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Delta Literary Journal hosts reading series at Highland Coffees

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Coffees holds its place as an LSU staple. It serves as inspiration during finals week, and it's also a workplace for artists and writers. Fiction writer who worked at Highland Coffees during her college time in the coffee shop that her now-husband proposed to her there. Highland Coffees last Thursday to participate in a series she co-created Reading Series. The Reading Series is hosted by the Delta Literary Editor-in-Chief while she was at LSU. It involves poetry and LSU students and others, acting both as an ode to Highland Coffees' an appreciation of the literary arts.

encourages students to take their work seriously and to work with a mind," said Smith. "It also offers community members the opportunity in local creative efforts."

fiction piece about a woman's experiences after moving from Alabama two other poets, Charles Willis and Emily Price, preceded her with late and poet, was a first-timer last Thursday, but said he was happy for the audience. He says the Highland Reading Series is a good way together as a community at LSU.

majors have this bad habit of [promising] to meet outside of class and wax poetic about each others' works, but then time happens," Reading Series actually happens."

"It's meaningful to interact with an audience [and] to see that someone wants to hear your story," added Smith. "Writing is a lonely business. The Reading Series gives local writers a chance to take themselves seriously and to be appreciated for it."

Willis also noted this struggle that many a writer and artist goes through, of taking oneself seriously. He says face-to-face interaction at events like the Reading series helps to alleviate this problem.



"I used to think that I couldn't do poetry because I wasn't cool"