USL's agriculture department now has expanded classroom facilities with the renovation of the Hamilton Laboratory School building. Since the Hamilton building provides seven classrooms, each with a seating capacity of 30-40 students. The auditorium can accommodate more than 500 students in comfort, and provides instructors with sophisticated materials necessary to effectively communicate with a large group of students. Two laboratories are located in the basement; one for the plant science classes, the other for soil science classes.

New classrooms and labs will facilitate the teaching of all agriculture courses. USL's Department of Agricultural Sciences, Technology and Education prepares students for careers in the food and fiber industry. Food and fiber production, processing and distribution comprise the largest U.S. industry, accounting for 20 percent of the gross national product.

The projected demand for graduates in this industry is greater than the present supply of graduates from agricultural colleges. Most study areas stress pure as well as applied sciences.

Today's career opportunities include professional positions in federal, state and local governmental agencies. Private sector positions with financial institutions, agribusiness firms and research institutions are also available to graduates in agriculture. The demand for teachers trained in agricultural education is also increasing.

The agribusiness curriculum provides graduates with a broad background in both agricultural sciences and business. The agricultural engineering component gives students training in the fundamental sciences of agriculture and a specialized application of engineering, computers and robotics to agriculture related problems. Students interested in agricultural education are trained in public relations and teaching and its relationship to agriculture. These students also receive teacher certification for high school vocational education.

The agricultural science, horticulture and agronomy curricula emphasize scientific methodologies to solve the complex problems facing modern agriculture. Biotechnology, biosystematics and ecological sciences are some of the areas to which students in these curricula are exposed.

James Buchanan, 23rd president of the United States and once a price-fighter, the "World Almanac of Presidential Facts" states.

Performing arts curricula complete

The theater curriculum offers courses in acting, directing, technical theater, dramatic literature and theater history, leading to a bachelor of arts degree. Each season the University Theater produces plays in its two theaters.

The professional program in dance includes training in ballet, jazz and modern dance, and a two-year pre-baccalaureate program, leading to a bachelor of fine arts degree. Students and faculty participate in public performances every season.

The performing arts department's 1988-89 season includes the following:

- "True West" by Sam Shepard, Oct. 13-14, Laura Drake directs.
- "Split Second" by Dennis McIntyre, Oct. 27-29, Ernie Vincent is guest director.
- "The House of Blue Leaves" by John Guare, Nov. 17-19, Stewart Hoch directs.
- Fall dance concert, Dec. 2-3, Choreographed by Sarah Stravinska and Ken Jenkin.
- Performing Arts Week, Jan. 23-27, Various guest artists.
- Spring dance concert, April 28-29, Choreography by dance faculty and advanced students.

All USL theater and dance events are in the Burke Theater. A $20-25 season ticket costs $10 for the USL community, high school students and senior citizens; and $15 for the general public, a savings of 45-50 percent over individual ticket prices. Tickets at the door cost $20.00 for the USL community, high school students and senior citizens; and $15 for the general public. Season tickets are on sale Aug. 15-Oct. 16, and may be obtained by mail from USL's recently completed Hamilton Hall houses agriculture and home economics classes and faculty.
Biology department offers wide spectrum of courses

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Modern equipment facilities in the biology building (Schlitz Hall) and the computer and research-active faculty provide excellent opportunities for training in the biological sciences. In addition to the pre-professional curricula - pre-med, pre-dentistry, pre-octometry and pre-professional therapy - several training courses in biology, botany, molecular biology, biochemistry and cellular biology are also offered. Students majoring in a biology, who plan to enter a professional field, may select a course of study leading to a master's degree in biology or a professional degree in medical, dental, veterinary, or veterinary engineering. These programs lead to a bachelor of science degree in one of the biological sciences. Students who complete these programs have available to them a variety of options leading to a professional degree in biology.

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