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# Langston University Newsletter

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1976

## OBU President Speaker for Jan. 18 Services at LU

Dr. William G. Tanner, President of Oklahoma Baptist University, will be guest speaker at the 10 a.m. Sunday, January 18, services in Hargrove Music Hall, Dr. John W. Coleman, Langston University Chaplain, announced.

Dr. Tanner was appointed OBU president in August, 1971.

A native of Tulsa, he is a 1947 graduate of Bryan, Texas, high school, and received a BA at Baylor University in 1951, majoring in English and Religion. He received a Master of Letters in 1953, and a Doctorate in Education in 1956, at the University of Houston.

Dr. Tanner graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1958, with a B.D. (language) degree, and in 1975 he received a Doctor of Philosophy degree at

Southwestern, with a major in Philosophy of Religion. In 1975 Baylor awarded him a Doctor of Laws (honorary) degree.

Before assuming the duties as OBU president, he served as pastor of churches in Wheelock, Houston, Cleburne, Texas, and Gulfport, Miss, from 1948 to 1968. In 1968 he was named president of Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Texas. He held this post until moving to Shawnee.

His collegiate activities were many. Among them he was head yell leader at Baylor, and member of the boxing, baseball and swimming teams -- 1949-51. He also served as president of the freshman class, and president of the Baptist Student Union in 1951 at Baylor. He also was a member of Who's Who in Colleges and Universities of American (1950-51).

Dr. Tanner is very active in civic and

church affairs. In 1963, he was a member of the Asian New Life Crusade, preaching in the Philippines, Hong Kong and Japan. In 1974, a preaching mission took him to Paraguay, Argentina, Chile, Uruguay.

President Tanner's speaking engagements have carried him throughout the United States. His professional honors include: Sigma Tau Delta, Phi Delta Kappa, and Omicron Delta Kappa. He has been included in: Who's Who in America, 1974-75, Who's Who in Religion, 1975-76, and Community Leaders and Noteworthy Americans, 1975-76.

Dr. Tanner and his wife Ellen have four children, Bill, Jr., 22; Keith, 21; Mark, 17; and Kimberley Anne, 9.

Langston University is proud to have the opportunity to hear Dr. Tanner come 10 a.m. Sunday.

## SERVICES HELD JAN. 11 FOR DR. H.E. ANDERSON

Dr. H. Edison Anderson Sr., 59, Chairman of the Department of Music at LU from 1945 to 1958, died Jan. 7, at his home in Hempstead, Texas, following a heart attack. Services were held in Hempstead on Jan. 11.

Dr. Anderson's son, Samuel Edward is a student at Langston. Other survivors include his wife, Gloria of the home, another son, Edison Jr., and a daughter, Clementine.

Dr. Anderson was chairman of the Department of Music at Prairie View University from 1958 until his death.

Dr. Anderson received national acclaim as director of the LU A Capella Singers. They performed throughout the U.S., and in 1958 held a concert in Windsor, Canada.

Dr. Anderson received his Master's and Doctorate at the University of Iowa, 1941 and 1957.

## FOCUS ON FACULTY

Dr. Weslyne Simpson was interviewed on the new program "Focus on Faculty" on Radio KALU, (90.7 FM), at 4:30 p.m. Jan. 15. Dr. Simpson was recently selected as one of the two Outstanding Instructors at Langston University in a poll made by the Leadership Dynamics class. She is Associate Professor of Education.

## TECHNOLOGY CLUB

The monthly meeting of the Technology Club will be held 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, in Hamilton Hall, Room 115.

## ORIENTATION SEMINAR

The Spring Orientation Advisement Seminar will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, in Hamilton Hall, Room 206. All new students are urged to attend this seminar.

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

JAN. 16--Paul Quinn, at OKC Douglass  
JAN. 19--At Southwestern, Weatherford  
JAN. 21--Northwestern, at Guthrie  
JAN. 24--OCLA, at Guthrie  
JAN. 30--Panhandle, at OKC Douglass

## SEASON RESULTS

LU 85, School of the Ozarks 65  
LU 74, Marymount College 110  
LU 71, Bethany College 92  
LU 61, Southeastern State 76  
LU 80, East Central 97  
LU 78, Bishop College 86  
LU 56, Central State 75  
LU 89, Northwestern State 76  
LU 71, Alabama State 107  
LU 84, Tuskegee Institute 86  
LU 68, American Christian College 70  
LU 90, Southwestern State 84  
LU 99, Panhandle 78  
LU 76, Central State 64

# BLACK INTELLECTUALS ADVISED TO 'GET INVOLVED'

"The Black Student In Higher Education Today" was the theme for the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Region IV West Drive-In Conference held at Holiday Inn Downtown in Tulsa Jan. 5-6.

Dr. E. L. Holloway, Coordinator for Minority Concerns for NASPA, presided over the conference. Higher Education Institutions represented at the meeting were: The University of Oklahoma, Tulsa Junior College, University of Kansas, Langston University, Oklahoma State University, Cameron University, Northeastern, University of New Mexico, Oscar Rose Junior College, Tariko College, Emporia Kansas State College, University of Missouri, Kansas City Kansas Community College, and also The United Negro College Fund.

Keynote speaker for the Jan. 5 session was Mrs. Julia Hare, Director of Community Affairs for KSFO-Radio, a Golden West broadcast station in San Francisco, Calif.

A Langston University graduate, Mrs. Hare especially emphasized the need for Black intellectuals and those in higher education to be involved on the "inside." There is a particular need also for Black intellectuals to be stimulated and cry out, Mrs. Hare said.

The speaker also expressed the need for the Blacks in higher education to encourage Black students to get involved in what is going on. She further emphasized that how we look at the Bicentennial is very important. "If we celebrate it and not commemorate it," she said, "we are not doing our part. We should take a look at only one week for Black Heritage and 52 weeks for the other man's contributions. There is nothing really irrelevant in our society," Mrs. Hare said.

In the area of mass communication, Mrs. Hare expressed that some of us should be Commentators -- The white intellectual is in his "Ivory Tower" and the Black intellectual sits in this "Ivory Tower" -- we must get ourselves together first, she said.

The dinner speaker was Mr. Robert Goodwin, Publisher of the Oklahoma Eagle of Tulsa. His topic was, "What Black Students Should Be Receiving to Better Project Themselves in the World of Work."

He pointed out that for Blacks academic skills vs. condition response, however both are needed because "we are coming out of an era of attention on the relevant education for Blacks and because ours is a uniquely identifiable experience in American society, much has been made about this thing of bringing our educational experiences in line with the political and the socio-economic contest of what it means to be Black."

Dr. Melvin Todd, distinguished alumnus

## New Staff Members

Two new employees have joined the business office. Mr. Levert Graham is Director of Business Affairs, and Mr. Bryan Kinney is Business Manager.

It was also announced that Mr. Eric Thrower has been named Coordinator of Federal Projects.

Mr. Graham is a graduate of Douglass High School, Oklahoma City, and Central State University, with a BS degree. He is a Certified Public Accountant. Before joining Langston this week, he was with the Internal Revenue Service and an accounting firm in Oklahoma City.

Mr. Kinney worked in the advertising department of newspapers in Sulphur and Ada. For the past six years he was business manager at Murray State, Tishomingo. He received a BS degree at East Central and has done graduate work at OSU.

Mr. Thrower is an LU graduate and received his MBA at Oklahoma City University. He worked in the LU business office from 1964 to 1973, and then worked two years with Dr. E.T. Dunlap, Chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

## CRAFTS SHOW

Carol Taylor, a junior English major from Meridian, will hold a Crafts Show Jan. 19-30, in the Art Gallery, third floor, Page Annex. A graduate of Guthrie High School, Ms. Taylor made a 4.0 grade point the last semester. She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. George Taylor of Meridian.

## ALPHA CHI

The Alpha Chi will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, Hamilton Hall, Room 206.

of Langston University, spoke at the Jan. 6 session. He is presently Assistant to the Chancellor for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. He discussed "The Characteristics of Who Goes to College."

Dr. Todd pointed out that the Black student has not changed since W.E.B. DuBois' time. He stated that Black students feel that they are tolerated but not a part of the white institutions. Black students do not have the models they had when present day intellectuals were in school, he said.

The speaker gave some statistics which included: (1) in the Spring of 1974, approximately one half of the Baccalaureates awarded were awarded by Black colleges; (2) 33 percent of Blacks enrolled in higher education in Oklahoma were enrolled in two-year institutions as of January 1975 in contrast with 29 percent of whites enrolled in two-year institutions; (3) as of January 1975, of the 110,900 students enrolled in the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, 6,295 were Black students, with 4,484 enrolled in four-year institutions and 1,911 in two-year institutions.

Other points of particular interest discussed by Dr. Todd -- The educational barriers that Black students have are identified as admission testing, college costs, financial aid, family income, educational preparation and academic failure, transfer policies, counseling practices, recruitment, extracurricular activities, and student employment. In terms of impact on equal educational opportunity for Blacks, financial barriers -- college costs, financial aid, and family income have been the most important. Psychosocial barriers influenced the stereotypic thinking of students and faculty in selecting not only the type of institution to attend but also the major subject and advanced training.

Dr. Holloway closed the conference with a summary of the meeting and emphasized the fact that meetings of this nature are most important and should be held frequently to gain knowledge to help our Black students as well as exchange ideas and put them to use.

The national meeting of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators will be March 28-31, 1976 at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas, Texas.