Dixie takes flight with new president Lee Caldwell

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COVER PHOTO BY CHRIS TAYLOR: THE NEW DSC PRESIDENT, LEE CALDWELL, SPENDS MUCH OF HIS DOWNTIME AT THE CONTROLS OF HIS CESSNA AIRPLANE.

WITH WIFE BONNIE BY HIS SIDE, DR. CALDWELL ADDRESSES THE MEDIA AFTER BEING ANNOUNCED PRESIDENT ON JULY 12, 2005.

THE 1985 REBELS CELEBRATE THE COLLEGE’S FIRST EVER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. SEE TRIBUTE ON PAGE 7.

HOMECOMING 2005
“IT’S ALL ABOUT THE PRIDE”

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11
7 p.m. Homecoming Queen Pageant
Cox Auditorium, $3

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13
7 p.m. Homecoming Powder Puff Football
Hansen Stadium, no charge

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14
10:30 a.m. Alumni Assembly
Mainstage Theatre, no charge
12 p.m. Golden Generation Luncheon & Program
Gardner Center Ballroom, $10
12 p.m. “Rock the Mall”
Encampment Mall, no charge
8 p.m. Entertainment Dixie
Bruce McDonald - hypnotist

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15
9:30 a.m. Homecoming Parade
10:30 a.m. Founder’s Day Assembly & Hall of Fame
St. George Tabernacle, no charge
12 p.m. Alumni Association Tailgate Party
South side of stadium, free to all alumni
1:30 p.m. Football Game: Dixie vs. Snow College
$6 (purchase tickets at box office)
7 p.m. Alumni Homecoming Banquet
Speakers: Brent Wade, Dan Bell, & Brent Stephenson
Old Gym, $11
9 p.m. Homecoming Dance
Gardner Center

Tickets for the 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

Cover photo by Chris Taylor: The new DSC president, Lee Caldwell, spends much of his downtime at the controls of his Cessna airplane.

With wife Bonnie by his side, Dr. Caldwell addresses the media after being announced president on July 12, 2005.

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 reminiscing on the 1985 National Basketball Championship, there’s plenty of Dixie Spirit to go around.

Dave Rose ready to bloom at BYU. Former Dixie hoopster and head coach set to lead Cougs in ’05.

Alum Cheryl Rose is now spreading the Dixie Spirit statewide. She was presented the Beacon of Hope Award from IHC for her work as vice-chairman of the Children with Cancer Christmas Foundation.

A pilot in his spare time and former Air Force navigator, Dixie’s newly named commander-in-chief rolls out new flight plan.

DSC rolls out new bachelor’s degree. New mission statement will pave the way for more.

New men’s basketball head coach trades in Badger blue for Rebel red, but it’s not the first time he has sported red.

Check up on some of your Dixie classmates, meet new alumni board members, and learn about the latest alumni activities planned for your area.
This year’s Homecoming Alumni Banquet will feature three speakers, all members of the Dixie College 1985 NJCAA National Championship basketball team.

**BRENT WADE, ’85, DAN BELL, ’85, AND BRENT STEPHENSON, ’85,** will address alumni and guests at the annual event on Saturday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. in the College Gymnasium. Members of the 1985 team will be in St. George during Homecoming for the 20-year reunion of their championship year. For updates on these three former players and the rest of their teammates, turn to page 7. The team will be recognized at the annual Founder’s Day Assembly following a ride on a float during the Homecoming parade.

**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS**

Four alumni from the same family have been chosen as Homecoming 2005 Distinguished Alumni. Montrue Larkin and three of her sons, Derrill, Dale and Grey, will be honored at the Alumni Banquet because of their love and support of Dixie State College and the contributions the Larkin family has made over the years to help Dixie become what it is today.

**DERRILL C. LARKIN, ‘63,** is being honored for his many years of involvement and service to Dixie State College.

Derrill has served on numerous committees and boards at the college, including the Dixie Alumni Association and as president of the Dixie College Foundation. He served as chairman of the Dixie College Institutional Council (board of trustees) and as a member of the Dixie Center Control Board and the Spirit of Dixie committee.

His relationship with the college began in high school, since the college and high school both met in the same buildings and shared teachers and facilities.

“Growing up in St. George allowed me to develop a respect and relationship with Dixie College that has truly been a love affair,” said Derrill.

Providing an additional link to the college was Larkin’s mother, Montrue, who managed the college bookstore.

After serving an LDS mission to Mexico, Derrill returned to the college to serve as student body president before he graduated. He met his wife, Lana Frehner, at Dixie and they graduated together.

“I am grateful for the memories and the life-shaping influences of Dixie College and what they did for me,” Derrill said.

After finishing at Dixie, both Derrill and Lana graduated from...
BYU, then Derrill received a master’s degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara. They have owned businesses and have been involved in real estate for the past 25 years. Larkin has been involved in service to the community, serving as president of the Rocky Mountain District Exchange Clubs, on the boards of the Utah State Innkeepers Association, Bloomington Country Club, the St. George Chamber of Commerce, the Jubilee Home Committee, and others.

Derrill is currently serving with his wife in the Texas San Antonio Mission for the LDS Church, where he is the mission president.

Also receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award is Derrill’s twin brother, DALE H. LARKIN, ’64, whose list of accomplishments related to Dixie State College is long. He served as a member and later as chairman of the college’s board of trustees. He presently serves as a vice-president of the Dixie College Foundation. Other community involvement has included service as a member of the St. George Chamber of Commerce, the Jubilee Home Committee, and others. Dale has enjoyed the opportunity to work as a partner to his brother, Grey, in L&L Mechanical Contractors, Inc., since 1967. He has also been involved in several other local businesses during the past 35 years with his twin brother, Derrill.

Dale was born and raised in Utah’s Dixie and graduated from Dixie High School and Dixie College before completing a bachelor’s degree at Brigham Young University. He met his sweetheart, Dixie Kay Barnum of Enterprise, Utah, while at Dixie. They are the parents of five children and have 16 grandchildren.

Dale and his wife, Dixie, have served two missions for the LDS Church, one in Central America and another in the Spain Bilbao Mission, where Dale served as mission president.

James Grey Larkin, ’57, was chosen along with his family members to be honored with a Distinguished Alumni Award for his longtime love and support of Dixie State College.

Grey was born in St. George, the second of seven children born to Herman James and Montrue Grey Larkin. After graduating from Dixie High School he attended Dixie College, graduating in 1957.

After his return from a building mission for the LDS Church, Grey started L&L Mechanical Contractors in 1967, a business that specializes in commercial and industrial plumbing, heating and air conditioning.

Grey has served the community as a member of the St. George Planning Commission, as a member of the St. George City Council, and as mayor of St. George from 1978 to 1982. He also served on the Utah Department of Transportation Commission from 1986 to 2002.

Grey married Marlene Wright and they are the parents of five children. They recently returned from serving together in the Texas Lubbock Mission where Grey served as mission president.

The fourth recipient of this year’s Distinguished Alumni Award, also the mother of the previous three honorees, 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 tradition on campus.

Montrue returned to Dixie as a non-traditional student and graduated with an associate degree and, at the age of 69, earned her bachelor’s 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.
Dixie State College will honor three outstanding individuals as this year’s inductees into the DSC Hall of Fame. Each inductee or his 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, Oct. 15, at 10:30 a.m. in the St. George Tabernacle.

Honored in the area of Public and College Services is RUDY IVERSON, ’41, a man who is one of the all-time promoters of the “Dixie Spirit.” Rudy is a DSC graduate from the class of 1941. He returned to serve as the director of housing and food services in the 1960s and opened the first on-campus housing unit, Shiloh Hall. In 1971, he advanced to Dean of Students—a position that now takes three employees to fill: the vice president of student services, the executive director of auxiliary services and the director of student activities. Upon retirement, he assisted the college’s alumni office in fund raising and organization. He was the driving person behind the “Golden Generation” organization and scholarship fund, the dean’s endowment scholarship fund, and many other scholarship endowments, as well as securing the Alumni House on 100 South. Rudy was known for his great personality and his enormous capacity to love and serve the students of the college. The Iverson Lounge on the second floor of the Gardner Center was dedicated in his honor in 1999.

Honored in the area of Education is DR. DOUGLAS ALDER, who served as president of Dixie College from 1986 to 1993. “An Academic Climate” was the slogan for the campus during Dr. Douglas Alder’s tenure. He emphasized the importance of academic rigor. During his administration, the Val A. Browning Learning Resources Center was built to house developmental education. Music and computer laboratories and an addition to the science building were also completed. The college expanded continuing education offerings, particularly the Elderhostel program for senior citizens. Funding was secured for library additions and collections. Dr. Alder received the 1991 Governor’s Award in the Humanities for his work in organizing conferences, lectures and book groups dealing with history, literature and public issues throughout the state. Dr. Alder has continued to support Dixie State both in service and monetary investment, having taken a special interest in the Sears Dixie Invitational Art Show. He has impacted the state and international sectors with his books about Washington County and the recent floods in Southern Utah. His work with the City of St. George Historical Society has won him distinction with the area Chamber of Commerce.

Also honored in the area of Education is DR. RON GARNER, who has served on the faculty at Dixie State College for the past 50 years. He is currently the longest tenured professor in the entire Utah System of Higher Education and remains a full-time faculty member to this day. It has been the custom of the selection committee to wait until DSC employees retire before consideration for induction into the Hall of Fame, but President Caldwell made the motion to waive this criteria in Dr. Garner’s case. As a professor of music, Dr. Garner has influenced the lives of thousands of Dixie College students. In 1955, he accepted the position of director of instrumental music at Dixie College. He organized the marching band, the concert band, and the first jazz band in southern Utah. He has served as the music director of musical theatre at Dixie and assisted in forming the Southwest Symphony Orchestra in 1981. Former Dixie president Arthur Bruhn once said that “Ron Garner could get music out of empty chairs.” Born in Ephraim, Utah, to musician parents, Dr. Garner began musical studies at age 4 with violin lessons from his father, and played with the school orchestra at age 5.

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

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◆ Top to bottom:
Rudy Iverson,
Dr. Douglas Alder,
Dr. Ron Garner

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Homecoming 2005

Hall of Fame
Honoring Those Who Have Served Dixie
Was it really 20 years ago that my roomies and I huddled around the radio, biting our fingernails while listening to the last excruciating minutes of the NJCAA National Basketball Championship game between the Kankakee Cavaliers and our beloved Dixie State Rebels? With 45 seconds left—the score tied 55-55—Averian Parrish, Dixie’s All-American candidate, scored on a short jumper for the lead. The Dixie defense held and the Cavaliers were forced to take an off-balance shot with :02 left on the clock. The buzzer sounded with the shot falling wide, and my roomies and I went wild as we realized the national championship was ours.

What an incredible season—an astounding 35-1 record and the first-ever National Championship for Dixie—not a small feat considering there were 960 other junior college teams in the nation at the time. In fact, it was also only the second time a Utah team had ever won the title. Parrish was voted Most Valuable Player, Robert Maxwell received the Charles Sesher Sportmanship Award, Coach Neil Roberts was voted Coach of the Tournament and National Coach of the Year, and both Parrish and Brent Stephenson were named to the All-American team.

Ahhh, the glory days! So, what is this fine group of champions up to today? We caught up with every member of the team and their coaches and found out a little info about their lives 20 years later:

**NEIL ROBERTS (HEAD COACH)** resides in Highland, Utah, and currently owns and operates several restaurants. In his spare time he enjoys fly-fishing. He is married to Karen Roberts and they have three children. When asked about his 1985 team he said, “They are the greatest bunch of individuals I have ever been associated with. They are more than national basketball champions.”

**TOM DUBRUSKY (ASSISTANT COACH)** is a retired architect and lives in Bigfork, Mont., with his wife, Peggy. After raising four children, he enjoys spending time with his favorite pastimes of golf, racquetball, kayaking, woodworking and furniture building. “The 1985 championship was one of the highlights of my life,” he said. “It was a great pleasure to assist Neil and to associate with such fine young men. Winning the national championship was well worth losing my mustache!”

**RICKY HENRY (GUARD)** lives in Las Vegas, Nev., and is the supervisor of sports fields for the Nevada State School Districts. He enjoys playing poker and, of course, basketball. He is married to Cassandra and has three children, ages 20, 15, and 13. He stated that the 1985 basketball team was a great team, “just like family—the biggest thing was enjoying being with each other.”

**BRENT WADE (GUARD)** vividly remembers the details of the championship game. “Up one basket . . . seven seconds to go . . . time out . . . thinking we could win a national championship. When I walked out on the court with Kankakee having the ball and the last shot, my feet felt like cement!” Brent continued his basketball excellence and was named to the All WAC Academic Team in 1987-88. He earned a bachelor’s degree at
BYU in financial planning with an emphasis in real estate and tax law, and is currently a financial planner in St. George. He married Heidi Neuenswander and they have five children.

**ROBERT MAXWELL (GUARD)** said, “Winning the national championship was such a highlight in my life—I will never forget how hard we worked as a team. It was an honor to play for such a great coach and play with such outstanding guys. Going to school at Dixie was the ‘Best Two Years’ of my life except for my mission!” Robert lives in Minden, Nev., with his wife, Cindee Ingham, and their four children. He received a degree in automotive technology (specializing in Toyota) from Weber State in 1988, and was chosen as T’Ten Tech of the Year. He put that degree in chemical engineering from the University of Utah in 1993.

**DARIN WILLIAMS (FORWARD)** found it difficult to live away from Utah and the mountains, but has filled the void by avidly fishing off the Gulf Coast and in the fresh waters of East Texas, where he lives with his wife, Sheri Liebelt, and their two children. Darin earned his bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering from the University of Utah and is now the vice president of Penrecro, a joint venture between ConocoPhillips and Zuckerman Energy. “It doesn’t seem like 20 years ago,” said Darin of the championship.

**JOSH G. BURGON (CENTER)** received a bachelor’s degree in communications from the University of Utah in 1986. As a financial consultant with Smith Barney in Sandy, Utah, he specializes in personal wealth management. Of the 1985 season he said, “It was truly a dream team and a dream season. The championship was the crowning event of a lot of hard work and effort by both coaches and players. However, my fondest memories are of the friendships that still exist today. How wonderful to see the entire city of St. George and studentbody come together to win not for just the team, but for the community and state.”

**JAY CLARK (GUARD)** says that, despite having a great coach and talented, hard-working teammates, the team’s greatest asset was unity. “Coach Roberts, Tom, and the older players did a great job creating an atmosphere where individual goals were sacrificed for a greater team goal. The faculty and administration were top notch and played a huge part in making Dixie the best school in the state.” Jay resides in Orem with his wife, Jill, and their five children and works as a radiation oncologist. He received a bachelor’s degree at BYU in 1989 and received his M.D. at the University of Utah in 1993.

**ROBERT GENTRY (GUARD/FORWARD)** stayed close to Dixie to work as an elementary school P.E teacher and educator at West Elementary in St. George. “Dixie has always had a special place in my heart,” he said. “Coach Roberts had an incredible, positive mental attitude, one which still helps me in my life. It was a privilege being around and competing with such great student athletes daily. We tried to execute Coach Roberts’ game plan to perfection. I’ve tried to be worthy of representing that team and the school in a positive manner.” Robert likes hanging around the house with his wife, Susan McCombs, and their four children. He also enjoys running.

**DANIEL K. BELL (FORWARD)** lives in Bountiful, Utah, and works as a financial advisor/CPA specializing in retirement plans. He received his bachelor’s degree in accounting in 1988 from Utah State University. “My experience at Dixie College, both on the court and in the classroom, was one of the highlights of my life. The experience I had there shaped my life in many ways. The ‘Dixie Spirit’ and the support we received as a team were unbelievable. Those were wonderful days that I look back on with great fondness.” Dan married Marilyn Syphus and they have four children.

**BRENT DAVID STEPHENSON (CENTER)** left the U.S. Air Force in 2003 after 16 years on active duty serving in Washington D.C., San Antonio, Texas, Germany, and Las Vegas, Nev. He is a diagnostic radiologist, currently the musculoskeletal radiology fellow at the University of Utah. “Being a student and athlete at Dixie were the highlights of my college years,” he said. “The foremost thoughts of Dixie are of the time spent with roommates, friends and teammates. The experiences and successes at Dixie opened many doors of opportunity that I only fully appreciate as I look back over the past 20 years.” Brent likes to ride his Harley and travel with his wife, Kelly Kramer, and their five children.

**AVERIAN PARRISH (FORWARD)** resides in Las Vegas, Nev, but is currently working in Anchorage, Alaska, as a materials supervisor on the Alaska pipeline. He enjoys traveling, spending time with his daughter Brittany (17), and is recently married to Tracey Parrish. According to Averian, “Dixie had great people and was a great school to attend. I made some very good friends. It was a time in my life that...”
was a very good time. As far as basketball, I had great teammates and the success there was phenomenal – it was unbelievable.”

LYNDON CLARK DEYOU NG (FORWARD) is the finance director for Space Systems and Technology, ATK Thiokol Inc. in Northern Utah. He lives nearby in Erda, Utah with his wife, Jaelene Diane Pirtle, and their two children, where he enjoys basketball, volleyball, four-wheeling, horses, welding, and growing hay. Lyndon received NJCAA Academic All-American honors at Dixie and was the valedictorian in 1986. He earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Cal State in Bakersfield, where he was named outstanding accounting student and was also the captain of the basketball team. He received a master’s of business administration from the University of Utah in 1989. “I thoroughly enjoyed Dixie College and the friendships I developed in St. George,” he said. “The 1985 championship was an incredible experience. The community and its support were completely awesome.”

STEVE SCHREINER (FORWARD) earned his law degree from the J. Reuben Clark Law School in 1995 and now is an attorney in Springville, Utah, where he lives with his wife, Marne Nilsson Schreiner, and their five children. “All things considered, I think my year at Dixie was the best year of my collegiate basketball career,” said Steve when asked his thoughts on Dixie and the 1985 championship. “The community, students, coaches, and my teammates provided many wonderful, lifelong memories. Obviously, winning the national championship was the icing on the cake. Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to the success of that team.”
**DSC READIES TO STRIKE UP THE BAND**

DSC’s student government is on a crusade to again have a pep band fill the air with music at all home football and basketball games. In the short-term, the student council is currently gauging interest in a wholly volunteer pep band that would be made up of students, alumni, and community members.

“This push to restore the pep band is a part of our bigger campaign to put the ‘D’ back in pride,” said Mitch Symes, ASDSC academic chair. “One of our main purposes this year is to revive the old spirit of Dixie and bring more excitement to sporting events. We feel like a pep band is a big step in that direction.”

Anyone 16-years of age and older is eligible to audition for the all-volunteer band. Those wishing to participate in the pep band can call 435-652-7517 or email pepband@dixie.edu to express interest.

DSC president Dr. Lee Caldwell has already offered his services to play the euphonium on occasion, Symes said. Caldwell has also agreed to fund a part-time director for the band.

Those interested in making donations in the pep band’s behalf, including instruments, can call the college’s advancement office at 435-652-7536.

**DSC BUSINESS STUDENT FINISHES IN TOP 5 OF INTERNATIONAL SIMULATION COMPETITION**

Last spring, Dixie State College business students recorded their best showing to date in the annual Capstone Challenge, an intercollegiate international business simulation competition. Jeff Hunt from Hurricane, Utah, finished in 5th place overall among the 298 teams world-wide that entered the Capstone International Spring 2005 Challenge. Hunt finished second overall in the qualifying round of the competition. John Middlemiss of Salt Lake City also made a strong showing in the competition this spring, finishing eighth in the qualifying round of the competition.

The competition featured colleges and university teams from around the world. Other institutions represented in the final top five included Curtin University of Technology, St. Andrews Presbyterian University, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, and West Virginia University.

**CEC-TV CHIEF INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL TELEVISION ACADEMY SILVER CIRCLE**

The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Rocky Mountain Southwest Chapter, announced last spring that Community Education Channel executive director Stanley Everett was selected by his peers to be inducted into the National Television Academy’s Silver Circle. The Silver Circle Award recognizes and honors individuals within the television industry who have made significant contributions, have had an impact on the television industry in their markets, and who have served in the industry for at least 25 years.

Everett was the only Utahn to be inducted this year. He joins other Utah broadcasters Dick Nourse and Mark Eubank of KSL-TV and Ken Verdoia of KUED-TV as members of the Silver Circle. The Community Education Channel is headquartered on the Dixie State campus.

KCEC-TV covers an average of 63 college and high school sporting events each year. Programming also includes college events and forums, concerts, and community events and meetings.

**DSC STUDENTS WIN TELLY AWARDS**

Two DSC broadcasting students – Michael Durrant and Don Woods – received a Telly Award apiece in 2005 for excellence in television production. The two awards were given for televised musical productions, the first of which was a choral concert produced by Durrant, who was assisted by Woods. Woods’ Telly was given for production of a jazz concert at the Electric Theater performed by John Lee Hooker, Jr., with Durrant assisting. Woods owns IMG Entertainment and Durrant owns Sevier Productions, both of which are private production companies.

“This is a great honor for all of us, to see our students take on the responsibility of a live production and complete it at a level recognized by judges in the broadcasting industry,” said Stan Everett, executive director of CEC-TV. “I congratulate both of these young men. A competition of this kind is a wonderful measuring stick for our students to see how they stack up nationally, not only among their peers but against media professionals.”

The Telly Award, one of the most sought-after awards in the TV, commercial, and video industry, is a national award given for excellence in the technical aspects of a total television production.
DSC NAMES ACTING VP OF ACADEMICS

One of President Lee Caldwell's first orders of business when he took office in August was to find a replacement for himself. The position he vacated to become president of Dixie State College – the position of vice president of academics – has been filled by longtime Dixie State professor Dr. Donna Dillingham-Evans. She was recently named to that post on an interim basis. She has served most recently as chair of the college’s mathematics department.

“Dr. Dillingham-Evans has been associated with Dixie State College in a variety of capacities since 1982,” said DSC president Dr. Lee Caldwell. “She has been an extraordinary faculty member and administrator and has demonstrated significant leadership in state-wide initiatives. We are grateful for her willingness to assume this important assignment.”

Dillingham-Evans came to Dixie in 1982 as a mathematics instructor and has taught classes ever since. She has primarily taught mathematics and chemistry, but has also taught science and math methods for DSC’s elementary education program since it came on line in 2002. In addition, she has taught part-time at both Southern Utah University and North Mojave Community College.

She also has approximately 10 years of administrative experience. She has served as Dixie State’s Academic Support Center director and as director of the federally funded Student Support Services program during her career at Dixie.

Dillingham-Evans was named founding chair of the mathematics department in 2001 and continued serving in that position through July 2005.

“I am so fortunate that my time at Dixie has brought me to this time at Dixie,” Dillingham-Evans said. “It is an honor to work with Lee Caldwell. His vision and pursuit of excellence are inspiring. His leadership, combined with Dixie State College’s talented faculty and dedicated staff, made accepting his offer a simple decision.”

She holds a doctorate in educational leadership from Northern Arizona University, a master’s degree in secondary, post-secondary and vocational education from UNLV and a bachelor’s degree in chemistry and mathematics from Austin Peay State University. She has also studied German at the Goethe Institute in Ebesberg, Germany.

She is married to Keith (Doc) Evans and they are the parents of five children, four of whom have graduated from Dixie. Her youngest is currently in the computer science program at Dixie State. The couple has four grandchildren.

Dillingham-Evans will serve on an interim basis, with a national search to follow to permanently fill the position for the next academic year.

NEW HEALTH SCIENCE BUILDING, MEDICAL RADIOGRAPHY DEGREE OK'D AT DSC

It’s official. Less than six months after dedicating its new fine arts center, DSC received funding and state approval to construct a building completely dedicated to the health sciences. The facility will be headquartered on the new Dixie Regional Medical Center (DRMC) River Road campus in St. George, just a stone’s throw from the DSC campus.

Groundbreaking on the facility is anticipated for November 2005, with an expected completion in August 2007.

Intermountain Healthcare and the Foremaster family of St. George both donated two acres of land toward the venture, which ultimately laid the groundwork for the facility’s approval, vice president of college services Stan Plewe said. DSC administrators also credit State Senators Bill Hickman and Tom Hatch and Representatives David Clark, Steve Urquhart, Brad Last, and Mike Noel for playing a key role in helping secure the state funding for the new facility.

This latest partnership between DSC and DRMC will afford college students access to practical experience in a world-class hospital, and it will provide the hospital access to a training facility right in its own backyard.

The building will house programs in nursing—including registered nursing, practical nursing and nursing assistance—dental hygiene, emergency medical services, surgical technology, phlebotomy, and medical radiography. A respiratory therapy program is currently in the planning stages as well.

Not long after Governor Jon Huntsman signed the bill securing nearly $16 million in funding for the new health science center in March, the college got the go-ahead to proceed with a new two-year medical radiography degree. The new degree is classified as an associate of applied science and will be available January 2006. Between 15 and 20 students will be admitted to the inaugural class.

The degree will prepare students to become licensed radiology technologists, which perform diagnostic imaging with the use of radiation and administer radio-opaque dyes. Medical radiography students currently face a job market with a higher vacancy rate than that of RNs. The statewide demand for medical radiography technicians is 90 per year through 2012, as determined by the Utah Department of Workforce Services.

“The need is there, and our partnerships are in place to make this a very successful program,” said Dr. David Borris, dean of business, technology, and health sciences.
MISSION POSSIBLE  by Chris Taylor

DSC granted mission upgrade

Bachelor’s degrees are about to become more commonplace on the Dixie State College campus. The Utah State Board of Regents approved Dixie State College’s request to build on its mission at the board’s monthly meeting in June. In short, the new mission calls for an expansion of four-year degree programs.

Dixie State was granted permission to begin offering a limited number of baccalaureate degrees in 2000. Since that time, the college has created programs in business administration, computer & information technology, elementary education, nursing, and, most recently, communication. The new mission will pave the way for baccalaureate programs, not just in high demand areas as has heretofore been the case, but in “core or foundational areas consistent with four-year colleges.”

“This means that we’ll be able to start looking into offering degrees in areas such as the liberal arts, math, and science, as well as other core areas that you would find at any other four-year institution,” said former DSC president Dr. Robert Huddleston. “This is the most significant thing that has happened to Dixie State College outside of the institution being granted four-year status originally in 2000.”

Any new bachelor’s programs will be contingent upon available funding and resources. Dixie State College will also continue its on-going commitment to its role as a community college.

The college was granted full accreditation at the baccalaureate level in 2003 by the Northwest Association of Schools, Colleges, and Universities. At that time, however, the accrediting agency recommended that the college review and make adjustments to its mission statement to more accurately reflect institutional realities. Given the projected growth of the St. George area, DSC administrators felt the timing was right to adjust its mission to more accurately reflect and accommodate the county’s growth.

During a State Board of Regents meeting in April, college and city administrators—among whom included Washington County School District Superintendent Dr. Max Rose, Washington County Economic Development Council Director Scott Hirschi, and St. George City Councilman Rod Orton—presented the Regents with data regarding the county’s future growth. Some of that data included:

- Value-added businesses grew by an increase of 13 percent in Washington County in 2004.
- Washington County School District is made up of 22,000 students—the seventh largest school district in the state. That number is expected to jump to 40,000 by 2019.
- St. George’s current population of 67,000 is expected to reach 134,000 by 2020.
- The number of dwelling units permitted in St. George alone currently exceeds 2,000, almost doubling the number of permits in Lehi, Utah.
- Washington City ranks fifth in the state in number of dwelling units permitted.
- According to the 2000 U.S. Census, St. George, Utah, ranked number one among the nation’s fastest growing metropolitan areas (population over 50,000), with a growth rate of 86.1 percent between 1990 and 2000. Las Vegas had the second highest growth rate at 83.3 percent, followed by Naples, Fla., at 65.3 percent. Washington County’s population is projected to surpass Weber County by 2030 and Davis County by 2040, according to the Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget’s 2005 Baseline Projections.

Despite this growth, however, Washington County has both a very senior and a very young population, with not a lot in between. According to the 2000 U.S. Census, the county’s age 25-45 demographic made up a mere 22 percent of the county’s population, down from the state average of 28 percent and the national average of 32 percent for that same demographic in terms of population composition.

“We’re exporting far too many of our Washington County natives because of a lack of employment and educational opportunities,” Huddleston said. “It’s our hope that as we’re able to offer more and more bachelor’s degrees, we can help slow that trend.”

Newly appointed president Dr. Lee Caldwell, who played a big role in convincing the state’s higher education leadership that the timing was right for Dixie to take this next step, will now be charged with seeing the new mission through. Don’t expect the floodgates to suddenly burst open with baccalaureate degrees, however, Caldwell said.

“There are institutions that have added literally 30 or 40 degrees programs in a period of two or three years,” Caldwell said. “I question the ability of this institution to do that in a quality sort of way.”

Quality over quantity is Caldwell’s philosophy. He bases that philosophy on a pattern that
has developed throughout higher education over the past 30 years, which indicates that the 10 most popular degrees continue to account for over 80 percent of all degrees awarded – degrees in areas such as English and languages, biological and life sciences, visual and performing arts, social sciences and history, engineering, psychology, and education. Caldwell plans to focus on those 10 most popular degrees.

“Our focus is going to be more on the plain vanilla degrees that are most in demand, and we’re going to do an extraordinary job on those plain vanilla degrees,” Caldwell said. “We’re not going to do all the fancy variance. But we will do the mainstream degrees, and we’ll do them extraordinarily well.”

In the short term, the college’s administration is eyeing baccalaureate programs in dental hygiene, secondary education, biology, English and languages. Dixie administrators estimate between 15 and 20 new baccalaureate programs coming on board in the next five to seven years.

**NEW DSC TRUSTEES APPOINTED**

Governor Jon Huntsman, Jr. announced new trustee appointments for Dixie State College in July. D. Williams Ronnow and Vicki Wilson were both reappointed to the board. Steven Caplin was appointed to replace Royce Jones. Reuben (R.J.) Snow was appointed to replace Robert Moore. Student body president Tony Cronk will also serve on the board for one year.

STEVEN CAPLIN is the founder and CEO of Steton Technology Group, a St. George based computer software company. He holds an MBA from the University of Texas, where he focused on high technology entrepreneurship and competitive corporate strategy. He holds a bachelor’s degree in accounting, Summa Cum Laude, from Southern Utah University. Caplin is also a Dixie State College alumnus. He served as student body president in 1980-81. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Prior to forming Steton Technology Group, Caplin was successful in sales and business manament at IBM, as well as in corporate finance for Southland Financial Corporation.

R.J. SNOW is currently a professor of political science at Brigham Young University. Earlier in his career, he served as vice president for student and university relations and as director of the Hinckley Institute of Politics at the University of Utah. He later served as both student life and advancement vice president at BYU. He has also been the director of the BYU Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies. Since returning to the BYU Provo campus, he has taught African politics, American government, and public policy.

Snow earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees at the University of Utah. He holds a master’s degree and a doctorate degree in political science from Northwestern University as well. Snow, too, is an alumnus of Dixie. He was student body president in 1956-57. His father, Glenn, served as president of the college from 1938 to 1950.

**COMMUNICATION DEGREE APPROVED AND UNDERWAY**

The Utah State Board of Regents threw its full support behind Dixie State College’s communication degree during its April meeting last spring, which incidentally, took place on the Dixie campus. The degree was made available to students for the first time this fall semester.

The new communication degree, which has formally been dubbed a communication and new media (CNM) degree, is a mixture of visual technology and oral communication and includes components in digital motion picture production and broadcast, business communications (including oral and electronic presentation production), and web design, publishing, and online journalism.

“This degree has been four years in coming in terms of the research and development that’s gone into putting the whole package together,” said DSC communications professor Eric Young. “I think the approval of the degree is also an approval of Dixie’s direction as far as where we need to go as a four-year institution and still maintain our status as a comprehensive community college.

“The degree represents a lot of things in addition to a baccalaureate degree at DSC,” Young continued. “It represents a better synergy between Dixie State and Southern Utah University, with its new master’s degree in communication (also approved at the same meeting). It represents the support of the Board of Regents behind us, as well, in what we’re trying to accomplish.”

In Utah there are 4,000 open jobs every year that relate to this degree, Young said, with another 3,000 in southern Nevada. In Washington County alone, there are 170 jobs available per year.
Clock management is like the silver bullet in the arsenal of a basketball coach. Masterminding the final possession, using timeouts like deadly quivers aimed at the free thrower’s nerves, sucking every ounce out of the shot clock before signaling the go-ahead to drain the three-pointer, and every other coaching execution, from the full court press to the offensive game plan, must be made to appease the sands of time. More than one coaching career and championship team have been made or marred by the thunder strike of one spare second more or less. In the words of former Rebels head coach and recently named BYU head coach Dave Rose, “Timing is everything.”

With a recap of his journey from a rookie Rebel shooting guard out of Houston to his new digs as head honcho in NCAA Div. I, you can understand his perspective.

Timing was the reason a big city sharpshooter, born and raised in Southern California and transplanted to Houston his freshman year in high school, found himself going away to a rural community college in Utah that had before only been a scenic byway and resulted in what Dave would call “one of the smartest things I’ve ever done.”

As it turned out, a then Dixie College administrator had a brother living in Houston who called up his southern Utah sibling to take a look at a local MVP candidate who led the district in scoring. The administrator passed the news on to head basketball coach Doug Allred and with the wheels of karma put in motion, Dave came to Dixie in 1976 and thus began a decades long relationship with the Rebel basketball program.

A little known trivia fact about Dave Rose, a name synonymous with Dixie basketball, is that he actually played center field and dabbled in pitching for the Dixie baseball team too and probably showed more aptitude on the diamond than the court, being named to the all-league team and claiming the region batting title.

“Actually, I was a better baseball player than a basketball player. Right after I put my papers in for my mission I had a couple of teams contact me to see if I wanted to play in the minor league system that summer,” he explained. “But I told them I was going on a mission. So that was that.”

After putting in one year as a student athlete with nods for All-Conference in basketball and a trip to the JUCO World Series in baseball, Dave served a two-year LDS mission to England and then returned to play out his final year of eligibility under new head coach, Neil Roberts, who replaced Allred.

“When I came home after my mission there was a coaching change and so there was some apprehension about going back, but it was almost impossible to think I wasn’t going because of the relationships I had with so many people outside the basketball program and all over campus,” he said. “That was probably the thing I liked most about Dixie College—how comfortable I felt there. The town at the time was way, way smaller, and what I remember was how friendly everyone was. After a year there, you felt like you were part of someone’s family.”

Returning his sophomore year, Dave Rose did become part of someone’s family. Once again timing his moves just right, he enrolled for a fall quarter class that included a smart and beautiful young woman named Cheryl Lang, who would end up being his wife by the end of the summer. A second major milestone occurred for the ambitious cager later that season after he signed to play with the University of Houston, stepping into one of the greatest collegiate teams ever.

Serving as co-captain his senior year, Dave joined the ranks of Hakeem Olajuwon and Clyde Drexler on a team better known as “Phi Slamma...
Jamma," that started the 1982-83 season with a number one ranking and finished the year second in the NCAA tournament.

“The most important thing to remember about my experience in Houston is I got there at a really good time,” he laughs. “When I signed, there was a team of future NBA stars that all signed within a few years. Those were great years, and great teams.”

Although his basketball success had returned him to his roots, he and Cheryl were longing to come back to Utah. Taking a position at Millard High in Fillmore to be closer to “home,” Dave began building in earnest a coaching career. It was during one of his many trips traveling back and forth to watch Dixie practice and play and glean from fellow coaches that he struck up a relationship with Dixie head coach, Ken Wagner, who had replaced Roberts.

Edging closer to collegiate prospects, he bided his time with a one-year stint as assistant coach at Pine View High and then was hired to fill an opening on the Rebel basketball staff, a post he held for three years until Wagner left for BYU Hawaii.

A relatively brief 10 years after walking off the hard court as a player for the Rebels, Dave Rose took over the reigns as head coach for Dixie. During his seven-year tenure, his teams compiled a 167-57 record and won three conference championships. Six of his seven teams were nationally ranked in the top 20 of the NJCAA polls. Heading up such successful teams, he garnered his own attention with SWAC Coach of the Year honors in 1993.

“I was really fortunate to have great players. We just had an unbelievable run of really talented guys who came in there and loved Dixie as much as the coaching staff did. It was just fun to watch us play,” Rose said. “So many long-time Dixie College basketball followers were really good to me, you know, and wouldn’t only come and watch the teams play, but financially they really supported our program.”

In addition to his impressive stats, Dave’s time on campus was distinguished by his commitment to see his players succeed academically.

“We had teams that were really successful, and winning was a real priority to all of them, but the other thing that was a real priority was graduating and moving on to finish their college careers,” he said of his 97 percent graduation rate as coach. He also feels a sense of accomplishment in knowing that many received college scholarships after Dixie or went on to play overseas or even in the NBA, such as Keon Clark.

The Catch 22 in community college athletics is raising up a great player or coach, but knowing that sooner or later your success will start casting

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As the supportive wife of a husband who made his career in the coaching world (see story on page 14), Cheryl Lang Rose, ‘77, has never been content to just cheer from the sidelines and smile for the crowds.

When she met and married Dave Rose as a sophomore at Dixie College, she was a St. George native who came for an education and left with her self-identity.

“For me, Dixie College was a new start, a new beginning. I’m always going to be grateful for the experiences that I had there and the people who cared enough to take time for me,” she remembered.

When she returned to Dixie in 1990 as a coach’s wife, she didn’t just cheer the team on; she became an MVP on campus, going back to school to finish her degree and helping launch the Alcohol and Drug Prevention Program on campus.

She eventually became director of the program, which started with funding from a two-year federal grant. When the money ran dry she spearheaded the lobbying process at the Utah Legislature that made Dixie...
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accepted, and seven years later I serve as the vice chairman. It is very dear to my heart. When we moved here I wasn’t working, and I missed that feeling you get from helping others. So when this opportunity came up, I took it. It’s because that’s what I had seen others do at Dixie for me.”

Cheryl’s service has brought much more than simply a notable name to serve on the board. In past endeavors, her efforts have been felt throughout the state. In January, she was awarded the Beacon of Hope Award by Intermountain Health Care for her unyielding commitment to the cause. The award honors Utah County individuals who make a significant impact on the health and well being of their fellow citizens and is a token of thanks for her dedication to improving the quality of life for those around her; said Mark Robinson, IHC administrator.

Children with Cancer Christmas Foundation hosts an annual party for families of pediatric cancer patients, survivors, and even those who have lost their children to the disease. "Once they are involved they stay in the program forever, even if their child gets better – it’s good for the other families to see there’s hope and many get better," Rose explained. "And families who have lost their children continue to come back. Even if the very worst thing happens, it’s good for the other families to see that they survived and are going on with life. It’s so amazing to see these families and the connection—it bonds them so closely."

The majority of Cheryl’s year-long work culminates in one evening during which over 500 guests, volunteers, basketball players, coaches, cheerleaders, Cosmo the Cougar and many other “elves” join together for the Christmas party. The children, upon arriving, go straight to Santa’s Workshop where they play games, win prizes, create crafts and, basically, have fun.

The parents go on a shopping trip inside a separate room filled with toys for each child in the family. The parents then take the gifts out the back door and hide them in their trunks “since for many this is their whole Christmas because of the financial strain of nursing a child back to health,” Rose said. "We feel very strongly that it’s important that we involve all the children in the family because it affects every...

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As Vice-Chairman of the Children With Cancer Christmas Foundation, Cheryl Rose was presented with IHC’s “Beacon of Hope Award” for the positive impact she has made on children with cancer and their families.

The 2005 Christmas celebration featured Santa, BYU basketball players, and Cosmo, the cougar mascot, as well as many volunteers from the community.
Dr. Lee Golden Caldwell has been there, and done that. He’s held VP positions at Fortune 500 companies. He has traveled the world over doing international business and closing billion dollar deals. He’s been a professor and administrator at a few of the nation’s largest universities. He speaks five different languages. And he’s a licensed pilot and flight instructor to boot. After one year serving as Dixie’s vice president of academics, he now finds himself at the controls of Dixie State College.

To understand how he landed at relatively obscure Dixie State in the first place, you have to know the story of Lee Caldwell.

Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, the oldest of six children, Caldwell was raised in Tooele where the family lived through 9th grade. He comes from a musical family, himself a student of the euphonium, and from stock that is deeply committed to education. Both parents held college degrees. His father taught music at Tooele High School and almost single-handedly turned its band program into a top 10 program in the nation. His mother played in the Utah Symphony and was likewise a schoolteacher before marrying.

“We had a very gentle home,” Caldwell recalls. “(My parents) were educated, well-read, and extremely committed to young people. You can’t help but catch a little disease from that.”

With their children approaching college age, the Caldwell family moved to the greater Salt Lake area, where Lee’s mother also began teaching music full-time to brace the family for the extra expense of sending their kids to college. It was about that time, however, that tragedy struck the Caldwell family.

Lee’s father had been suffering from seizures a few years prior to the move and was hospitalized shortly afterward with a brain tumor. By Caldwell’s sophomore year in high school at Skyline High, the family was in dire financial straits, with much of the financial burden falling on Lee. The day he turned 16, he began working at Summerhays Music repairing instruments, earning the minimum wage at the time of $1 an hour. His mother was thrust into the role of primary breadwinner and Lee took on an additional leadership role with his five younger siblings.

“My high school years were not exactly carefree, let’s put it that way,” Caldwell recalls. “I began working when I could first work and had to take on most of my own support. My brothers and sisters were obviously traumatized at what was going on at that time. My poor mother, I think went through a mental breakdown during that whole period. Those were really tough years in high school.”

His father passed away the first day Caldwell began attending college at Weber State in 1966.

In retrospect, those early years would ultimately define and mold the man Lee Caldwell would later become.

“No question about it,” Caldwell said. “It just kind of taught me that I had to roll up my sleeves and pitch in and help and do my best. I had to learn to be more independent, more self-contained you might say. I had to learn to set my own goals and achieve them and figure out where to get the resources from to get there.”

Caldwell was awarded a music scholarship at Weber State, and that made the difference between him being able to attend college and not, he said. After one year, he transferred to Utah State University, on another music scholarship, where he was awarded his undergraduate degree in business. He completed the degree in three years, taking more than 22 credit hours a term in order to shave off an entire year of schooling and its accompanying expenses. In between his two years at Utah State, Caldwell took a break from his studies to serve a mission for his church in Holland, where he would meet his future wife, Bonnie, also a Dutch missionary. The two became well acquainted on the plane ride home after returning to the States the same day. They were married the day after Lee graduated from Utah State in 1971. Soon after graduation, Caldwell got, in his words, “an offer he couldn’t...”

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admitted to law school at BYU. After graduating with his juris doctorate in 1977, he moved his young family to Houston to practice corporate and real estate law before landing a job teaching at Sam Houston State University. "After the first semester of teaching, I knew teaching was for me," Caldwell said. I really didn't want to be a lawyer for the rest of my life. I was after the preparation and education more than I was the career in law."

His own education wasn't finished just yet, however. While teaching at Sam Houston State, he commuted 60 miles to Texas A&M in College Station to pursue a doctorate degree in the then emerging field of strategic management, a degree he completed in two-and-a-half years. Once awarded that degree, the University of Utah recruited him to teach in its business program, and he moved back to his home state of Utah in 1982.

"The thing that changed my life at the U was that I complained about computer facilities a few too many times and they put me in charge of them from the business school's perspective. The next thing I knew, I was in charge of them for seven colleges and 18,000 students."

Caldwell had gotten involved in microcomputing in the late '70s as a hobby. He was by all accounts the most computer proficient faculty member during his time at Sam Houston, but computers alone didn't intrigue him much. Connecting them together in a shared environment is what really peaked his interest. He agreed to help the U enter the PC era, but on the condition that they let him investigate networking as well. His investigations eventually led him to what was then a small startup company in Utah County called Novell, and the University would go on to account for 15 percent of Novell's gross sales in its first year. Caldwell recalls it being a risky move at the time, but the Novell technology helped Caldwell and his colleagues in the U's computing center accomplish their goal of connecting computers across the university campus and eventually to other universities. The U had been one of the four original ARPANet sites (first predecessor to the Internet) and later went on to be on the backbone of the first production internet. Caldwell and his colleagues decided they would standardize on the Internet Protocol for the campus backbone, well ahead of most other institutions. By 1985, Caldwell was considered one of the foremost experts in the world on networking and was cited as such by Business Week Magazine. He began rubbing shoulders with people like Dr. Vinton Cerf (a.k.a. the "Father of the Internet"), co-founder and developer of the Internet, who personally endorsed one of Caldwell's books on Internet technology. "I forged some friendships that are pretty incredible with some of the prime founders and inventors of Internet technology. We've gotten into lots of trouble together over the years," Caldwell said. "It wasn't the computer, it was the network to me. It's about human beings at the end of the day, and that's why I like networking. It's connecting people, and the Internet had a global perspective from day one."

Caldwell was at the University of Utah for six years before he soon became executive headhunter bait for corporate America. He took a leave of absence from the U and went to Unisys on an 18-month consulting contract. After six months there, Unisys offered him his choice of two VP jobs. At that same time, his old friends from Novell began courting him as well. He opted for Novell, where, in a six-year stint, he took his part of the business – the global higher education marketplace, incidentally – from zero to over a $100 million in revenue per year. The position took him around the world and turned him into a platinum level frequent flyer and then some, averaging between 250,000 and 300,000 miles a year in the air. On one occasion, his travels took him to Ireland, where he met Dr. Lawrence H. Landweber, credited with establishing the first Internet connections between the U.S. and countries in..."
Eastern Europe, Asia, and Latin America. Landweber recalls his early encounters with Caldwell and how supportive he was of the development of the global Internet.

“We started communicating quite often about the Internet and where it was going. He was kind of an evangelist within Novell, trying to convince them to move in the direction of the Internet,” Landweber said, currently an emeritus professor at the University of Wisconsin and part-time employee of the National Science Foundation. “Lee, very early, understood the importance of the Internet and the fact that a good deal of the future of the company might depend on aggressively moving in that direction. In that sense, he was way out in front of corporate America in appreciating the importance of the Internet before others did.”

Behind Caldwell’s leadership, Novell became an instrumental part of taking the Internet to countries that hadn’t yet experienced its benefits. Landweber was also impressed by Caldwell’s global perspective and appreciation of diversity, both qualities he attributes to Caldwell’s travels around the globe. To this day, Caldwell is the only American he has ever met who speaks Dutch fluently.

By 1993, the jet lag and road weariness finally caught up to Caldwell and the one thing he wanted most—more time at home—Novell couldn’t give him, so he began looking for another position in academia.

Hearing personally stepped foot on over a thousand college and university campuses around the world from Utah to South Africa during his time with Novell, Caldwell had his pick of the litter. He ended up in the Indiana University System of Higher Education as associate vice president of a system made up of 96,000 students, 14,000 faculty and staff, and six hospitals. For all intents and purposes, it was his dream job.

Two years later though, IBM came after him aggressively for nearly a year before he finally conceded to interview, even though he had no intention of taking the job. In what he describes as a spiritual confirmation, he accepted the job at IBM, which put him over Internet strategy for the company. At that point, the company was at odds over the future of the Internet and was experiencing some financial hardships of its own.

Caldwell locked his team into the corporate library, and two weeks later they made a pitch to the IBM powers that be that opened their eyes to the power of the Internet. By the time he left IBM nearly five years later in 1999, the company had gone from zero to $28 billion a year in Internet related revenue. While at IBM, Caldwell was also instrumental in helping the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints migrate its family history system, now known as Family Search, to the Internet.

To top it all off, he served a three-year stint as Hewlett Packard’s chief technology officer after being wooed away from IBM. At both IBM and HP, Caldwell was taking home million dollar annual salaries, not to mention a healthy serving of stock options. He spent the following two years at Georgia Tech University in Atlanta, Ga., as associate dean of its business school before dropping out of thin air and landing at Dixie State College in 2004 to become the college’s vice president of academics, replacing Dr. Max Rose.

Caldwell signed a contract that paid him about half what he was making at GT and about one-tenth what he was earning at the height of his career in industry. To him though, the reasoning is simple, and much of it stems from those humble beginnings in Tooele, Utah. Aside from what he considered a vast wasteland of IT capability at Georgia Tech that he gently tried to move forward, there was something that bothered him even more.

“I can’t tell you how many times I was told we don’t care about the undergraduates (at Georgia Tech),” Caldwell said. “That’s just not in my heart and soul.

“I didn’t go to Tech for the money, and I had extraordinary students there, but there was a total lack of commitment to students. That’s not why I came back into higher education. I came back because, at the end of the day, it’s all about developing..."
As far as Jon Judkins knows, there aren’t any shortcuts—growth seems always to be preceded by stress and discomfort. As a student and teacher of the game of basketball, he has learned the wisdom in the worn-out old adage, “No pain, no gain.” Muscles must be torn, willpower must be stretched, and hearts have to pump a little harder if one is to conquer complacency. Why else would anyone show up to be run ragged at basketball practice?

But sometimes it’s tough to march to your own mantra. Last year, as rumors swirled of Jeff Kidder’s possible departure from Dixie State College to coach elsewhere, Judkins became aware that the head coaching position for DSC’s men’s basketball team might be up for grabs. The prospect of coaching in Utah’s Dixie was intriguing, to say the least. Prior to playing small forward for three seasons at Utah State University, he had averaged 14 points and 10 rebounds as a freshman during Dixie College’s 1983-1984 season. It was also at Dixie that Judkins deepened his relationship with high school friend Lanette Gregory, to whom he was eventually married. But for all its sentimentality, life in southern
Utah couldn’t offer, at least in the short term, the one thing to which his family has become accustomed: stability.

For roughly 16 years, the Judkins family enjoyed a comfortable life in Ephraim, made possible by Jon’s job as head basketball coach of the Snow College Badgers men’s basketball team. As an assistant for three years and head coach for 13, Judkins vaulted the program from relative obscurity to perennial powerhouse. Under his watch, Snow College fans became excited about Badgers basketball. Before long, the job dealt as much with expectations as it did with basketball. Fans began to presume that home-grown talent would churn out 20-win seasons year after year, and Judkins insisted that his squads deliver.

“Snow was a great place for me and a good fit for my family,” he said. “At Snow, I knew what to expect.”

Perhaps it was a desire to break from that familiarity that spurred Judkins’ decision in April to accept the job left vacant by Kidder’s departure to coach at Indian Hills Community College in Iowa. But he first had to shake free of the same shackles of complacency he teaches his players to shed.

When Judkins was first offered the Rebels head coaching job in early April, he turned it down. After all, why would he give up what he had in Ephraim? His tenure produced back-to-back Scenic West Athletic Conference championship teams in 1999 and 2000, as well as corresponding coach of the year accolades. His career record of 284-128 was accented by a shared conference title in 2004 and a 25-7 record last season. His wife, Lanette, and four children – Jaelle, Janessa, Justin and Jillian – had blended well with the community. In her freshman season at Manti High School last season, Jaelle, Judkins’ eldest daughter, helped her varsity softball team to a Class 2A state softball championship. They had achieved so much, but for their part, the Judkins family felt they just may have run out of mountains to climb in Ephraim.

“I kind of thought there wasn’t a whole lot more (Jon) could have done here,” said Lanette. “I thought our family needed a challenge, something kind of new. Challenges give you character.”

It’s not the first time southern Utah has been the setting for the Judkins to let go of their comfort zone. Around the time Lanette left her family and high school friends to pursue a dance scholarship at Dixie, Jon packed up to play basketball for the Rebels. When the two had attended Highland High School together, they had been friends, but nothing more. But away from family and friends, they soon learned to rely on one another for support.

That interdependence soon came in the form of dates to the Pizza Factory and Paula’s Mexican Restaurant. Before Jon left to go on an LDS mission to Ohio, a new relationship had bloomed between the pair. Jon believes it was at Dixie where he and Lanette “really fell in love.” Lanette shares her husband’s affection for the area. To her, time spent at Dixie was time spent moving her relationship with Jon from friendship to courtship.

“We were really just friends at Highland – didn’t date a lot. We mainly started to date when we came to St. George, so it’s got a soft spot in our hearts,” Lanette said.

The kids are gung-ho fans (of Snow College) and they are very into their Dad’s career. It will be hard to turn them over to red when they’ve been blue for so long. —Lanette Judkins

“Maybe it was just the hot sun and the red rocks that made us fall in love, I’m not sure.”

Years later, with children ranging from 15 to 2, the decision to uproot was more difficult. It took more than nostalgia to leave behind all the Judkins had built in Ephraim. There was more at stake than leaving friends and 16 years of established community ties, although those were certainly important considerations. This time, there were also serious financial dynamics to consider. The Judkins’ move would set them atop a superheated housing bubble in southern Utah. Jon said his family’s 3,000-square-foot home in Ephraim is selling for roughly $185,000, but purchasing a comparable home in southern Utah will cost nearly $400,000. “You try to find (a home) below $250,000 and it’s all beat up,” Jon said.

Financial considerations aside, wasn’t there a bit of Judas Iscariot in all this? How could the Judkins suddenly support Snow’s most bitter rival? After all, it’s certainly difficult to suddenly erase a 16-year loyalty. Following his graduation from Utah State in 1988 with a bachelor’s degree in physical education, Judkins had been a constant fixture on the Badgers’ sideline, both as an assistant and head coach. None of his children had known anything other than the culture of their cozy community, which included Badger basketball. Lanette worried that the Judkins children would see the move as confusing, if not treasonous.

“The kids are gung-ho fans (of Snow College) and they are very into their dad’s career,” said Lanette. It will be hard to “turn them over to red when they’ve been blue for so long.”

Even Lanette, herself a former Rebel, admits to having some lingering reservations about a sudden switch in which side she roots for: “I won’t forget the 2000 year when Snow played Dixie for the championship (and lost the game on a half court shot at the buzzer). It was hard going to Dixie’s gym after that.

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DSC GRANTED EXPLORATORY STATUS IN NCAA

As reported in the Spring 2005 issue of Dixie State Magazine, the 2005-06 year will likely mark Dixie State’s last as a member of the NJCAA. The college has been granted status as an exploratory member of the NCAA at the Division II level beginning this season.

“We’ll take the year to investigate the NCAA and they’ll take the year to investigate us,” said athletic director Dexter Irvin.

The college will also use this year to begin to comply with NCAA rules and regulations, a process that is already underway. Dixie State has named women’s soccer coach Linda Huddleston its senior women’s administrator. The athletic department also recently named Jason Graff as its compliance officer. Tim Eicher will serve as the faculty athletic representative. All positions are required by the NCAA.

Becoming an official member of the NCAA won’t happen overnight. The 2006-07 season will mark what the NCAA refers to as a provisional year during which the college will compete against other four-year institutions as an independent with no conference affiliation. Every DSC coach is currently working on scheduling four-year institutions for next year, Irvin said. Women’s tennis and women’s golf will likely come on line during the 2008-2009 season as well, Irvin said, which will enable the college to meet the NCAA’s 10-sport requirement.

A year of self-assessment and a year of verification of compliance will follow. If all goes according to plan, DSC could be an official member of the NCAA in 2009-10.

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“We’re in negotiations with a couple of conferences right now,” Irvin said. “It will probably take between two and four years before we’re an active member of the NCAA.”

Irvin personally sees the move as one with a lot of upside and not a lot of downside. He concedes that the level of play on an individual level will likely suffer a bit due to the stricter academic requirements that come with NCAA membership. Big-time and big-name athletes seeking academic refuge will no longer have a home at DSC. Irvin does contend, however, that the level of team play will increase, if nothing else due to the fact that players will be able to play together for four years as opposed to two. He anticipates this continuity not only benefiting Dixie’s teams, but he sees it benefiting the tie between the college and community. Perhaps most intriguing, he sees it as an opportunity for Dixie to see how it stacks up against NCAA Division I schools from time to time, including its neighbor to the north, Southern Utah University.

“I think it’s an exciting prospect for both schools in terms of creating a positive athletic rivalry,” Irvin said. “If we could open or close every year playing them, that would be huge. It has to make sense for both schools, but during rivalry week, when Utah is playing BYU and Ohio State is playing Michigan, we ought to have SUU and Dixie playing. SUU has Division II schools on their schedule already—why shouldn’t we be one of them?”

Rivalries aside, perhaps the most pertinent argument to Dixie State transitioning to the NCAA ranks is its new mission, which calls for more and more four-year programs.

“The institution is on track to become a full-blown four-year institution, and it makes sense that the athletic program fall in line with that,” Irvin said. “We need to have a strong four-year athletic program—not only strong, but one that will continue to compete nationally. We don’t want to lose that.” ◆

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(but) time heals a lot of wounds,” she said.

With all the variables on their minds, it would have been easy for the Judkins family to stick with a sure thing in Ephraim. Then again, it’s easy to stop running when your thighs burn, too. Ultimately, it was the beckoning call of a challenge that sold the Judkins family on the job. In particular, Jon was enticed by the possibility of working at the helm of a team moving from junior college status to the NCAA’s Division II.

“I’ve never coached a kid more than two years, (so) the D-II thing caught my eye,” Jon said. It helped that those dangling the carrot liked Judkins’ resume, too.

“Given our move to Division II, we thought he would be a good fit,” said DSC Athletic Director Dexter Irvin. “His track record (is excellent). We wanted somebody who has the ability to recruit in-state kids, as well as teach and coach in a year-round program. Longevity is going to be critical.”

So after years of success and security, the Judkins family and DSC basketball meet again, this time at a new intersection. Both are headed into unfamiliar territory, and both will likely have to stretch like a placid runner’s legs during a marathon. Neither knows all the obstacles ahead, but one thing is certain: there will be some growing pains. But since Judkins hasn’t found that elusive shortcut, he and his family will just enjoy the burn. ◆
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a scent that larger programs are going to pick up. In the spring of 1997, Dave’s time was up at Dixie after being offered the assistant coaching position at Brigham Young University alongside newcomer Steve Cleveland. “If you ask my family and wife, it was one of the toughest decisions we probably ever made because we loved living in St. George and we loved working at Dixie College and that whole experience,” Rose said. “There were many times where we both thought that we’d end up living here for the rest of our lives, but when this opportunity came up, it was something we felt would be a real challenge and the opportunity of our lives.”

In the recent off-season, Cleveland left BYU to become head coach at Fresno State and Dave was looked to as the heir apparent for the Cougars. Since that moment, Dave says that everything in his life has taken on a new level of change and intensity. His new status as part of the Provo celebrities has “taken a while to get used to,” and once again he found himself up against the clock.

“I took over at a crucial time in the recruiting process and a crucial time with the players,” he said of the transition. “You always know the pressure of doing what is required to have your team be successful, and the athletic program is an important part of what people like about BYU. But the other part of it is that there are so many people who want a piece of the basketball coach and his time.”

Since being named head coach four months ago, he officially hasn’t had the opportunity to coach his team yet, but he’s not had a spare moment nonetheless. “I can say that I’m really excited to just get in the gym and work with the guys and start full practices,” Dave explained. “We’ve had a great off-season and our recruiting class met specific needs that we had. This seems to be a very united group that is committed to having a better year.”

The timetable for this former Rebel player and coach has been a fast track to success. No doubt Dave faces one of the toughest challenges of his career in the coming weeks and months, but as the study of time shows—it always tends to repeat itself.◆

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the next generation of talent and a passion for kids that was instilled in me by my parents. I’ve got it, I’ve got the disease. I’ll admit it.”

“I came to Dixie and it was the exact opposite of what I saw at Tech. You can’t help but fall in love with a place where students are still critically important and where we care immensely about the quality of undergraduate education.”

In just one year, Dixie has fallen in love with him as well. In fact, it took a little arm-twisting from both the campus and community, not to mention his wife Bonnie, before he finally decided to apply for the position of president. Frankly, his ego didn’t need it. Besides, he felt the work he was doing academically for the college was more pressing than any personal aspirations he had for a president’s job. As the college began to make significant headway on its mission to expand its four-year offerings, Caldwell conceded.

Since being named president on July 12 and officially taking office Aug. 15, he’s wasted no time getting off the runway. His war cry thus far is getting more Utah students to go to college (Utah ranked last in the nation in 2000 and currently ranks 45th), focusing more on the quality of educational programs rather than the quantity, and better economic development statewide, particularly within the high tech sector.

“My vision within five years is, if we could be known as the best quality baccalaureate granting institution in a multi-state region, that’s where I’d like to have us be,” Caldwell said. “I’d also like to get to the point where we can say at Dixie State that we never turn students away because they can’t afford to come here. Now, that’s a huge effort, but if we can have extraordinarily high quality education and we never turn a student away on the basis of financial need, we will be a truly unique institution in the state of Utah.”

There are few who doubt Caldwell has the ability to take Dixie State College to such lofty levels. “Lee is absolutely dedicated to getting concrete results from his work and the work of others with whom he labors,” Dr. Cerf, now serving as senior vice president of technology strategy for MCI, has said. “It will be no surprise to find Lee innovating again at Dixie State College. Indeed, I look forward to learning more about . . . his ideas for making the Internet increasingly relevant to education in the future.”

There also may be some who, in the back of their minds, worry if it won’t be long before the next executive recruiter comes knocking on Caldwell’s door. But the Caldwells are at home at Dixie. They’re ready to settle down and settle in. Bonnie’s roots trace back to the Dixie area—she has two ancestors on the Encampment Mall memorial in the heart of campus—and she personally handpicked the St. George area as the place to finally settle long-term. And besides, when it’s all said and done, President Caldwell has already been there, and done that.

“I’m deeply inspired to be part of the tradition here and to have a pretty severe case of red sand in my shoes,” he said as he was first announced as Dixie’s president on July 12. “I suspect I’ll stay here until I get buried in that red sand.”◆
Alumni Updates
Shauna Ottesen, Nancy Hauck, Kalynn Larson and Margaret Marshall contributed to these updates.

◆ CORBIN COWLEY, ’97, is employed with the United States Department of State and has recently moved to Tokyo, Japan, where he is working as an economist in the American Embassy covering East Asian economic developments. Corbin graduated from Pine View High School in 1993 and then attended Dixie State College. After serving a mission in Sendai, Japan, he earned an associate degree in marketing from Dixie State. He earned a bachelor’s degree in economics in 1998 from the University of Utah.

During his time at the U of U, Corbin served as international trade intern in the Senate Judiciary Committee under Senator Orrin Hatch in Washington D.C.

In May 2005, Corbin completed two master’s degrees at The George Washington University in Washington D.C.; a master’s of business administration in international business and a master’s in international trade and investment policy.

Corbin said his time at Dixie allowed him to find his true interests in life—that’s where he switched from pre-med to business, which put him on track for his career in international economics, business, and finance.

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Corbin is married to Megan Johnson from Sandy, Utah. They have a two-year-old son, Ian, and are expecting another baby in March. Before moving to Tokyo, they resided in Ashburn, Va., a suburb of Washington, D.C.

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◆ MICHAEL MARSDEN, ’95, has returned to his roots to practice medicine in St. George as a pediatrician at the River Road campus of the Dixie Regional Medical Center. After graduating from Dixie State College, Michael earned his bachelor’s degree at Southern Utah University. He continued on to medical school at Kansas City University and graduated in 2001.

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"I received a wonderful education at Dixie," said Mike. "It really set the groundwork for my doctoral training. It felt like a big family during my time there."

Michael married Teisha Truman, and they are the parents of four children.

**MITCH BRINTON, '86,** has founded several successful Utah businesses including MobiLube, Inc., FutureVision Technologies, and Campus Pipeline. He has teamed up with fellow Dixie alum Ron Wade in his latest venture, The Markers, Inc., a golfer’s residence club which will have 36 homes around the globe, the St. George home being located near the ninth hole of Entrada at Snow Canyon. The company is headquartered in St. George, with sales offices in Salt Lake City.

Recently married to Lori Hale, Mitch and his wife are planning to start a family of small Dixie State Rebels and Runnin’ Utes (since they reside in Salt Lake City).

After graduation from Dixie, Mitch earned his bachelor’s degree at the University of Utah in 1990, with an integrated marketing certificate. Not surprisingly, Mitch’s favorite pastime is golf. He also enjoys tennis and sports of all kinds.

◆ **"THE BOYS FROM THE NORTH"**

Before John Pino, Blaine Montaque and Alan Balser were recruited by Coach Walt Brooks and Coach Garth Belliston in 1949, there were only a few northern Utah students who had attended Dixie College.

**ALAN BALSER, ’51,** from Provo had the opportunity to talk with President Bentley, the acting president at that time. "He asked me how we liked Dixie College and if everything, in general, was going well with us," said Alan. "He said since very few students from Northern Utah had come to Dixie, it was encouraging to see a group of us come down together. He said there were a number of students, faculty and town’s people that referred to us as ‘the boys from the North.’"

Alan was recruited to Dixie to play basketball and football. He had two good years playing receiver for Dixie in the old Sun Bowl. After graduating from Dixie, he was inducted into the U.S. Marines with the First Maine Air Wing, Pacific Air Command, and he attained the rank of sergeant during the Korean conflict. When he completed his tour of duty, Alan returned home to Provo and obtained bachelor’s and master’s degrees from BYU in education. He was a teacher, coach, counselor and admissions representative during a 41-year career.

According to Alan, **JOHN PINO, ’51,** was considered one of the best fullbacks to ever play for Dixie. He was a starting guard in basketball two years, setting a junior college scoring record, and was also considered the best shortstop in the league. He went on to coach football, basketball, and baseball at Highland High School in Salt Lake City and was inducted into the Utah Coaches Sports Hall of Fame. He served in the military during the Korean conflict and received the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

**BLAINE MONTAQUE, ’51,** from Payson also played football, basketball, and baseball during the two years he attended Dixie. Blaine and John were co-captains of the basketball team their second year. After graduation from Dixie, Blaine served in the military during the Korean conflict and achieved the rank of sergeant. He obtained his degree from Brigham Young University and taught and coached in the Nebo School District for 34 years.

**DIXIE’S FIRST BOWL GAME**

In the fall of 1949, Dixie played Nellis Air Force Base in the first Silver Bowl Game in Las Vegas, Nev. "We had a great team that year and it was very exciting for us to be part of it," said Alan Balser.


Garth Belliston and Walt Brooks coached Dixie to a 20-6 victory.

The following year, 1950-51, there were more students that came from northern Utah to Dixie, but the original “Boys from the North” were known to be a big part of the beginning of the migration south. ◆
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◆ DARIN G. BIRD, '86, was recently appointed the deputy director for the Utah Department of Natural Resources with the Governor Huntsman administration.

When Darin had completed internships with the state legislature and with Congressman Hansen in Washington, D.C., and wasn’t sure which career path to pursue, he recalled a statement which former DSC President Doug Alder made. Speaking to a group of student leaders, President Alder defined politics as “the realization that decisions must be made.” Darin thoroughly enjoyed helping people and watching public policy being developed, so he turned his lifelong interest in history and politics into a career in public service.

Following his time at Dixie, Darin went on to graduate from Southern Utah University in 1989 with a degree in communications and a double major in business administration and political science. While at SUU, he was elected student body president and chair of the Utah Council of Student Body Presidents.

After graduation, he began his career with then Governor Bangerter and his new constituent services office. Darin spent his first few years writing speeches for the governor and helping citizens work through problems with state agencies. “This gave me a greater appreciation for the frustrations faced by the average citizen and a desire to help them through the system,” he said.

Darin then spent the next six years on the staff of U.S. Senator Bob Bennett, advising him on resource, energy, and agriculture issues. One perk from that job was working on the committee that selected and sent the national Christmas tree to Washington, D.C. in 1996. This was where he met his future wife, Lola, who represented the USDA Forest Service on the committee.

In 1998 Darin took a position with the Utah Department of Natural Resources, an agency that manages state parks, wildlife, water, geology, mining, oil drilling and wildfire programs for the state. During the 2002 Olympics, he was asked to do special projects for the state olympic office and helped coordinate the torch lightings at the Utah State Capitol for olympic and paralympic events. At the Soldier Hollow venue in Wasatch Mountain State Park, he participated in VIP hosting during the games and met leaders and royalty from many European countries.

Following the games, Darin took a one-year leave of absence to join the U.S. House Committee on Resources as senior policy advisor. “This was an exciting time to live and work in Washington, D.C.,” he said. “It was only a few months after September 11, and the city and country were just beginning to heal.”

In this capacity he had the opportunity to work closely with Bush administration officials and members of Congress from around the country. Returning to Utah in 2003, he led public affairs and lobbying efforts for natural resources before being appointed to his new position with Governor Huntsman.

In 2004, Darin returned to Washington to receive a “Take Pride in America” national award from U.S. Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton for the “outstanding state program” which Darin supervises. “I guess public service and politics are just in my blood,” he said, looking back on his career. “I find it exciting to work where the decisions are made and be part of that process.”

His memories of Dixie include political science and history classes from Bob Slack, and he lists Karl Brooks and President Doug Alder as mentors.

Darin was born in Mt. Pleasant, Utah, but later moved to Santa Clara, Utah, where his parents still reside and where his dad served as mayor. His mom began working for DSC in the financial aid office the year Darin began college, and continued there for over a decade. He graduated from Dixie High School in 1983, the last year that Dixie was the only high school in the St. George area. Darin is married to the former Lola Murray and they reside in Murray, Utah. They are in the process of purchasing a home in Santa Clara and plan to eventually retire in Dixie.◆
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member. There is so much focus and attention on the child who is sick, that the siblings can feel left out and neglected,” she said. “For those who are sick, it kind of gives them a sense of normalcy so they don’t have to stand out or be different for a change.”

The children also get a chance to sit on Santa’s lap and open gifts from his big red bag. The family is then treated to dinner, entertainment and time to sing and be merry. Before they leave, every family is given gifts and each mother is presented with a Willow Tree Angel—a different one each year representing love, hope, etc.

“I remember leaving after my first party and saying, ‘These people are so generous and they are strangers. Why do they want to do this for us?’” said Julie Reneer, mother of Brigham who was diagnosed with leukemia a week after turning three-years-old. “Now that my son is in remission, I tell them when they call us to come back, ‘No, bless someone else’s life, we’ve been blessed enough,’ but they insist we come back every year. We feel a part of a family. I feel so blessed by Cheryl and others who have made this difficult journey easier for us.”

Cheryl called her volunteer work with the Children with Cancer Christmas Foundation “just a privilege” and has seen it change her entire family. The Roses’ daughter Chanell, who was a member of the BYU women’s basketball team from 2000 to 2004, met a cancer patient named Megan at the Christmas party and forged a friendship that lasted until Megan’s passing three years later. Megan faithfully attended the women’s games and then waited until after the game so Chanell could bring her back into the locker room.

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When Chanell married a member of the BYU men’s basketball team a few years ago, Megan sadly wasn’t there, but her parents attended in her place. Megan’s mother, Chris, now serves on the board of the Children with Cancer Christmas Foundation and the two families, Cheryl said “will be friends forever.”

Cheryl also saw the impact it had on her son Garrett. Just before he left for a two-year mission for the LDS Church, he turned to Cheryl and said, “Mom, I got thinking and one of the things I’m going to miss the very most is the Christmas Party.”

Still, with all the seeming success and personal satisfaction Cheryl has received from working with the program, she’s not done yet. They have now expanded the scope of the Foundation to include a Summer Luau and are working towards setting up funds to help families through financial difficulties, as well as expanding the reach of the organization throughout the state.

“I can’t tell you the amount of miracles I have witnessed with these children,” Rose said. “It’s such an incredible experience to be associated with these people. They know they need to live every day to its fullest—they teach me to make the best of every possible minute.”

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Dear Alumni,

Abraham Lincoln once said, “Whatever you are, be a good one.” Well, we are a state college and if I have to say so myself, we are a good one! Dixie is good for many reasons, but mainly because of the efforts (past and present) of so many good people.

It has been very rewarding to serve as the president of the DSC Alumni Association over the past few years, especially during a time when so much change has occurred on campus. We are now embarking on another era at DSC, under the helm of a new president, Dr. Lee Caldwell. I have personally had the opportunity to sit in his home and I have observed that he is a man of great accomplishment, yet humble perspective. That combination is quite endearing, and President Caldwell has certainly endeared himself on campus during the very short time he has served as one of our vice presidents. On behalf of the Alumni Association, I would like to extend a warm, red-sand welcome to our new president. Don’t be surprised if his home is ransacked one night with a dump truck of red sand (just kidding, nobody do that) but we will make sure that he has his bottle of red sand on his mantle at work and at home.

If you haven’t been on campus for a while, I invite you all to come back and visit. Find a weekend this fall when you and your friends and family can come back and renew your Dixie Spirit. Let me suggest that a great weekend would be homecoming. This year’s homecoming is going to be particularly special because the Alumni Association is planning a Friday night reunion event for every block of five years from 1950-2005.

It is great to be an alumus of Dixie. We look forward to seeing you this fall.

—Ron Wade, Alumni President

On the evening of May 21, the Northern Utah Chapter gathered at Hidden Valley State Park for our annual Spring Bar-B-Q. About 200 of our finest and their families came to eat, visit, and win lots of fun prizes! The turnout was great, with several generations represented. The kids had a wonderful time in bounce-abouts and everyone had their fill of hamburgers, hotdogs, and all the fixins.

For those who missed this year’s event or for those who came and want more, stay tuned because we’ll be doing it all over again next spring. Also, watch the mail for information on our Autumn Alumni Bash coming up soon. It promises to be yet another fun-filled evening with good food, good company and a great silent auction.

Both events are free. Come join the fun bunch this fall and next spring. You’ll be glad you did!

—Ron Wade, Alumni President
Dixie State Bookstore takes pride in supporting the "Dixie Spirit!" We welcome all alumni to shop for clothing, memorabilia and more. Ask about our discount for Dixie State Alumni.
Entering Hansen Stadium on a Harley Davidson motorcycle, DSC’s new Rebel mascot was unveiled at the Sept. 10 football game vs. Air Force Prep. Officially named ‘Reb,’ this red hawk mascot concept was the #1 vote getter with each of the college’s constituencies, including students, community, faculty & staff, and alumni. The college’s official moniker will remain the Rebels.