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Miss Langston Pageant
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Friday, March 1,
I.W. Young Auditorium

LU Softball
2 p.m.,
Saturday, March 2,
and 11 a.m.,
Sunday, March 3,
Langston field

Midterms
March 4-8
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Students receive white coats



Photo by Andrea Perry

Students in the Langston University School of Physical Therapy receive their white coats and take their student oath at the annual White Coat Ceremony. LU President Dr. Kent Smith Jr. and Dr. Philip George, associate professor, assisted

in the white coat donning for these 14 students. The event was Feb. 15 in the C.F. Gayles' Atrium. These students will receive their Doctor of Physical Therapy in 2015.

LU offers new scholarships, improves application process

By Leslie Simon
Staff Writer

Many funding options for college students are available; there are scholarships, grants and loans. "The scholarships are available; it is the student's responsibility to write the essays and complete the application process," said Sylvia Love, executive secretary of fiscal and administrative affairs at Langston University.

There are thousands of scholarships online. LU offers many scholarships year-round as well, such as the continuing student scholarship, the general academic scholarship, the McCabe scholarship and the regent's scholarship.

"There are so many students who need additional funding each semester (who) won't even take the time to complete one scholarship application," Love said.

LU recently incorporated a new scholarship ap-

plication process. Instead of students having to complete several different applications for every scholarship they apply for, students now only have to complete one application form.

The form can be found

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Academy Awards fulfilling because of host MacFarlane

The event that calls all entertainment and public eyes was proven to be no disappointment this year.

The 85th annual Academy Awards was the highlight of award season.

Following the red carpet event on Oscar Sunday, which was Feb. 24, the awards show began with a witty and comical musical insert, featuring this year's host, Seth MacFarlane.

MacFarlane is most known for creating and writing the animated TV series "Family Guy."

It turns out, MacFarlane is quite the singer.

He was accompanied on stage with a few celebrities who performed different acts sporadically throughout the night.

Critical reviews have been leaning on the negative side of MacFar-



Oden

lane's attempt at hosting, but I personally think he was a great host and commentator.

Many favorite films did not see award wishes come to pass such as "Flight" and "Zero Dark Thirty."

However, some of the 2013 winners included "Les Miserables," "Django Unchained," "Life of Pi" and "Silver Linings Playbook."

"Argo" took home the

night's coveted prize of best picture, which was announced by first lady Michelle Obama.

Other performances included Jennifer Hudson, who reprised her award-winning song "And I Am Telling You" from Broadway's "Dreamgirls" during the musical devoted event.

She was followed by Anne Hathaway and Hugh Jackman, among others, representing the incredible "Les Miserables."

Catherine Zeta-Jones did an amazing rendition of "Chicago's" "All That Jazz," and Barbra Streisand followed suit with my personal favorite of her repertoire "Memories."

During a James Bond tribute, Adele wistfully belted her Oscar-winning song "Skyfall" for the first

time after her pregnancy.

All in all, I found the Academy Awards to be quite entertaining and fulfilling, especially for an award show that some unfortunately labeled as washed up and boring.

Usually, I am only entertained by the musical performances because of my love for music.

This year's show, however, held a consistent interest for me, which has been a problem in the past.

I believe this was largely because of MacFarlane and the way he hosted the awards.

When asked if he would ever host again, his response was, "No."

That is disappointing, to say the least.

Da'Rius Oden is a senior broadcast journalism major.

Question of the Week

What activity on campus did you enjoy most during Black History Month?



"I enjoyed poetry night. It (connected) to our roots, and it was a way to gather the whole school together."

Faith Gunn,
senior elementary
special education
major



"I didn't really participate in all of them, so unfortunately, I don't have a favorite."

Alfred Thomas,
junior business
economics major



"The art show because you can see the progression that was made for African-Americans... to showing the various shades of our race. The things that we've been able to accomplish in art, I really like."

LaNaye Daniels,
junior elementary
education major



"The NeoSoul and poetry night because I consider myself a poet as well, and I love poetry."

Jasma Franklin,
junior elementary
education major

Compiled By
Da'Rius Oden

Car catches fire in LU parking lot

By Brittany Kendrick
Staff Writer

Social media was flooded with pictures of a smoking vehicle in a Langston University parking lot Friday, Feb. 22.

At about 10 a.m. that day, the LU Police Department responded to the Page Hall parking lot because a student's car was ignited in flames.

"My cousin and I were driving by and saw the fire, police and fire trucks; I thought it was going to blow up," said Omri Johnson, freshman nursing major.

Officers Terrell Marshall and Jack Huntley were

quickly on the scene and discovered a new model Chevy Impala smoking from the inside.

"As we arrived to the scene, we saw the car filled with smoke," officer Huntley said.

Thinking fast, the officers said, they busted both front seat windows to save lives in potential danger. They couldn't initially see inside because of the smoke and because the vehicle had tinted windows.

After the smoke cleared, the officers said, they were relieved to know there wasn't a person inside the vehicle.

Officers said they think the car was having me-

chanical failure.

They noticed the car making a sound as if it were starting on its own as well as flames coming from the bottom of the car.

Officials consoled and comforted the student who owned the car, assuring her it was better this happened on campus rather than out on the road with more possible risks, Huntley said.

The owner of the vehicle came to the scene after the Langston City Fire Department put out the flames, stunned by what had happened.

The owner of the vehicle requested to remain anonymous and declined to comment.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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on the LU website.

One major issue college students have is paying for school.

Because of LU's new policy of not being able to enroll with a balance, students are encouraged to stay on top of scholarship opportunities.

"Many students say the most difficult part of the scholarship process is the essay," Love said.

According to Yahoo, it would be very beneficial for college students to save a typed essay that they have previously written for any scholarship.

A lot of different scholarships require the same essay topics and criteria, which

could possibly save the applicant from repeating the essay process.

"School is challenging enough. The last thing I want to worry about is how my family and I will come up with tuition," said Derrick Davis, a junior nursing major.

Scholarships are available and they should be taken full advantage of, Davis said.

For a complete list of scholarships available at LU, visit the website at www.langston.edu/scholarship.aspx, or stop by the Office of Financial Aid in the Student Success Center.

The deadline to apply for scholarships for the 2013-2014 school year is March 15, 2013.

Reporter for Fox 25 TV speaks to LU students

By Talibb Woods
Contributing Writer

The broadcast journalism industry has changed during the past decade, now making average reporters above average.

Myron Patton, sports reporter for Oklahoma City's KOKH Fox 25, visited Langston University to share his knowledge and experiences within his career.

"You don't make a lot of money, you move around a lot in the industry and job security isn't very good," Patton said.

Coming from a small town and high school, Patton not only wanted to attend college, but also do something that he loved.

Growing up as a coach's son and playing multiple sports in high school, helped grow a passion that lead to a career.

Patton said he would read up to four newspapers daily,

which was the key to his passion.

"Reading is so important," Patton said. A month or two from now, that information will help you, he said.

A graduate of the University of Oklahoma, Patton left college working very hard at three different jobs with little to no pay.

Patton often was in the right place at the right time.

Working for a local news station, he was able to hear about job openings before other potential candidates, and with hard work it all paid off.

During his career at Fox 25, his duties as a reporter changed, requiring him to be more hands-on.

"It's a good thing because I get to reach more people," Patton said.

Reporters from larger news stations may have more people to do certain jobs, but Patton is able to edit and be in more control of things at Fox

25.

The broadcast industry now has blogs, magazines, videos and websites, which are all now part of the duties of some journalists.

Patton doesn't think the extra work requires double salary or much of an increased pay, but he can appreciate all of the work he puts into putting a show together with total control of the process and outcome.

Patton encouraged students to be hands-on, and said it's better than class work.

"Practical experience is the most important skill," and that will take you further than just knowing terms and definitions in a textbook, he said.

With many obstacles that Patton faced - coming from a small town, working for free, staying late after shows to build a resume and working hard - all paid off.

The industry will always change but as a journalist, so will you, he said.

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the original
publication date
of **Feb. 28.**

The three remaining
issues will
tentatively be
published on the
correct dates, which is
every other Thursday
until the end of the
spring 2013 semester.



Photos by Andrea Perry

Left: Mauricio Griffin (left), senior business management major, and Jasmine Redo (right), junior broadcast journalism major, film and interview nationally known author ReShonda Tate Billingsley in the Black Heritage Center. Billingsley is also a former broadcast journalism professor at LU.

Top: ReShonda Tate Billingsley (left), author of more than 21 novels, discusses her books with Perry Culver (right). Billingsley visited LU on Feb. 11.

Author, former LU professor visits campus, gives lecture

By Da'Rius Oden
Staff Writer

Langston University recently hosted nationally acclaimed author ReShonda Tate Billingsley, who once was an instructor on campus.

"I write reality, in the real world; that's the good, bad and the ugly," Billingsley said.

"I write about what I know, and I grew up in the church. All my books are faith-based with church drama. It's the good and bad," Billingsley said.

"I don't want people to think it's 'Christian fiction,'" she said, "then you're sending me hate-mail because of a bad word. It used to bother me, (but) now it doesn't. I write, and I know I reach the people who love it."

A former television and radio news reporter, Billingsley is a national best-selling author of 21 titles

published by the company Simon & Schuster.

Many of her books can be viewed and rented in the Black Heritage Center.

When speaking at LU, Billingsley confirmed that three of her books are currently being made into movies and more are on the way.

"She completely inspired me to follow my dreams," said Jasmine Redo, junior broadcast journalism.

"Like her, a lot of times she was denied when trying to get a foot in the door," Redo said. "After I heard her speech, I was really inspired to pursue my acting career in this really tough field."

"After working hard diligently, we can get the dream achieved."

Billingsley has been in the journalism field for more than two decades.

She also is the host of a

literary talk show, "From Cover to Cover," she is the editor for the *Houston Defender* newspaper and she has recently played her hand in acting.

She is set to star in the national touring stage play "Marriage Material," with Allen Payne, Tank and T-Boz from TLC, among other celebrities as well.

Billingsley has worked as a reporter for *The National Enquirer* and as an anchor and reporter for NBC, ABC and FOX TV stations in Beaumont, Texas, Oklahoma City and Houston.

She left her job at FOX 26 News in Houston in 2007 to write full-time, according to Billingsley's official website.

"I found her knowledge of the industry as a whole to be enlightening," said Venecia Broadus, junior broadcast journalism major.

"You know that the world outside Langston exists, but sometimes you get consumed with what is here to tend to," Broadus said.

"So when someone can show you the light from the other side, and that it is obtainable, it really lifts your spirits and adds fuel to the fire."

A member of Alpha

Kappa Alpha Sorority, Billingsley is married with three small children and was recently voted a Top 25 Woman of Houston by *Rolling Out* magazine.

During her visit to LU, she said she can't stop writing.

Needless to say, more can be expected from Billingsley.



Photo by Andrea Perry

ReShonda Tate Billingsley leaves some of her novels on display for students to see during her lecture.

Black History Month art show a success

By Kayla Jones
Editor

The month of February has come to a close, which means Black History Month is over as well.

However, LU wanted to preserve the month as much as possible by displaying the art show in Sanford Hall's lobby until Feb. 28.

The entire LU community was encouraged to check out the artwork from many artists, several from Dear Langston.

Artwork such as sketches, paintings and photographs were all represented in the show.

Deon Anderson, a local artist who displayed his oil paintings in the show, said four out of seven LU artists' work was featured in the art show.

"I have a group of seven artists who consistently come to me for help about

their artwork," he said.

Anderson is a mentor for those students whose work was displayed in the art show.

"I meet with the students/artists and help them on a one-on-one basis with their artwork and the things they need to work on," Anderson said.

Not only did the art show represent the 150 years of the Emancipation Proclamation, it also was a way of getting LU emerged back into the world of arts.

Shantelle Holmes, junior nursing major, said she enjoyed seeing the art and learning about the artists.

"It was unique," Holmes said. "It looked so professional and left me very intrigued."

The artists represented in the show varied from staff to students and even some alumni.

Saving the best for last,

the students in the art show hosted an art class of students from Star Spencer High School in Spencer, Okla.

They showed the high school students around the LU campus Feb. 28, and discussed the dynamics and talent of producing artwork.

"It was unique. It looked so professional and left me very intrigued."

— Shantelle Holmes,
junior nursing major

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SUMMER & FALL '13

PRE ENROLLMENT

March 4-May 3, 2013

March 4th-8th, 2013 will be priority enrollment for Seniors and Graduate students ONLY.
Monday, March 11th, 2013 will begin pre-enrollment for ALL students.

Workshop Series

- Week February 4th -8th (every alternating week thru April 30th)

Session I: The Importance of Financial Assistance - 9:00-9:30 & 1:00- 1:30

Session II: Borrowers Rights and Responsibilities -11:00-11:30 & 3:00-3:30

Session III: Changes in enrollment and how it can affect my aid--9:30-10:00 & 3:30-4:00

Session IV: SAP Ratio- 11:30-12:00 & 2:00-2:30

Session V: Sub vs. Unsub- 10:00-10:30 & 4:00-4:30

- Week of February 11th-15th (every alternating week thru April 30th)

Session VI: NSLDS- 9:00-9:30 & 1:00- 1:30

Session VII: Budgeting Tool -11:00-11:30 & 3:00-3:30

Session VIII: Default -9:30-10:00 & 3:30-4:00


Session IX: Deferments vs. Forbearance - 11:30-12:00 & 2:00-2:30

Session X: Loan Forgiveness Programs-- 10:00-10:30 & 4:00-4:30

Sessions I-V
will begin the week of
February 4th-8th, 18th-22nd;
March 4th-8th, 18th-22nd;
April 1st-5th, 15th-19th, 29th-30th

Sessions VI-X
will begin the week of
February -11th-15th, 25th-3/1;
March -11th-15th, 25th-29th;
April -8th-12th, 22nd-26th

*Each Sessions series alternates



Office of Financial Aid
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FALL 2013 PRE-ENROLLMENT CAMPAIGN GIFTS AND SCHOLARSHIP

- Pre-enroll by April 1st, 2013 to be eligible for chance to win one of Langston University's paraphernalia: USB flash drive, portfolio, messenger bag or one of three \$50 giftcard to Follett Bookstore. These items can be picked up immediately in the Registrar's office upon notification that you have won.
- Pre-enroll by May 3rd, 2013 to be eligible to win one of three \$500 tuition scholarships.
 - * Criteria for Scholarship recipient
 - * Full-time student (12 cr hrs - undergraduate student or 9 cr hrs for graduate student)
 - * 2.5 or above g.p.a.
 - * Scholarships will be awarded after Fall 2013 drop/add period

Steps to Pre-Enrollment

- Students MUST not have any institutional holds on account
- Students on Academic Probation cannot pre-enroll until final grades are in
- Students must have a zero balance in order to enroll for course(s)
- Students must have completed FAFSA in order to enroll for course(s)
- All external transcripts must be on file
- Students must complete all Admissions requirements before enrollment

Online Priority Registration:

Period when Junior, Senior and Graduate level students can register themselves online.
Must have accumulated 61 hrs or more. Associate degree students MUST register through advisors.

- Meet with your advisor to find out what courses you need to meet your degree requirements.
- Students can enroll at home, work, campus, Library, etc.
- PRE-ENROLL NOW to ensure you get the classes you prefer.

Priority Registration:

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

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

Zero Balance · Complete FAFSA · Secure Housing

YMCAs in Guthrie, Stillwater offer activities for all ages

By Kayla Jones
Editor

The mission of the YMCA is to strengthen community.

Every day, the YMCA works side-by-side with its neighbors to make sure everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive, according to the YMCA website.

Both the Guthrie and Stillwater YMCA organizations live by this mission.

The Stillwater YMCA is privately owned and Guthrie's is a part of the Greater Oklahoma City group of YMCAs.

Kristen Merritt, membership director at the Guthrie YMCA, said the YMCA offers two types of memberships—a branch membership and a metro membership.

"A branch membership is a membership that only allows you to work out at our (Guthrie) YMCA branch," she said.

"The metro membership allows you to work out at any Greater Oklahoma City YMCA," Merritt said.

The benefits of joining the YMCA are endless.

Nationwide privileges through the "AWAY" program, include free land and water group exer-

cise classes, free childcare for children 6 weeks to 7 years old while parents are utilizing the facilities, open gym and open swim times, free towel service, a variety of state-of-the-art strength training and cardiovascular equipment and reduced fees for programs.

"The YMCA has a lot to offer a person or persons and is open to everybody," said Megan Green, the membership director for the Stillwater YMCA.

"We welcome anybody who wants to come and enjoy their workout," Green said.

The YMCA is accessible to all people, and financial assistance is offered to individuals and families who cannot afford a membership.

Memberships for the Stillwater YMCA are valid at all locations.

Both locations offer all types of workout classes for their members including cardio workouts, swim lessons, yoga, Pilates, cycling, sailing, martial arts, Zumba, adult ballet, aerobics and the Stillwater YMCA has an indoor heated pool.

For more information, call the Guthrie YMCA at 405-282-8206 or the Stillwater YMCA at 405-372-5833.

Memberships and Hours of Operation

The Guthrie YMCA membership prices are:

Adults: \$38.75 per month

Family: \$58.25 per month

Teen (13-19 years of age): \$19.50 per month

Youth: (through 12 years of age) \$9.75 per month

The Guthrie YMCA hours are:

Monday-Thursday: 5:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Friday: 5:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Saturday: 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sunday: 2-4 p.m.

The Stillwater YMCA membership prices are:

Adults: \$43 per month

Family: \$51 per month

Youth \$16 per month

College Students: \$39 per month

The Stillwater YMCA hours are:

Monday-Friday: 6 a.m.-9 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sunday: 1-5 p.m.

Omega Psi Phi hosts 'Roomantic' evening

By Brittany Kendrick
Staff Writer

The Langston University Omega Psi Phi chapter ended Valentine's Day on a "Roomantic" note.

The Omegas hosted their third annual Valentine's Day fundraiser at 8:11 p.m., Feb. 14, in the Atrium.

The setup preceded the mood with candlelit tables, food and fun for about 75

students and staff who attended.

As guests came in, they supported the all-black theme set for the evening.

"This event gives LU students a chance to enjoy Valentine's Day close to home with clean, innocent fun," said Jayce Boyd, president of Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

As students enjoyed themselves, they took a moment to take advantage of the pic-

ture booth, courtesy of the Omegas.

"I enjoyed myself because I was accompanied by my best friend as we enjoyed the atmosphere," said Dasha Jordan, junior nursing major.

"It was nice; people dressed appropriately. I liked the setup, and the Omegas were gentlemen," Jordan said.

Students enjoyed the eve-

ning with dancing and playing games.

The night ended with a special song, "Only for One Night," which Brennan Hunter sang. Hunter is a member of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

As the fraternity and sorority weeks move forward, the Omegas will begin their annual week April 15-21.

The Omegas have a variety of events planned for the

week. It will kick off with their Vesper service, filled with gospel and entertainment, followed by events such as a pool party, the Miss Omega pageant, Que-lympics and a car wash with a "hop like a Que contest."

Davy King, senior elementary education major, said the "hop like a Que contest" is his favorite because of all the students who participate, showing their Que spirit.

Softball team has 'bright future'

By Craig Murray
Staff Writer

The Langston Lady Lions are looking to make a statement this season.

"We are more aggressive at the plate and definitively," said senior third baseman Briannah Williams.

Williams said she brings knowledge, leadership and encouragement to the team.

The Lady Lions are 4-2 this season, so far.

"It's still early in the season, but I think we have a good group of girls who know the game well and have a good chemistry on and off the field," Williams said.

Williams, a biology ma-

yor from Topeka, Kan., played at Kansas City Kansas Community College for two years before she came to LU.

Other team members said the 2013 softball season is working out exactly how they want it.

"The season couldn't have started off better in my eyes," said senior pitcher/outfielder Andrea Barber. "I feel like we are getting all the little kinks out before conference games start."

Barber is a psychology major from Mannford, Okla.

She attended Western Oklahoma State College in Altus, Okla., before playing for LU.

"I bring knowledge to the team, and (I) also like to pick up my teammates if I notice them getting down on themselves at any point on and off the field," Barber said.

She said she has enjoyed playing this season and she sees success for the team during the remainder of the season.

However, Barber said, she needs to improve on having more confidence on the mound when she is pitching.

"Our season is going much better than last year's," she said.

"We just have a few routine things to work on, but our season definitely has a bright future ahead of

"It's still early in the season, but I think we have a good group of girls who know the game well and have a good chemistry on and off the field."

— Briannah Williams,
senior third baseman

us," Barber said.

Head Softball Coach Quinton Morgan said the season is looking good for his team.

"Our goal (is) to win a conference championship," Morgan said.

The Lady Lions' next game is at home against

Texas Wesleyan at 2 p.m. March 2.

"This season is different from last year in experience, and we are more athletic and most importantly, our girls are a good group of young ladies; they play well together," Morgan added.

Living the dream or facing reality?

Student athletes need 'backup plan'

Most of us who grew up with dreams of excelling in sports remember "the speech."

"The speech" could be given from either our mother, father, English teacher or coach, and they would say, "Only one out of every million people will go pro."

Now fast forward 10 years and you're sitting in PSD class and your professor is giving you "the speech" again, but this time, it is slightly different.

He or she is now telling you, "Look to your right and to your left—that person sitting next to you won't be here next semester."

At Langston University, we generally believe that education is our passport to the world, but for students who to play sports, some think that athletics will be their passport to a better life.

In a declining economy and with an athletic program on the rise, the LU Athletic Department is putting an emphasis on being a student-athlete, not



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just being an athlete who happens to be a student.

Professional sports today have become faster, and athletes have become much stronger.

Athletes are now able to accomplish athletic feats that haven't been reached before.

With that improvement also comes higher risks for injuries, which means an even bigger need to have a backup plan.

News outlets such as CNN and ESPN are constantly updating the world on the latest athlete to suffer from post traumatic stress from not having a backup plan.

When I talk to many student athletes at LU, some still have the glimmer of

light in their eyes when it comes to playing professional sports.

However, most of them have wiped the crust from their eyes and have woken from their dream. They are preparing for the what-ifs after the college days have passed.

Not making it to the professional level in athletics could be because of something as small as an injury you suffered in eighth grade, and the team doctors think it will hinder you from producing at the next level.

On the flip side, not making it in the workforce could be because of something as small as the length of your tie.

In both fields, there are people looking for any reason not to give you a shot, but at the end of the day, making it in the workforce or playing professional sports is a competition for anyone.

It's all about being prepared for any outcome, positive or negative.

Darrell Strong is senior broadcast journalism major.

Felix sinks a free throw



Courtesy Photo

Victoria Felix (No. 32) shoots a free throw as Jasmyne Randolph (No. 24) stands behind and prepares for defense. The Lady Lions defeated Wylie College in this game Jan. 21. They are currently 9-18.



Courtesy Photos

Top: The men of Alpha Phi Alpha celebrate their "Legendary" week of events.

Left: The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta host an African dance class during their "Centennial" celebration week.

GrEEK WEEK

Fraternities, sororities host weekly events

By Kayla Jones
Editor

During each spring semester at LU, sororities and fraternities have the opportunity to host a full week of planned events that are catered toward the student body.

The first sorority to kick off its week was the lovely ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Inc.

Their week began Feb. 18 and lasted until Feb. 22. DST was founded in 1913 by 22 students at Howard University.

These young women wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence; to provide scholarships; to provide support to the underserved; educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in their communities, according to the DTS website.

The theme of Delta week was geared toward celebrat-

ing their 100 years of service called "Centennial."

Courtney Johnson, a senior broadcast journalism major and member of DST, said they were celebrating their "Centennial" by giving out scholarships throughout the week.

"We wanted to do things a little differently so we decided to hand out scholarships all week for all those students who participated in our events and won," Johnson said.

Monday, the Deltas hosted a financial work seminar called "Rack City" for those students who need help managing their money.

They also hosted "Are You Smarter than a Delta" and a three-on-three basketball tournament.

Next on the list to host a week is the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Inc.

The theme of Alpha week is "Legendary," because they want the week to be a legendary experience.

Alpha Phi Alpha was founded Dec. 4, 1906, at Cornell University in Ithaca,

"We wanted to do things a little differently so we decided to hand out scholarships all week for all those students who participated in our events and won."

— Courtney Johnson,
member of Delta Sigma Theta

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Alpha Phi Alpha is the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans.

According to the APA website, it was founded by seven college men who recognized the need for a strong bond of brotherhood among African descendants in this country.

The visionary founders, known as the "Jewels" of the fraternity, are Henry Arthur Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle and Vertner Woodson Tandy.

"This upcoming Alpha week is going to be good," said Darrell Strong, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha.

"In years past, Alpha week has been a staple. It has set the standards for Greek weeks, period, on Langston's campus," Strong said.

The Alphas have many events going on during their week.

They will host the basketball game for senior night, and they also conducted a search for Miss Legendary, had their annual skate jam, Dusk 'til Dawn party.

"Legends last a lifetime, but can you last a week?" Strong said.

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