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Chapter 5

College of Education Recognition Social - Nov. 14, 1998 - Lafayette Hilton. (Ernie Alexander, Emcee; Dr. Ed Dugas; President Ray Authement; Dr. Bill Reick).

Transcript

Title Card: The USL College of Education Presents ... USL Centennial Recognition Banquet of November 14, 1998

Ernie Alexander: This is USL's Academic Showcase Month, the month of November, and we're mighty pleased to have the variety of programs spotlighting the College of Education that we do.

For example, today was Senior Day at USL and we had high school seniors from all across the state of Louisiana coming to our campus and, of course, the College of Education is trying to recruit as many of these fine people as we possibly can.

Also, the College of Education display from 2:00 o'clock to 4:00 o'clock this afternoon and that was a tremendous turn out.

We have done one AOC program thus far, and we have that on tape, dealing with the history of USL and specifically the College of Education. We will do another one on the 21st dealing with things as they are presently at USL, then on Saturday night the 28th we will do our third and final show dealing with the future of USL and specifically the College of Education, so we certainly hope that you will tune into those programs.

We want to welcome everybody, we're just delighted that you're here, and first up on our program for a special presentation is one of the hardest working men that I've ever been associated with, the man who is our Chair for our College of Education Academic Showcase, Dr. Ed Dugas.

Dr. Ed Dugas: Thank you, Ernie.

Ernie Alexander: You're welcome.

Dr. Ed Dugas: At this time, I would like to ask President Ray Authement to come forward, please. We have a gift for Dr. Authement, we felt that because of the strong leadership that he has provided the University, not only in his role as President, but the roles he played before that it was only appropriate that he receive our first commemorative seal. So, the gift that we'll be presenting to him is the gift that

all honorees will be receiving, and I'd like to show you what that is. Okay, it's got the University seal, it's made of brass, and when you put about 50 or 60 of 'em in a box, they're very heavy.

The back reads "College of Education for Distinguished Achievement. Centennial Recognition. November 14th, 1998," and I can't think of a more deserving person, or a stronger supporter for the college than Dr. Authement. The mic is now yours, okay?

President Ray Authement: Thank you, Ed, and thank you for all the work you've done throughout the months in preparing for this night. We're here to celebrate. We celebrate a university. A university that will be 100 years old in the year 2000. We celebrate a college. A college that was started in 1905, really, when President Stevens received permission to offer a teacher training program for one summer, from May the 31st to July the 31st, and that beginning brought us to where we are today.

Ernie Alexander: ...for me to remind you that College of Education faculty and staff got into the Academic Showcase spirit with a special door decorating contest. The College of Education Academic Showcase congratulates the following winners: Best Design -- Thomas Meunier, Health and Physical Education. Best Use of Theme -- Johann Adendorff, Health and Physical Education. The 3rd of the four is Best Historical Perspective -- Dan Jordan, Graduate Studies. And an Honorable Mention to the College of Education Dean's office. That sounds kind of political, don't you think?

Dr. Bill Reick: There were some people who are recognized tonight because they were just fantastic in terms of their scholarly pursuits, publications, and so forth. Some because they reached heights in public service. Some because they reached leadership, real leadership positions in education and practice that leadership. Some because they achieved outside the field of education. Some because of community work or charitable activities not necessarily related to education -- but they have all achieved.

Dr. Ed Dugas: I want to thank Senator Brinkhouse for his long service to education and for chairing when he was in the house, the House Education Committee, and he became a Senator, the Senate Education Committee, and the work that he did, not just for USL, but for education everywhere is sincerely appreciated.

And Dr. Cospers, we do appreciate all the support that you gave to education, especially the College of Education here at USL.

There's another young man that I'm missing. Is Mr. Lamson still here? I know he had a previous engagement. Mr. Alfred Lamson?

I don't know if this was a premonition of things to be, but as a senior at USL Dr. Lamson and Dr. Cousin sitting here were instrumental in me being the basketball coach at Hamilton Lab School and I want them to know that their influence on my life has never changed. I love both of them to death and I thank them for coming tonight. Thank you.

I think that Monica was [unintelligible] today. She was there.

I want to take this opportunity just thank everyone, not only for helping throughout the entire year but for making the College of Ed Academic Showcase every, everything that it could be and before I get off the stage I have to ask my family to stand and I want to thank my wife, Marilyn, for putting up with me especially for the last year and I think, once she comes tonight, she understands a lot better where all that time was spent. Would y'all please stand, please?

Dr. Ed Dugas: We had other people that had similar problems. I want to recognize four graduates that traveled a long way to come to be with us tonight.

Gloria Bond from North Carolina. Gloria, would you please stand and remain standing?

Beth Norwood from Illinois. Beth.

Lou Bowers from Florida.

And Elizabeth Martin from Ohio.

Home truly is where the heart is and I really appreciate these people for coming back and enriching our function the way they did. Thank you, goodnight, and enjoy.