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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 and friends.
A recent push to increase their international profile and likewise, invite students, faculty and staff from other cultures to add their perspective to the ‘academic climate’ comes in anticipation of the evolving market place and a need to alter most students’ perspectives of what making a living after college really means.

Costel Ionita, a DSC math professor from Romania, came to Dixie after completing studies at the University of Bucharest and then attended Louisiana State University for his graduate degree. He taught at Hiram College in Ohio before being lured by the "warm weather and people" of St. George. He said of his attraction to Dixie: “The changes that are happening right now (adding four-year programs) make this a very attractive place to teach. Plus I work in the best department.”

Speaking from experience, he advocates a global perspective in education. “We travel faster and more than ever, which makes global education important. Having more than one point of view, solving a problem in more than one way are benefits of interacting with people from different parts of the globe and give us more insight,” he said.

“I isolation is the biggest enemy of progress. In today’s world, knowing, understanding, and learning about other cultures are essential.”

This statement is backed by recent reports from government and business institutions that show in many instances a lack of understanding of the global marketplace among recent graduates and a dependency within the local job industry on depleting resources and next-door neighbors to keep them financially afloat.

Alarming for the first time in decades, the current generation of prospective students is less likely to attend college than their parents. The result is a critical workforce shortage that is abundantly evident in Washington County. Last year, Utah colleges and universities produced half as many teachers as the state needed coming up short 1,500 to 2,000 teachers. In addition, Utah produced only seven chemistry teachers and only three came from state institutions.

In the health care field there is a shortage of 3,000 to 4,000 health-care workers and specifically 750 to 1,000 nurses. In the financial and business services where 25 percent of the county population finds employ-
ment, bachelors and masters degrees will be required to progress within the industry. The crux of the problem is that Utah’s workforce is increasingly uneducated and as a result, unprepared and unaware of the global competitors nipping at their heels.

“It is important that students have exposure and interaction with other cultures and ideas. Even if you stay in St. George you need to learn to work with, interact with, understand people from different cultures,” said Jenny Callahan, DSC International Student Advisor on the benefits of a diverse student body.

“There is a financial benefit to the college and community when these students or faculty come here, but the biggest benefit is the cultural diversity. It’s crucial for our students to understand that there are incredible places and people all over the world.”

Callahan added that it’s insightful for DSC students to learn that not everyone from outside the U.S. are refugees from destitute circumstances. She pointed out that many international students and by the same token, faculty, offer invaluable insight into the importance other cultures place on education, environment, and advancement which students isolated in an American culture might not otherwise grasp.

“They [international students] are such an asset to the campus,” said Callahan. “They are dynamic, intelligent, and proof to the majority of the student body that ‘somewhere’ outside the borders of the U.S. is real and thriving. I love the flavor these students bring to our school.”

A prime example of the type of student Callahan describes is Jorge Morante, a senior business administration major from Lima, Peru attending DSC on a student VISA. Morante graduated from a Chinese private high school in Peru and then spent his ‘second senior year’ abroad in Pennsylvania as part of an exchange student program with Rotary International.

It was his involvement with Rotary that indirectly interested him in Utah and eventually brought him to DSC.

“Another student who was part of the exchange program I was with came to St. George when I went to Pennsylvania,” Morante said. “When she told me about how much she loved it here, I started researching the area.”

During his Internet searches he found Dixie State and decided to leave his own country on another academic adventure.

“It had small classes where you could really interact with the teachers and students, perfect weather, amazing landscape, plus it’s only an hour and a half from Las Vegas.”

He admitted the one element that he was not prepared for was the “strong cultural” background of the majority of his fellow classmates. “After the initial culture shock, I just found the people at Dixie wonderful.”

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The culture in St. George was immediately inviting and amazing to me,” she remembered. “It was the people here that attracted me the most.” Tina was also impressed with her Dixie professors. “They did a lot of one-on-one teaching and many had a great sense of humor, which made learning fun.”

Tina has learned that contact with people of other cultures is mutually beneficial. “I learned so much from my time here that I would never have known had I stayed in The Bahamas. And I hope people here have learned something from me. You respect and understand cultures when you get to know the people.”

Tina has shared some of the many cultural and historical differences of her country with her friends, host family, and missionary companions (she is currently serving in the Utah Provo South Mission).

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In addition to the geographical differences, there are social differences, such as a much lower crime rate in St. George (Tina’s mother can’t believe she leaves her door unlocked), a service-oriented culture and a huge emphasis on the family. Some of her cultural lessons included cooking Caribbean food, and dancing.

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Members of the 07-08 International Student Club at Dixie included Benard Simiyu from Kenya, Jorge Morante from Lima Peru, Chirag Khilnani from India, Tina Maria Pennerman from The Bahamas, Sarantuya Batbold from Mongolia, and Rose-Marie Godin from The Bahamas. Sarantuya and Rose both earned their associate degrees at Dixie in ’08 and transferred to BYU.

Morante has found academic and social success as he has immersed himself in the college experience with likeable ambition. He has completed nearly all requirements for his bachelor’s degree and will graduate in December, all the while serving as the ASDSC Vice President the past year, and founding the humanitarian organization Rotaract on campus.

Acting as a collegiate branch of the Rotary Club, Rotaract completed international and local projects that included hosting a Peruvian dinner to raise money for wheelchairs to be sent to the poorest areas of his homeland, as well as holding fundraisers for local charities like the Learning Center which helps families who have children with learning disabilities or other educational challenges.

“I love the Dixie Spirit,” said Morante. “I’m really proud that I’ll call myself a Dixie alumni. It’s been such a good experience.”

Unlike Morante, Tina Maria Pennerman’s initial attraction to St. George was of a spiritual nature. She came to St. George after being introduced to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in The Bahamas by a missionary couple from St. George. Even though she had been in the workforce for several years, she realized her upward employment mobility was halted without a college education, so she accepted the missionary couple’s offer to live with them and attend Dixie State College.

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Identifying students like Jorge and Tina and creating opportunities for them to come to DSC has proven to have obvious benefits, but the task of actually getting them here requires diligence, political know-how, and networking. “I wish we had more international students,” said Callahan. “Right now we have one of the smaller populations statewide fluctuating from 10 to 15 students which are those strictly attending on a student VISA.”

However, recruitment efforts of late have stretched as far as central Asia. As part of the DSC’s International Student Marketing Committee efforts to increase visibility around the world, a College representative and Utah State senators recently returned from a diplomatic trip to present scholarships in the country of Tajikistan. The mountainous country,
Dixie State Partners with German University for Student Exchange by Steve Johnson

Dixie State College has partnered with the University of Bremen in Germany for a one-semester bilateral student exchange, in order to increase intercultural connections and to open student horizons to other cultures and ways of living. This is the first student exchange between DSC and an institution of higher education abroad. The hope is that students who participate will enhance their foreign language skills, become culturally savvy, and gain independence and self-assurance.

DSC students Brad Atkins (Integrated Studies major) and Marc Griffin (Business Administration major) are currently studying abroad at the University of Bremen in Germany, while German students Tim Ole Heib, Yvonne Hellmann and Annika Larws, each began their semesters at DSC in August.

“This is the third time I have been to the United States and this school is a great place to get to know people and learn the culture,” says Annika Larws. “I really like waking up and seeing the sun, the blue sky and the mountains. I really like it here.”

The German students at DSC are all English majors, with emphasis on education, in their third year. They hope to improve their language skills here, take a number of literature courses to count toward their degrees, gain some teaching experience on campus (in conjunction with the German and ESL programs as well as through the music department), and, above all, learn about American culture and everyday life.

During the time of the exchange, students remain enrolled at their home institution. Both sets of students have the option to transfer credits for the classes they take at the host institution back to the home institution.

According to DSC English professor and German native Theda Wrede, all DSC students can participate in the exchange, regardless of their major, but preferably only those in their second or third year should apply, whereas only English majors at the University of Bremen can apply.

DSC students have the opportunity to take German-language summer classes before the semester begins, which is linked with a cultural program (music, art, excursions) and a formal introduction to German culture. The University of Bremen is located in the city of Bremen, a large port city on the Weser River in northern Germany. The city has an old historical center and a great variety of cultural programs offered throughout the year.
Q: Now that you have had a chance to settle in to the position, what are your overall feelings and thoughts about coming to Dixie State College and what you see in terms of potential for the school?

A: We’re very excited to be here. Dixie State has enormous potential. It has an absolutely inspiring past and I think an equally inspiring future. I’d like to characterize it as a two-part birthright. The first part is the heritage that runs for nearly 100 years and is based on the families, pioneers and founders of the community that had such a love of education and determination that young people be educated. The grit characteristic of those settlers, helped them deal with this dry, and landscape. That grit applied to education kept this institution alive and has become something we call ‘The Spirit of Dixie.’

The other half of the birthright is the current and future growth of this community. We are now at nearly 150,000 people in Washington County and it is projected that in 10-12 years we will be at 300,000 people. A county with 300,000 people is going to have the best educational opportunities this state can provide and that certainly means university-type services provided one way or another.

Q: Have you learned to “speak Dixie” yet?

A: That’s the line I used the first day I came on campus. I said to my administrative staff that ‘you need to teach me how to speak Dixie,’ and I think they have. I’ve tried to immerse myself in learning about the programs, meeting the people and getting some ideas of things we can do together. I think that is all about the vocabulary and the spirit and language of Dixie. I wouldn’t say that I’m fluent, but I’m making good progress!

Q: What have you learned about Dixie State College that you may not have known prior to taking the job?

A: You always hope to find dedicated faculty and staff, but that hope is not always realized. However, it certainly has been in the case of Dixie. What an enormously talented and dedicated faculty and staff here. You also hope to find good students, and again, the quality of students here and their desire to succeed has been a really nice revelation. When you look at the accomplishments of our students, I could rattle off nine or ten things that would impress you, and in some ways surprise me.

Q: For the 2008-09 academic year, what exciting changes and opportunities can students and alumni expect?

A: There is a really long list of projects that we can all have fun with. Most of them can be encapsulated in the notion of ‘Building a Four-Year Culture’ and building out our four-year degrees. We need to increase recreation opportunities on our campus and we need to do some things that involve the community, and we really have fun plans for doing that. We need to grow our enrollment. It looks like we’re going to start off this fall with some enrollment increases. In our upper division courses, we are going to grow about 50 percent this year over last year, and that is a testament to our four-year degrees beginning to get traction.

We have some projects that will add facilities and add opportunities to our campus for our students. For example, four-year college campuses generally have more students living on campus, so we are going to aggressively get after building some additional housing units, either built on campus or will be built with a public/private partnership.

Q: The question that is on the minds of the students, faculty, staff and alumni is the proposed affiliation with the University of Utah. What are your thoughts on the proposed affiliation and what can we expect in the next year in regards to the immediate and extended future of Dixie State?

A: We have been moving the process forward behind the scenes. We have had the task force (made up of DSC and U of U administrators) make a number of site visits around the country, and have prepared a report that President Young and I will look at. We will sit down and give some thought about the various ways we can move forward.

There are a number of alternatives. I like how Utah Representative Steve Urquardt characterizes it. He says we’re ‘on step two or three of a 10-step process.’ I think an affiliation with the University of Utah, in some form, will go forward. What form that is, I’m not prepared to say, and of course, we’re only one-half of the equation, so this has to be worked out. In the meantime, we have an agenda on how we need to build out Dixie’s four-year degrees and build a four-year culture, that has to be undertaken irrespective of what we do with the U of U. We are going to go full-speed ahead on the wonderful things that can be done and need to be done, while we’re working out this other possibility.

Q: Tell us a little about yourself: where you’re from, your upbringing, and the journey that ultimately led you to St. George and Dixie State.
A: I grew up in Idaho Falls. I attended the University of Idaho for a year, served an LDS Church mission in France, came back to Ricks College for a semester and then went on to BYU, where I majored in chemistry and minored in math, physics and French. I went from BYU to Harvard Business School, and from there to Wall Street, where I worked as an investment banker. Then I thought about the possibility of a career in education, so I arranged to go to the U of U and teach in the business school for two years. I found that I really did love the students and the lifestyle, and I loved what education had come to mean to me. So I went off to the University of California, Berkeley, where I earned my Ph.D., and was there right after the hippy movement. Of course I didn’t become a hippy because I was married with two children when I arrived and four when we left, but it was fun to kind of be on the edges of that and see how it all evolved.

We went back to BYU and started my academic career. I was head of the MBA program and started the executive MBA while I was there. I left BYU to become president of Western General Dairies and that was a fun assignment. We doubled the revenue of the company in two years. We had 10 manufacturing plants and 1,000 employees, so it was a challenging assignment. After doing that for some time, I was appointed president at Weber State. I then went from Weber State to become a General Authority for the LDS Church, and went back to BYU when my wife, Margaret, was called to be the General Young Women’s President of the LDS Church, so she followed my five years of service with her five years of service. After she was released, we were called to preside over the Geneva, Switzerland Mission for the LDS Church, from 2003 to 2006. We’ve been back from that assignment for two years.

Q: Tell us about your family.

A: My wife Margaret is extraordinary in every sense of that word. Maybe one of the most extraordinary things she is and has done is to have been a wonderful mother to seven sons. All seven have their Eagle Scout badges, thanks to her; and at that time I was a scout master and explorer leader; so I was there to ride herd on them.

Margaret is a great promoter of whatever enterprise the two of us are involved. She is going to be wonderful and a great support and promoter of Dixie State College. People will get acquainted with her, love her and love the College because of her. I’m just about the luckiest guy in the world to have a companion that has as much ability and is as much fun as she is.

Q: What would you like to tell alumni about the current state of their alma mater?

A: I would like to tell them that the ‘Dixie Spirit’ is alive and well and growing. Our alumni should be nothing but proud and excited. The ‘Spirit of Dixie’ is going to permeate through more places and more people, and with their assistance, they can help make that happen. They ought to look forward to that. They should be excited about the opportunity we have to develop a new image and a new four-year vision that does not supplant or replace what they grew up with and what they knew and loved, but augments it and adds to it.

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This year’s Homecoming Alumni Banquet speaker, Jerry Atkin, ’69, will address alumni and guests at the annual event on Saturday, Oct 11 at 7 p.m. in the College Gymnasium.

Jerry C. Atkin is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of SkyWest, Inc., and its subsidiary companies SkyWest Airlines, Inc., and Atlantic Southeast Airlines, Inc., which is headquartered in St. George, Utah. He served as President and Chief Executive Officer of SkyWest Airlines from 1975 to September 2005.

Jerry was born and raised in St. George. He graduated from the University of Utah, earning a bachelor of science degree and master of business administration. He practiced as a Certified Public Accountant for two years prior to joining SkyWest.

He was initially hired at SkyWest as Director of Finance in 1974. In 1975, he was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer, making him the youngest President of a scheduled airline in United States aviation history. In June of 1991, he was elected Chairman of the Board. Under his leadership, SkyWest has grown from a company with annual revenues of under $1 million to a publicly held company with annual revenues of over $1 billion and almost 15,000 employees.

Jerry has served as director on a number of boards and has received numerous awards for his work in the industry and community. He currently serves on the Board of Zions Bank and on the Utah State Board of Regents.

He and his wife, Carolyn, live in St. George, and are the parents of one daughter and three sons.

Lois Iverson will be honored at Homecoming with the 2008 Distinguished Service Award. Lois has been heavily involved in education and Dixie College for a number of years. Lois and her late husband, Rudy, moved back to St. George in 1961 when Lois was hired at the College as President Bruhn’s Administrative Secretary and Rudy got a job at Dix-O-Gas. A year later Rudy was also employed by the College. Lois served in a variety of administrative support positions at the College for over a 30-year span. Lois has been called “Mom” by countless Dixie College students. She and Rudy lived at college housing with 96 young men over a five-year period, then provided living quarters to one or two students each year at their St. George home, which is a block away from the College. Lois shared rodeo club advisor duties with Rudy as well as “Mom” to the student body officers for 14 years.

After graduation from Hurricane High School and the LDS Business College with a major in accounting, she began a 15-year association with the Utah Parks Company. During that time, she served in many capacities, including manager of the Zion Inn, assistant manager of the Grand Canyon Lodge, and an employee trainer for workers at Zion, Bryce and Grand Canyon.

For more than 40 years, she worked as an accountant for a CPA firm, specializing in taxes, estate planning, client administration and management. Lois officially retired in 1993, but maintained a number of clients and worked out of her home. She is still involved as a Director in a large local corporation with 250 local stockholders.

Lois has been active in her church and served with her husband for 18 months as a Stake Missionary. She has been active in the Republican party serving as City Republican Secretary, County Republican Vice Chairwoman and the first and only County Chairwoman, Second Congressional District Vice Chairwoman, and the second national delegate from Southern Utah to a national convention.

Her children are Norman R. Iverson (deceased); Paul J. Iverson (deceased); and Suzanne I. Nicholson, South Ogden, Utah. She has nine grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. Her husband, Rudy, passed away five years ago after a long career at Dixie College.

Lois has always found many opportunities to offer service to the students and administration of the College, as well as recruit donations for Dixie.
Joy Vander Weyest Atkin, ‘49, will be honored at Homecoming with the 2008 “Distinguished Alumni Award.”

Joy is a woman with total commitment to all that is good. She was born in Spokane, Washington during the heart of the Great Depression. When she was 11, her family moved to Utah, and she has lived in Washington City and St. George ever since. Joy’s total commitment started at a young age. She received top grades in school, was valedictorian of her high school class, and was voted “outstanding popular girl.” While a student at Dixie College, Joy married Clayton Atkin, son of a prominent pioneer ranching and business family, and immediately became a steady helpmate in all phases of the family business.

Joy served 11 years on the Washington County Library Board. During her term, the Washington County Library was built in St. George, another was built in Hurricane and a third was built in Enterprise.

She was a member of the St. George City Planning Commission during a period of rapid growth in the area and was also a member of the Governor’s agenda for the 80’s and Utah 2000. She has assisted the community in several educational endeavors in the secondary school system and at Dixie State College. She has been active in the rodeo scene, Lady Lions, and served as one of the first presidents of the Washington County PTA Council.

Joy has served her political party for more than 40 years accepting numerous leadership positions and encouraging everyone to take an informed part in the political process. In 1992, she was honored by the St. George Chamber of Commerce as well as the Utah State Chamber, receiving the “Total Citizen Award.”

In the late 90’s and early 2000’s with Clayton’s urging, Joy was a part of organizing and operating the Arizona Strip Interpretive Association, which was formed to merge service at the front desk for the Utah BLM, Arizona Strip BLM, Forest Service and Biological Survey. She has been active in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in youth programs, as Relief Society President and in numerous music capacities.

Joy and Clayton raised a family of four outstanding sons, Jerry, Doyle, Brent (deceased), and Troy. They enjoy the four daughter-in-laws the boys brought into the family along with the gift of 20 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Joy continues to be totally committed to her family, friends and community the way she always has been — committed to all that is good.

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Dr. Lee G. Caldwell, the 16th president of Dixie State College of Utah, announced he was stepping down after nearly three years at the helm of the institution. The unexpected announcement was made March 27, 2008, and was an immediate resignation. Dr. Stephen D. Nadauld was appointed interim president by the Utah State Board of Regents. Dr. Nadauld, who was a professor of finance for the Marriott School of Business at Brigham Young University, had served as president of Weber State University from 1985 to 1990.

“I deeply appreciate the dedication and quality of the Dixie State College faculty, staff and Trustees, and I leave behind a strong institution,” Caldwell said. “The inspiring thing about this institution is that it has been built on a foundation of local sacrifice and local contributions, including the very land the campus is on.

“I feel like I came in and built on a foundation of that work commitment we call the ‘Dixie Spirit,’ which is don’t make excuses, roll up your sleeves and do it well, and have an entrepreneurial spirit,” he added.

DSC saw major growth during Caldwell’s tenure. DSC received approval to offer seven new baccalaureate degree programs, increasing the number to 11 overall, including the new Integrated Studies program, which consists of common core and select concentrations in nine disciplines, including business, communication, computer and information technology, English, biology, mathematical sciences, psychology, fine arts and Spanish.

“Lee Caldwell brought to this institution and the state of Utah a vitally open and honest perspective about higher education, its mission, its role in economic development, and above all, its responsibility to build student possibilities,” said DSC Vice President of Academics Dr. Donna Dillingham-Evans. His frame of reference is always about what is best for students. Dixie State College of Utah will greatly miss President Caldwell.”

President Nadauld voiced his excitement at being involved again with higher education in the state of Utah. “Dixie State has a wonderfully supportive community and a very bright future,” he said.

Dr. Nadauld has held several positions at BYU’s Marriott Graduate School of Management, including director of the master of business administration program from 1980 to 1983, and assistant and associate professor of finance from 1976 to 1983.

A native of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Nadauld earned a doctorate from UC-Berkeley, a master of business administration from Harvard Business School, and a bachelor’s degree in chemistry, with minors in mathematics, physics and French from BYU.

In addition, he currently serves as a board member for the Deseret Book Corporation, the O.C. Tanner Corporation, and the Utah Higher Education Assistance Authority.

President Nadauld and his wife, Margaret Dyreng Nadauld, have seven sons and 21 grandchildren. Mrs. Nadauld served as the Young Women General President for the The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 1997 to 2002.

(For more information on President Nadauld, please see page 8)
DSC FILMMAKERS IN CANNES
Students Selected to Present at Cannes

Dixie State College has gone Hollywood – sort of. Last May, two aspiring Dixie State College filmmakers, Bobby Bowden and Ben Braten, spent a week in May on the French Riviera rubbing shoulders with the world’s top actors and filmmakers at the prestigious 2008 Cannes Film Festival. Dixie’s dynamic filmmaking duo are the first two Utah collegiate filmmakers ever to be selected to present at Cannes

The DSC duo was selected by the festival’s committee to present their film, entitled “Through the Lens,” in the Short Film Corner category, where it was screened for distributors, studio executives, producers and professional filmmakers. Though the film was not part of a competition or up for any awards at the Festival, the pair was ecstatic about the opportunity, not only for themselves, but for the chance to showcase Utah and the Dixie State filmmaking program.

“When I saw my name in the email that confirmed our credentials and that the film was accepted, it was the best feeling I’ve ever had in my life with film,” said Bowden, a sophomore communication major from Murray, Utah. “This trip could do a lot to legitimize Dixie’s program.”

“Through the Lens,” packs a powerful story about a young boy seeing his future through a movie camera lens in the span of one minute and 42 seconds. The scene takes place outdoors with southern Utah’s panoramic red rock scenery providing the backdrop, with a novice filmmaker and his son setting up a shoot in the area. With the camera assembled and ready to shoot, the father leaves to get something out of the car, leaving the boy alone with the camera. The boy seizes the moment to look through the viewfinder and sees his own dreams being realized as he directs his own film.

It was not all fun and games at the Cannes Festival for Bowden and Braten, who along with DSC alum and associate communication professor Phil Tuckett, spent time marketing their film, complete with movie posters and fliers, while hoping to get studio executives to see the production. However, they were able to mix in a bit of fun as the tandem was fully-credentialed to take part in all the movie screenings and parties associated with the Festival.

“I really didn’t expect that we’d be going to Cannes,” said Braten, a native of Bloomington, Utah, who completed work on his bachelor’s degree in communication last fall. “We’re really excited to go there and have this opportunity to experience something that few filmmakers, whether they are student filmmakers or professional, get to have a chance to experience. I feel extremely lucky and privileged to be selected to represent Dixie State College.”

The Cannes festival was the first of a number of festivals and events the film was screened in, just under 40 in all, including the Connecticut Film Festival and the Utah Arts Festival, to name a few.

DSC RECEIVES APPROVAL FOR NEW RESPIRATORY THERAPY ASSOCIATES DEGREE PROGRAM

As part of the institution’s continued mission as the region’s primary health care training provider, DSC received approval from the Utah State Board of Regents last April to offer a new associate degree program in respiratory therapy. Classwork for the degree program began this fall.

The new respiratory therapy program is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills to become credentialed, licensed and employed in the field of respiratory care. The program will consist of general education and prerequisite course work, program curriculum courses, theory courses, and laboratory and clinical practice.

Respiratory therapists (as licensed in Utah as Respiratory Care Practitioners [RCPs]) provide direct patient care to a wide variety of patients with disorders or injuries that affect the cardiorespiratory system. These therapies are provided to patients who range from premature infants to the elderly, and are delivered in the acute care (hospital) setting, including neonatal, adult, cardiac and neurologic intensive care units, along with home care and rehabilitative or extended care facilities.

The curricular requirements for the program are determined by the professional accrediting agency, the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). The program evaluation and final accreditation status is awarded by the Committee on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) of the American Medical Association (AMA).

Dixie State College currently offers an array of health sciences programs, including baccalaureate programs in nursing and dental hygiene, along with associate and certificate programs in nursing, dental hygiene, emergency care and rescue (EMT/paramedic), medical radiography, surgical technology and phlebotomy. For a complete listing of DSC’s health science programs, visit www.dixie.edu.
THEATRE STUDENT WINS KENNEDY CENTER COMPETITION

DSC theatre arts student Guy Smith won the national Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF) make-up competition in April, held in Washington, D.C. Smith won the title over six other college make-up artists in the nation with his display work and performance in a number of workshops during the five-day festival.

Smith earned the trip to the national festival by taking top honors in the KCACTF regional design contest for his makeup designs in DSC’s production of “Sweeney Todd” last fall. For winning the national award, Smith won $500 and an opportunity to go to New York City for a week-long working experience called “The Clam Bake” with world-renowned designer Ming Cho Lee.

“To me personally and professionally, this is huge,” Smith said. “I don’t think the scale of the entire thing has hit me yet.”

For Smith, though, the chance to represent Dixie State’s theatre program on a national stage was special and served as motivation to work that much harder at his craft. He hopes that his regional and national sweep of the make-up competition will not only put the DSC theatre department on the map, but serve as a springboard for the program to become a four-year degree emphasis.

“Hopefully this will be put in the back of people’s minds that Dixie State’s program does a lot of good things, and that’s going to draw a lot of attention to the whole department,” Smith said. “I feel good about doing my part to pull that focus in and show that we’re doing great work here, so we should have the backing to make this into a four-year program.”

ART PROFESSOR RECEIVES NCECA HONOR

Longtime DSC art professor Glen Blakely was presented with the “Fellow of the Council” award by the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) at the organization’s international conference’s opening ceremonies last March, in Pittsburgh, Pa. Blakely was honored for his outstanding support and contributions to the growth and success of the organization.

“This is quite a tribute and honor that NCECA is presenting to me. I’m very humbled by it,” Blakely said. “There have been a number of great people that have been honored, a lot of them internationally-known, and to be joining those people on that list is quite an honor for me.”

Since his arrival on the Dixie campus in 1976, Blakely has worked to bring art experiences to the institution, the St. George community, and the state of Utah. He helped establish the St. George Art Museum, for which he was its first director for six years, and was the first director of the St. George Arts Festival in 1979. Blakely completed his master of fine arts degree at Brigham Young University in 1973. Prior to his tenure at DSC, he taught art at Oregon City (OR) High School and at BYU. He has directed travel-study programs to art museums in the western United States for 30 years, and recently returned from his 15th annual travel-study trip to Europe.
FIRST POST ACADEMY GRADUATES

DSC’s Regional Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Academy graduated its inaugural class in a ceremony held March 17, at the DSC Dolores Dore’ Eccles Fine Arts Center Concert Hall. In all, 14 cadets earned their graduate certificates in both the Special Function Officer (SFO) and Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) blocks.

DSC POST program director David Holm lauded the cooperation of a number of law enforcement agencies in Washington and Iron Counties, including both county sheriff’s departments, Washington City Department of Public Safety, and the Ivins Department of Public Safety, noting the contributions of those agencies to the success of the academy. Holm added that 11 of the 14 graduates are already employed by the sponsoring agencies.

The list of graduates include: Britt T. Ballard (self sponsored); David Bolander (Wash. Co. Sheriff’s Dept.); Jake D. Bulkeley (Washington City DPS); Shawn Coston (Iron Co. Sheriff’s Dept.); Richard Ehler (Wash. Co. Sheriff’s Dept.); Joshua E. Finona, (Washington City DPS); Nick Gibson (Iron Co. Sheriff’s Dept.); Lincoln Knighton (self sponsored); Joshua Ryan Leugers (self sponsored); Jason D. Shafer (Ivins City DPS); Jay Sissener (Iron Co. Sheriff’s Dept.); Stanley A. Talbot (self sponsored); Woody Taylor (Wash. Co. Sheriff’s Dept.); and Aaron Thompson (Wash. Co. Sheriff’s Dept.).

For more information on the POST training courses or to register, please contact POST program director David Holm at 435-652-7916, or at dholm@dixie.edu. Information may also be obtained on the Academy’s website at www.dixie.edu/post.

DICK NOURSE ADDRESSES CLASS OF 2008 AT 97TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Retired KSL-TV news anchor Dick Nourse served as keynote speaker at DSC’s commencement exercises on May 2, 2008. He expressed thanks for the opportunity to speak and to be part of the great things the College is doing through the Center for Media Innovation.

“St. George is where I’ve wanted to retire for a long time,” he said. “It is beautiful country. And the landscape is enhanced by Dixie State College at the center of this community. I am thrilled to be a part of the communication department at Dixie State College as we launch the Dick Nourse Center for Media Innovation.”

Nourse’s message to the Class of 2008 focused on giving, loving, surviving and helping, as he recounted the tumultuous, and oftentimes scary, headlines of the 1960s and compared them with today’s equally troubling headlines. He then asked the graduates to consider what the headlines of tomorrow might be.


He then told the class, “There is one question I DO have some insight into. And, that is… what will MY story be? What will YOUR story be?”

He then went on to relate that life can be overwhelming, even “one damn thing after another,” but despite seemingly overwhelming situations, we can write our own stories of hope and goodness. Quoting Anne Frank he said, “Everyone has inside of him or her a piece of good news. The good news is, you don’t know how great you can be. How much you can love. What you can accomplish. And, what your potential is.”

Nourse told the story of his own battle with lymphoma cancer and how it was the love and concern of others—even television viewers he didn’t even know—that helped him survive the ordeal.

“I just couldn’t let them down,” he said. “I was meant to return.”

He then shared examples—including a local one dealing with the St. George floods in 2005—of volunteers coming to the rescue in times of need.

“Never, in my broadcasting career has a call gone out on the 10 o’clock news for help, for someone in need, that it has not been answered,” Nourse said.

He ended by telling the graduates that they will at some point be called on to give all that they can give.

“So of you will be called upon to lead this great country… or serve this great country,” he said. “Some will be in positions to lead our great state... and there are those among you who will protect us, inspect us, even dissect us, looking for more and better answers to the meaning of life.”

He closed by challenging graduates not to wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

“Be that volunteer,” he said. “Begin right now… let your story be a piece of good news—one of giving, loving and of lifting up others.”

2008 COMMENCEMENT NUMBERS

919 Degrees awarded
153 Bachelor degrees
766 Associate degrees
244 Vocational and Technical Certificates

Programs awarding the most Bachelor’s:
50 Business Administration
43 Elementary Education
20 Computer & Information Technology

FIRST-EVER graduating classes:
Accounting 7, English 5
Biology 3, Communication 3

13 from the final class of the old Communication and New Media degree also graduated

4 foreign countries (Canada, The Philippines, Portugal and Japan) and 31 states are represented in the Class of 2008.

60% of graduates were female
13 - Age of the youngest graduate
71 - Age of the oldest graduate
2/3 of DSC’s graduates (631) hail from Washington County
HOLDING HANDS:
UTHA TO AFGHANISTAN

TYLER PLEWE, ’94,
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
by Chauntelle Lewis, ’01

Every woman needs a hand to hold during labor. Although he was thousands of miles away serving in Afghanistan, DSC alumnus Tyler Plewe found an unconventional way to “hold hands” and support his wife Jillian during the birth of their son.

As soon as Plewe arrived at his base for duty in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, he searched for someone with the connectivity to set up a web cam so he could see his wife in the delivery room. She did the same on her end at the hospital in Utah.

“I sat there at the computer through the night for what seemed like 24 hours [actually 8 hours] while she was in labor,” said Plewe. “Finally, the time came and I got to be with Jillian, with the web cam placed beside her. It was almost as if I was there sitting beside her, holding her hand. We were very happy to have had that experience.”

The Plewes had a healthy 7 pound, 19.5 inch-long baby boy named Cohen on May 20, 2008.

When Plewe was deployed he was heartbroken to realize he would not be with his wife when she delivered their son, but was grateful for the available technology and for everyone who helped them “be together” for that momentous occasion.

With two deployments in the past five years and the heartache that comes from leaving his wife and (now) five children behind, he is still grateful that he has the opportunity to serve his country and the world.

“I am well aware of the current state of our world and what is asked of a soldier in this day and age,” said Plewe. “I don’t choose to be away from my family, but I do choose to do my part and serve when called upon. I am always ready to make the necessary sacrifice and pray my family will be protected while I am away.”

During his first deployment in Iraq from 2003 to 2004, Plewe kept his own children close to his heart by capturing the hope for Iraq’s future, the children, in an inspiring and truth-telling video, entitled “A New Day in Baghdad.” It expresses through video, pictures, and music why he is in the military, and why he and other soldiers are in Iraq and Afghanistan—to give them hope for a brighter future.

“Whenever I saw and interacted with the children of Iraq I thought of my children at home, Plewe said. “It also impressed me that despite the circumstances in which they live, they always had a smile on their face. It was a lesson to me how things should never be taken for granted, and that happiness can be found anywhere in any situation. I began to feel that these children had hope and that I should have hope for them too.”

In his two tours of service, Plewe has worked very closely with the people. In Baghdad, Iraq he was the Intelligence Officer on a Mobile Collection Team for the Iraq Survey Group, which surveyed possible weapons of mass destruction (WMD) manufacturing and storage sites. He gathered information from the people to help find WMD sites.

Currently in Afghanistan, Plewe is a Chief Warrant Officer in Military Intelligence and is the Team Leader of a Human Intelligence Collection Team. Wearing the native garb instead of their military uniforms, they mix with and converse with Afghans to keep the local people and Coalition Forces safe in an unstable environment. They also work with the Provincial Reconstruction Team.

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"I had no idea that dancing would take me around the world," said Ilene Hacker, a 1972 Dixie College graduate who founded the award-winning Super Steppers Junior Drill Team and the Prime Time Performers in St. George. After serving as the director of these ventures for 27 years, she decided to retire in 2007. Little did she know another opportunity was right around the corner ... but halfway around the world.

"It was a difficult decision for me to retire from teaching dance in St. George last spring," she said. "I love the students and they became a major part of my life. We went on so many trips together, we were like a huge family and I still consider them as family."

Ilene sold her dance business to Carolyn Phillips who is keeping the tradition of excellence alive for Super Steppers and Prime Time Performers, but as soon as that door closed, another door opened in China.

Following her retirement, Ilene made plans to start an import business with friends in China. During one trip, when she was arranging to set up the import business, she was also invited to teach several dance classes. Her friends convinced her to bring her precision jazz dance style to students in China. Thus, IPS Dance Academy in Hangzhou, China was formed.

"In China, my life takes on new meaning as I learn about their culture and live in a city of over 8 million," she says. "Giving up my car to ride a bike on the busy streets and highways wasn’t something I planned on doing, but it’s really quite fun. After maneuvering through the streets of Hangzhou, with hundreds of bikes and cars on the streets, I vowed never to complain about the traffic in St. George again!"

Hacker has two Chinese business partners, a couple, whom she met through the LDS Church. The name of their academy, IPS, is really taken from the first letters of each of their names: I = Ilene, P = Pinghua, and S = Stella (her Chinese friend’s American name). IPS, they say, also stands for International Positive Steps.

And the steps IPS has taken have been very positive.

"The Chinese children work especially hard, even with the language barrier," says Ilene. "They do everything exactly as we ask during our classes in jazz, ballet, and technique. All of the students come to class already knowing how to march since every school in China incorporates marching as part of their morning exercise routine."

At the academy, Chinese boys and girls of all ages have been learning precision jazz. The academy also teaches a ‘Mommy and Me’ Class, but Ilene says it often turns out to be ‘Grandma or Grandpa and Me.’

"Since the ‘one child’ law was instigated in China, the grandparents, along with parents, take a very active role in the child’s life," she said. "It’s common to see the grandparents and parents attend our classes."

Another positive step is that IPS Dance Academy offers Ilene’s former students the opportunity to teach dance in China on two to six month contracts. Dixie State College dance student, Adi Green and former Super Stepper, Jaicee Bean, accompanied Ilene to China to work as instructors on that first trip.

Green is a student of Dixie State College dance professor Dr. Li Lei. After teaching in Hangzhou, Hacker, Green, and others were able to tour China for 10 days, including a visit to see CHINA on page 18.

Taylor in front of Hofvijver lake and the Dutch parliament building.

Photos far right: Hacker holding the Olympic torch behind her Chinese IPS dance students, right: Hacker in China with two of her dance teachers, Rebelettes Tiffany Shoell and Erin Brophy.

prosecutor, I had no experience in international criminal law.

So in 2005, he and his wife Jennifer moved to The Netherlands with their three young children, and Taylor began studying international criminal law at Leiden University. With the university only minutes away from the Tribunal, Taylor was able to follow the proceedings and meet some of the lawyers working there. After completing his degree in 2006, he was offered a position with the Tribunal. Of course he jumped at the chance.

Taylor works in the Tribunal’s Office of Chambers as a staff attorney for a judge who presides over an ongoing trial. He does legal research, drafts decisions on written and oral motions, and tracks witness testimony, among other duties.

The trial on which he’s working has been going on now for more than two years. Seven Bosnian Serb leaders are facing various charges related to the alleged 1995 murder and ethnic cleansing of thousands of Muslims in Srebrenica. Taylor describes the highly complex case as questions of how much each of the accused knew about what was occurring, and how highly placed each was in the Bosnian Serb leadership.

The trial by necessity moves forward slowly. Proceedings are conducted in two official languages, English and French, as well as in Bosnian, the language of the accused. Everything – all testimony, examinations, decisions, etc. - must be translated into multiple languages. Each of the accused has an attorney, so there may be seven cross-examinations of witnesses.

Taylor’s family, including children ages 5 to 14, has made the adjustment to living overseas “remarkably well,” he said. The children attend an international school, see NETHERLANDS on page 18.
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Team (PRT) in Asadabad to build roads, schools, district centers, and other needed improvements in the Konar Province.

"I am very happy with what we are able to do here and I feel that now, more than ever, I am really making a difference by my service in the military," said Plewe.

Speaking of his first deployment, he mentioned that his overall impression of the Iraqis was positive. He said that the people in general seemed genuinely happy to have the soldiers there, and be out of the oppression of a dictator.

"More often than not we would be welcomed in the neighborhoods with waving and a 'thumbs up' sign of approval," noted Plewe.

Plewe has had extensive training that prepared him for his current service in Afghanistan. He has been in the Army National Guard for 15 years and has been in the A Co/142nd Military Intelligence Battalion/300th Military Intelligence Brigade for his entire service. He joined the Guard to keep up the Hungarian language skills he learned on an LDS mission, to help financially with college, and because he wanted to serve in some way.

He has been gaining skills since 1993, but Plewe said that since September 11, 2001, the military has gone to a whole new level of training to fight against terror. Every soldier, from infantry to mail clerk is expected to be well-trained and proficient in what they call "Warrior Skills." These are skills that are used every day in places like Iraq and Afghanistan to remain safe and win the war on Terror. In 2002, as a Staff Sergeant, he went to Warrant Officer Candidate School and has been a Warrant Officer ever since. Warrant Officers in the Army are traditionally the technical experts in their field. They are unique with their background of education as well as technical training and soldier experience. Two years ago, Plewe decided to broaden his linguistic resume by learning Urdu, the official language of Pakistan. When he's home in Lehi, Utah, he works full-time as an Urdu linguist for the government. Since he is so close to Pakistan now, he has even had several chances to use his Urdu with local people in Konar Province.

Although he has sacrificed time with his family and his own safety and security, Plewe is grateful for the opportunity to serve and has never seriously considered getting out of the Army. He plans to stay in until he retires because of the fulfillment it gives him.

"It is a path that has brought me satisfaction and a sense of patriotism," said Plewe. "I feel I am doing my part to defend my family, my country, and freedom throughout the world. We have to sacrifice and work hard to preserve our way of life. Unfortunately for many families, this means the ultimate sacrifice, and my heart goes out to them, I honor them for their sacrifice."

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where Jennifer Taylor also works. During a recent vacation to visit relatives in southern Utah while the Tribunal is on summer recess, "My oldest son told me he’s not ready to move back (to the U.S.) yet," Taylor said. "My daughter informed me there’s no way she’s moving back."

Taylor, 40, "grew up all over," as his father, who worked for Exxon, was transferred to various oil producing locations.

"We lived in Alaska and Louisiana, and I graduated from high school in Texas," he said.

He enrolled at what was then Dixie College in the fall of 1986. His grandfather B. Don Taylor was a member of the College’s business faculty. "My grandmother was really excited to have grandkids come to Dixie College," Taylor recalls. He met his wife, the former Jennifer Gwilliam of Salt Lake City, while both were on the forensics team. He still keeps in touch with people he knew during his days at Dixie.

"I really enjoyed my time at Dixie College – the student body, the faculty, forensics, everything. I made friends then that I have stayed in close contact for years - people like Mike Woodward and Don Hinton. It was really a good time in my life and I look back on those days quite fondly."

Taylor went on to finish his undergraduate degree at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, studying political science and history. He attended law school at the University of Arizona and then took the job as an assistant prosecutor for the city of Phoenix, a post he held for eight years before moving the family to Europe.

"What this process has taught me is life is never static," Taylor said. "It sometimes seems that way, but it never is. If you have a dream, if you have a passion, there are always ways to do what you want to do, if you're creative and willing to do what it takes."

By design, any assignment at the Tribunal is temporary. The Tribunal itself will eventually finish its work and be dissolved. Taylor is now preparing for the end of the trial on which he's working. The question of what he will do next is open. He thinks the family will at some point end up back in the U.S. Just when that might happen, Taylor isn’t sure.

"I could be at the Tribunal another year or two years," he said. "There are other opportunities in The Hague, but I don't want to live in The Hague forever. I don't know what I want to do next. We'll see where the wind blows."

Ken Perkins is a freelance writer living in Southern Utah.

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Dr. Lei’s hometown of Chongqing, a huge city of 32 million.

The group enjoyed a five-star cruise down the Yangtze River, visited the Terra Kota Warrior Museum in Xian and saw the huge Three Gorges Dam. The group also climbed the Great Wall and visited Beijing and other popular tourist stops. Hacker’s friends, also former Rebelettes, Judith Trease and Sue Blazzard accompanied her on that portion of the trip.

Current Dixie State College Rebelettes, Erin Brophy and Tiffanie Shoell, traveled to China with Hacker in May. Since Hangzhou is not a popular stop for American tourists, the girls always noticed people were very curious about them. The second day the trio was in China, they purchased bikes and went for a ride. Two young Chinese men crashed head-on in front of the girls because they had their eyes on Tiffanie and Erin instead of where they were going.

Hacker is currently working with Dixie State College staff and faculty to set up an internship for dance instructors to receive credit for their time spent teaching in China. The instructors must be age 18 or older, have a
strong background in ballet
and jazz, and have previous
teaching experience. The
teachers receive a rent-free
apartment, which is
conveniently located inside the
dance center, money for meals, spending money
and optional sightseeing and shopping
opportunities. Hangzhou is listed as “The Most
Beautiful City in China.”

Dance teachers are needed every two to six
months, and those interested can email
hacker@infowest.com for details. Information for
those interested may visit the website,

Ilene was born in Provo, but has lived most of
her life in St. George. She has deep ties to Dixie;
her ancestors were some of the first settlers in the
area. She was a cheerleader and member of the
Jetettes at Dixie High school. She was also a
member of Pat Roper’s Rebelettes during her two
years at Dixie

“Pat inspired me to do more with my
dancing and I became one of the first dance
major students at Utah State University,” Ilene
said. She attended USU where she performed
with the Orchesis Dance Troupe.

Ilene’s Super Stepers Junior Drill Team,
along with her Prime Time Performers Senior
Ladies Jazz Dance Team, were invited time
after time to perform at exciting venues across
the globe. NBA halftime shows became a
popular place to see Hacker’s dancers put on a
show. The teams presented nearly a dozen
halftime shows during Los Angeles Laker
games at The Forum and the Staples Center.
The dancers also presented shows for the Utah
Jazz, Phoenix Suns, Orlando Magic, and Los
Angeles Clippers. The dancers were sponsored
by Reader’s Digest to perform at the famous
Sydney Opera House in Australia. They have
performed in Fiji, New Zealand, South Korea,
The Bahamas, Mexico, Thailand, as well as the
Winter Olympic Games in Nagano, Japan and
Salt Lake City. Japan became a popular stop
for the dance teams, and Hacker has taken her
dancers there to perform for world expos and
other large events.

Ilene hopes to bring her dancers from China to
visit and perform in St. George someday. She has
fond memories of dance trips with her American
students and continues to share a bond with
them—a bond that is now being formed with a
new group of students, halfway around the world
in China.
hen Annie Laurie McGregor Baker discovered artist dolls, she knew instinctively she had found her niche in life. Her background in painting, her love of sculpting, combined with a talent for costume design and sewing seemed to prepare this Dixie College alum for a career in making original dolls. However, it took a long time and a great deal of effort to learn all the skills necessary to make original dolls.

Dolls have always been important to Annie Laurie. As a child each beloved doll had its own story and personality. A lost or broken doll was a tragedy. By age seven she was not only drawing her own paper dolls with elaborate wardrobes, but was cutting her own patterns and making her own doll clothes. Her mother, tired of being constantly pestered to make doll clothes, showed Annie Laurie how to cut patterns and use the sewing machine.

Graduating from Dixie in 1953, Annie Laurie shared the College’s “Outstanding Artist” award with her friend Winona Crosby (Stanley). They were fortunate to have Ralph Huntsman for an art professor. Remembered by many as not only a talented painter, but as a kind man who taught his students a great deal about what is important in life, Ralph helped Annie Laurie develop a lifelong interest in art.

Weeks after graduating from Dixie, Annie Laurie married Ken Baker, '55. It was during the Korean War, so they were married on a three-day pass and then spent the next two years in Hawaii on a “prolonged honeymoon” where Ken played in the Army Band and their first child was born. After being discharged they moved back to St. George where Ken graduated from Dixie. They then moved to Salt Lake where he graduated from the University of Utah and later received his higher degrees at Brigham Young University.

When they left Dixie, Annie Laurie continued her education in art, painting in oils and watercolors. Taking more art classes and even some sculpting classes, she fell in love with sculpting.

In the mid 1980’s her daughter, Bobbi, talked her into trying a reproduction doll class, and Annie Laurie was immediately hooked. She bought a couple of books and began to experiment. She sculpted her first doll and made the mold with a book in hand. At first she said the dolls were “mostly disasters” but gradually they began to improve. By 1994 Annie Laurie had improved so much that she won the Rolf Erickson Doll Sculpting Award for new doll artists and with this assurance, she was on her way. Now she works mostly in porcelain with an occasional character doll in polymer clay.

Over the years Annie Laurie has won many international doll awards from IDEX, Dolls Awards of Excellence, and the DOTY (Doll of the year) awards. Annie Laurie has been featured in “Dolls Magazine,” “Doll Reader,” “Contemporary Doll,” “Doll News” and many other doll magazines. Her dolls have been introduced almost every year in the dolls magazines in their sections on new dolls for the coming year. She was one of the doll artists featured in “Doll Reader’s “Debut of Dolls” issue in 2007 focusing on original doll artists. Her doll, “Grace” has been nominated for the 2008 “Dolls Award of Excellence and has won the Industry Choice Award from “Doll Reader” for 2008.

Annie Laurie said she feels very fortunate to have found a profession she loves. She hopes to keep making dolls, and learning and improving as much as possible.

After living in the Salt Lake area for most of their married life, Annie Laurie and Ken are now living in Heber City to be close to family. They have three children, 11 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.
DSC SPORTS UPDATE

DIXIE STATE COLLEGE ATHLETICS GAINS ELIGIBILITY FOR NCAA DIVISION II POSTSEASON PLAY  by Steve Johnson

“Our history in athletics is rich and has played a significant role in our community and our institution. The junior college national championships and conference titles will forever impact our memories, but we are very excited too about this new quest that lies ahead of us.”

—Dexter Irvin, DSC Athletic Director

Dixie State College of Utah director of intercollegiate athletics Dexter Irvin announced on July 23, that the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) had waived the final two years of DSC’s four-year provisional membership. The decision by the NCAA means that DSC’s teams are eligible for postseason play at the Division II level this season, while Dixie’s student-athletes can compete for conference championships and national titles in their respective sports.

“This announcement signifies the changing of the guard from a historical perspective to a new management system that emphasizes the quality of education and athletic experience for our student-athletes,” Irvin said. “Additionally, community service and student welfare, which are two core values of NCAA Division II membership, will bring us full circle in our ability to provide a quality experience for the students of Dixie State College.”

In 2000, DSC changed its mission statement and began offering baccalaureate degrees in high demand areas. This began the evolution of the institution from a two-year to a four-year college. The transition from junior college athletic competition at the NJCAA level to four-year NCAA Division II began as DSC’s program was accepted as an NCAA Explorer member in 2005. At the conclusion of the 2005-06 season, DSC’s provisional period began, including the program’s acceptance into the Pacific West Conference in 2006.

Over the past two years, DSC’s athletic administration has produced two reports as part of the program’s progression toward full NCAA membership. The first was a 700-page Institution Self-Study Guide (ISSG), which was submitted to the NCAA in early 2007. The second report, a 600-page ISSG delivered earlier this year, documented DSC Athletic’s financial aid, compliance, academic, budgetary and student welfare policies and procedures.

It was the hard work and diligence of DSC’s athletic administration, led by associate A.D. and senior woman administrator (SWA) Mo Eckroth, in the reports that impressed the NCAA into granting Dixie State full competition status at the Division II level.

“Our administrative team played a significant role in the development of policies and procedures that allowed us to be considered for full membership,” Irvin added. “The significance of everything we have in place cannot be overstated.

“Mo [Eckroth] has been a beacon of integrity and her hard work and dedication through this process has helped us make significant academic and procedural changes in our athletic department and institution,” Irvin went on to say.

Currently, Dixie State College sponsors 12 intercollegiate athletic programs, including football, men’s and women’s basketball, women’s volleyball, men’s and women’s soccer, baseball, softball, men’s and women’s cross country, women’s tennis and men’s golf. DSC is a member of the PacWest in all sports except football, which is a member of the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC).

In addition to DSC’s eligibility announcement, fellow PacWest member Notre Dame de Namur was also granted full NCAA Division II competition status, while the PacWest Conference achieved active conference status.

Irvin noted that the PacWest receiving active conference status was significant because of the conference’s role in obtaining additional grant money and funding from the NCAA, along with league assistance in management of its member schools.

Dixie State College athletics enjoys a storied history that spans nearly a full century since the institution’s inception in 1911, including decades of championship success at the junior college level. Irvin noted that the heritage and accomplishments of those student-athletes and coaches that came before helped set the stage for opportunities afforded his collective programs, both in the present and the future.
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WARD CUFF ’02, AND
ASUKA CUFF, ’05, credit Dixie State College for permanently bridging their once foreign worlds. Ward is from St. George and Asuka is from Japan, but they met in the LDS Institute’s Inspiration Choir and were neighbors at Raintree apartments. Even with their busy school schedules (Ward was a pre-med student, and Asuka was a music studies student), they still found time to date and were married in 2004. Ward attended Dixie with the help of a Presidential Scholarship and an Alumni Scholarship. After completing his associate of arts degree in 2002, Ward stayed at Dixie to continue pre-med studies before transferring to Utah State. Highlights of his time at Dixie include helping to organize a ski and snowboard club and being awarded the title “Science Student of the Semester.”

Asuka attended Dixie with the help of music and academic scholarships. Playing the piano, she accompanied two choirs, private vocal students, and theatrical rehearsals. She enjoyed working with Dr. Ken Peterson and Lynn Dean in her music studies. She remembers working extra hours to excel in the classroom to overcome the language barrier, English being her second language and Japanese her first. Asuka received her Associate of Arts Degree at Dixie in 2005. After Ward and Asuka married, they lived in Monterey, Calif., where Ward learned Chinese as a linguist for the Utah Army National Guard. In 2006, they moved to Logan where Ward attended Utah State and pursued an Asian Studies degree and continued pre-med courses. They also had the opportunity to study abroad for ten months in Japan and were there for the inaugural Japan Alumni Chapter meeting in Feb 2008. Ward is currently in the application process for medical schools, and Asuka is busy being a mom to their daughter, Misa.

NANA MIYAKOSHI, ’98, attended Dixie State in 1998 and enrolled in the ESL program while on campus. She participated in the many activities on campus, in the community and the surrounding area.

“The beautiful country in St. George, Monument Valley and the area are a second hometown to me,” she said. “Living in the middle of Tokyo is nice, but I miss the red rocks and all the nature of Dixie.”

After Dixie State, she attended the University of Utah and majored in education while working at a local wholesale craft store. Nana uses her education to teach English at a public junior high school in Tokyo. She married Toru Miyakoshi in August in Hawaii. Like Nana, Toru was born and raised in Tokyo, but they never met as they were growing up. He also studied and worked in the U.S., including in New York for six years.

“Studying at Dixie State meant a lot to me because both of my parents went there, met there, and got married... how romantic!” Nana said. “I was able to take classes from the same teachers; Dr. Max Rose and Mr. Ashman, but let’s not talk about my grades ...please.”

Nana is serving as the Japan Chapter Alumni President.

VALERIE SAGERS PHILLIPS, ’75, has been the food editor at the Deseret Morning News since 2000. After graduating from Dixie (where she was on the staff of the Dixie Sun), she received a B.S. in communications at Utah State University in 1977. Over the years, she has worked as a newspaper reporter, magazine editor, hospital public relations officer, and edited a newsletter for expatriats in Saudi Arabia called The Dhahran Digest from 1984-86. In 1993, she became the food editor of the Ogden Standard-Examiner. She has received a national William Harvey Award for reporting on heart health and trans fats, as well as awards from the Association of Food Journalists, The Society of Professional Journalists, the Utah-Idaho Press Association and Writer’s Digest magazine. In 2005, she received the Deseret News Outstanding Performance Award. In November 2008 she received a community service award from the Beehive Chefs Association for informing the public about all aspects of dining.

“I really value the time I spent at Dixie College,” she said. “Of course, it was a smaller school then, but I appreciate the individual attention given by so many of the professors, such as Pansy Hardy (Creative Writing), LaVarr Webb (Journalism), and Karl Brooks (political science). And I could always count on singing Mrs. DiFiore’s Program Bureau to lift my spirits for the day.”

Valerie is married to Kim Phillips. They live in Kaysville and have four children. Dixie College runs in the family. Son Eric Phillips attended Dixie State in 2006-07, and wrote articles for the Dixie Sun. He plans to return to Dixie after his LDS mission in Carlsbad, Calif.

TANIER GLAUSER, ’07, had some of her best years at Dixie State College. Not only did she meet many new friends and have knowledgeable professors, but she also became involved with the student government and student alumni. After serving as the President of the Student...
In 2007, Tanier made a hard decision and one that would shape her life in ways she did not know. Tanier chose to transfer to Brigham Young University where she could finish her undergraduate degree in Business Management with an emphasis in Marketing.

In April of 2008, Tanier was named the vice president of social life for the Marriott Undergraduate Student Association (MUSA) at BYU. Tanier will be serving on the MUSA council for the academic year 2008-09. She will have the opportunity to create and organize activities that will bring a greater sense of community to the business students at BYU. Currently, Tanier is planning for MUSA's opening social this coming fall and is thankful for her prior council experiences at Dixie State College. She is grateful for her mentors Donna Stafford, Sherri Anderson, Kalynn Larson, and Wendi Bulkley for their help in preparing her for her new vice president position.

Dixie State College was a stepping-stone in Tanier's life. While attending Dixie State, Tanier learned skills of hard work and dedication, which drive her motivation for success today. Tanier lived in Tuscaloosa, Ala. this past summer, where she received an internship with Fortune 500 Company, ARA-MARK. Tanier is rotating through the different departments of marketing, human resources, operations, and accounting. As much as Tanier is learning what she enjoys about the business world, she says she is also learning what she doesn't like as well. Tanier is grateful for all those who have helped her excel in her education and activities. She said, “I would not have these opportunities open to me without the love and support of my peers, mentors, and of course, my family.”
DR. DUANE J. “DUTC H” GUBLER, ’57, is considered the world expert in his field of vector-borne infectious diseases. He has academic degrees in entomology and zoology from Utah State University (BS), parasitology from the University of Hawaii (MS), and pathobiology and tropical disease ecology from the Johns Hopkins University (ScD). His entire career has been spent working on vector-borne infectious diseases; he lived in tropical countries for 21 years, with extensive field experience in Asia, the Pacific and Caribbean islands, Central and South America and Africa.

Dr. Gubler’s accomplishments are many. In Southeast Asia he developed the first virologic surveillance system for dengue hemorrhagic fever and helped to clarify the clinical spectrum of illness associated with dengue virus infection. Dr. Gubler also pioneered the field of mosquito vector competence.

In the Caribbean, Dr. Gubler directed the development of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Dengue Laboratory, which now serves as a world reference laboratory for diagnosis, surveillance, prevention and control of epidemic dengue.

As Director of the Division of Vector-Borne Infectious Diseases, CDC in Fort Collins, Colo., from 1989 to 2004, Dr. Gubler reorganized the division and led the development of the programs on emerging infectious diseases and bioterrorism. He coordinated the development of the U.S. National Lyme Disease Program, and directed global emergency responses to epidemics of vector-borne diseases, including the 1994 plague epidemic in India, and the 1999-2004 West Nile virus epidemic in the United States.

Dr. Gubler has more than 270 publications on every aspect of dengue and other vector-borne diseases. He has served as a frequent consultant to national organizations including the World Health Organization (WHO), the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the National Research Council, the U.S. Department of Defense, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, along with numerous others in Asia, the Pacific, the Americas and Africa.

Dr. Gubler has been instrumental in developing the Pediatric Dengue Vaccine Initiative, and currently serves as chair of the board of councilors of that organization. He is also on many scientific advisory boards in Singapore, Europe, and the Bill and Melinda Gates/NH Grand Challenge Program on Genetic Control of Mosquitoes.

He is professor and chair of the Department of Tropical Medicine, Medical Microbiology and Pharmacology, University of Hawaii School of Medicine, and holds academic appointments as Professor of Microbiology at Colorado State University, and Professor of International Health at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, where he has served for the past five years as a member of the Dean’s Council. He is a Fellow of the Infectious Disease Society of America, a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and Past President of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. He has received numerous academic, professional and community service awards, including an Honorary Doctorate of Science from Southern Utah University, 1988, the Outstanding Alumni Award for Science and Research from Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health, 1997. He was selected as one of 90 Illustrious Alumni by the University of Hawaii in celebration of its 90th anniversary in 1997. Rotary International awarded him the Meritorious Service Medal in 1989 and the International Service Above Self Award in 2000, for his work in controlling dengue hemorrhagic fever.

Dutch and his wife, Bobbie Jean (Carroll) ’57, attended Dixie College the last two years of high school when both high school and college students were intermingling in many activities. Student life centered on sports for Dutch and the Rebettes for Bobbie.

“The time at Dixie helped us formulate our core beliefs and values, opened our eyes to a larger world, and was the beginning of an exciting adventure and partnership that has lasted 51 years,” Dutch said.

Dutch and Bobbie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in March 2008. They have two sons, Justin Chase and Stuart Jefferson; both are graduates of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and both are still on active duty in the U.S. Army.

Dutch says his hobby is his work, which has been incredibly challenging and rewarding.

“It has been a very exciting, and sometimes dangerous life; I have been shot at, bombed, shelled, washed down flooded rivers in a dug-out canoe, and thrown in jail in various lands. In Calcutta, we experienced what a real mean mob is like,” he said.

He stays attached to his southern Utah roots by strumming the guitar and singing country western songs.

Bobbie travels with Dutch when she thinks it will be an interesting trip, and likes to visit their four grandkids whenever she can arrange it.
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In July, the Northeast Alumni Chapter hosted a fantastic alumni and friends event in Washington, D.C. This is the chapter’s second-annual gathering and approximately 50 people attended the events. “Alumni were so pleased that Dixie State would take the time to come to Washington D.C. and put together the events so they could network with each other, get reacquainted and make new friends with other people living in the area,” said Alumni Director Kalynn Larson.

The multi-day event started on a Friday with a VIP tour of the Pentagon led by Lt. Col. Wayne McArthur, ’72. McArthur works at the Pentagon and was able to give the group an expanded tour. Many felt sadness for the families of those who died at the Pentagon in the September 11 attack.

On Saturday, the group enjoyed a tour of the National Air & Space Museum, Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Va. The Hazy Center showcases planes and flight history dating from the Wright Brothers to current aircraft. Stephen Udvar-Hazy, who donated the funds for the museum, also donated the money for the Hazy School of Business building on Dixie’s campus.

At the Hazy Center, the group enjoyed seeing the Enterprise space shuttle and other space-related paraphernalia. Another highlight of the day was watching alumnus Dr. Everard Cox, ’41, stand for pictures with a World War II Vought F4U-1D Corsair bomber that he flew in the Pacific theater. His love for Dixie and the USA was clear and it spread to everyone that attended.

After these two family-oriented events, the Northeast Alumni Chapter capped off the week with an adults-only Italian dinner at Dr. Gregory Prince’s home in Potomac, Md. “You felt like you were in Tuscany the minutes you stepped through the front door,” said Larson. “George Whitehead led the group in Dixie songs and even sang a solo of ‘Just for Now’ by Roene Difiore, Dixie’s Mrs. ‘D’.”

President Nadauld was in attendance and gave attendees an update on the college and informed them of Dixie’s bright future. “It is a school rich in heritage,” he stated. “That heritage needs to be preserved.”

Nadauld discussed his plans for creating more student life on the campus by building a student recreation complex, pavilion, basketball standards for three-on-three tournaments, and lighting the Encampment Mall for intramurals.

Also in attendance during the many events were DSC Hall of Fame inductees, Gregory Prince, Richard Whitehead, Everard Cox, and Ken Bowler. “It was one of the best chapter events I have participated in,” said Larson. “The ‘Dixie Spirit’ was alive and going strong in Washington D.C. and will continue under great leadership.”

The chapter is planning a tour of the White House and dinner at the Prince home in July or September of 2009. Alumni and friends in that area should contact Greg Prince at 301-309-1844 or gprince@erols.com for details and watch for the announcement in the spring alumni magazine.

Photos (top to bottom): Margaret Nadauld and Jalynn Prince at the banquet; the Prince home where the alumni banquet was held; Jeriah and Tammy Barben Threlfall, Gordon and Penny Barben, and Mike and Vanessa Barben, all DSC alumni, enjoyed the many activities in D.C.; Lela and Everard Cox stand in front of the Corsair bomber that Everard flew in World War II. He told some of his experiences during the tour of the Udvar-Hazy Aerospace Museum.
TOKYO’S INAUGURAL EVENT

Dixie State College’s first international chapter was formed in Tokyo, Japan. In January 2008, 26 alumni joined together to renew old acquaintances, make new friends and re-energize their ‘Dixie Spirit.’ Dixie alumni from two generations enjoyed dinner and a powerpoint presentation showcasing photos of the time they were at Dixie. Loya Garrett, former ESL advisor, made the trip to greet many of her former students. “It was so good to see them and hear what they have done since leaving Dixie,” Garrett stated. Many alumni had completed their education and are now working in professions in Japan to make a difference in the lives of others. The chapter leadership has been working on the next chapter event which is scheduled for late winter or early spring.

BASEBALL FUN IN THE ARIZONA SUN

Arizona alumni enjoyed a fun day in the warm Phoenix sun watching a spring training baseball game for its spring chapter event. John Bowler, Arizona Chapter President, welcomed alumni and their families to the event.

“What a great way to enjoy baseball, family and friends,” stated Lisa Reber who attended with her husband, Paul, children and extended family.

Dixie Alumni had a great time renewing old friendships and making new friends in Southern Arizona.

The next Arizona Alumni Chapter’s activity will be a dinner in the Phoenix area in late September. More details will be mailed at a later date.
Dear Alumni & Friends,

I am constantly filled with gratitude as I contemplate the great privilege that is mine, to be associated with the Alumni of Dixie. Your countless contributions of combined service to the cause of Dixie State College and her students are an inspiration to all. Each year your efforts strengthen and expand the influence for good that our Dixie provides in the world by changing lives and providing opportunity for its students and the communities that she serves.

During a recent visit with President Stephen Nadauld, a fellow alumnus and I asked our new president what he believed was the single most important thing that our Dixie Alumni and community could do for our College today. His answer swelled our imaginations. President Nadauld said, “More than anything else, Dixie needs the ‘hearts’ of our alumni and communities.”

“What does having the hearts of our alumni and communities really mean?”

To find that answer, I turned for an understanding to what I know of my own heart. As I opened my heart to see what mattered most to me, I saw first, my own Dixie sweetheart with our four children (three now Dixie alumni) along with many other Dixie family and friends. Next, I saw them encompassed within an appreciation for a greater being who helps us to discern that the greatest joys that we have found in life have not been derived from portfolios, bank accounts, nor the toys of life, but, by the investments that we have made in building relationships with and love for others. Some of these most rewarding relationships have come by affecting and assisting others to become a force for good in the world. We have unquestionably found this to be true in our religious service, but among civic settings, few places have been better for us to do this than here at Dixie. It is clear to us, that our lives do have purpose and that this purpose is to serve and be served by others. The more we do for others and others do for us, the more our hearts are bound together. I certainly feel that bond with Dixie.

In much the same manner that I see what Dixie has done for my family and friends, I am certain that as each of you examine your own hearts you will see that Dixie has done the same for you. For some, this relationship has come not through attending Dixie as a student, but by being a benefactor of its positive influence in our communities. Nevertheless, regardless of how you have interacted with Dixie in the past, she stands ready to touch your heart and to serve you.

We have a strong and accomplished alumni and community that has so much to offer. So what can we do today to assist Dixie in its critical roles? Simply put, we need you to give Dixie a portion of your heart by becoming more involved with Dixie. Our hearts are given as we serve Dixie and its students in any way. Wouldn’t it be marvelous if as the school year began, local merchants and businesses developed the tradition of hanging signs and banners to create an environment that welcomes us and our Dixie students back for another semester. Can you imagine how a new freshman would feel if the streets of our local communities were filled with welcome signs on his or her first visit here. Our hearts are given to Dixie by supporting our teams during the building years as they compete at a higher level of academic requirement and athletic competition. After all, the home court advantage can only exist if we are there to create it.

Our hearts are given as we participate in Dixie’s traditions—perhaps a tradition as simple as wearing red on Fridays. Our hearts are given as we fund scholarships for deserving students. For some, their hearts are given as they share the wealth of experience they have gained during their lifetime of vocational pursuit by mentoring a student who has chosen to travel a similar path. Our hearts are given each time we return home to Dixie to take a class or enhance our skills. Our hearts are given when we encourage our children to experience Dixie. Our hearts are given when we watch a play or attend a performance. Our hearts are given when we return to the college to participate in Homecoming and D-Week festivities. You may choose to become a volunteer. Others may choose to share other resources. The many ways to give our hearts are bounded only by our imaginations. Become part of a student’s life. Maybe you can become an adopted parent or grandparent for a student as he or she is away from home. Your hearts will forever after become a part of one another. Come visit our lovely Stephen and Marcia Wade Alumni house. Come in and visit and just relax. You will always have a home away from home there. If you would like a tour of Dixie to see what is new on campus, contact us and we will arrange it. If you hurry, you may be one of the first to ride one of the new red intra-campus bicycles that are expected to dot the campus this fall. They will assist the students in moving from class to class. Dixie needs and wants your heart. Together our possibilities are boundless. To paraphrase the words from the modern version of the movie Batman, “it is not who we are, but what we do that defines us.” May we be forever defined as those whose hearts belong to Dixie.

Just For Now,

— Mark H. Gubler, DSC Alumni President
WHAT EXACTLY IS
The Dixie Spirit?
BY SHAUNA OTTENEN, ’85

When I think of the Dixie Spirit I think of close friends, cherished roommates, dedicated instructors and leaders, Dixie songs, walking across campus with friends or “that special guy,” the red hills, sunshine, good times, hard times, working hard and playing hard. I feel a kinship with those that passed through many years ago whose dedication, perseverance, struggles and ultimate survival have created the Dixie Spirit.

A few years ago Bill Fowler (former Dean of Students and Vice President) wrote an article entitled IT. He has graciously given permission to use it here. Thank you, Bill!

Few can define IT once they have seen IT. Many pursue IT, but find IT elusive. Those who embrace IT, never forget IT. IT belongs to everyone, but no one in particular. We sing about IT, talk about IT, laugh about IT and often reminisce about IT. IT is discussed around campfires, in chance meetings with friends, over picnic baskets, at family reunions, and is often witnessed in the faraway looks of blissful faces who think about IT. IT is the reason for victories and the motivating force for individual achievement. IT has created professional athletes, college presidents, doctors, dentists, attorneys, inventors, teachers, scientists, actors, singers, and comedians. Yes, IT is like salt. IT adds flavor to life and happiness. What is IT? What is IT? What is IT? IT is the SPIRIT OF DIXIE. IT can only be obtained by sacrifice, hard work, and a personal commitment to serve DIXIE by doing your best both in and out of the classroom. IT is real!!!

So go ahead, ask yourself if you know what the Dixie Spirit is. Chances are you’ll find yourself taking a walk down memory lane and remembering all those things that have made the Dixie Spirit real to you. If you’ve forgotten, come on down to Dixie, get the red sand back in your shoes, call an old friend, visit the campus and remember!
The Russell C. Taylor Health Science Center, which is located on the campus of Dixie Regional Medical Center, was dedicated on September 12, 2008. Look for more in-depth coverage of the dedication and the programs housed inside the new building in the next issue of the Dixie State Magazine.