

Spring Semester 2003

Referendum #5

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Student Center Referendum

WHEREAS The University of Louisiana at Lafayette's student union was built in the 1960's and no longer serves its purpose as a gathering place for all students or as an attractive building to host visitors or potential students.

AND WHEREAS the University of Louisiana at Lafayette students desire and deserve a first class Student Center with "One Stop Shop" services allowing for but not limited to a Post Office, improved dining facilities, coffee shop facilities, Cashier's office, Counseling and Testing Services, and office space for student organizations.

AND WHEREAS peer schools in the state of Louisiana and in the UL system have facilities with bowling alleys, billiard rooms, coffee shops, movie theatres, travel agencies, professional conference rooms, and comfortable lounge areas.

AND WHEREAS many schools in the state of Louisiana as well as in the country are moving to increase their union fees such as Louisiana State University who is moving to increase their Student Union Fee to \$107.00 in three years and the University of Wisconsin who currently pays \$178.00 for their Student Union Fee.

AND WHEREAS the total amount paid in Student Assessed Fees for the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, not including Technology fees, is \$130.00 which is extremely low in comparison to Louisiana Tech who pays \$286.00 in Student Assessed Fees and Southeastern University who pays \$238.00 in Student Assessed Fees.

AND WHEREAS the students need a place on campus to frequent before and after classes to mingle with their peers and a new Student Center with state of the art attractions will help to build student unity and spread Ragin' Cajun pride.

AND WHEREAS the completion of the new Student Center will allow for the removal of Corronna and Olivier Hall since the services provided in these buildings will have new facilities; thus providing a more beautiful campus and view of the new Student Center and Cypress Lake.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED THAT the question be posed to the students on the Spring 2003 ballot "Should the students of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette who carry 6 or more credit hours in the Fall or Spring semesters pay \$55.00 and students who carry 3 or more credit hours in the Summer semester pay \$27.50 to provide for renovations, new construction, and maintenance of a First Class Student Center capable of serving the needs of an institution of our caliber and the needs of the entire student body?"

PASSED/FAILED

Ben Miller RSD

Senate Chairman

Date: 2-24-03

APPROVED/VETOED

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SGA President