Ground was broken last week for the USL Assembly Center/Lafayette Civic Center. On hand for the groundbreaking were Gov. Dave Treen, members of the Acadiana legislative delegation, USL President Ray Authement and city officials. The $45 million facility is scheduled for completion in the fall of 1985. As currently contracted, the project does not include some finishing details, and Treen spoke about the need for the governor and local legislators to work together to finance the additional components of the building.

Treen also praised Lafayette Mayor Dud Lastrapes and the city council for the unique cooperative funding arrangement between the city and the state. The city is paying for 25 percent of the project, and it has agreed to pick up the tab for operation and maintenance costs once the facility is complete.