Nearly abandoned Hamilton Hall to be renovated

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December marked the beginning of the complete renovation of a long-standing landmark on the USL campus.

Hamilton Hall, at the corner of McKinley Street and Tulane Avenue, once the Hamilton Training School, is receiving a long awaited facelift.

The building, which was constructed in 1939, was named after an early educator and USL faculty member. The elementary school closed about 10 years ago.

According to Bridges, "The first and second floors of the building are being made into classrooms. Attic space will be utilized as offices for professors in these departments."

Mike Bridges, campus engineer, said that the renovation of Hamilton will include the removal of existing walls and the laying of new floors. New electrical and plumbing systems will also be installed.

Bridges said that the renovations are being done to provide a new home for the Home Economics and Agriculture Departments.

Attic space will be utilized as offices for professors in these departments. Bridges also pointed out that the second floor will house a complete kitchen to be used in restaurant management classes.

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Bridges stated that the construction is being done by the Lemoine Company at a cost of $2.9 million.

Officials estimate that the time of completion will be one year from now.