Lafayette Focuses Attention
On New Goals For Tomorrow

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Lafayette has marked the end of an era frantically ushered in when the Louisiana State University began a new chapter in its history. The opening of the new campus in Baton Rouge brought about a new era of growth and development.

Long before Spitzka and Apollon, Lafayette had laid aside its primary dependency upon agriculture and the railroad to cast its lot with oil. In doing so, back in the late 1930s and 1940s, it entered an age of progress and independence. But when the oil industry began to falter, Lafayette did not falter. That city is now a stable, well-planned community with a future.

1. City of Lafayette

The new city charter approved by the people in November 1972 marks a new concept of governmental operations. There is much to be said for the system in that it will, but the city fathers cannot expect it all by itself. They must initiate and expedite the changes. This public will support a Capital Improvements Program, but only if the city government adopts a positive, dynamic posture, and maintains its image.

2. Law Enforcement

Lafayette is a hotbed of crime, but a better job is in order and we would like to see it be done. Coordination and communication among the different law enforcement agencies are better than formerly and should eventually result in an overall police work. Consolidation will eventually be in order, but the police will itself have to initiate this process as well. The city then must continue improving its police force as the evidence of disorder, vandalism, and assaultive tactics.

3. Industry

Louisiana ranks third among all southern states in industrial plants and equipment. Very little of that money ever goes back into the community. We are taking industrial parks, a subject area we find the most promising. Mainly, we need more people to take an active role in our lives and parishes.

4. Recreation

Recreation is an area that needs to be explored more. Recreation facilities and parks are important to the youth of our area. A comprehensive program to change the situation is needed, and the state-wide program is now under way. The help of the community is needed to meet the challenge.

5. USL

USL is an asset to the cultural, athletic, and economic aspects of the area. In recent years, USL has been struggling on many fronts of community action. Most of the topics are for the Board of Regents. The state must do its part, and not just为我们 that they are last cause. It is a success, so the contrary, that

6. Pollution, Ecology, Tourism

Acadiana could be another industrial and tourist mecca, but it will not achieve the goal until our waterways are clean, a regional effort made to work the area and its rivers in the same direction. Some of the funds are for tourism, but it is still a long way from the natural wealth of the area. A clean and beautiful Acadiana is a worthwhile and profitable goal and can be achieved if everyone participates.

7. Insurance

Insurance is a service that we need in our area, but it must be of high quality. It is important to maintain excellence, primarily because of shortcomings in the state law. Our university must expand its standard academic program, but also in technical career and technical curricula. USL would benefit if the state truly implemented this plan whereby funds are allocated based upon the number of students and student-teacher ratio. This would encourage more effective teaching and not make the victim of political whims of various factors.

8. Community Involvement - Leadership

If there is one thing that is killing the country nowadays, it is apathy. It is a feeling of not wanting to get involved in anything. Not only the average citizen but also the leaders of the community must adopt a task-oriented approach to their work. The leaders must assert themselves, and the community must get their work done.