UAAM serves food over spring break

By Terrell Hailey
Staff Writer

On March 17, the United African American Men Incorporated came together and served students that didn't have anything to eat.

"I was very happy that they served me a plate because I had no car to get food," said Devin Thomas.

During spring break, food services were canceled, leaving students who stayed on campus with no meal options.

"Being able to serve the students that didn't have food was a great thing to do," said Ronald Wesley, the president of UAAM at Langston University.

The members gave out chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans and water to the students.

"I'm really thankful for the UAAM because I didn't know what I was going to eat," said Nori Bradley. They served over 34 students on campus during the break.

"It felt good being able to help on campus" said Jacoven Hinson.

This organization often volunteers at the Langston food bank and helps out at the cafeteria throwing students plates away.

Recently on March 19 the UAAM did a campus clean up and made sure that the campus looked neat.

"We want to make sure that the campus is clean and not dirty," said Anthony Harris.

"I always see them helping and just being nice to people," said Mahia Harper.

The UAAM is an organization that helps young men and bring the community together.

"This organization has made me a better person and I'm glad I'm a part of the UAAM," said DJuann Crane.

UAAM was founded on February 18, 1993, on the campus of Grambling University.

Terrell Hailey is a sophomore broadcast journalism major.



Photo by Jayden Hannah

Langston students amass on streaming space

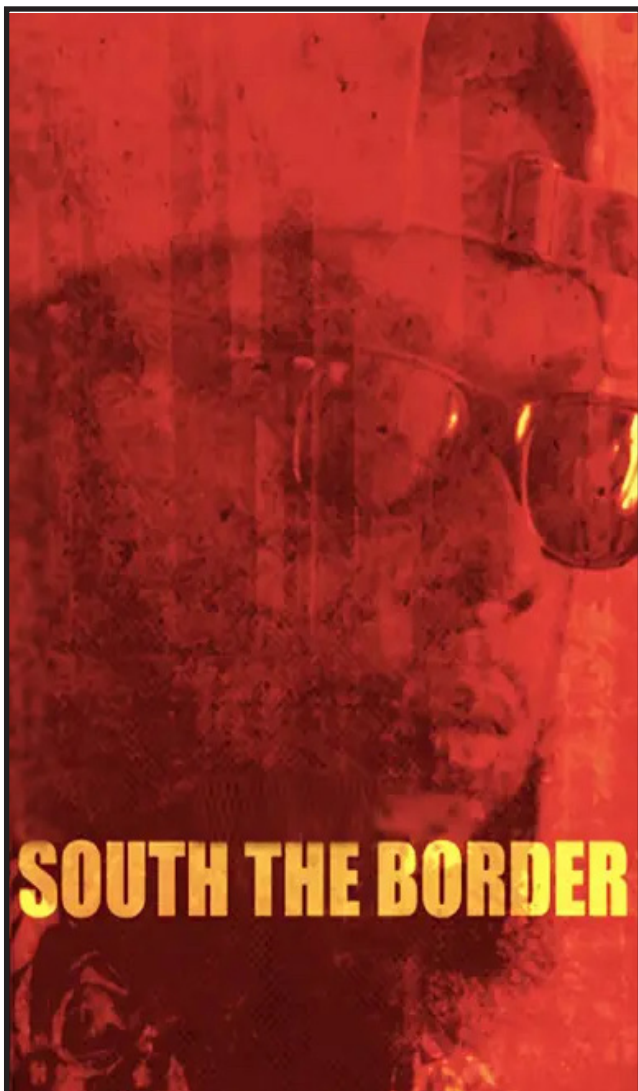


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By John Crane
Staff Writer

During the last two years, alumni and current students from Langston have been featured on platforms that have millions of monthly streamers.

The university band had the opportunity to be featured on a Prime Video show called "Watch out for the Big Grrrls," a reality competition that follows music artist Lizzo as she auditions women to come on tour.

In March, former student Julian D. Jackson premiered a film on Tubi that he produced. The movie is titled "South the Border." It is a drama that is based in the streets of Houston. A young man finds himself in the middle of a war with the cartel after some products go missing.

Alegna Walton, a senior health administration major, said that just having Langston students involved in film/television world is "inspiring". She also mentioned she hopes to see more in the future.

"Seeing our band on screen with someone like Lizzo makes me feel like we are finally being recognized."

Senior Hyper major Dava Brown said, "All that people need is to see that it is possible, and they will give it a shot. Even I want to be on TV now."

According to CNBC, streaming takes up 26% of all time on TV. Langston students already have hopes to be in Film/ TV industry. Hopefully knowing that there are some who have made it will only push them harder.

John Crane is a senior broadcast journalism major.

Head Coach of Lady Lions contract ends



Photos by Na'Tianna Stocker

By Kesean Cleveland
Staff Writer

After six years with the Lady Lions, head coach Elaine Powell will no longer be with the team. In her last season coach Powell led the lions to the quarter finals of the playoffs with a 19-11 record. "We were 5th in the conference, that's all her that got us there," Sade Bass, a Junior Forward on the team said when asked how important she felt Powell was to her success. During her time at Langston Powell produced two SAC All-Conference selections (Asheika Alexander, Jailynn Lawson) and three Black College Sports Network All-Americans (Asheika Alexander, Talia Edwards, Jailynn Lawson). Asheika Alexander was also recently selected to NAIA All-America Team under Powell's coaching.

In athletics it is not uncommon for coaches to be released. At Langston University, women's basketball is not the only sport looking for new staff members. In a statement made by Athletic Director Donita, Rogers said "We are in the midst of a major transition stage in the department of athletics at this time. We are actively searching for our next program heads in Men's and Women's Basketball, strength and conditioning and most recently, assistant athletic trainer, Kelsie Woods has taken a position with minor league baseball. I wish all of our coaches and staff members success in their individual next steps."

"Unfortunately, athletics is a business and that's the hard part that really hurts," Rogers said.

While the University has split ways with

many coaches and staff members, they have started to refill those lost positions.

"I would also like to welcome our newest addition to the LU Athletics Family, Coach Calvin Powell. He has been hired as the Offensive Line Coach and is eager to get acclimated with Lion Football," Rogers said.

With all the changes in coaching, many players are left feeling unsure of what to do next. "I have no idea where my next decision is going to lead me," freshman Guard Jaydn Chestnutt said when asked if the release of coach Elaine Powell affects her plans for next season.

When questioned about the process of finding a new coach, Rogers replied "We send a job description to the Human Resource office and there they work in conjunction with PR to have the requirements of the job posted."

One of the things that is preferred for a head coaching job would be that "they have at least three years head coaching experience, preferably in the NAIA and championship experience."

The requirements from the Athletic Director seem to match well with what players hope to see in a new head coach.

"I just want them to have experience, I don't want them to be no random person, like coach Powell was in the WNBA for nine years and has three championship rings," said Bass.

While Rogers still wants the team to be successful on the court, winning is not the only thing she looks for in a coach. Rogers wants to make sure that whoever the next coach is, they understand "program and culture development." Rogers also stated

a red flag that a coach may not be the right fit for Langston would be if players they recruit aren't graduating or well-rounded students on campus.

"We want to compete... but we also want our student athletes to be comfortable here so that they can thrive. That coach has to have the right balance of nurturing them in the classroom. I want student athletes to be involved in other organizations... It's like a well-rounded puzzle piece, they're the face of our program."

Regardless of what the future holds in store for the Lady Lions, Powell has left her mark on the team.

"Coach Powell meant a lot to me and means a lot to this day," Chestnutt said. "Growing up with coaches who were hard on me but were still easy was a big difference than with coach Powell, she was always on my ass. Made sure I knew the potential I had."

Over her career here, which Rogers says may be the second longest tenure of any coach we've had in the last 20 years, Powell has experienced some successes that have never happened before here. One of her players (Asheika Alexander) signed with the Minnesota Lynx, a team in the WNBA.

Rogers says to keep an eye on Powell. "She's a winner so I know that she'll bounce back, she's going to do some amazing things. We haven't heard the last of Elaine Powell."

Kesean Cleveland is a sophomore broadcast journalism major.

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and you're just putting in work and it's a lot of hard work and tired nights but once you make it through the other side and everybody can see the hard work it's exciting especially to showcase everything that we learned and to be able to call ourselves a part of this fraternity." Jackson's advice to those who might be scared to pledge is that "pledging can be intimidating because you don't know what you're getting yourself into, but I think it's worth it because you learn so much about yourself."

Phi Beta Sigma

MaNazio Bowen, sophomore Hyper major, crossed Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated. According to Bowen, the process took him about four weeks and that's when he had to learn the history of his fraternity, the morals, the values and the importance of brotherhood. He chose this Fraternity because most of his male role models in high school were Sigma's and one of his first inspirations is his track coach Julius Koger. Bowen liked that the men he met were true to themselves. One thing Bowen admires about his fraternity is the emphasis on brotherhood and the bonding it allowed him to have.

"They want to make sure that if you're in this you're going to have your business handled and priority straight," said Bowen.

Joshua Donaldson, sophomore Hyper major also crossed Phi Beta Sigma. His mentor went to Langston University and was a Sigma, so "to honor what he did for me I joined the fraternity to follow in his footsteps." He had fun when it came to performing for everyone at the probate and when his name was revealed he felt like he was finally free.

Kappa Kappa Psi

Kurtis Ross, sophomore public health major and drum major, crossed Delta Alpha chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity Inc. According to Ross, Kappa Kappa Psi was founded November 27, 1919, at Oklahoma State University and Langston is the first Black chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi; that's why they have the name "Delta Alpha." The morals of his fraternity are striving for the highest and always finding ways to improve. Ross was part of a line of four "brothers" including himself.

"When they revealed my name, I didn't expect to get that many screams because a lot of people didn't expect me to cross Kappa

Kappa Psi. Kappa Kappa Psi has to make it work for both serving the school and the band, they help with band trips and make sure everything goes smoothly." Ross wants people to know to, "watch out for Kappa Kappa Psi because were coming deep. Delta Alpha is back."

Tau Beta Sigma

Cherish Daniels, sophomore liberal arts education major, crossed Delta Alpha chapter of Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority. Tau Beta Sigma was founded on May 4, 1996, with 15 ladies, and it was rechartered three times on Langston University's campus. The mission of this sorority is to empower women in the band profession and cultivate leadership, educational achievement and community development. Daniels had six "sisters" on her line and the process for her to cross was a month long. According to Daniels, she was nervous before and during her performance, but she was glad to have her whole family there to see her cross. "I feel like I grew up a lot more and became a more social person, and I grew confidence in myself," said Daniels.

Sigma Alpha Iota International Music

Into the Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity Inc. crossed Amari Brown. Brown is a junior criminal justice corrections major. Sigma Alpha Iota was founded on June 12, 1903, in Ann Arbor Michigan. Brown's line included three "sisters" including herself. She joined this organization because she loves music, art and the relationships she could gain by becoming a Rose. According to Brown, performing at the probate was, "The best, most thrilling, very emotional performances I've ever done. I never performed in front of the whole student body like that, so it was a very challenging and very exiting moment." She encourages those who want to pledge to remember their why, "because that will lead you further than anything else."

Langston History

Some Langston University Professors who are apart of Greek life are Professor Ross and Dr. Alexander who are Deltas, Dr. Peterson, Dr. Coleman and Dr. Wilkerson who are Alphas, Mrs. Moncriste, Dr. Hunter and Mrs. Williams who are AKA's and Coach Kroger who is a Sigma.

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