DeClouet Hall, the second oldest dormitory on the University of Southwestern Louisiana campus, has been put to use for much needed office space.

The building provides offices for the staff of the Special Services for Disadvantaged Students Program at the University of Southwestern Louisiana: a portion of the Computer Science faculty; and for the Director of Campus Security.

Also, during the renovations to the first floor of Burke Hall and Burke Theatre, offices of faculty members in that area will be in DeClouet Hall.

Since its completion in 1907, DeClouet Hall, named to honor Paul L. DeClouet of Lafayette, has been in use as a girls’ dormitory. Originally it was meant as a boys’ dormitory. In 1904, the General Assembly appropriated $21,500 for construction of a boys’ dormitory. The Board of Trustees voted to convert the original girls’ dormitory. Foster Hall, to be used by boys and to house the girls in the new dormitory, whose final cost was $29,500. It housed 80 girls.

Renovations to Burke Hall will include air conditioning the first floor of the building and renovating the auditorium.