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Jenkins has two weeks to put fee on agenda

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The LSU System has not decided whether to place the Union fee proposal on the Board agenda for its July 12 meeting, said Charles Zewe, LSU System vice president of communications and external affairs. Chancellor Sean O'Keefe requested June 8 to put it on the agenda.

"The System President, Dr. William L. Jenkins, has the issue under advisement," Zewe said.

Jenkins has two weeks to decide if the proposed Union fee increase will be put on the Board agenda. The July 12 agenda must be mailed to the Board by July 5.

The student body declined the Union fee proposal, which would mostly have funded theater renovations in the spring 2007 Student Government election. The \$34 Union fee, split into increments of \$8 spread over four semesters, would have been added to the \$60 students are already paying for the renovations each semester.

"If it doesn't make it onto the July agenda, the issue will have to wait until September," Zewe said.

If the Union fee proposal is not included in the next bond issuance, it may be a year or two before the next opportunity arises, and the theater would be excluded from the current project.

"Bonds are usually issued by LSU when several projects are clustered together and if it is to be a part of the next bundle, we need to know by August," said Shirley Plakidas, Union director.

Graduate School President Donald Hodge said he believes if the Union fee proposal makes it to the Board agenda, it will be a close vote.

"I hope they will respect the student vote," Hodge said.

Some consider the significance of the student vote debatable because the margin — 50.99 percent against, 49.01 percent in favor — was razor thin.

"The referendum would've passed if 69 students had voted 'for' instead of 'against' the fee," Plakidas said.

Hodge contends if there been a 100 percent turnout, it would have been a greater defeat. Past turnouts for student referendums have averaged 10 percent of the student body

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CITY

Plane crashes in north B.R.

Resident arrested on drug cultivation charges

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TRAVIS SPADLING / The Associated Press

Sgt. Mike Wallace, with Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport Police, steps around foam sprayed at the site of the crash landing of a Cessna 206 between a house and garage apartment in Baton Rouge on Wednesday, June 20. According to WAFB, five marijuana plants were later found growing in the yard roughly 15 feet from the crash site.

A small Cessna aircraft crashed in the backyard of a northern Baton Rouge home Wednesday.

While investigating the crash, authorities found five marijuana plants growing several feet from the crash site, according to WAFB. Betty McManus, 53, was later arrested on charges of cultivation and distribution of marijuana, according to police officials.

According to Alan Ward, Baton Rouge Fire Department spokesperson, the single-propeller airplane landed near 3229 Caenonicus St., narrowly missing the house.

"The plane struck an oak tree, which absorbed the force and spun around the plane," Ward said. "The airplane fell flat into the backyard."

The residents of the house were shocked.

"The wing is on top of the house, and I can't tell if the house is damaged badly," said Erica McManus, resident of the house.

Erica McManus was working at the time of the crash, but her children

were home.

"I was asleep when it happened. I heard a very loud noise, looked out the window and saw a plane," said her son Reginald McManus, 16. "I saw the pilot come out of the plane, he wasn't hurt at all."

The airplane is owned by Gulf Coast Aerial Photography. The pilot, Robin Tendelkor, of Prairieville, was out taking pictures, according to Ward.

The pilot was flying to the airport when the plane developed engine trouble. The cause of the engine trouble is under investigation by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Betty McManus was booked in East Baton Rouge Parish Prison without bond Wednesday night, according to police officials.

Ward said crashes in residential areas are uncommon.

"It's not every day that the fire department responds to a plane crash in a residential area," he said. "It's not something we want to do again soon."

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SAFETY

TRAINING DAY



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Police officers prepare to enter the Woodlawn High School gymnasium on Wednesday afternoon as part of a training exercise dealing with the threat of an active shooter.

Officers develop skills to respond to school shooting

By Mark Macmurdo
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More than two months after Seung-Hui Cho went on his violent rampage at Virginia Tech, local law enforcement agencies continue to develop better response plans in the event of an active shooter.

This week LSUPD joined 23 other law enforcement agencies from around the state in the two-day Law Enforcement Active Shooter

Emergency Response course hosted by the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office.

The University's Academy of Counter-Terrorist Education, part of the National Center for Biomedical Research, provided the instruction for the course. Instructors included former and current law enforcement and military personnel.

According to Sheriff Greg Phares, the course was designed to demonstrate to par-

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GREEK AFFAIRS

Timeline of the DKE investigation



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Dean rescinds fraternity suspension

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Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity has been taken off interim suspension after an incident this past November involving a goat in the fraternity's house.

The Office of the Dean of Students and Judicial Affairs has placed the fraternity on a two-year chapter introspection period.

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Program prepares for on-campus shooting

Participants the importance of aggressive action by first responders.

"The course was designed to equip first responder law enforcement, not SWAT," he said. "We are trying to teach what used to be SWAT tactics. When something like Virginia Tech happens by the time SWAT gets there its all over."

The University program travels across the nation to provide the training to law enforcement agencies. The program receives funding from the Department of Homeland Security, said Jennifer Hughes, manager of public affairs.

The trainees first engaged in classroom instruction as well as basic practice exercises at the EBR Sheriff's training facility in Zachary. The trainees learned about advanced room clearing, and movement techniques and how to quickly form a plan of action at the scene.

Part of the training involved breaching barricaded doorways.

After the Virginia Tech shooting law enforcement observed that Cho had used chains and padlocks to hinder police response.

The second day of training took

place at Woodlawn High School. The exercises conducted were more hands on and involved realistic weapons that fired small pellets.

Inside the different rooms training participants posed as victims with multiple shooters threatening them. Two officers were then instructed to enter into the gym and quickly clear the rooms and neutralize the shooters.

"It was a lot of fun and a lot more hands on," said Officer Donald

Tezano of the Southern University Police Department.

Tezano said he would bring back the information he learned through the exercises to help instruct the rest of his department.

Phares said that after the Columbine High School shooting, there was a paradigm shift in how law enforcement developed strategies to stop shooters. The new strategies put more focus on the first responders acting quickly.

"The typical street officer used to try and contain. Now they respond," he said.

Sgt. Dan Chasson of the University of Louisiana Monroe Police Department said this was the fourth training exercise he had been to in six weeks. Chasson has been designated the training officer for his department.

Chasson stressed the importance of having a standard procedure in dealing with threats such as active

shooters when multiple agencies are involved. He said he will apply the information he learned in the training exercises that ULM provides for the region's law enforcement.

"What the training does is it puts everyone on the same page," he said. "I know what you're going to do and you know what I'm going to do."

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