Mayor Says Treen Will Deliver Funds For Cajundome

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Mayor Dud Lastrapes announced publicly for the first time that Governor Dave Treen—will be in Lafayette next Tuesday morning to commit to the rest of the funds for the Cajundome, Lafayette's new assembly center. During a question-answer session at the weekly Lafayette Rotary Club meeting, Lastrapes said that an additional $5 million is needed to complete the center. He said that the state's share is 75% of that and Lafayette pays the other 25%.

"We haven't been playing bluffing games with the governor," Lastrapes said. "We've been trying to work this thing out with the legislators and our people."

Lastrapes said that despite budget cuts that will require the stalling of some projects, Lafayette has a "healthy" commitment to the facility. After the funding is approved, the Council can approve the commission for the center. Lastrapes said that the commission will be made up of 11 members who will oversee both the center and the present auditorium.

Lastrapes stated that the authority for naming the assembly center lies with the university and state officials, because the facility is on their property. According to Lastrapes there was a committee of five people who looked at names and made the following recommendations: Cajun Center, Cajundome, and Cajun Entertainment Cultural Center. Lastrapes said, "Of the three, my opinion is that the Cajundome fits best. The word 'Cajun' has a good connotation around the world."

The mayor said that the Cajundome is expected to be completed by mid-1985 and 10 bookings have already been made.