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HOMECOMING 2004

“Life is Better in Red”

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19
7:00 p.m. Homecoming Queen Pageant
Mainstage Theatre, $3

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22
10:00 a.m. Alumni Assembly
Mainstage Theatre, no charge
11:30 a.m. Golden Generation Luncheon & Program
Gardner Center Ballroom, $10
1:00 p.m. Eccles Dedication & Ribbon Cutting
Mainstage Theatre, no charge
3:00 p.m. Program Bureau Rededication of Roene DiFiore Bench
Eccles Plaza
7:30 p.m. Dedication Gala of Eccles Fine Arts Center - Concert & Dessert Reception
Mainstage Theatre, $50

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23
9:30 a.m. Homecoming Parade
10:30 a.m. Founder’s Day Assembly & Hall of Fame
St. George Tabernacle, no charge
12:00 p.m. Alumni Association Tailgate Party
So. side of stadium, free to all Alumni
1:30 p.m. Football Game: Eastern Arizona vs. Dixie
$6 (purchase at box office)
7:00 p.m. Alumni Homecoming Banquet
Speaker: Nolan Archibald
Old Gym, $11

Tickets for Golden Generation Luncheon and Alumni Banquet may be purchased at the Alumni House (658 East 200 South 652-7538) or at the No. Admin Bldg. (652-7535) or by email at larson@dixie.edu

Above: Homecoming 2003
Cover photo: Evening at the new Dolores Doré Eccles Fine Arts Center

DIXIE STATE MAGAZINE is published bi-annually by the office of Public Relations and Publications in cooperation with the Dixie State College Alumni Association, for all Dixie State College Alumni.
Join in the variety of activities available at this year’s Homecoming celebration. From football, to the Hall of Fame, to class reunions, there’s fun for all.

Dixie State College’s Dolores Doré Eccles Fine Arts Center and Graff Performing Arts Building will be showcased at the dedication gala during Homecoming week.

When Captain James S. Clark, a helicopter pilot in the United States Army, was given the chance to fly a United States flag in honor of someone or something of his choice during combat in Afghanistan. . . guess what he chose?

Players and coaches rushed from the dugout onto the field in celebration of Dixie’s National Baseball championship at the JUCO tournament in Grand Junction, Colorado last May.

Dixie’s nursing program earned the highest pass rate among all nursing programs in the state on the Registered Nurse licensure examination.

It’s hard to know who to root for when so many former Dixie State College Rebels have joined the ranks of professional athletes.

Check up on some of your Dixie classmates, meet new alumni board members, and learn about the latest alumni activities planned for your area.
In addition to the Homecoming schedule of events listed on the inside front cover, here are specific class reunion activities:

**HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1942**
**COLLEGE CLASS OF 1944**
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**Thursday, October 21**
4:00 p.m. Dinner & Socializing, $10
Deseret Lab Building
1414 East 3850 South
For more information call:
Orwin Gubler, Chair, 435-673-5070

**HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1943**
**COLLEGE CLASS OF 1945**
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**Friday, October 22**
5:00 p.m. Dinner & Program, $12
Staheli Plaza Town Hall
28 N. 300 W., Washington
For more information call:
Richard Schmutz, 435-628-9349

**HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1944**
**COLLEGE CLASS OF 1946**
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**Friday, October 22**
1:00 p.m. Lunch, $15
Woodward Building Gazebo
For more information call:
Maurine Miles, Chair, 435-673-3644

**HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1946**
**COLLEGE CLASS OF 1948**
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**Friday, October 22**
5:00 p.m. Social
7:00 p.m. Dinner, $15
VFW - 303 East 100 South
For more information call:
Iris Sparks, 435-628-7432

**HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1952**
**COLLEGE CLASS OF 1954**
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**Friday, October 22**
6:00 p.m. Dinner, $18
College Stake Center
276 South 700 East
For more information call:
Bert & Ann Winterton, Chairs, 801-544-2411
Terry Bleak, 435-635-2949
Valeen Nelson, 435-673-2086

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This year’s Homecoming Alumni Banquet speaker, Nolan D. Archibald, ‘66, will address alumni and guests at the annual event on Saturday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. in the College Gymnasium.

Archibald is Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer of The Black & Decker Corporation. Black & Decker is a $5 billion global corporation, marketing its products in over 100 countries. He joined Black & Decker as President and Chief Operating Officer in Sept., 1985. When appointed President and Chief Executive Officer in March, 1986 at the age of 42, Nolan was the youngest CEO of a Fortune 500 Company. He has served as Chief Executive Officer for Black & Decker for 18 years.

Archibald was cited by *Business Week* as one of the top six managers in the U.S. and by *Fortune* as one of the country’s “10 most wanted” executives.

Archibald graduated from Dixie State College, where he was an All-American basketball player. He led the Rebels to the junior college finals in Hutchinson, Kan. and was recruited by over 100 major universities in the United States. Nolan graduated from Weber State University cum laude, where he was Scholar Athlete of the Year in 1968. He was an All-Conference basketball player under Dick Motta and played on Weber State’s first team to participate in the 32-team NCAA basketball tournament. He was one of 15 Division I basketball players out of 4,000 named an Academic All-American. He went on to earn a master’s degree in Business Administration from the Harvard Business School in 1970.

Following graduation from Harvard, Archibald was invited to try out for the Chicago Bulls in the National Basketball Association. He was offered a contract to play for the Pittsburgh Pipers in the American Basketball Association. In 1993, the National Association of Basketball Coaches honored he, along with four other former All-American basketball players, (including Elvin Hayes), as their “Silver Anniversary NCAA All-America Basketball Team.” He is the only athlete in Weber State’s history to receive this honor.

Archibald is married to the former Margaret Hafen. They are the parents of seven sons and one daughter. He is currently Stake President of the Washington, D.C. Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
Robert Prince, ’76, will be honored as Homecoming 2004’s “Distinguished Alumnus.”

Dr. Prince currently serves on the alumni board membership committee and has been continually involved in the lives of Dixie State College students through his work, church, and community service.

Dixie’s dental hygiene students used Dr. Prince’s office every evening and all day Friday and Saturday for four years to get the professional training necessary to help the dental hygiene program evolve into one of the top programs in the nation.

Dr. Prince was born in Fairfield, California, and raised in St. George. He attended Dixie High School, where he served as student body president in 1972. While attending Dixie College, he served on the student senate before graduating with his associate degree in 1976. After Dixie, Dr. Prince received his bachelor’s degree from SUU in 1977. Being admitted to the University of Southern California School of Dentistry fulfilled a lifetime goal. He received his DDS degree there in 1981 and completed his orthodontic residency at USC also.

Dr. Prince practiced in Beverly Hills prior to returning to St. George in 1983, where he maintains his practice today. He is very respected by his peers and has served as president of the Southern Utah Dental Society and the Utah Association of Orthodontists.

Prince is married to the former Diane Larson and they are the parents of three children: Kristen Prince Hill, Dental Hygienist, ’96; Ashton Prince, ’01, in his first year of dental school at UNLV; and Benjamin, serving a mission.

The Prince family seems to have dentistry ingrained in their history. Robert’s father, Alpine, was a dentist, as well as his uncle, Clayton Prince, and two cousins, Greg and John, also chose this field.

James N. Ence will be honored at Homecoming 2004 with the “Distinguished Service Award.”

Dr. Ence has been involved with the Dixie State College dental hygiene program since its inception. He also donated his dental office for use by the dental hygiene program every weekend for four years. This unselfish act truly made a difference in Dixie’s new program.

Ence grew up in Santa Clara, the son of Kenneth and Anneliese Ence. He attended Washington County schools and graduated from Dixie High School in 1969. He received his bachelor’s degree in chemistry from SUU in 1974. In 1977 he received his DDS degree from University of the Pacific, graduating with high honors and was inducted into the OKU honor fraternity.

Dr. Ence served as a delegate to the Nevada Dental Association from the Southern Nevada component society from 1984-1986. Because of a strong desire to be near his family and his love for farming, he moved back to southern Utah to practice.

From 1985-2001, Ence served on the Utah Dental Association Board of Trustees in such positions as treasurer, secretary, vice president, president elect, president and past president. He serves as president of the new Santa Clara Canal Co., and as a board member of SunFirst Bank, Pacific Dental Education Foundation, and the Utah State Dental/Dental Hygienist Licensing Board. He holds dental licenses in Utah, Nevada, Oregon and California. He maintains a general dentistry practice in St. George.

He is married to the former Deborah Jennings. They are the parents of five children and have two grandchildren.

—from Kalynn Larson
Dixie State College will honor three outstanding individuals as this year’s inductees into the Hall of Fame. Each inductee or their representative will be presented a medallion at the seventh annual Hall of Fame ceremony, to be held in conjunction with Homecoming Founder’s Day activities on Saturday, October 23rd, at 10:30 a.m. in the St. George Tabernacle.

Honored in the area of Public and College Service is Marion H. Bowler, a man who served and promoted Dixie College, as well as Washington County and the state of Utah, throughout his entire life. He was on the first advisory council for Dixie College, and was a charter member of the Dixie College Colonels Club. He performed for more than 25 years as a member of the Dixie College Program Bureau. He was the first recipient of the Dixie College Honorary Associate of Arts Degree in 1985. He received the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1996 and 1992.

Bowler was possibly best known in St. George and throughout the state, for his beautiful tenor voice. Labeled the “Singing Mayor” by a state newspaper, he sang at literally thousands of funerals, weddings, church, civic and college events throughout Utah. His appliance store would often be closed because he would be singing at a funeral, performing with the Dixie Program Bureau, responding to a fire alarm, chairing the Lion’s Club Roundup Committee or the committee raising money for an iron lung, or fulfilling a responsibility as the city’s Red Cross representative or as Mayor.

Honored in the area of Science and Technology is Edward H. Snow, ’56, a graduate of Dixie State College, who also served as the student body president.

Dr. Snow was named after his great grandfather who was a co-founder of Dixie College.

Dr. Snow made breakthrough contributions to the understanding of oxidized semiconductor surfaces, which revolutionized electronics and made possible today’s “digital revolution.” For this work, he was made a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and was awarded the Certificate of Merit by the Franklin Institute. Dr. Snow later became co-founder of Reticon Corporation. Their technology was used in virtually all of the early OCR and FAX machines, price tag readers, mail sorting machines, as well as specialized devices for scientific instruments, astronomy, and military applications.

Dr. Snow was then made Vice President of EG&G, responsible for world-wide optoelectronic operations, with products as diverse as flashlamps for disposable cameras and atomic clocks for GPS systems.

Honored in the area of Public and College Service is Montrue Larkin, whose lifetime of service has made her one of southern Utah’s greatest treasures. While she was the Dixie College Bookstore manager, she became a career counselor and interchapter advisor for Lambda Delta Sigma, where she had a positive influence upon the lives of hundreds of students. She was involved in many student activities and began the Christmas lighting ceremony on campus.

Larkin returned to Dixie as a non-traditional student and graduated with an associate of science degree and, at the age of 69, earned her bachelor of science degree.

She has volunteered her time for many great causes and has received numerous honors, including the “Dixie College Humanities Award,” Chamber of Commerce and Elks Club “Citizen of the Year” awards, and the “You Make Dixie Great” award.

Additional details of the outstanding accomplishments and contributions of the these six Hall of Fame Honorees will be given at the Founder’s Day Assembly.

—by Bill Fowler
DSC NURSING PROGRAM NOTCHES TOP PASSING RATE IN STATE

The Dixie State College nursing program earned the highest pass rate among all nursing programs in the state on the Registered Nurse licensure examination, with a collective pass rate of 96 percent for the year 2003, as recently reported by the Utah State Board of Nursing.

Twenty-four of 25 RN graduates from DSC’s recently accredited associate degree of nursing program (ADN) passed the RN-NCLEX certification exam in 2003, which every RN must pass in order to practice.

That news nearly coincided with the start date of the college’s new bachelor’s of science in nursing (BSN) program which officially got underway at the beginning of fall semester at the college.

Dixie State now offers both bachelor’s and associate nursing degrees, a practical nurse program, and a certified nurse assistant program. Enrollment in the college’s LPN and RN programs alone has grown from 48 students two years ago to 114 students this year. An additional 30 students currently make up the bachelor’s program, for a total of 144 new nursing students this year at Dixie State College, excluding CNA students.

“We’re experiencing a phenomenal growth rate,” said Dean of Business, Technology, and Health Sciences Dr. David Borris. “We have three times as many nursing students today as we did two years ago. The most important part of that is the success that’s accompanying the growth. It’s a growing program, but it’s also a quality program, as evidenced by our recent pass rate.”

Because of this growth, the college is fast running out of space to put its nursing students, particularly now that new students are being admitted twice a year to the various programs. Currently, the college turns away three applicants for every one that’s admitted.

As a remedy, Dixie continues to lobby for a facility dedicated entirely to the health sciences. The proposed facility, is planned to be built on the campus of the new St. George Dixie Regional Medical Center, a subsidiary of IHC. Four acres of land have been donated toward this end.

“If we had the new facility, we could more effectively address the statewide and countywide need for nurses,” Borris added. “We’re in the fastest growing county in one of the fastest growing states in the country. Our need for nurses is even greater on the county level.”

DSC STUDENT ELECTED NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF SKILLS USA-VICA

Dixie State College’s Bryan Doxford was elected national president of SkillsUSA-VICA June 25 in Kansas City, Mo., at the organization’s annual National Championships.

Doxford, a senior in the college’s Business Administration program, is the first DSC student to ever be elected to the presidency. SkillsUSA averages a membership of 264,000 high school and college students annually. SkillsUSA is a national organization for high school and college students enrolled in technical, skilled, service, and health occupations.

FIRST ELEMENTARY EDUCATION CLASS GRADUATES

Over 100 students graduated with four-year degrees at Dixie State College during the 2004 commencement exercises. Twenty-five of them were elementary education graduates, the first to ever graduate from the college’s two-year old elementary education program. The program also boasted last year’s Valedictorian at the four-year level, Ronelle Rosen.

Charish LeFevre (2nd from right) and friends are four of the 25 who graduated with a B.S. degrees in elementary education.
DSC DENTAL HYGIENE SCORES NO. 1 AMONG ALL TWO AND FOUR-YEAR PROGRAMS

There is no such thing as a national championship in the dental profession, but the Dixie State College dental hygiene program earned the equivalent of that this year.

The program’s 2004 graduating class collectively received the top score in the nation on the National Board Dental Hygiene Exam, a written exam that every graduate of every program in the nation must pass in order to practice.

Though the dental hygiene program has been among the top programs in the nation since coming on line at Dixie State in 1998, bringing home the nation’s top score is a first for the two-year program.

“Both our soccer and baseball teams won the national championship this year,” said DSC President Dr. Robert Huddleston, “but people don’t always realize that we have academic programs performing at the exact same level, and our dental hygiene program is one of them. This is particularly significant because all two-year and four-year programs in the nation take this exam. We couldn’t be prouder of these students and faculty.”

Approximately 246 college and university dental hygiene programs took the National Board Exam this year. Since graduating its first class in 2000, DSC’s program has now scored in the top 10 percent four of the five years and in the top five percent three of the five years.

“It’s nice to be there and it’s nicer to be there than somewhere else down the line,” said Dr. Gordon Jennings, director of the DSC dental hygiene program. “But at the same time, I think it’s more important that we just try and stay in the top 10 percent. What’s most critical to me is that we know we’re doing our job. And if we can stay in that top 10 percent, then I’m totally happy. And most programs will probably tell you that’s what their goal is.”

The college rolled out a new on-campus dental hygiene lab and clinic in 2002—the Dr. Mervyn and Sue Cox Dental Hygiene Clinic—something that likely played a role in this latest achievement. Previously, the program had conducted its lab work in dental offices around town after hours.

“The clinic has been a tremendous help,” said Jennings. “Students learn the concepts in the classroom and then can walk across the hallway to put those concepts into practice. Everything is under one roof, and it’s been a tremendous boost.”

Jennings also credited his faculty for preparing the students, as well as the college’s administration for pushing the program and giving it the support needed. And then there are the students themselves, who had a bit of a hand in the accomplishment, of course.

“Only 14 students graduate from the program each year,” Jennings said, “so every student had to do well to accomplish something like this. There were no geniuses in this class. They’re just a bunch of bright, bright students who worked hard and really pushed for it.”

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ACCOUNTING EMPHASIS ADDED TO BUSINESS DEGREE

A new accounting emphasis within Dixie’s four-year Business Administration degree program was made available to students this fall semester.

“This approach to the degree is unique in terms of the employment flexibility grads will encounter,” said Business Department Chair Dr. Philip Lee. “Students graduating from this program will have the full complement of business administration skills and significant accounting skills.”

The degree track was created in response to high student and local industry demand and is designed to help facilitate student entrance into business and accounting master’s programs. The Business Administration program also offers an emphasis track in visual technologies.

STREET FAIR TO EARN MONEY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

In Dixie State College’s never-ending quest to raise funds for student scholarships, the college campus will transform to a full-scale open air Street Fair several Saturdays throughout the year beginning Oct. 2. The Street Fair is expected to be a fixture at the college for years to come.

As many as 100 vendor booths are expected to fill the Old Gymnasium parking lot. The DSC Street Fair will also include a Farmer’s Market, food court, and live entertainment, including a climbing wall.

One hundred percent of the vendor booth fees, which amount to around $35 a week in the Street Fair’s inaugural season, will be applied directly to DSC scholarships. All merchandise revenue brought in by vendors will go directly into individual vendors’ pockets.

“This is one of those ‘can’t lose’ opportunities,” said Director of Institutional Advancement George Whitehead, who will oversee the Street Fair. “This is something that anyone from established businesses to budding student entrepreneurs can try their hand at with very little risk.”

The Street Fair will debut on marathon weekend in St. George (Oct. 2) from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. The same hours will remain in effect the first Saturday of each month through May. It will also be open two additional days in November, the Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving.

Any alumni interested in becoming a vendor, including the Farmer’s Market and food court, can contact George Whitehead at 435-652-7536.

A LEGEND LIVES ON

After relinquishing his long-time post as vice president of student services, Bill Fowler has returned to the college as acting Associate Vice President of Advancement. Fowler will lead and coordinate all college advancement activities, including fundraising. The college’s institutional advancement, alumni relations, institutional research and government relations, and public relations offices now fall under Fowler’s jurisdiction, as does the college’s newly created cultural arts office. Prior to leaving the college in August 2003, Fowler had served at Dixie State College for 26 years.

DIXIE STATE COLLEGE STUDENT NAMED 2004 NEW CENTURY SCHOLAR

Kathleen A. Puusalu was named a 2004 New Century Scholar by Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. Puusalu’s selection was based on scores earned in the All-USA Academic Team competition, which took into consideration approximately 1,600 student applications from two-year institutions across the nation. The highest scoring All-USA applicant from each of the 50 states was named a New Century Scholar. Puusalu was honored by President George W. Bush at the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) convention and received a $2,000 stipend.
NEW VP IS GOLDEN

Worth his weight in gold. That’s what Dixie State is banking that its new VP of academics is. Dr. Lee Golden Caldwell has worked at four different universities as a professor and administrator and has held executive level positions at three Fortune 500 high tech companies, including Unisys, IBM, and Hewlett Packard over an eight-year span. He also spent six years with Novell, Inc.

Most recently, he was associate dean for undergraduate business programs at Georgia Tech. Combined he has 11 years of university teaching experience and seven years of administrative experience, with Sam Houston University, the University of Utah, and Indiana University in the mix as well. He holds a doctorate degree in business administration from Texas A&M.

This combination of private/public experience figures to be a potent one for Dixie’s academic programs, particularly the Business and CIT programs for obvious reasons. Caldwell’s known as an innovator and is recognized internationally as an expert in networking technology. He has 21 years of experience working with the Internet. When he first arrived at IBM, the company barely knew how to spell Internet. By the time he left five years later, IBM was producing $28 billion a year in revenue from the net, largely due to his leadership.

"Unless you really start to paint a long term vision, set the bar high and work towards that, you just aren’t likely to realize the potential that’s really there," Caldwell said. "I’m not the one that necessarily has all of the subtle nuances of the vision, but I’m very good at facilitating the process and helping people see what’s possible. People are usually a little stunned by how high the aspirations are, but at the same time, I have the ability to kind of bring it into the range of the achievable."

Given his resume, Dr. Lee Golden Caldwell could easily have called it a career. Instead of retiring, he’s ready to put his wealth of experience to work for Dixie State.

“I’m fortunate enough to be able to take the job that’s interesting and not the job that pays the best,” Caldwell said after being offered the position (the offer coincidentally fell on his birthday). "I could retire. I’m not ready to retire. I feel like I still have some contributions to make and I would much rather it be where I could make a big difference to people than simply sit around and entertain myself."

Another motivating factor bringing Caldwell to Utah is that he has ties to the state. He began his college career as a freshman at Weber State. He then went on to earn a bachelor’s degree at Utah State and, later, a law degree from BYU. He also has children and an aging parent in the area.

Casual bikers—both he and his wife, Bonnie—St. George’s trail system didn’t hurt in alluring them to the area. Both served church missions in bicycle-friendly Holland and had yet to find anything like it in the states.

Being fluent in Dutch, Caldwell’s multilingualism has been an extra boost to his career (he also speaks German, French, and some Japanese). At one point, he was in Holland just about every month and once closed a $5 billion deal with a Dutch company after spending the entire afternoon in the office of the chairman of the board of directors speaking Dutch.

Other than at home, he likely won’t encounter too many opportunities to speak Dutch while at Dixie, but there will be ample opportunity for some of his other hobbies. A licensed pilot, Caldwell spends much of his downtime in the air. He was a navigator in the Air Force during the Vietnam War, but didn’t receive his pilot’s license until about four years ago.

He’s now a licensed flight instructor and owns his own airplane—a four-seater, a souped up one at that—and he flies two or three times a week. It’s not uncommon for him to just pick up and fly across the country.

In short, it’s fair to say that both professionally and recreationally, he’s happy to have landed in Utah’s Dixie.

“I suspect that this will be one of the most fun jobs I’ve ever had,” he said. "I think there’s an incredible spirit in the community and an energy at an institution that has grown a lot. I think there’s professional pride in what the students have achieved over the years, and these are all things that matter a lot."
WHO WILL YOU ROOT FOR?

BY GEORGE WHITEHEAD, ’74, AND CHRIS TAYLOR

As a DSC alumnus, you have some great choices for whom to root this year in professional sports as far as fellow alumni are concerned. Many DSC alumni continue to make their mark in the professional ranks. Many of them will do so with new teams this year.

On the gridiron, there is a litany of choices. Running back COREY DILLON, ’95, traded in his Bengal stripes for Patriot red, white, and blue, further solidifying the defending Super Bowl champions. Dillon rushed for 1,000 yards six of his seven seasons in Cincinnati and at one point was the highest paid running back in the NFL. He rushed for nearly 1,900 yards and scored 20 touchdowns in one season with the Rebels.

Maybe you’re looking for a west coast team. BARRY SIMS, ’95, lines up for the Oakland Raiders as left tackle. He started all 16 games for Oakland during the 2003 season and was on the 2002-03 Super Bowl team. As an added bonus, DOUG JOLLEY, son of Rebel assistant coach Gordon Jolley, plays tight end for the Raiders.

The Rebels turned RENO MAHE, ’00, into a prolific receiver, but he’s currently starting as halfback for the Philadelphia Eagles after making the team as an undrafted rookie free agent in 2003. Defensive end ANTON PALEPOI, ’99, who was named WSFL MVP while at Dixie, played the past two seasons with the Seattle Seahawks and is currently a free agent. And the Kansas City Chiefs used its first pick (36th overall) in the NFL draft this year to select rookie defensive tackle JUNIOR SIAVII, who began his college career at Dixie State in 1999.

In the NBA, point guard MARCUS BANKS, ’01, was traded to the Los Angeles Lakers after averaging 5.9 points and 2.2 assists for the Boston Celtics over two seasons, only to be traded right back to Boston.

After an injury riddled stint with the Utah Jazz and Phoenix Suns last season in which he saw action in only two games, forward KEON CLARK, ’96, was still a free agent at this magazine’s press deadline. He’s averaged eight points and nearly six rebounds over his NBA career. Both Banks and Clark are Rebels twice over, having capped their college careers at UNLV. In 1996, Clark averaged 15 points and 11 rebounds for the Rebels before transferring to Vegas. Banks averaged 17.3 points a game for Dixie over two years.

On the diamond, there are several players playing in farm systems, but only one playing in the bigs, so the choice is an easy one. BRANDON LYON, ’99, a JC All-American while at Dixie, currently patrols the mound for the Arizona Diamondbacks as a relief pitcher.

Still can’t decide? You say you’re looking for a sure winner? How about EATHAN O’BRYANT, ’93, who captained the Rebels to a 30-3 record? Now in his eighth season as a Harlem Globetrotter, he very rarely is on the losing end of a game.

O.K., so the choice isn’t exactly an easy one. Your safest bet is to continue rooting for the Rebels.
Dixie State College’s Dolores Doré Eccles Fine Arts Center and Graff Performing Arts Building will be showcased with elegance and style at the grand opening and dedication gala in October.

“It’s luxuriant without being ostentatious,” said DSC professor of choral music, Ken Peterson, of the new building.

The new center will house DSC’s theatre, dance and music programs, along with an art gallery and theatres available for community use. After visiting a variety of fine arts centers throughout the United States in his 25-year career, Peterson said that none compare.

“This is the finest I have seen,” said Peterson. “The floor plan is almost perfect.”

The building was designed by Gould Evans Architects, with the input of the fine arts faculty, to meet the current and future needs of the fine arts on campus.

“Anyone who walks in that building will be hard-pressed to deny that it meets the standards,” said Eric Young, fine arts department chair.

Each program in the fine arts (theatre, dance, vocal music and instrumental music) has a “home” constructed to fit their needs.

“The Concert Hall is going to be perfect,” said Peterson of the 300-seat auditorium. “It is the ideal size and space for what I want to do with our choirs.”

Gary Caldwell (above left), director of bands, said the Concert Hall is dedicated to vocal and instrumental ensembles only and is the most acoustically perfect auditorium possible. “It’s like a resonating shell, built and designed inside-out for sound quality,” he said.

Unlike many fine arts facilities, Caldwell said, there are performing and rehearsal spaces dedicated to music alone. The band rehearsal room is designed for the same acoustic quality as the performance space. “We won’t have to guess how it will actually sound on the stage,” he said.

Theatre productions will be performed in the 500-seat Eccles Mainstage Theatre, adjacent to the concert hall.

“We can do anything in this theatre,” said Varlo Davenport, DSC Theatre director. “In the Graff building we were using 1970s technology; our new stage provides the latest innovations of the modern theatre. We’ve moved from an abacus to a Pentium IV.”

One of the innovations being utilized is in the area of digitized lighting and sound. Mobile lighting can be pointed to an infinite number of spots on the stage. From the light board,
Student Megan Steel, plays cello in the Dixie State Chamber Orchestra.

Dr. Li Lei, who received her Ph.D. from NYU, is the Director of Dance.

DSC Professor of Art, Del Parson, is an internationally acclaimed artist.

Dixie alum, Ryan Norton (left), stars in DSC’s musical, “The Scarlet Pimpernel.”

Acoustics in the 300-seat Concert Hall are superb.

Looking down on the grand lobby of the Eccles Fine Arts Center.

The Sears Art Gallery will be home to numerous art exhibits.

The Eccles Mainstage Theatre will seat 500 theatre patrons.

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All United States flags carry special symbolic significance, but Dixie State College now has one with a little more significance.

When Captain James S. Clark, a helicopter pilot in the United States Army, was given the chance to fly a United States flag in honor of someone of his choice during combat in Afghanistan, the decision was a no-brainer: The 1993 Dixie alum flew a flag for his family, including his son who celebrates a birthday on September 11. He flew a flag for his spiritual leader, Gordon B. Hinckley. And he flew one for his two alma maters, Weber State University and Dixie State College.

Flying an American flag in someone’s behalf became somewhat of a ritual for the airmen throughout the course of their flight missions in Afghanistan, but not one they took lightly. In order to fly a flag for someone, Clark said, the airmen had to purchase the flags themselves. And they had to fly the flags selectively since there was only so much space in the aircraft in which to fly them.

“We would actually hang it in the back of our aircraft when we were flying,” Clark said. “Flying the flag for somebody wasn’t the first thing on your mind over there. Obviously, preparing for your mission was first and foremost. And if an organization or someone meant enough to you that you wanted to do that, then you had to pay the price.”

If you ask him, it doesn’t take long to figure out why Captain Clark would go to such lengths for Dixie. He’s a Dixie loyalist, and he’s got a laundry list of things to prove it. While at Dixie in 1988 and later from 1991 to 1993, he sang in the choir and Program Bureau with Roene DiFiore, was in the band, performed in numerous plays, served in student government, was sophomore class vice president, was a yell leader, and spent time as the Rebel mascot.

“I’ve always been a Dixie fan,” Clark said. “I really enjoyed Dixie and I’m still a big fan and proponent of Dixie. Everywhere I go, I’m always trying to get people to go there. I believe in the old Dixie. I still have the flag, the old flag. And I’m just…I am Dixie.”

After his time at Dixie was up, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. Soon thereafter, he was chosen, in military terms, to go green to gold and become a commissioned officer, and so he enrolled in the ROTC program at Weber State to become an aviation officer. Next up was flight school in Fort Rucker in Alabama, which happened to coincide with the 9-11 terrorist attacks on the United States. Being tied down to school rather than

The lives of many in the Dixie family have been affected by the September 11 terrorist attacks on America and the subsequent aftermath. Some have been affected more than others and continue to be affected today in the line of duty. This is just one of their stories.
out doing what he was training to do was borderline torture for him at the time, he recalls.

"I felt pretty much what the whole country felt—outrage—but also impatience for restitution," Clark said. "And it was hard for me. I wanted to be in a line unit for deploy. I wanted to be in the action. That's obviously why I joined the Army. I've made it a career, but I believe in what I'm doing and I wanted to be there. The 9-11 attacks happened on my son's fourth birthday, and trying to explain to a four-year old why a bunch of bad guys would fly planes into the Trade Center and want to kill people is pretty difficult."

His own time in combat, however, would not be too far distant. He went on to receive his wings in May 2002 and soon began training in Fort Bragg, N.C., to fly the labor-intensive and challenging CH-47D Chinook helicopter, an aircraft reserved only for the tip-top of the class. And then came the call to Afghanistan in July 2003.

In 2003, he spent six months in Afghanistan and flew over 140 hours and over 40 different combat missions in behalf of Operation Enduring Freedom. He remembers well the day he flew in honor of Dixie - September 11, 2003. The two-day mission was a Reinforcement in Place (RIP), an out with the old, in with new resupply procedure in which he helped replace the 82nd Airborne Division with the 10th Mountain Division to patrol the Pakistani border and, in his words, look for bad guys.

Both days were eight to 10 hour days of flying, Clark recalls, making the mission all the more memorable. One hour of flying the Chinook equates to four hours of drive time on the road because of the concentration involved and the fact that it requires the continuous use of all four limbs, Clark said. Combine that with a full load of troops, a Humvee or artillery piece dangling below the aircraft, and the prospect of taking on enemy fire and it paints a pretty good picture of the stress such a mission entailed.

"Those particular days we took fire, but we did not sustain any injuries to the aircraft," Clark said, checking himself every now and again as to what he could and couldn't say. "When you're flying these sorts of missions, you're always flying close to your gross weight, which is 50,000 pounds."

His flight in honor of Dixie is just a snapshot of Clark's six-month tour in Afghanistan. In all, he took part in Operations Mountain Resolve, Warrior Sweep, and Avalanche. In addition to transporting troops and Continued, see WAR, page 21
Dixie State College athletics has always been known for its winning tradition, but up until the turn of the century the school had just one national title to speak of. The 1985 men’s basketball team made school history by bringing the first national championship home to DSC, but it would take a 15-year hiatus before the college could once again attract the national spotlight.

The Rebels began the new millennium winning championships as if making up for lost time. In 2000, women’s soccer set the tone for the new century, capturing a national title and raising the bar for other DSC athletic programs. Men’s basketball responded in 2002 by adding another national championship to the record books. In 2003, girl’s soccer did it again, delivering Dixie’s third national title in just three years.

In the same year, the football team stormed through the season on its way to a national title, only to fall just short in the championship game. The baseball team can sympathize. Their national championship hopes also came crashing down in 2001 when they lost the World Series championship by just one run. For head coach Mike Littlewood, it was quite possibly the single most important and devastating run of his coaching career. It didn’t take long to change all that, however. Three years later and the baseball cleat was on the other foot, with Dixie State baseball winning the World Series championship by a single run in 2004.

When DSC’s Chase Leavitt fielded a hopper and flipped the ball over to Jeremy Uhl, who barehanded the catch and shot a bullet to first base for a double play, players and coaches spilled from the dugout onto the field in celebration. Close to 10,000 fans at Sam Suplizio Field in Grand Junction, Colo., watched the Rebels celebrate their victory over the Gators of San Jacinto-North 4-3.

Like Littlewood, Dixie State baseball catcher Matt Spring said the national championship felt like a dream, with only bits and pieces surfacing to his memory. “It was unreal,” Spring said. “It happened so fast that, before I really knew it, I was celebrating.”

Coach Littlewood said the entire team played with such intensity, and with the dramatic ending, everyone’s emotions peaked. “We were all in a daze,” Littlewood said. “It was amazing for everyone. This national championship justifies all the hard work and focus this team put in to get there and win.”

Littlewood admits the road to the World Series championship was rocky at times, and other baseball clubs may have crumbled under similar circumstances, but this Rebels squad wouldn’t hear of it. “These guys went into every game truly believing they would win,” said Littlewood. “We didn’t have that mentality in 2001.”

The Rebels went onto the Region 18 Tournament and smoked the competition. Even when the Rebels played three games on the final day of the tournament, they were nothing short of amazing. “We played well in the SWAC and Region 18 Tournament,” Littlewood said. “But I can see how somebody might say we
made a lot of our wins during the World Series tournament as hard as possible.”

Almost every one of their tournament wins were come-from-behind victories. “We allowed ourselves to be put in tough game situations where we had to rally and make comebacks, but this team was capable of responding in those types of games,” said Littlewood.

The Rebels entered the World Series tournament and dominated the first eight and a half innings of the first game, but in the bottom of the ninth inning tension began to mount. With a 9-4 lead and just three outs to go, the Rebels allowed three runs before stamping out Kansas Seward Community College 9-7.

In its second game of the tournament, DSC squared off against San Jacinto-North, who would later challenge the Rebels for the championship. DSC started out well, with an 8-2 lead in the third inning after an Oliverson grand slam, but the Gators responded by narrowing the deficit 8-5.

By the bottom of the ninth, the score was tied 8-8. Only extra innings would tell the fate of these two teams. The Rebels edged passed the Gators by the skin of their teeth 10-9 in the eleventh inning.

In the quarter final round, the Falcons of Indian Hills Community College swung for the fences early on, scoring five runs in the top of the first inning. The Rebels answered back with five runs of their own in the bottom of the first and maintained control of the game until the final 13-7 result.

In the semi-finals, the Rebels had a 2-0 lead on the Trojans of Seminole State of Oklahoma, but in the second inning the Trojans snagged a 4-2 lead. DSC tried to stay close, chipping into their lead in the third inning 4-3, but three additional runs would come in the bottom of the third giving the Trojans a 7-3 edge. The Trojans followed up with another run while the Rebels cut into the deficit 8-5.

In the top of the eighth inning, the Rebels make their move. Seven of the 10 guys they sent to bat made good at home plate, giving the Rebels a comfortable 12-8 cushion. The Trojans sneaked one last run past the Rebels in the eighth, making 12-9 the final score. Following the game, some words were exchanged between the two teams.

“I’m not sure if the incidents were related, but our team bus was vandalized the same night the Trojans lost,” said Littlewood. “Given their actions and the things they said following the game, it’s pretty hard not to make assumptions.” Up until this point, the Rebels were still undefeated in the World Series tournament and just one win away from the championship.

Squaring-off against the Rebels would be the San Jacinto Gators, a team that already had one loss due to their meeting with the Rebels earlier in the tournament. “Every ball they hit was just out of our reach,” Littlewood said, “and every ball we hit was right at them.” The Gators defeated the Rebels 9-1, tarnishing the unbeaten record and forcing a final, do-or-die championship game.

“Our guys really turned it around when they had to,” Littlewood said. Their performance in the final game was due, in part, to the untraditional activities practiced the night prior to the big game. “We took them to an amusement park,” Littlewood said. “It was Nelly’s [Chris Nelson, assistant coach] idea, and it was probably the best thing we could’ve done. Instead of sitting around the hotel thinking about the game, they just had a good time, and that seemed to carry over.”

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**DIXIE NEWS**

- President is Glenn E. Snow
- Student Council President is Imo Gene Holt
- Senior President is Caroline Stucki
- Junior President is Walter H. Snow
- Sophomore President is Melva Rene Woodard
- Freshman President is Norma Jean Paolasso
- Studentbody diminished by 1/2 due to war
- Harvest Queen is Maurine Bentley
- D-Queen is Rowa Allen Lee
- Six Man football team won state championship
- Basketball team went to regionals

**WORLD NEWS**

- Franklin D. Roosevelt is president
- WWII - Paris liberated by allied troops
- Anne Frank is in hiding
- Quinine used to ward off malaria
- 'National Velvet' stars 11 year old Elizabeth Taylor
- First high-fidelity recordings are released
- Tennessee Williams writes 'The Glass Menagerie'
- Cost of living climbs 30% in the U.S.
- 35% of American women counted in workforce

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**CLASS OF 54**

- Elbert H. Himes is President
- Charles Crosby is Student Body President
- Pat Frei is Senior Class President, w/ Ralph Pace as Vice-President, Carol Hatch as Secretary
- Bryant Solomon is Junior Class President, w/ Lynn Stanley as Vice-President, Viola Seitz as Secretary
- Lou Mae Cottom is Sophomore Class President w/ Darrel Graff as Vice-President, Stanley Syphus as Sec.
- Homecoming Queen is Vina Ruth
- D-Day Queen is Willa Nita Brooks Derrick
- Enrollment is at 167

**WORLD NEWS**

- President of United State is Dwight D. Eisenhower
- Racial segregation is outlawed in public schools
- U.S. launches first atomic submarine - Nautilus
- Elvis is King
- NBC's 'The Tonight Show' debuts on television
- Tolkien's 'The Fellowship of the Ring' is published
- RCA begins selling color TV sets for $1,000 each
- Marilyn Monroe marries Joe DiMaggio
- Time Inc. publishes 'Sports Illustrated'

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**IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR**

Take a look at some of the history from classes celebrating reunions this year

by Shauna Ottesen, '85
DIXIE NEWS

- College President is Wm. Rolfe Kerr
- Student Body President is Alan Feller
- Sophomore Class President is Mike North
- Freshman Class President is Jeff McMullin
- Homecoming Queen is Cindy Warr
- Program bureau brings students into Dixie
- KRDC revamped with new programs and disco
- Basketball team: 21 wins and went to regionals
- Football team had Larry Heater and Rick Stonehocker
- D-Day Queen is Mary Jane Malmstrom (Taylor)
- Enrollment is at 1392

WORLD NEWS

- President of the United States is Jimmy Carter
- Saturday Night Fever: Smash-hit and Soundtrack
- Louise Brown: First test tube baby born July 25
- CBS airs 'Dallas'
- Ultrasounds become an alternative to X-rays
- Jogging is the new fitness craze
- Garfield the cat is introduced in the comics
- Californias stage a revolt by voting against proposition 13 designed to eliminate $7 billion dollars in property taxes

DIXIE NEWS

- College President is Wm. Rolfe Kerr
- Student Body President is Bruce Garner
- Sophomore class President is Kim Ence
- Freshman class President is Pam Lawson; Steve Copier is president when Pam vacates office
- Homecoming Queen is Julie White
- Basketball team third in nation and ICAC champion
- Football team takes second place in conference
- Ladies basketball takes second in the league
- D-Day Queen in Connie Neilson (Spiller)
- Enrollment is at 1474

WORLD NEWS

- Mother Teresa Receives the Nobel Peace Prize
- Nuclear Incident at Three Mile Island in Penn.
- Margaret Thatcher takes office
- The Ayatollah Khomeini is the Shah of Iran
- John Wayne dies of Cancer, age 72
- Pink Floyd releases 'The Wall'
- Trivial Pursuit becomes a popular board game
- Sony introduces the walkman
- U.S. Treasury issues Susan B. Anthon dollar coin
- Sigourney Weaver stars in 'Alien'

Chacters from 'Star Wars' come to Investigate St. George in a parade.

Students find splashing around in Snow Canyon great fun during the sand blast activity.
intelligent lighting can be instructed to change direction, shape and intensity of what is happening on stage.

Like most film studios, the mainstage theatre uses digitized sound technology and will be able to manipulate sound to achieve maximum impact. Another novelty, the orchestra pit, sits on a hydraulic elevator system that can be raised and lowered as needed. Davenport already has visions of rigging sets on the pit lift elevator for special effects.

“The challenge will be trying to figure out how to do it,” Davenport jokes about all the new technology.

Other fine arts programs will also perform on the Eccles Mainstage Theatre. The Dixie State Dance Company will grace the stage several times each year. Dance performances will come alive in such an intimate setting. The technical design of each dance can now match the creative imagination of the choreographer.

Dance will be studied in the Graff Performing Arts building, the renovated structure with the existing mural on its southern face. Two large dance studios with installed music equipment, bars and mirrors on two sides are ideal for dance classes and rehearsals.

“Everything that dance students need is included in this building,” said Dr. Li Lei, professor of dance. “There are dressing rooms, cubby holes, an indoor waiting area, restrooms, costume storage room, and faculty offices.”

One of the crown jewels of the new center is the Robert N. and Peggy Sears Art Gallery. The spacious and well-lit space provides a beautiful backdrop for art exhibits and special art displays. It includes a future sculpture garden where numerous three dimensional art pieces can be displayed.

“The exciting thing about this beautiful, new fine and performing arts center is that it has it all,” said Mark Petersen, executive director of cultural arts, who will also manage the facility. “I can just imagine arts patrons coming into the spacious grand lobby filled with art, and the new gallery flanked by even more art, and then having perhaps a play and a music concert going on all at once. I believe it will be a place where people will really love to come.”

The new center has been made possible by a $3 million grant from the George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation, nearly $500,000 through proceeds from the past 17 years of the Robert N. and Peggy Sears Dixie Invitational Art Show, and a $35,000 endowment from the Washington County Commission for operation and maintenance. The remainder of the $20 million cost of the building is through appropriations from the State.

“The new building really is a dream come true,” said Petersen. “It will be the perfect place to instruct our students in cultural programs, provide practical performance experiences for them and to entertain and educate the surrounding communities. It will be fun to share these experiences and the new facility with everyone.”

◆ The Graff Performing Arts Building (top) with its beautiful tile mosaic was preserved and now houses a new dance studio (above), as well as faculty offices.
REBEL AT WAR
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supplies, Clark’s chopper, and others, transported the occasional VIP—such as Senators Clinton and McCain, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, actor Robin Williams, and the Washington Redskins Cheerleaders— into the fire bases to boost troop morale. There were also times when Clark did a little candy bombing of his own, much to the delight of the Afghan people and children.

“People don’t see all the good that’s going on there,” Clark said of his experience in Afghanistan. “They don’t see all the kids that are able to go to school now. They don’t see that the people now have more food and water than they’ve ever seen before.

They don’t see that their economy is now better than it was. The majority of the people over there love us.”

Clark returned to the states at the top of 2004, but the war in Afghanistan still very much continues, despite the media’s shift in attention to Iraq.

“What you don’t hear in the news is that Afghanistan is still a hot spot,” Clark said. “There is as much action in Afghanistan as there is in Iraq. The media does not have permission to report what’s going on in Afghanistan because it is still sensitive in nature.”

These days, Clark continues to serve as a Captain and executive officer over the Charlie C Company, 159 AVN Regiment currently based in the friendlier confines of Fort Bragg with the rest of the XVIII Airborne Corp. But his work in the United States’ war against terror isn’t finished. He’ll turn around and go to Iraq this fall. And while that prospect is somewhat nerve racking, he’s very much converted to what he’s doing at this point in his life.

Despite this conviction, life in the military isn’t always easy, of course. He has a family of his own, including a wife and three children.

“Being in the Army isn’t just the price that you pay, but it’s the price that your whole family pays,” Clark said. “It’s another one of those prices people pay to defend the country.”

Speaking of family, James isn’t the only Dixie Rebel in the Clark home. His wife, the former Kristie Cook, played basketball for the Rebels. James and Kristie met while at Dixie. As a yell leader, he rooted her on from the sidelines. Now the tables have turned, and she’s rooting him on. And so is the entire nation, including the Dixie State family.

BASEBALL (continued from page 17)

It didn’t take coach Littlewood but one play to discover the Rebels were going to be champions by the final inning. “When the first batter hit a line shot to third base, all Oliverson could do was stick his glove in the air because the sun was in his eyes, and the ball fell right in his glove,” he said. “I turned to Nelly and said, ‘It’s a different night.’”

With one loss apiece, the showdown between the Rebels and Gators was everything a national championship game should be. The Rebels took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first, adding another run in the second inning, making the score 3-0. The Gators slowly chipped away at the Rebels’ lead and entered the top of the ninth inning down 4-3. Following the first out, the Rebels finished the Gators with the unforgettable double play.

In the 2001 championship game, Littlewood said the team wasn’t sure if they belonged there, and added that this year’s team was sure they earned the right to be national champs. “This year we had to be beaten twice, so we knew we deserved to be there,” said Littlewood. “Losing by a run in 2001 makes [winning by a run] all the more meaningful.”

In Oliverson’s mind, the double play held significance in that the Rebels hadn’t gotten many double plays all season. “We didn’t turn a lot of double plays,” Oliverson said, “so to be able to win the championship with a double play was awesome.”

The Rebels returned to sunny St. George as bona fide champions, still in a daze from their storybook victory. Coasting through the streets of St. George on antique fire trucks, the team received a warm welcome home from students and community members. “The coaches and the boosters deserve all the credit,” Oliverson said. “Without some of those guys we couldn’t have done the things we did.”

Twenty-four hours following the championship, catcher Matt Spring was drafted by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. “It was a good day,” Spring said, “a really good day.”

Spring was the first 2004 Dixie Rebel to go in the MLB draft, with five other DSC players also turning pro. “Winning a championship does a lot for schools and players,” said Littlewood. “It helps to get players recognized and entices future college ball players to come play for the best.” Littlewood was happy to finally get redemption from 2001. “It’s nice to win a championship,” he said. “Everyone involved in Rebels baseball has something to be proud of.”

“Being in the ARMY isn’t just the price you pay, but it’s the price that your whole FAMILY PAYS. It’s another one of those prices people pay to DEFEND THE COUNTRY.” — James Clark

![Image](image.jpg)
“I find the Red Sands of Dixie forever on my mind.”

Alumni Updates
Shauna Ottesen, Kenny Miller, Nancy Hauck, & Vicky Bowler contributed to these updates.

◆ DIXIE H. ANDRUS, ’62
Retiring from public education in 2004, Dixie Andrus has returned to the place where her passion for education began—Dixie State College. Andrus began teaching in DSC’s elementary education bachelor’s degree program in August of this year. “The wonderful foundation and experiences I received at Dixie State (then Dixie Jr. College) had an impact on my life,” said Andrus. “It’s where I attribute my love for children and my desire to be influential in helping each one reach full potential.”

After graduation from Dixie State, Andrus earned a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in administration from Utah State University. She returned to St. George to work with the children of Washington County as a teacher, vice principal, and then principal. In 2002, Andrus was named “Innovator of the Year” by the Utah Association of Elementary School Principals for the innovative teaching strategies she and her staff put into effect at East Elementary. The successful program they created attracted visitors from across the state as well as out of state.

“My memories of Dixie State always bring a smile,” Andrus said. “Remembering the Dixie Spirit, sorghum and cornbread, competitive assemblies, athletics, bonfires under the D, and red sand are wonderful, but most of all, I cherish the friends and exceptional teachers who took a personal interest in my life.”

Andrus is married to George Andrus, ’61, and they are the parents of four children.

◆ KEN KNIGHT, ’67

The board of directors of the National Athletic Trainers’ Association (NATA), an organization representing 30,000 members of the athletic training profession, has selected Kenneth Knight, PhD, ATC, FACSM, as the next chair of its Education Council. When Knight begins his official duties in June of 2005, he will oversee the council, which facilitates ongoing quality improvement in entry-level, graduate and continuing athletic training education.

A resident of Spanish Fork, Utah, Knight is currently a professor of Exercise Sciences and director of the Human Performance Research Center at BYU. He has previously been the head athletic trainer at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, associate athletic trainer at The State University of New York at Brockport, and athletic trainer, professor and department chair at Indiana State University.

Knight received his associate degree from Dixie in 1967; two bachelor’s degrees from Weber State and a doctorate from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

◆ REED McARTHUR, ’77
Reed McArthur has been the Pro Golf Association Professional for Sunbrook Golf Club in St. George, Utah for the past 15 years. He is currently serving as the secretary for the Utah Professional Golfers Association (PGA).

McArthur played on the Dixie golf team and went on to play for the University of Utah. He graduated from the U with a degree in marketing. He and his wife Susie have been married 23 years and are the parents of three children.

◆ BRUCE WOODBURY, ’83

Former Dixie State College 1982-83 student body president, Bruce Woodbury, recently introduced Folsom, Calif., to a newly organized symphony orchestra.

The Folsom Lake Symphony Orchestra, Woodbury’s brainchild, presented its inaugural concert in March to a packed house at Folsom High School’s Performing Arts Center after a year long effort to expand the arts in Folsom.

Woodbury, who is the orchestra’s organizer and president, was recently named Outstanding Businessman for 2004 by Folsom Chamber of Congress for his work as an Edward Jones stockbroker.

Woodbury plays the French Horn and played in the Southwest Symphony orchestra in St. George in 1982, during its inaugural season. He also played in the Utah State University Symphony Band and the Fresno Community Concert Band.

Some of Woodbury’s favorite Dixie memories include being a DJ for KRCR radio and the college dances, playing in the pep band, symphonic, and marching bands, and being involved on the student activities committee. He was named Outstanding Freshman in 1979, and says he “broke the 2,000 student enrollment mark in 1982.”

His father, H. Loraine Woodbury, taught and served in
various positions at Dixie for 30 years. Woodbury and his wife have a blended family of five children.

◆ BROCK BELNAP, ’87
Former Dixie State College student body president Brock Belnap has been elected as Washington County Attorney. Brock replaced fellow Dixie graduate Eric Ludlow, who resigned as county attorney to became a district court judge.

Belnap joined the Washington County Attorney’s Office in 1997 and served as chief civil deputy before the election.

“Dixie State College is absolutely wonderful,” he said. “The friendships and experiences Dixie gave me still help me today.”

Some of Belnap’s favorite memories at Dixie were made while working as a clerk at the Bookstore where he got to meet almost every student and employee on campus.

“One year the Bookstore and Food Services combined to sponsor a spook alley in the basement of the Student Services building,” he recalled. “It was fun working with Dave Wilkey and George Whitehead as they competed to see who could make the grossest stunt in the haunted house.”

Brock continues to serve Dixie as a board member of the Dixie State College Foundation.

◆ RICHARD M. ISOM, ’95
Richard Isom credits his time at Dixie State for helping him discover the skills, talents and friendships that have brought him to where he is today. Isom is the owner of Bright Ideas Graphic Design. He founded his design firm in 1997 in St. George and has been producing printed and web designs for area businesses and organizations.

Isom’s favorite project is the advertising and promotions design for the Dixie Rotary Bowl. This fall will mark his fifth year serving on the bowl planning committee.

“At Dixie I made lifelong friends with fellow students, faculty members and staff. Each helped me to become a better person. I will never forget them or my time at Dixie.”

Isom received his associate of science degree from Dixie State in 1995. He then completed his higher education at Southern Utah University, obtaining a bachelor’s degree in business administration and accounting in 2000. The “Red Sands of Dixie” had their effect on Isom – upon completing his degree, Isom settled in St. George to run his design firm. He and his wife, Anneliese, ’97, have four children.

◆ SHAYNE SCOTT, ’95
Shayne Scott is working for Washington County as the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Coordinator.

Shayne is currently pursuing a master’s degree in public administration from the University of Nevada Las Vegas. He is an adjunct professor at DSC in the drafting department, teaching an introduction to GIS class.

After graduating from Dixie, Shayne went on to get his bachelor of arts degree in geography from Utah State University in 1998.

Shayne met his wife, Daisy Reeder, while attending Utah State University. Shayne and Daisy lived in Houston, Texas and Phoenix, Ariz. before returning to the St. George area in 2000. They have been married for seven years and are the parents of three daughters.

◆ NATE ESPLIN, ’00
KAT HUDDLESTON ESPLIN, ’02
Nate and Kat Esplin, both graduates of Dixie State College, are working hard to start their new family life out on the right foot. Nate is in his third year of teaching fourth grade at Coral Cliffs Elementary in St. George. After graduation from DSC, he received his bachelor’s degree in elementary education from SUU. He is currently working on a master’s degree in elementary education with an administration endorsement. Nate’s favorite memory of Dixie State
College is going to the sporting events with his friends. Kat is staying at home with their one year old son, Brekkan. She was a member of the 2000 NJCAA National Soccer Championship team from Dixie State. She says she will never forget all the long and hot hours on the soccer field and coming home after winning the National Championship her freshman year. Kat has always been interested in physical education. She taught aerobics at the St. George Recreation Center, coaches a youth soccer team, and ran in this year’s St. George Marathon.

**CHARISH WADSWORTH LEFEVRE, ’04**
Charish LeFevre had the opportunity to be a part of the first elementary education co-hort at Dixie State College, where she graduated with her B.S. in elementary education with a minor in ESL. “My instructors at Dixie exceeded my expectations,” she said. “They helped me gain a love for teaching as well as the knowledge of teaching.” Charish has just begun her first year of teaching at Riverside Elementary in Washington, Utah. She says she is excited to see the learning process take place first hand in her class of third graders. Raised in Hurricane, LeFevre is the daughter of Durward and Gwen Wadsworth. She is married to Ryan LeFevre.

**MICHELE ASHMAN BELL, ’79**
In the fourth grade, Michele Ashman Bell was considered a daydreamer by her teacher, who noted on her report card, “Michele has a vivid imagination and would probably do well with creative writing.” Her imagination, combined with a passion for reading, has enabled Michele to live up to her teacher’s prediction. She loves writing books that inspire and edify and entertain. She is the best-selling author of 12 women’s fiction novels, one youth novel, a Christmas booklet and several stories in *The Friend*.

Michele grew up in St. George, where she met her husband at Dixie State College before they both served missions. After their return, marriage and four children followed.

A favorite pastime of Michele’s is supporting her children’s activities, traveling in and outside the United States with her family, and doing research for her books. She recently became scuba certified and is currently an aerobics instructor.

Michele grew up in St. George, the daughter of DSC psychology professor, Nolan Ashman. “Dixie College was the perfect size for me, so I could get involved and really enjoy college life and academics,” she said. “I enjoyed the small class sizes and teacher interaction, and I was a die-hard Rebel fan, rarely missing a football or basketball game.”

As a DSC songleader, Michele had the opportunity to be in the filmed-in-St. George movie, *Electric Horseman* starring Jane Fonda and Robert Redford.

“Dixie is a great institution and I’m proud to have been a part of it.”

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Dear Alumni,

It is exciting to witness the continued progression of Dixie State College. This year marks more monumental achievements for the school, including the opening of the new Eccles Fine Arts Center. It is just as exciting to reflect upon the wonderful people that have made Dixie State College what it is today. I would like to publicly thank all of the wonderful alumni and friends of the college. As I contemplate their lives, I realize they were believers... believers in themselves and in this institution. I recently read an article by a well-known author, Brian Tracy, wherein he stated, “Perhaps the most powerful single factor in success is what is referred to by many as ‘The Law of Belief.’ It says simply this. Whatever you believe, with feeling, becomes your reality. We’ve discovered that successful people absolutely believe they have the ability to succeed. They will not entertain, think about, or talk about the possibility that they’ll fail. They do not even consider the possibility of failure.”

Some of the early pioneers of this institution felt and thought this same way. They envisioned the school’s success and they would not entertain anything less. As we look to the future, I am hopeful that we, as alumni and friends will demonstrate this same belief and act accordingly to support this institution’s future. Our students are receiving great opportunities in the real world, thanks to the efforts of so many of you.

Keep up the good work and thanks for your loyalty and contributions to success.

—Ron Wade, Alumni President

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more Alumni Updates
**BESSIE MCARTHUR GARDNER, '19**, passed away on March 4, 2004, at the age of 105. She had the distinction of being Dixie State College’s oldest living alumnus.

“We were good to each other,” she said once when asked her secret to a long, fulfilling life. “We just lived a happy life together.”

Born in 1898, Gardner had seen three centuries of life, most of it in St. George. She was old enough to remember the city’s first automobiles, the first movie theater, and the painting of the “D” on the Black Hill.

She attended Dixie High School and Dixie College in St. George, and Brown Sewing School in Salt Lake City. She was employed for a time as an elementary school teacher, a sewing teacher at Dixie High School, and she worked for the phone company. She married Wayne Gardner who died in the freezing temperatures of January 1949 while checking his herd of sheep on the Arizona Strip.

Before she lost her eyesight a few years earlier, she sewed beautiful appliqued quilt tops and afghans. She worked with the wool growers to sponsor a “make it with wool” contest. She stayed active in the community, her church and school and helped in anyway she could.

Bessie Gardner is the mother of 5, grandmother of 11, great-grandmother of 89, and great-great-grandmother of 5.

**LETHA TAYLOR STAHELI, '24,** always said that “old age was not for sissies.” She passed away on July 2, 2004. She was Dixie’s second oldest alumnus.

Staheli grew up in St. George, where she was one of the first graduates of Dixie College. At Dixie, she excelled in debate and oratory and was a student body officer. She received her bachelor’s degree from BYU and master’s degree from the University of Utah. She taught school in St. George and Hurricane prior to her marriage.

She married Harvey Rulon Staheli and was the mother of two children and had six grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.


He was born at Terry Ranch in Washington County, Utah, near Enterprise. He attended Dixie College and Brigham Young University, graduating with bachelor’s and master’s degrees. He taught music for 45 years, teaching in Hurricane, Utah, Ammon, Idaho, and Orem, Utah. He was also part of the BYU music faculty for 16 years.

Terry was voted Tops in Our Town by Orem residents in 1950. He was honored as the Daynes Music Man of the Year, and as the Provo/Orem Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year in 1992, and received the Scera Outstanding Service Award.

He had a great love for Dixie and Dixie State College.

Elvis Terry was the father of five children and had over 180 grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great children. He was a wonderful influence in their lives and the lives of others. ◆
Spring Bar-B-Q Report

Mother nature cooperated fully for the Northern Utah Chapter of the Dixie State College Alumni Association family barbecue held on Saturday, May 15. Blue skies and fun in the sun were the forecast for the afternoon alumni event. The smell of barbeque on an open grill greeted familiar faces as our northern Utah alumni arrived at the beautiful Hidden Valley Park pavilion nestled at the base of the Wasatch Mountains.

The annual family barbecue was an occasion to meet, greet, EAT, and take a break from the hustle and bustle of everyday life to stop and remember our days at Dixie.

Children of all sizes, shapes, and ages enjoyed the activities, including three gigantic Bounce-Arounds, furnished by Some Dudes Playground. Continuous jumping made for happy and hungry kids, eager to gobble down a delicious hamburger or hot-dog (expertly grilled by the chairman of our chapter, John Blake). Event organizers also supplied an array of summer salads, chips, cookies, soda pop, and fresh veggie trays.

A raffle drawing topped off the events as participants won insignia frisbees, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and a beautiful jacket—supplied with the newest Dixie State College logos.

The barbecue drew twice as many as last year, and the organizing committee kept busy updating address lists and new contact information. By all counts the Dixie spirit is alive and well and gaining momentum in northern Utah.

Come to the Autumn Bash

As the crisp fall weather turns the city streets into vibrant streams of red and gold—the Northern Utah Chapter of the Dixie State College Alumni Association cordially invites you to attend the Autumn Alumni Bash—an activity where alumni living in the northern part of the state will gather together and rekindle memories of Dixie. The event will be held Saturday, Nov. 13, at 7 p.m. at This Is The Place Heritage Park, located adjacent to Hogle Zoo.

“There will be plenty of down-home Dutch Oven cooking at this relaxing Fall event, so come hungry!” remarked Mary Lee Anderton, a committee member for the event. Entertainment by a variety of musical performers—and maybe even a familiar Dixie song or two—will follow the meal.

Event organizers will kick off the holiday season in style with a Silent Auction that will include a wide variety of creative gift baskets, certificates for movies, days at the spa, scuba lessons, and dinners at some of the finest restaurants in the Salt Lake valley—and much more. All proceeds from the auction will be used to establish and support student scholarships.

The committee is seeking donations from DSC alumni for the auction. Donations could include specialty baskets, handicrafts, gift certificates, manicures, hair cuts, art, pottery, books, or merchandise donated from businesses. If you have items to donate, please contact Mary Lee Anderton at 801-973-9015.

Autumn Chapter Events

NORTHERN UTAH

Date: Saturday, Nov. 13
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: “This is the Place” Heritage Park
2601 E. Sunnyside Ave. (on SLC’s east bench, adjacent to Hogle Zoo)

LAS VEGAS

Dinner & Social
Date: November 6
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Mt. Charleston Lodge, Las Vegas

Contact Sheri Nielsen
702-454-8629 for details
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DSC HOUSING
The new synthetic turf field in Hansen Stadium is completed and primed for the football and soccer seasons now in progress. At a cost of around $600,000, the new field will end up saving the college hundreds of thousands of dollars down the line. The annual bill to upkeep the field in the past has approached $100,000 a year.