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## Chapter 8

Get On The Disk - Dr. Ed Dugas, Chair, College of Education Academic Showcase and Professor, Health & Physical Education - theme for involvement and inclusion.

## Transcript

**Title Card:** What does “Get on the Disk” mean?

**Dr. Ed Dugas – Chairman of the Academic Showcase for the College of Education:** One thing we have to remember is that the College of Ed has 2,113 grads and that's a significant part of the number of the graduates of the entire University, which is somewhat over 60,000.

Our motto is to “Get on the Disk” so every, everything we've done, we've attempted to tape it through Ryan Brooks at ETRC as he's doing right now and through you interviewing people, Ed, and I can't tell you how much we appreciate that, because all of those people will quote “be on the disk” because they got on the disk. They took the initiative to do an activity.

It started with our Spirit Coordinators Network on August 6<sup>th</sup> at the Alumni Center. And there were a number of skeptics who felt that, well, not too many people would show up, but we had 90 people strong, and it really started us thinking in terms of unity and spirit.

And on our Field Exposition Committee, we're asking our graduates, wherever they reside in the world that during Academic Showcase month if they would decorate their office, their home, their school in some kind of way that brings dignity to the fact that they're a USL grad. We're celebrating our Academic Showcase in November of 1998, and we're going to celebrate our Centennial in the year 2000.

I'm very excited about this because as Ryan and I have visited with the Acadiana parishes on a one-on-one basis we find that they're doing everything from government resolutions to red and white days to spirit stick days at school to balloon ceremonies where they released balloons for all of the teachers teaching there to riding in their homecoming parade as groups.

Chairing that committee and interfacing that technology with our Spirit Coordinators, we're really, really in good shape. Dr. Huey McCauley chairs our Field Exposition Committee so we're hoping grads will send him a bunch of pictures.

And that's where we are right now.