The planned demolition of McNaspy Stadium will be postponed until the 1998-99 budget year because bids taken to carry out the demolition were too high, according to USL President Ray Authement.

"A contractor for the demolition has not been hired," Authement said. "The university budgeted $75,000 for demolishing McNaspy Stadium, but the lowest bid, received two weeks ago, was approximately double the amount budgeted, hence the project will be delayed until the 1998-99 budget year."

Authement said he believes that there are three main reasons why McNaspy should be razed. The most compelling reason to remove the stadium, he maintained, is to free the land McNaspy stands on for further expansion.

"There are developing needs for office and classroom space for several academic departments. The Center for Advanced Computer Science, housed on the fourth floor of the Conference Center, and the department of computer science need a building to accommodate their growing programs," said Authement. "The College of Education and the department of mathematics are outgrowing Doucet Hall, and one of these two areas will need additional space."

"Where do we locate these programs and others that develop in future years? Our experience with classes at Bourgeois Hall has convinced us that additional classes at a remote location will overtax our bus system, hence academic facilities should be built on the main campus."

In addition to allowing for the future growth of the university, Authement presented two other reasons for the demolition of McNaspy.

"The stadium in its present condition is an eyesore on campus and is a definite liability to the state and to the university," he said. "We receive more complaints about security in the McNaspy Stadium area than any other area of campus."

"The stadium, because of its unique construction, will be very expensive to convert to a useful facility," he continued. "Some have had already been abandoned, he said, when the decision to construct a new football stadium was made. At the time, "the cost to convert for alternate uses was not acceptable," Authement said.

A group of students met with Authement to share their opinions regarding McNaspy's fate. They were suggested that we return it to use as a dormitory, but the need for additional dorm space is non-existing, and the cost is prohibitive."

"serious, professional and convinced that their point of view was best for the university community," Authement said. They will meet again with him before the university takes any further action concerning McNaspy Stadium, Authement said.