



Tobacco ban policy is explored by the Almagest writing staff.

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"A CREATIVE MAN IS MOTIVATED BY THE DESIRE TO ACHIEVE, NOT BY THE DESIRE TO BEAT OTHERS ." - Ayn Rand

U.S. Senate candidate lobbies to LSUS

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PRINT EDITOR

Col. Rob Maness, U.S. Senate candidate for the Louisiana seat, visited LSUS on Wednesday to outline his platform and earn the votes of the students.

"I'm here for your votes," Maness said. "I'll answer every question, but you may not like my answers."

He began with a show of respect. Upon entering the room, Maness stopped and shook the hands of every student. He continued with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer before beginning his discussion.

Maness immediately dismissed his labels as a republican and a conservative. His point was to try to appeal to students of different political affiliations. He declared, in the simplest terms, that he loved the citizens and God and that his plan for leadership stands on three simple terms: liberty, prosperity, and certainty.

"I've asked men and women to give their lives for the Constitution...they say that makes me a conservative," Maness said.

A staunch supporter of Ronald Reagan, Maness makes several mentions of him throughout his pitch, frequently stopping to point out that Reagan wouldn't have agreed or made decisions like the one's being made in modern politics. Maness wants to limit the number of terms allowed for

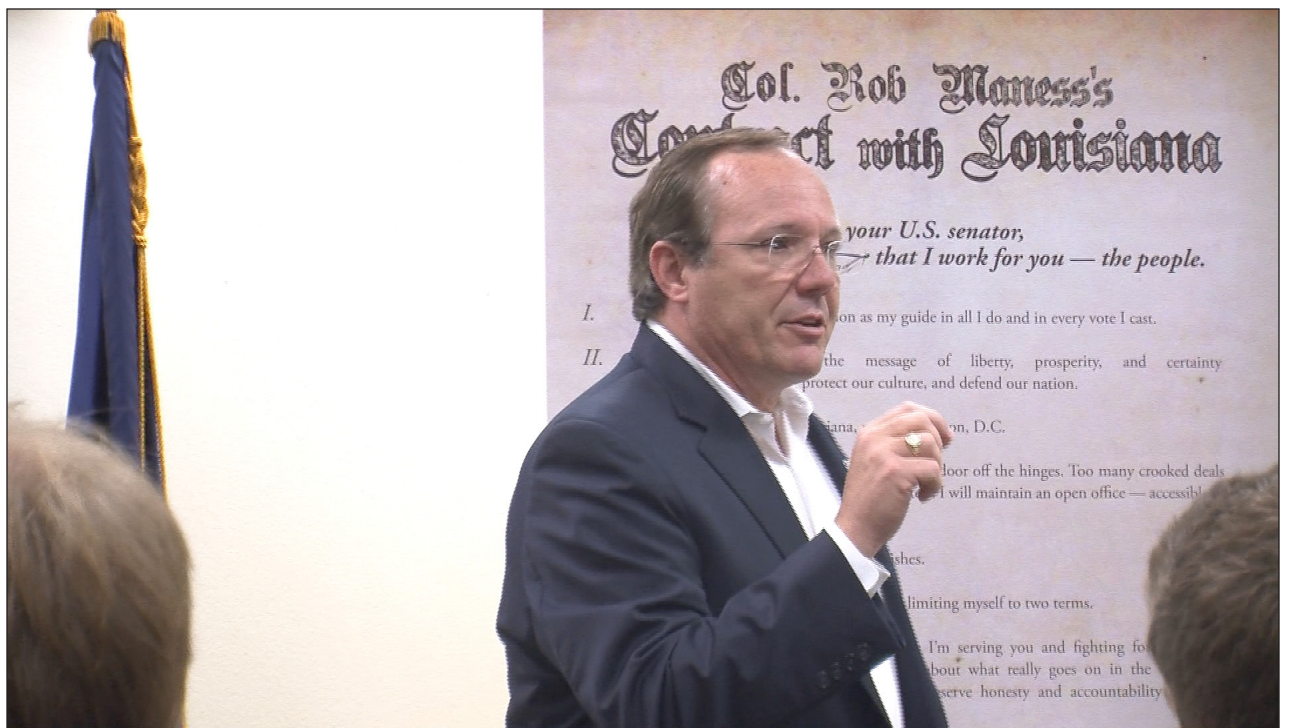


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U.S. Senate candidate Col. Rob Maness

LSUS debate team secures a massive victory

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The LSU Shreveport debate team returned Sunday after a weekend-long competition at Lee College in Baytown, Texas in which they won fourteen awards including the overall tournament title.

LSUS entered fifteen students in three divisions of debate. After preliminary rounds, seven advanced to the elimination rounds.

LSUS' Elizabeth Kemp and Colby Walker were the top competitors in the varsity and professional divisions respectively. Both students dominated in their perspective division.

In the varsity division, John Brown and Madelyn Snead made it to the semifinals, while Prince Lofton and Lance Rich were quarterfinalists.

First-time freshman Dylan Sherwood advanced to the semifinals in the novice division.

Overall, LSUS placed first in the tournament with a total of 167 points across each of the divisions. The University of Central Arkansas placed second with 101 points and East Texas Baptist University finished third with 98 points.

"I'm really happy with this start to the season," stated Trey Gibson, director of the LSUS debate team. "We still have a lot of work to do, but this continues to show the quality of students we have at this university."

The next competition for the LSUS team will be a tournament at the University of Arkansas at Monticello from October 3-5. Previous competitions at UAM have yielded great results.

The debate team's previous success has recently earned them recognition in the House of Representatives. In a recent Congressional Records publication, Congressman Rodney Alexander of Louisiana honored LSUS's debate team's success in previous years. Praise for members included Gibson for leading the team, as well as Chelsea Anthony, Cody King, and Christian Juneau

To learn more about the Debate Team, contact Trey Gibson at trey.gibson@lsus.edu for any questions. The team also has a Facebook page.

House and Senate members.

"I'm afraid that my U.S....will not be the one inherited for my Kellan," Maness said. "We are not a broken nation. We are the United States of America. This election is not about power, it is about Kellan. That is why I am running."

His position on the protection and strength of the U.S. falls into his tenant of "certainty."

"It is a federally elected official's responsibility to ensure a United States of America exists that provides, as a certainty, that no enemy of this country would dare taunt us by killing an American citizen or anyone else," Maness said.

He says that organizations like ISIS develop when America is complacent. Having a coalition requires an international strategy. Maness says that the current administration was inappropriate with the airstrikes in Syria, and that massive damage has been done to the land.

On the topic of police militarization, Maness believes that it is not the equipment that has contributed to the recent

deaths of citizens by the police, but it is instead due to policies and training.

Also under "certainty" falls his policy of immigration. He believes that current immigration policies have created activities that are "almost an attack on human rights."

"Enemies of this country and enemies of freedom are coming through that border right now. That's why immigration policy is so important from a security perspective," Maness said.

Maness claims that it is our jobs to protect the Constitution, and that we must fight federal claims like charter funds for aircraft or Obamacare.

"I'm running against two folks who just passed a law funding Obamacare. Obamacare is not about health care, it is about power and money," Maness said. "It's destroying their job market. That is not prosperity. We need elected officials who will vote for constitutional laws that ensure a climate where small businesses thrive."

It is not the only time he attacks his competitors, current senator Mary Landrieu and Bill Cassidy. He consistently pauses to discuss their actions and ideals and how it is not right for Louisiana and the U.S.

Maness mentions that Louisiana is the lowest state in employment, likely due to regulation in the gas and energy according to him.

"This state should be teeming with dollars," Maness said. "The oil and gas industry has been so restricted at the federal level that it can't get the job done because it's too expensive in a lot of cases, especially up here with Haynesville Shale operations. It's because of over regulation."

Maness questions Landrieu and his competitors' commitment to approve the Keystone Pipeline. He claims they are not there getting it done. He states that the pipeline has been studied five times in five years, and that it is "three times too many." Maness believes boosting the economy requires creating jobs, not protecting them.

By the end of the visit to LSUS, Maness assures students that, if elected, he will not exceed two terms in the U.S. Senate position. He does not want to be a career politician.

"That's who I want to vote for," said John Griffin, interim-president of the College Republicans. "One of the reasons I support Col. Maness is because he's not a career politician. He's one of us."

Maness enlisted in the Air Force at the age of seventeen. With thirty-two years of service, Maness rose to the rank of Colonel and was awarded several medals.

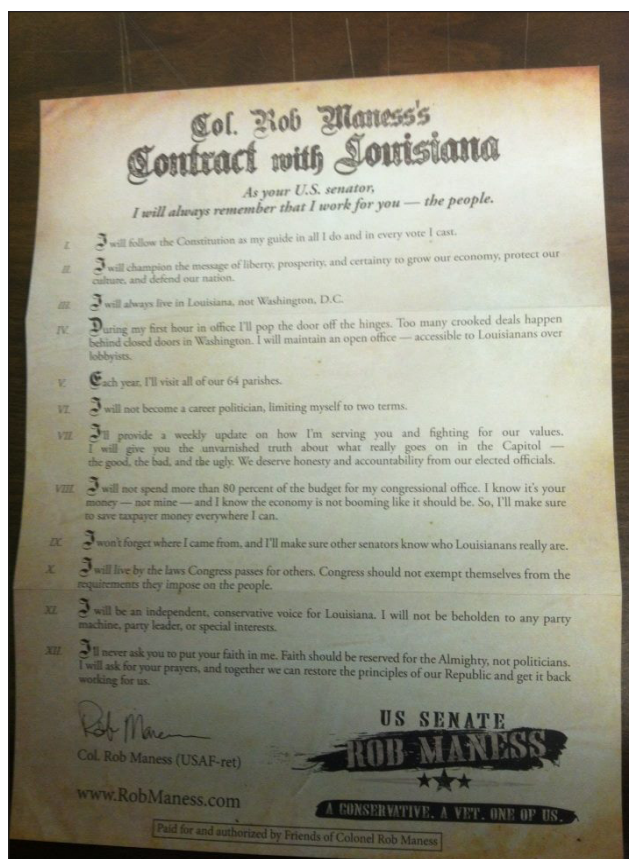


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U.S. Senate candidate Rob Maness' "Contract with Louisiana"



Around the Campus:

What is upcoming and going on around LSUS...

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SAB Student Events

Career Fair in the University Center Ballroom on Wednesday, October 1st from 10-1 p.m. Pending Career Service approval, the Student Activities Board may take photos for student resumes with backdrops available.

Video Game Friday on October 3rd. Super Smash Bros. Brawl will be offered on the Nintendo Wii during Common Hour. Also, Super Smash Bros. releases the same day on the Nintendo 3DS. Students can bring the new game and play locally as well.

Lincoln Lecture on Friday, October 3rd in the UC Caddo/Bossier Room at 9 a.m. This lecture will follow a similar structure to last week's Constitution Day lecture.

Coffe House Artist on Mon-

day, October 6th on the UC Port Stage during Common Hour.

Another Evening with Students event will take place on Tuesday, October 7th in the UC Lobby at 7 p.m. Possible taco bar for students.

Note: Like last week, this will not be an "open mic night." Evening with Students is not advertised as an open mic night.

National Angel Food Cake Day is on Friday, October 10th in the UC Lobby during Common Hour. Slices of angel food will be available to students with various toppings for free.

Fright Fest is from October 27th to the 31st. Confirmed activities include pumpkin painting, costume contest, haunted carnival, and paintball.

Campus News/Events

Panel to Discuss the Future of Newspapers at LSUS An all-star panel of local journalists will discuss the future of your favorite newspapers on Monday, September 29, at LSUS.

The panel was organized by Devin White, editor of SB Magazine and a former executive editor of the LSUS Almagest. Joining her on the panel are Shreveport Times writers Adam Duvernay and Casey Ardoin, Scott Anderson with the Metro Leader, and Mike Whitehead, publisher of SB Magazine and former executive editor at The Shreveport Times.

Presentations will begin at 6:00 pm in Bronson Hall 336 with Q&A to follow. The panel presentation and discussion is open to the

public. Admission is free. This event is co-sponsored by the Public Relations Student Organization (PRSO) and Lambda Pi Eta, the national communication honor organization.

The LSU Shreveport Lady Pilots cross country team finished 9th in the Lois Davis Invitational Cross Country Meet at the Southern Arkansas University on Friday, September 9th.

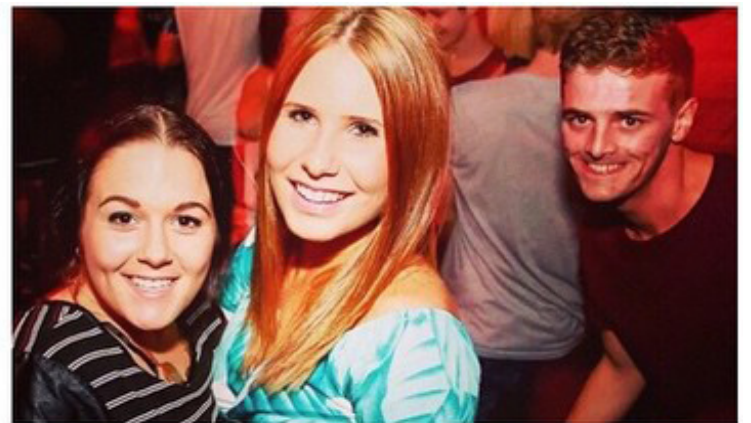
Elizabeth O'neal was the first LSUS runner to cross the finish line, followed by Kara Martin, and then Kelsey Ellender and Alexis Young

The next meet for the Lady Pilots will be on October 6, 2014, at the Demon Invitational in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Last week's Photobomb Contest winners announced...

1st Place - @chellios_1992

1st



2nd Place - Gina Jones

2nd



3rd Place - @naccash

3rd



Photo Courtesy of the Student Activities Board

"In regards to the opinion article about banning electronic cigarettes, or 'e-cigs,' published on Friday, August 29, a retraction is indicated: The nicotine-infused glycol solution of e-cigarettes DOES contain carcinogenic compounds dangerous to the USER. However, there is little to no evidence that passive, or second-hand smoking, e-cigarettes poses any significant risk to bystanders, though it does decrease general air quality."



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Tobacco ban policy becomes reality for LSUS

Fresh Campus helps to make the transition for smokers and details how the policy will affect you

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LSU Shreveport accepts the legislative movement requiring Louisiana colleges to develop policies banning tobacco products on campuses. Fresh Campus moves to promote these policies in a number of ways.

Dr. Timothy Winter heads Fresh Campus, and is heavily involved with the tobacco ban policy. While LSUS has been tobacco-free since August 15, the specifics of the policy will not be known until next week at the earliest. It is currently under review by campus lawyers, and will be disseminated next week.

Fresh Campus is funded by the Louisiana Public Health Institute, based in New Orleans. The purpose of this group is to spread awareness about LSUS's new policy, as

well as advocate smoking prevention.

They recently received a grant totaling \$16,000 to fund smoking prevention ads and events like the All-American Smoke Out and Kick Butt Day.

The ban affects the entire campus, which will likely include the University Court Apartments. Some students and faculty have tried to avoid the policy by smoking in their vehicles, which they deem private property. It is more complicated than that, meaning once the smoke exits the vehicle, it enters the campus property and breaks the rules.

"Technically, we probably couldn't stop you," Winter said. "The minute that smoke comes out of the window, it harms the environment."

This isn't meant to be a one and done advertisement campaign. These ads will filter out over the course of the year.



Photo Courtesy of Timothy Winter

Fresh Campus is responsible for spreading awareness of the dangers of tobacco

Malva Chintakindi
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Dr. Timothy Winter, Professor and chair of Kinesiology/ Health Science department, informed today in BH 340 that students would receive a stipend of \$10 - \$100 if they work for the Fresh Campus campaign on campus.

"The Fresh Campus campaign aims at preventing smoking on campus and promoting community health and well-being," said Winter.

The number of campuses going smoke free and tobacco-free jumped since 2009. The uptick is due in part to the efforts of the American College Health Association (ACHA) which adopted a Position Statement on Tobacco in September 2009 and the social norm change about when and where people smoke as a result of city and state-wide smoke free laws. The Statement clearly states that tobacco use in any form, active and/or passive, is a significant health hazard.

"The SGA (which is the Student Government Association at LSUS) passed a proposal in 2009 to implement a ban on smoking on campus but it hasn't come to action till now because we had to consider other factors," explained Winter.

LSU has also implemented the policy and the ban on

tobacco is at all times, including LSU football games and concerts. The policy at LSUS is yet to be finalized.

"Details regarding the policy on the LSUS campus are to be known since it is under review by the University Counsel. Final policy will be out by the end of the week through Dr. Randy Butterbaugh, Vice Chancellor of student affairs," said Winter.

Since the policy isn't finalized, questions regarding the area of enforcement in the private or public area are yet to be answered.

"There was a question that came about what the rental agreement was as it is a private organization renting LSUS property, so the latitude of the rental agreement with it determines extending the policy to the University apartments," said Mary G Jarzabek, Director of the Electronic Media Journalism program.

"The policy is to let the people on campus get aware about the potential harms of smoking and get them used to the habit of not smoking," added Jarzabek.

The working Committee for the policy includes a part of the LSUS campus police and the administration itself. The policy aims to garner support during its first year of implementation and gradually include other objectives.

"I don't like one-shot deals," Winter said.

He previously doled out ads across campus featuring the number 448, with no other information. Over time, Winter finally revealed the number as a statistic representing the number of students that die of lung cancer in a year.

Reprimands are included in the policy. However, members of Fresh Campus are focused on environmental assessment, as well as searching for cigarette butts.

The point Winter is attempting to get across is "compliance, not enforcement." Campus police cannot be asked to patrol the campus looking for students and faculty tossing cigarette butts into the grass. They just don't have the manpower for that excursion. Instead, Winter is hoping people just obey the rules of the campus.

"We have a pretty campus," Winter said. "Why would you damage it?"

He wants to promote a respect for the campus. The goal is to be supportive of smokers on campus, not to go after them. The focus continues to be on protecting students and the environment from the hazards of smoking.

However, Winter does say that the administration is more worried about visitors rather than students. Students will become aware of the tobacco ban policy due to the awareness campaign led by Fresh Campus. Visitors, though, likely will not know about the policy and there isn't much the campus can do about it.

Emily Wright
STAFF WRITER

Louisiana State University in Shreveport implemented Fresh Campus tobacco-free policy on August 15.

"Fresh Campus is a campaign for health. It advocates smoking prevention," said Dr. Timothy Winter, professor and chair of kinesiology and health science at LSUS.

Dr. Winter stated that the idea for the tobacco-free campus began in 2009 and 2010 when the Student Government Association passed a vote for a smoke-free campus. But nothing was initiated because many believed the University was not ready for such a large undertaking, and that, also, there were several other important issues that needed to be handled at the University as well.

However, as more universities in the LSU system and surrounding areas started enacting smoking bans for their campuses, the push for LSUS to become tobacco-free led Dr. Winter to obtain a grant, the Fresh Campus for Tobacco Free Living, Smoking Prevention at LSU Shreveport, from Louisiana Public Health Institute, to aid in the program.

"As of July 3, 2014, at least 1,372 college or university campuses in the U.S. have adopted 100% smokefree campus policies that eliminate smoking in indoor and outdoor areas across the entire campus, including residences," stated on the Americans for Non-Smokers' Rights website. "Of these, 938 are 100% tobacco-free, and 176 prohibit the use of e-cigarettes anywhere on campus."

The tobacco-free policy for LSUS includes the entire campus and the University Court Apartments. Even the vehicles of anyone on the grounds of LSUS is considered University property.

"People have the right to smoke in their own cars. It is their personal property," Dr. Winter said. "But when they open their car door to get out, all of the cigarette smoke is released onto the University campus."

There are currently temporary signs and flyers located all-around campus to inform students, faculty, employees, and even visitors.

"The objective of the Fresh Campus campaign is to make Louisiana college campuses 100% tobacco-free," as described on the Fresh Campus website. "The Fresh Campus campaign is led by students in 10 colleges and universities in Louisiana, students who are standing up to make a difference where they learn, work, and live."

The transition for students, faculty, and employees has been difficult, but the tobacco-free policy has been accepted. He also stated that information sheets concerning smokers who need help in quitting are available on campus, which provides material for counseling services and medications.

Dr. Winter stated that smoking awareness events are held annually on campus in both the spring and the fall to encourage students, faculty, and universities to undergo the smoke-free policy. He stated that respect for the institution, faculty, and fellow students is necessary for smokers to comply with the tobacco-free policy.

Events will offer students information about how to quit smoking, discussions about the effects of smoking, and gives away goodie bags and free T-shirts.

Students, faculty, or employees interested in more information on the tobacco-free policy or seeking help for quitting smoking can contact Dr. Timothy Winter at 318-797-5107 or at timothy.winter@lsus.edu.



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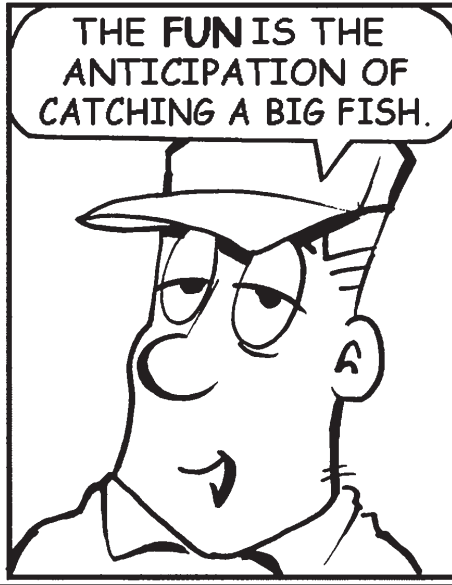
Dr. Timothy Winter spreads awareness of the tobacco ban policy on campus

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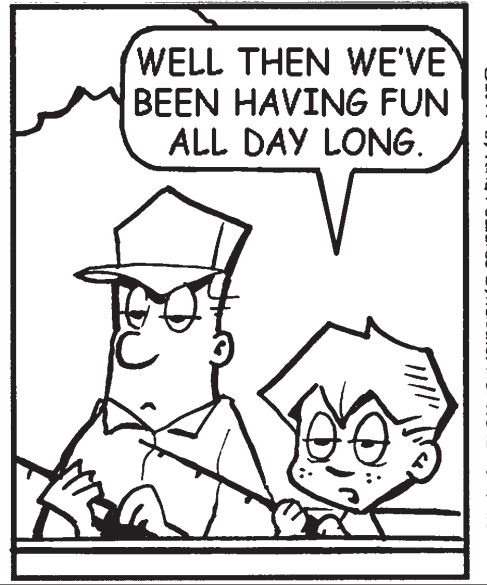
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WELL THEN WE'VE BEEN HAVING FUN ALL DAY LONG.

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Which are U.S. bombs, and which are Arab bombs?

The Arabs' come with an asterisk...

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