The Vermilion
Charges reduced
for 13 football
players arrested

Vermilion staff report

The 13 University of Louisiana at Lafayette football players arrested in April recently had their charges reduced.

Following an investigation of alleged burglary, the 13 players were arrested April 25 when video evidence proved their involvement in a burglary in Huger Hall.

The victim, Artez Williams, was also a former UL Lafayette football player. Williams had recently been removed from the team following his arrest related to a case of second-degree rape on campus.

Williams was in jail April 5 when his former teammates took items amounting to $2,400.

The items stolen, according to the UL Lafayette Police Department, included an Xbox, some of the console’s games, a gold chain, various pairs of shoes, a Nike backpack, four pairs of boxers, eight-and-a-half pairs of socks, three coats and three dollar bills among other things.

Two of the players, Lawyer Davis and Vincent Thomas, were originally charged with a misdemeanor and can have their charges dropped completely if they complete proper community service.

The other 11 players’ charges will be reduced to misdemeanors. The players are: Robert Hunt, D’Aquín Withrow, Matthew Barnes, Denarius Howard, Trey Ragas, Jordan Wright, Joe Dillon, Jarvis Jeffries, LaDarrius Kidd, Terik Miller, Damarren Mitchell, Levarious Varnado and Simeon Thomas.