Le général reste vainqueur

City offices move, Mouton stays, CODOFIL moves in.... The corner of Jefferson and Lee Avenues, Lafayette, has been the center of much activity these past few months. The building in the photo on the right housed the City offices until last March when they moved into their present location at the corner of University Avenue and St. Landry. (No, you can't pay your bills here anymore!) A few weeks later, the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL) moved into the building at 733 Jefferson Street.

In the meantime, the fate of the statue of fallen Confederate hero General Jean-Jacques Alfred Mouton (picture left) was put into question: battle lines were drawn between those who wanted to move the statue to the new City Hall, and those who believed it should remain at its present location. After some legal skirmishes, General Mouton emerged the victor: he's here to stay!

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