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Oldest living former Washington County Attorney, 91-year-old Charlie Pickett, class of 1938, will be honored at Homecoming as Dixie’s Distinguished Alumni.
He's not your typical 91-year-old. He recalls details like an encyclopedia, and the mischief in his eyes calls up images of Dennis the Menace. With a buoyant step and a quick laugh, Charles M. Pickett ('38), looks and sounds like a man 20 years his junior. Standing in front of the stately old pioneer courthouse on St. George Blvd., he points to the windows by the balcony on the top floor where he prosecuted cases during his tenure as Washington County Attorney.

Today Pickett is the oldest living former Washington County Attorney, and he carries the additional distinction of being the only living member of Dixie's original football team. Playing in a farmer's field near the Virgin River in Bunkerville, Nevada in 1937, Pickett scored the first-ever touchdown in Dixie's first-ever football game.

The confidence and drive required to score that first touchdown served him well in years to come as the county's chief legal officer, and Dixie State College is proud to count ten of those men as alumni.

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DIXIE'S JUDICIAL ALUMNI

Story by Diana Ireland Stanley, '09

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and so have the duties of its county attorney. While Pickett gives colorful renditions of his many legal adventures, one of the highest profile cases ever prosecuted in the county made headlines only recently. Brock Belnap ('87), current Washington County Attorney and former Dixie College student body president, successfully tried polygamist Warren Jeffs. With his legal team, Belnap secured convictions on two felony counts for the leader of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The charges stemmed from an FLDS church-sanctioned marriage Jeffs conducted in 2001 between a 14-year-old girl and her 19-year-old cousin. Belnap's team not only dealt with the legal aspects of the complicated case, but an unprecedented level of publicity brought by dozens of reporters who converged on St. George.

"The media onslaught made it surreal," says Belnap. "We had to attend to the bizarre whirlwind of media attention, which included being mobbed by reporters every time we walked to the courthouse. It took almost as much time, energy and stress to handle the media as it did to prosecute the case."

Three hundred potential jurors were initially summoned for Jeffs' trial that eventually lasted nearly four weeks. Complications such as jury misconduct, a change of venue controversy and possible mistrial added to the tense drama of the case.

"It was unlike any other case I've ever

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been involved in," Belnap adds.

Such notorious cases are thankfully rare in southern Utah, however, and some cases can even turn downright comical. J. Ralph Atkin (‘65), who served as county attorney from 1971 to 1974, enjoys telling of a marijuana bust he directed in the Virgin River Basin. A large area was being cultivated, and after he and the sheriff surveyed the fields from a helicopter, the police raided the growers in the middle of the night.

They expected to disrupt a multi-million dollar drug operation, but Atkin laughs at the growers’ failure. Without enough water, the crop had withered in the desert. In the end, they arrested only two people.

FOUN DATION FOR LIFE

Dixie students today can enjoy four uninterrupted years of school. When each of these ten alumni sat for classes, though, Dixie offered only two years of higher education under the name of Dixie Junior College or simply Dixie College. In fact, when Leo A. Snow matriculated in the early 1900’s it was still known as the St. George Stake Academy.

The one thing they all have in common, though, is the foundation that Dixie provided for their later achievements. "Going to Dixie College and participating in a variety of activities gave me the confidence to attempt and excel at any endeavor I tried," explains Pickett.

Pickett says Dixie’s smaller size was key to his early college success. “Attending Dixie gave me the opportunity to participate in many activities one might not get at a larger school," he says. And he participated with gusto. Fond memories abound of playing on the football, basketball, track and field, and tennis teams; serving as class president and debate manager; performing the lead role in a school play; and being honored as Outstanding Debater and Outstanding Extemporaneous Speaker.

Paul Graf (‘69), who was elected county attorney for three terms from 1979 to 1991, benefitted from Dixie’s compactness, as well. He remembers having too many interests in his early college years to narrow them down to a single career choice. Getting involved in a wide variety of activities at Dixie allowed him to look at a lot of professions and choose the direction for his life.

Eric Ludlow (‘82), county attorney from 1992 to 2003, calls his years at Dixie a "magical time," especially his stint with the basketball team. During Ludlow’s sophomore year at Dixie, the basketball team qualified for the national finals and traveled to Hutchinson, Kansas. "Dixie was the only game in town then," he says, “and the whole community supported us.”

Ludlow’s professors also took a personal interest in their students and would “bend over backwards” to help them.

Ludlow enthusiastically remembers teachers such as Delora Hunt, who was concerned about the athletes missing classes for game travel. To help, she allowed him and his fellow basketball players to take makeup exams at her home—where she also cooked dinner for them. “Where else can you get something like that?” he asks.

Graf also speaks highly of his professors, ones like Roene DiFiore, the music teacher who welcomed everyone to her performance choirs and was known to call on students to sing solos without any prior notice. “She brought out the best in her students,” he says, by expecting more of them and giving them the one-on-one training they needed to shine.

Most of Pickett’s memories center completely on pure, college-age fun, such as traveling to Ogden in the back of a three-ton truck for football games and taking Dixie Junior College President Arthur Bruhn on a horseback trip over Pine Valley Mountain. Yet Pickett’s favorite memories are the people. “The best part of Dixie College,” he quickly points out, “was the scores of students and teachers who became life-long and loyal friends.”

During his two years, Atkin enjoyed playing on the tennis team and performing the lead role in Dixie’s theatrical production of “The Life of Father.” His dramatic success led to him being honored as Outstanding Male Actor of the Year.

Most of all, though, Atkin expresses gratitude for his time at Dixie because it was central to his decision to enter the legal field. Pansy Hardy, who taught English and debate at both the college and high school, became his strongest influence and turned his interests to debate and logical thinking. When she introduced the class to a mock legislative forum, he was hooked, and he determined at a young age to study business and law.

CARRYING ON THE TRADITION

For most of these distinguished alumni, going to Dixie was as much about carrying on family tradition as about convenience. “Going to Dixie was not a choice, but an honor,” declares Pickett. His own father, Ellis J. Pickett, graduated from Dixie College

Pickett’s first experience in legal negotiation came during childhood. On hot summer days in St. George, he would run down the lane to meet the ice wagon, and driver, Grant Whitehead, would chip off a piece of ice for kids to suck on. “One day when I was about ten, Grant ran over my dog—a sad day,” remembers Charlie. “We settled out of court for an extra piece of ice. Ten year old boys didn’t have much legal clout in those days. Now’adays, I’d have owned his ice wagon!”
Of the 28 members of his football team, Charlie Pickett is the only one remaining. Still, he holds Dixie close to his heart. “I will be involved with Dixie College, he vows, “until there are none left to reminisce with.”

in the early 1900’s and went on to teach here before becoming county attorney himself. Charlie’s grandfather Horatio, county attorney in 1905, couldn’t attend Dixie College—since it wasn’t yet established—but he was instrumental in its founding. Consequently, from the time he entered first grade, Pickett says, he was told that he would attend Dixie before going to law school.

Like Pickett, Belnap is the child of a Dixie professor. He moved to St. George as a young boy when his father, Burke, took a job teaching speech and drama here. Attending Dixie himself, he says, “was the logical thing to do.”

Atkin expresses a similar sentiment. With St. George as his hometown, attending Dixie seemed a natural step. “Our family’s always been involved in Dixie,” he states proudly, adding that his brothers and sister all received Dixie Junior College associate’s degrees as well.

For Graf, the Dixie family tradition meant living up to a higher standard. He made up the third generation to attend Dixie, and most of the faculty knew Graf’s entire family. His grandfather served as student body president, and his grandmother was elected Dixie’s first Homecoming Queen. So when he got a job at the college library and met his supervisor for the first time, she looked him in the eye and said, “I know what I can expect of you.” With so much to live up to, Graf learned to work hard and deliver top-notch performance.

Ludlow, however, holds a unique place among the county attorney alumni in being a transplant and the first of his family to attend Dixie. He came from Idaho Falls, Idaho, on a basketball scholarship, but he has begun a Dixie tradition of his own. The oldest two of his four daughters both received associate’s degrees from Dixie State, and the third joined the campus this fall.

DRAWN TO DIXIE

Ludlow feels the same affection for Dixie’s people, which is why he returned to St. George after law school. “I just fell in love with the community,” he declares. “This is where I wanted to be.” He considers himself lucky to have gotten a job as deputy county attorney under Graf in 1987. He went on to serve eleven years as county attorney himself, and today he sits as Presiding Judge of Utah’s Fifth District Court. Ludlow enjoys the judicial bench—he calls it the “pure practice of law”—but he laments that in many ways he is “walled off” from the public. Careful with conversations, he misses the connection with people that his position as county attorney gave him.

“I had absolutely the best people I was working with,” he says, “people like Brock Belnap.” He enjoyed working on cases and bringing justice to the community. Even in the most tragic situations, he contends, he met wonderful people.

Belnap agrees. After working with a Salt Lake City law firm for five years, he returned to St. George to be closer to family and friends. He lists two things as the best part of being county attorney: first, his outstanding colleagues; and second, the excitement of the job.

The simple life pulled Graf home immediately after law school, too. He still considers himself a small-town kid and insists he could never leave St. George. “I like this community,” he says happily. “I

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This year’s Homecoming Alumni Banquet speaker, Elder Jeffrey R. Holland, ’63, will address alumni and guests at the annual event on Saturday, Oct 10 at 7 p.m. in the College Gymnasium.

A student leader and varsity athlete at Dixie High School and Dixie College in his native St. George, Utah, he received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in English and religious education, respectively, from Brigham Young University. He obtained master’s and doctor of philosophy degrees in American Studies from Yale University.

Elder Holland was ordained a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on June 23, 1994. At the time of this call, Elder Holland was serving as a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy to which he had been called on April 1, 1989.

From 1980, until his call as a General Authority in 1989, Jeffrey R. Holland served as the ninth president of Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. He is a former Church commissioner of education and dean of the College of Religious Education at BYU.

Elder Holland was active in professional educational activity prior to his call to full-time Church service. He served as president of the American Association of Presidents of Independent Colleges and Universities (AAPICU), on the board of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU), and as a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Associations (NCAA) Presidents Commission. For his work in improving understanding between Christians and Jews he was presented the “Torch of Liberty” award by the Anti-Defamation League of B’Nai B’rith. He has served on the governing boards of a number of civic and business-related corporations. He is the author of six books, one of which he co-authored with his wife Patricia.

Elder Holland was born December 3, 1940 to Frank D. and Alice Bentley Holland. In 1963, he married Patricia Terry. They are the parents of Matthew, Mary Alice, and David, and grandparents of 12.

Charles M. Pickett, ’38, will be honored at Homecoming as a 2009 Distinguished Alumni. A prominent attorney and St. George native, Pickett is a commanding figure who is highly respected in the legal arena as well as in the banking industry.

As a young man, Pickett attended Dixie High School and graduated from Dixie College where he distinguished himself in debate, track, tennis, basketball and football, scoring the first touchdown ever for Dixie.

Pickett received his Juris Doctor from the University of Utah College of Law in 1949 and was admitted to practice in the courts of Utah, Texas and the U.S. Supreme Court. He spent nearly 20 years in private practice with the firm of Pickett and Pickett in St. George, specializing in taxation, corporate, probate and criminal law. He also developed a general practice in domestic relations, eminent domain and Utah water law.

He served as Washington County attorney from 1959 to 1962, St. George City attorney from 1958 to 1964 and a special assistant city attorney from 1964 to 1969, prosecuting all actions in which the city was plaintiff. From 1960 to 1964, he supervised five county attorneys as the 5th Judicial District Attorney. Pickett was general counsel to the Utah State Road Commission from 1965 to 1969 and continued to hone his legal banking skills as regional counsel for the FDIC in Dallas, Texas and general counsel to Preston State Bank and First Interstate Bank. Since 1991, he has served as general counsel, senior vice president, director and vice-chairman of the board of Citizens 1st Bank in Rusk, Texas.
Dr. M. Kenneth Bowler, ’64, will be honored as a Distinguished Alumni at this year’s Homecoming banquet. After his first year at Dixie College, he served as an LDS missionary to Great Britain, then graduated from Dixie in 1964. Bowler earned a bachelor’s degree in political science from Stanford University and a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Wisconsin. He was an American Political Science Congressional Fellow and an assistant professor in the political science department at the University of Maryland. Ken published a book and several articles on federal health and welfare policies.

Bowler was the staff director of the Committee of Ways and Means in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1987-89 and deputy staff director from 1985-87. He was a corporate officer and vice president, federal government relations for Pfizer Inc. from 1989 to June 2005.

Since 2005, Bowler has been the Director of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Office of Public and International Affairs in Washington, D.C. He has recently accepted a new position to run Dow Lohnes Government Strategies, LLC’s health and tax practice.

Bowler has also served on the board of editors of the Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law, and holds membership in the American Political Science Association. He has served on the health advisory council of the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health, and is a member emeritus of the Dixie State College National Advisory Council. Ken currently serves on the Johns Hopkins Cancer Center Advisory Council, and is a member of the Southern Virginia University National Advisory Council. He is a board member of the Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington, D.C. and the Faith and Politics Institute.

Bowler is a native of St. George. He and his wife, the former Ann Taylor, are the parents of two daughters and two sons, and have ten grandchildren.

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The Alumni Board is honoring the 1959-60 basketball team as part of Homecoming festivities this year in view of the fact that the alumni banquet speaker, Elder Jeffrey R. Holland, was a member of that team. Here’s how the yearbook describes their season:

“The story of Rebel basketball, 1959-1960, is the story of basketball in the Dixie tradition. Led by all-American Arlyn Hafen, the Rebs took on the nation’s top cage teams including Phoenix, who went to the nation semi-finals; Weber, the 1959 national champs; and regional powerhouses Nevada Southern and Eastern Arizona. To the Rebels, the big nights were the CSU series. Here the Rebs dropped the first encounter to give the Broncos their first glimpse of the “Battle Axe,” but only for 24 hours. The next night Dixie took a thrilling 71-70 win in Cedar City. The Broncos took the third meeting, but 24 hours later the Big Gray had returned the “Axe” to the southland with a resounding 73-54 win in the Dixie Fieldhouse. The split cost the Rebels a bid to the regional NJCAA finals in Ogden, even though the 19-point spread in the last game was the biggest margin of win for either team. Sporting new “Rebel Gray” uniforms, the Coach Ray Englestead crew relied on the “Big Six” of Clarence Beal, Kenneth Wilkes, Max Jones, Jerrold Wilson and Arlyn and Richard Hafen, to give the Rebels a third place finish in conference play.

**JEFF HOLLAND** (Forward) is looking forward to meeting up with old friends from the basketball team during Homecoming. “My history, my heritage, my very being is inextricably intertwined with Dixie. It is central to who I am.” After graduation from Dixie, he received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Brigham Young University, where he later served as President. He completed his education with a Ph.D from Yale in 1973.

**JERROLD WILSON** (Guard) earned his degree in Business Administration from Utah State University after leaving Dixie, but his present occupation is real estate. He resides in Florence, Arizona along with his wife, Claudia. They are the parents of three children, Darin, Maggie and Brooke. His favorite hobby is golf. “I have wonderful memories of Dixie,” Wilson stated. “I loved kicking CSA’s butt in basketball.”

**KEN WILKES** (Forward) is currently retired, but worked for the Utah State Health Dept., as a Medicaid eligibility worker and supervisor for 31 years. He had the privilege of serving two years in the U.S. Army. He is married to Jackie Stradling, and they have a combined family of ten children. Ken’s hobbies include golf, hunting, fishing, and four wheeling. “I look back on my years at Dixie College as some of the best years of my life. We had some great experiences as students and as a basketball team.”

**ARLYN HAFEN** (Guard) was named Junior College All-American in basketball his sophomore year at Dixie College, and in the 1959-60 school year he was named “Athlete of the Year.” He played both basketball and football at Dixie, and was selected to the Intermountain Collegiate Athletic Conference All-State Basketball and Football team in 1959 and 1960. He played in the East-West All-American Basketball World Series in Coffeyville, Kansas in March of 1960. Dixie College retired his jersey and number in 1960. After he graduated from Dixie, he attended USU and UNLV on athletic scholarships and earned a bachelor’s degree in secondary education. Arlyn accepted his first coaching assignment at Kanab High School, where he coached football and basketball for 30 years, basketball for eight years, and girls basketball for three years. He led his teams to nine state championships in three different sports. The Cowboy Stadium in Kanab was renamed the Arlyn Hafen Stadium in his honor. He is retired from coaching, but holds the number two spot on the all time winning list in the state. In 2007, Arlyn was inducted into the Utah Sports Hall of Fame. Arlyn is a native of Santa Clara, Utah, and he graduated from Dixie High School. He and his wife, Jeannine Cannon, are the parents of five children, and they have 23 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

“I’ve always been a Dixie guy, born and raised—a great place to go to school, and I had some great times at Dixie. This sounds like its going to be a great get-together, some of these guys I’ve not seen since college—looking forward to the day.”

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• Arthur F. Bruhn is the College President
• Student Body President is Rosemary Thomas, 1st VP Lucille Hunt, 2nd VP Marilyn Foremaster
• Senior Class President is Paul Pace with Durrant McArthur as VP
• Junior Class President is Richard Mangum with Gene Baadsgard as VP
• Sophomore Class President is Jay Groves with Stan Allen as VP
• Freshman Class President is Larry Harmon with John Jennings as VP
• Homecoming Queen is Jeri Lund
• D-Day Queen is Jeri Lund
• Football - Rebels earned 2nd place trophy of the ICAC for the 4th consecutive year
• Basketball - tied for 2nd place in the ICAC which was rated one of the toughest in nation
• Preferred Man - Howard Brinton
• Co-ed of the Year - Jackie Christensen
• Sweater Boy is George Staheli
• Sweater Girl is Janet Hafen
• Enrollment is 281

IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR
Take a look at some of the history from the class being inducted into the Golden Generation this year.

BY SHAUNA OTTESEN, ’85

• Fidel Castro comes into power
• The St. Lawrence Seaway opens
• Motown is founded by Berry Gordon Jr.
• Nixon and Khrushchev battle verbally in the “Kitchen Debate”
• New Wave Cinema comes into being
• Alaska becomes the 49th state on January 5
• Hawaii becomes the 50th state on August 21
• Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and JP Richardson (Big Bopper) die in a plane crash in Iowa
• Ethel Barrymore dies at age 79
• Billie Holliday dies at age 44
• Mattel® introduces Barbie
• Charlton Heston stars in Ben-Hur
• The Sound of Music is a hit
• Phone booth packing craze hits the U.S. from South Africa
• Electrocardiograph and internal pacemaker are developed
The Dixie State campus community paid tribute to three retiring faculty members, who combined, served for nearly 130 years at the College and who's efforts helped shape and sustain DSC's current academic climate.

Along with Dr. Ronald Garner, who was the longest tenured faculty member in the Utah System of Higher Education, and was featured in last spring's Dixie State Magazine, two other esteemed professors retired. Dr. Nolan Ashman, who was a psychology professor at DSC for 44 years, and Jay L. Slade, who served as professor in DSC's graphic communication program for 30 years, were honored during the College's annual Commencement Exercises last May.

Dr. Ashman was a highly-respected and well-loved teacher, advocate and friend of students. His commitment and dedication to his field have been manifest in years of captivating classroom instruction and he estimates having taught over 20,000 students during his tenure. Known for his wit and humor, Professor Ashman provided a fun and sometimes raucous learning environment, while

Over her nearly 30 years of sewing, local award-winning quilter Marva Dalebout has created some of the finest designs of quilts ever seen. Her works have been shown at a number of local and regional galleries and exhibits, and have been a part of permanent displays in homes and museums alike.

Recently, Dixie State College became the home of two of Dalebout's creations. Dalebout approached DSC Sears Art Museum Gallery curator Kathy Cieslewicz about donating two quilts to the College with the hopes that they would be hung somewhere on campus and serve as a source of inspiration to students.

Following a chance conversation between Cieslewicz and DSC nursing program administrative assistant Colleen Hales, the quilts found a new home at the DSC's Russell C. Taylor Health Science Center.

"Kathy and I were talking about all the big blank walls we still have on our floor, when she told me about Marva and that she had two quilts she wanted to donate to the College—with the requirement they be hung immediately and not placed in the vault," Hales said. "I told Kathy that three of us in the Nursing Department are avid quilters and we would love to display her art."

Hales and Cieslewicz met with Dalebout and all agreed to having the quilts displayed in the nursing department's main hallway on the third floor. The quilts were then framed and hung near the commons area on the nursing floor, along with a ceremonial plaque next to each frame to honor Dalebout for her generosity.

"We are thrilled with Marva's generous donation to our program," said Dr. Carole Grady, DSC Associate Dean of Nursing and Allied Health. "Marva is an extraordinary artist. Her process of creating a quilt can be viewed as a metaphor for our nursing students in their learning how to develop caring relationships with patients and their families. We feel privileged to be the recipient of two gorgeous pieces of work."
DSC Launches New Classical Radio Station

Fans of classical music at Dixie State and in southwestern Utah gained a new radio option as DSC’s Communication Department launched a new classical music FM station. The launch of the station, KXDS Dixie’s Classical 91, began broadcasting last April on a preview basis on FM frequency 103.1 KURR-FM, with plans to move to its permanent frequency home at 91.3 FM in the near future.

KXDS Dixie’s Classical 91’s broadcast range covers Washington County and most of southwestern Utah, including as far north as Enterprise and Cedar City, along with coverage in Kanab and Mesquite, Nev. In addition, listeners can enjoy their classical music favorites online either at home or in the office at http://new.dixie.edu/classical91.

“Dixie State College is proud to bring classical music to Utah’s Dixie and we will strive to always represent the community and Dixie’s overall commitment to higher education,” said KXDS general manager and program director Paul Bulkley.

Bulkley said the launch would not have been possible if not for the hard work of DSC’s Communication Department, along with several groups, including Simmons Media Group and Canyon Media, and the school’s administration. In addition, a new partnership between DSC and Simmons Media, which provided a generous $145,000 donation, has been developed to provide practical and hands-on experience to DSC students interested in broadcasting.

Bulkley added that Dixie State’s radio broadcasting program will provide students with everyday practical and technical knowledge of a working radio station. He added that students will gain hands-on experience in radio station management, production, promotion and on-air talent enhancement, which includes disc jockey training, along with news and sports reporting.

For more information on the new KXDS Dixie’s Classical 91 or to inquire about advertising, please contact general manager Paul Bulkley at 435-879-4264 or at bulkley@dixie.edu.

Campus-to-Community Effort Helps Washington City

DSC students, faculty, and staff banded together with Washington City during last spring’s Campus-to-Community service project held at the future home of city’s new sports complex, which is near the Virgin River on 300 East. The project, entitled “Kickin’ It Into High Gear,” assisted the city’s preparation of an area earmarked for the complex, which will include a number of new soccer fields and other recreational opportunities for the community.

Dixie State’s arts program served as the focus for Blakley and Hafen’s work. The project, entitled “Kickin’ It Into High Gear,” assisted with the preparation of an area earmarked for the complex, which will include a number of new soccer fields and other recreational opportunities for the community.

Blakley and Hafen received awards from the St. George Arts Commission in 2009. The awards were presented at the St. George City Council meeting in April and honor individuals who have demonstrated a lifetime of excellence in the community through their work and commitment to the arts.

The St. George Arts Commission recently honored longtime Dixie State art professor Glen Blakley and Dixie alum Diane Hafen, ’64, as its 2009 Award of Excellence winners. The awards were presented at the St. George City Council meeting in April and honor men and women who have demonstrated a lifetime of excellence in the community through their work and commitment to the arts.

Blakley began teaching at Dixie State College in 1976. Since that time he has worked to expand art programs at the College, in the community, and in the state of Utah. He helped establish the St. George Art Museum and was its first director. In 1979 he became the first director of the St. George Art Festival. Blakley has also served on the Dixie Task Force, St. George Arts Commission, Southwest Utah Arts Council, St. George Film Commission, and the Utah Arts Council Advisory Board. His ceramic and other art creations are on display throughout the west and internationally. He also enjoys taking tour groups around the world to inspire the love of art and art history.

Hafen opened her dance studio in St. George in 1967, and has instructed thousands of local students in ballet, tap and jazz. For more than 25 years she brought full-scale ballet productions to the community and helped students develop an appreciation for classical music. Hafen has served as the Vice President and President of the St. George Dance Consortium. She has provided choreography support for several high schools and college musicals.
NEW MUSIC DEGREE IN PLACE AT DIXIE

Last March, the Utah State Board of Regents gave DSC students, faculty and administrators news that was music to their collective ears as DSC received approval to offer a new music baccalaureate degree.

Classwork for the new liberal arts degree program began at the start of the fall semester this past August.

With the addition of the new four-year music degree, DSC now offers students 12 bachelor's degrees to choose from.

“The approval of this degree is an exceptionally bright moment for Dixie State College,” said Dr. Don Hinton, DSC Dean of Arts and Letters. “From the earliest, music and the fine arts have been a major part of our campus. I keep remembering the many students who have been pleading for this degree and who have waited patiently for it. Now it is here and we are very happy.”

According to Glenn Webb, the chair of DSC’s Music Department, the new music degree serves as an essential ingredient to an already vibrant and thriving institution. He added that having the new degree at Dixie State gives the College the ability to serve the community’s needs with graduates teaching and performing in the area.

In addition, Webb noted that the new music degree will provide all prospective music students in the Washington County School District, as well as Kane County and other surrounding areas, a local choice to continue their education, thus allowing students to pursue career goals at Dixie State instead of transferring to another institution to complete their music degree.

DSC’s new music degree features a core of music courses giving students a fundamental background and instructs students in foundational areas, including theory, history, performance, keyboard, and pedagogy. The programs and curriculum provide students with an ideal training environment for aspiring performers and those seeking music graduate studies or professions in related fields.

Recently, DSC was given the green light by the Regents to offer a secondary education teaching (SET) licensure program this past December in three emphases; biology, English education and integrated science.

FOUR AT DIXIE STATE COLLEGE RECEIVE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT RECOGNITION

Four members of the DSC campus community received awards and recognition from the Utah Campus Compact (UCC). The awards were presented at the UCC’s annual statewide recognition event held in April at the Clark Planetarium in Salt Lake City.

Candace C. Mesa, DSC associate professor in developmental English, was awarded the Civically Engaged Scholar Award. Since her arrival on the DSC campus, Mesa has worked tirelessly to bring service-learning to the forefront of the Dixie experience for not only the students, but for faculty and staff alike with activities such as harvesting and replanting of willows to help with flood concerns, canned food drives for the local Dixie Care and Share, and the clean up and restoration of the La Verkin Convergence River Project.

“I believe strongly that students who are actively engaged in service-learning become better stewards in the future,” Mesa said. “I also believe that faculty who provide service-learning as part of their pedagogy are more fulfilled in their teaching experience, thus strengthening the environment of our campus and community.”

Veronica Fely, who serves as administrative assistant for DSC’s Mobile Dental Clinic, was given the Civically Engaged Staff Member Award. Fely organizes and coordinates all the community outreach programs the DSC dental hygiene program participates in throughout southwestern Utah. She has coordinated trips made by DSC’s mobile clinic to a number of elementary schools, rehabilitation centers, Headstart programs, and volunteer clinics in St. George, Kanab, Enterprise and Cedar City.

In addition, Fely organized the “Give a Kid a Smile Day” this past February, which provided over $35,000 worth of free dental work to children in the St. George area.

DSC senior dental hygiene student Tessa A. Creel received the Civically Engaged Student Award. As president of the 2008-09 Student American Dental Hygiene Association (SADHA) chapter at DSC, Creel has led nearly 40 students in the organizing and planning of many community service engagements. One such event, Sealant Saturday, provided approximately 500 free sealants for more than 150 southern Utah children over a three-week stretch. She has also organized free dental exams and fluoride treatments for families of Headstart; visits two classrooms every week (K-5) teaching oral health and nutrition; volunteers on the DSC Mobile Dental Clinic; extends free dental hygiene services to Kanab Elementary School children; and renders services at rehab centers and Doctors Volunteer Clinics in St. George.

The UCC’s Committed Community Partner Award was presented to Steve Meismer, who serves as local coordinator of the Virgin River Program. On a number of occasions, Meismer has coordinated the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and DSC students to help with various projects along the river. This past semester, he has given presentations and set up service opportunities for students in DSC’s Developmental English program.

“I am committed to the revegetation of the Virgin River to protect and enhance the local community and wildlife habitat,” Meismer said.
DSC Community Unites To Raise Funds For Ailing Student Body President

Dixie State students, faculty, and staff, along with a number of St. George community members, banded together last spring to raise money on behalf of their ailing student body president, Brock Bybee, who is facing the battle of his life with his bout with epileptic seizures.

Bybee, a 23-year old native of Roy, Utah, underwent a pair of necessary brain surgeries in late July and August at the University of Utah Medical Center, just three months after he donned his cap and gown in graduating with his bachelor’s degree in communication. Having suffered from epileptic seizures most of his life, he received the good news that he was a candidate to have surgery to help correct the problem.

However, the bad news was that this operation is extremely expensive. What made the matter worse for Bybee and his family, including his widowed mother and four younger sisters at home, is that they are uninsured.

Upon hearing the news, the Dixie State campus community, led by DSC director of student activities Donna Stafford, her assistant Paige Anderson, and faculty member Candace Mesa, sprung into action by creating the “Buck’ets for Brock” campaign, in an effort to raise money to help defray some of the costs of procedure and recovery. The campaign, complete with buckets donated by Jones Paint & Glass, were spread throughout campus where students could drop a “buck” or more into the containers. In addition, a donation account was established in Bybee’s name at Zion’s Bank, where people in St. George and across the state had the opportunity to donate to the cause.

In all, nearly $18,000 was raised in support of Bybee, which left him and his campaign supporters truly knowing the meaning of “The Dixie Spirit.”

“I am almost speechless and very humbled by the amount of love and support my Dixie family has shown me,” Bybee said. “I feel truly blessed and I am very grateful to have such great friends, professors and administrators who have stood by me during my time at Dixie State.”

Bybee was admitted to the U of U Medical Center and underwent his first procedure July 31, during which EEG electrodes were placed directly onto his brain. The electrodes monitored his brain waves and strength of his seizures in hopes of pinpointing the seizure’s origin.

The plan was to study his brain activity over the span of a week to 10 days. However Brock had enough seizures over the first couple of days following the first procedure to fast-track the second procedure, which was performed five days later on August 5.

The surgery was a success and miraculously, Bybee was discharged from the hospital on August 8, just 11 days after he was admitted. Fast forward to August 27 (when this update was completed) and he had just completed his third full week of being seizure free.

“This has been one rough month. But it has been worth it,” Bybee said that day. “It was a very difficult procedure to go through, and I’m not going to lie, one of the most painful moments I have endured throughout my entire life—almost as bad as the time my older sisters dressed me up in a bal-uniform (but not quite).

“The past few weeks have been somewhat slow in recovery,” he adds. “I have been trying to do more every day and get to the point where I am at 100% strength.”

Brock is doing more and more every day, and is looking forward to at least three things in his immediate future: 1) Play basketball, 2) start dating again, and 3) return to Dixie for Homecoming Oct. 10. Here’s to all of us seeing Brock in the stands at Hansen Stadium on that glorious day.

Donations for Brock may be made at any Zion’s Bank branch across the state.

MESSAGE FROM BROCK

The people surrounding this great college have done some remarkable things for the students, the community and for so many others. While I’ve been here they have raised money for an injured infant, collected cans of food for the poor, cleaned up places like Tuacahn and the fields of Washington County, and so much more. This college is an incredible institution that works hard to lend a hand to so many of those around it who need assistance.

And it has done so much for me as well, that it is almost impossible to describe the blissful feelings that I have, for this past spring, a handful of students and faculty members went out of their way to begin a fundraiser to help me pay for brain surgery. For those of you who don’t know, I have epilepsy, where petitmal seizures have made it somewhat difficult for me to operate. I have made it to the point where brain surgery to remove the part of my brain that causes the seizures, was the only solution to this medical difficulty. And as a broke college student with no insurance or finances... period, it is complicated for me to pay for this procedure.

This is where the group of students and faculty members have gone to such incredible lengths to help raise money for my situation, talking to other students, alumni, businesses, newspapers, almost everyone possible in the state of Utah to ask for any donations at all. In the short few weeks that they went to work, they raised almost $18,000 in resources—a number that I as a single student I am so unbelievably humbled by. It is almost impossible to describe the feelings of gratitude and thanks that I have for everyone surrounding the College who have helped in any way possible. It has made me understand why I took the long trip down here in the fall of 2002.

This past year has had some of the best times and some of the most difficult times imaginable for me. But I wouldn’t change one thing that happened. I have loved it here. And I know thousands of other students have as well. Dixie State College is a place that is growing tremendously, where more memories will be instilled on more students minds in years to come. All I can say is that I will always be proud of this place, and remember the D on the hillside so bold.

“ It is almost impossible to describe the feelings of gratitude and thanks that I have for everyone surrounding the college who has helped in any way possible.”

— Brock Bybee

Brock Bybee shares a jubilant moment with staff member Laurie Sullivan, after a trip through the mud pit during the Great Race.
Nothing can compare with the DIXIE SPIRIT exemplified by our students, faculty, and staff. From the high ANDEAN MOUNTAINS OF PERU, to a MOLECULAR BIOLOGY LAB IN NASHVILLE, to a slick and shiny NCAA BASKETBALL COURT—Dixie’s extraordinary people shine.

Faculty

TIM EICHER

by Lisa Halliday

It's easy to understand why Tim Eicher has been one of Dixie's favorite professors since he first stepped onto the campus in 1989. When asked what he likes most about teaching at Dixie, there is no hesitation from Tim. “The students,” he says matter-of-factly. “I think the students are amazing.”

It's safe to say the feeling is mutual considering Tim's classes are some of the most popular on campus. And, like other outstanding teachers, Tim's good work extends far beyond the classroom walls. His insightful classes and personal interest in students would be enough to the classroom walls. His insightful classes and personal interest in students would be enough more to love about this family/consumer sciences and human development teacher.

Tim doesn't just teach human development; he lives it.

Since 2004 Tim has been making an annual trip with the Heart Walk Foundation to assist the Hapu Q’ero branch of the Q’ero Nation, which is the oldest nation in the Inca Tradition. The Hapu Q’ero live in some of the most destitute villages and suffer chronic malnutrition with an infant mortality rate of 47 percent.

“The Q’ero people are so much poorer than any of the Native Americans in our country,” Tim explains. “The average amount of money a family of five might spend per month probably averages 20 dollars. It all goes to subsistence and basic needs.”

The Heart Walk Foundation, which was founded by Tim and his wife Penelope, focuses on projects for the villagers that can become self-sustaining after some initial investment. For example, in 2009 the Foundation paid for training for representatives from four villages to learn how to establish and maintain trout farms. These representatives then returned to their own communities and built pools for the trout. The Foundation purchased the trout and food to support them for the next six months.

“Our direction to the people is to use a third of the trout to supplement their diets, a third for selling to restaurants to fund the purchase of trout food for next year, and a third to fund the expansion of their projects to include propagation sheds and other pools,” says Tim.

These kinds of self-sustaining industries help the villagers take advantage of the natural resources of their region and enable them to live better in their ancestral home. The Foundation also supports the preservation of native cultures and traditional community living.

A second project in 2009 garnered financial support necessary to build a bridge over a river that rushes down the mountain valley.

“During the rainy season, the water can get so high that animals are swept down the river as they try to cross,” explains Tim. “When it is impassable, communities become isolated from outside trade and needed aid.”

The bridge project was a last minute...
Student Nick Adams heads to Vanderbilt University on a biomedical sciences scholarship.

Bigger doesn't always mean better. At least not when it comes to a college education. Nick Adams, a biology major from St. George, who graduated Summa Cum Laude last May, would have to agree. Nick was accepted to Vanderbilt University's molecular biology Ph.D. research program, which started summer 2009, and is feeling every bit as prepared as students who are coming from larger research universities.

"I was interviewing with maybe 20 other students, and at first it was intimidating because these were students who paid $60,000 a year for their education, at Harvard, or Yale, or Princeton," Nick says.

"Yet after I got to know these students, they had no more advantage than I did. I had always known that Dixie was a great education, but interviewing and getting accepted at Vanderbilt was the moment where it proved itself to be true: that my education at Dixie State College was sufficient to get accepted into my university of choice."

Nick applied and had interviews at universities all over the country and was accepted into four schools. He ended up choosing Vanderbilt because of its top-notch reputation in biomedical research. And the stipend offered to graduate

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Staff

Mike Littlewood referees NCAA games when he's not at DSC. He's even blown his whistle on NBA players like Jason Kidd (l) and O.J. Mayo (r).

Go ahead admit it. You've all done it. You sit down in an arena or on the couch and enjoy a great college basketball game—and sometimes you even take it a step further and question calls made by the referees, either to yourself or out loud for the world to hear. You may have gone as far as call into question the referee's eyesight, upbringing, or education level, just to name a few (you can plead the fifth on that!).

However, the next time you watch a big-time college basketball game, you might want to consider which of those men in stripes you are directing your displeasure to, because you might just be yelling at one of Dixie's very own: head baseball coach, Mike Littlewood.

What most don't know about the coach is that for the 14 years he's been patrolling the DSC dugout, he's been moonlighting, if you will, as a major NCAA college men's basketball official. He is currently one of the top-rated officials in the country, working a number of PAC-10, Mountain West, and Western Athletic Conference games throughout the regular season and postseason. However, being rated at or near the top was not easy, but it is something that Littlewood has worked very hard to be successful at and has definitely developed a deep passion for.

"It's taken a lot of hard work, but you have to be willing to sacrifice, especially sacrifice time away from family," Littlewood said. "What I'm doing now, I make some money at it, so the sacrifices balance out a little bit. Overall it's got to be a passion, it's got to be in your blood."

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— Professor Tim Eicher

Faculty

TIM EICHER

request that Heart Walk Foundation had not planned for. So Tim sent an email to his Dixie State colleagues asking for donations to buy the materials for the bridge. Within two days, eight generous colleagues provided almost exactly that amount, and the Foundation was able to notify the communities that there would be enough to buy the needed bridge building materials.

“It was pretty humbling and overwhelming for me,” says Tim.

On their trip, Tim was able to give the money directly to the boss of the bridge project who promised to conduct a taena, which is a work party, sometime during the group’s trip to the mountains. True to his promise, when the group passed the crossing at the river on their way into the Q’ero territories, they could see the big logs that would become the main structure of the bridge. On return from the mountains the group was able to stand on the almost-completed bridge.

“This is the type of project we try to support. It is a project with a beginning and an end, it helps preserve the traditional ways of the people, and it is completed in a partnership of effort,” says Tim.

Tim and others involved with the Foundation have had many special experiences as they have travelled to the remote villages of the Q’ero. One that stands out to Tim happened a couple of years ago.

He and other friends from the foundation had been in the village getting permission to perform a Catholic marriage ceremony for a couple they had met and were riding in the car back to the trailhead to hike to the village when the woman went into labor.

“She was in full labor at 15,500 feet and walking down and up the canyon,” Tim said. “We gave her one of the walking sticks and every time she would have a hard contraction she would lean on the walking stick. She didn’t make a peep during her whole labor. Sometime during the night or early morning that baby was born.”

The woman had given birth to a baby boy, Inti Wayri. Inti means “the sun.” Tim is still close to that family. Inti Wayri is now two years old and they see him every year when they go to Peru.

“Each year that we return to the remote Q’ero village, our hearts grow stronger in love and understanding of what it means to be human,” Tim says. “As our connections deepen with the families living in these high valleys, we experience the common threads that link us to one another as human beings.”

When they started the Heart Walk Foundation, Tim and the others were unsure if they would be able to give very much to help these people in need of so much.

“But,” says Tim, “we knew we would do the best we could. We were just trying to act as closely as we can to what our hearts tell us to do.”

And following your heart is never a bad thing, especially when your heart is as big as Tim’s.

To learn more about Heart Walk Foundation, visit www.heartwalkfoundation.org

Student

NICK ADAMS

students in biomedical sciences didn’t hurt.

“It was enough to qualify for a decent mortgage on a home,” Nick says. “My wife and I just moved into a house about four miles from school with a beautiful backyard for our dog to play in.”

Since his Ph.D. program will take about five years, a home is probably a good investment. During his first year at Vanderbilt, Nick will rotate through five labs of his choice and then decide which specific program to focus on. Although he doesn’t know exactly which route he plans to take, he knows it will be medically oriented.

“It is exciting to be able to research with top researchers in the world and to be able to learn more about their fields,” he says. “This summer I am rotating through a structural biology lab where I have designed proteins to bind specific cell receptors, which will eventually be applied to novel antibiotic development. I have enjoyed it, so it may be a lab I come back to for my four years of thesis research.”

Although Nick is already sounding like an expert in the field, he didn’t always know that biology was the path for him. Dr. David Jones, a professor in DSC’s life science department whom Nick considers a mentor of sorts, remembers one of the first conversations that he had with Nick. “I remember him distinctly asking me, ‘What does someone with a biology degree do?’”

And rather than just rattling off a list of possible jobs for biology majors, it seems that Professor Jones has spent the last three years showing Nick what biologists do; and that has had a tremendous impact in Nick’s success.

Other professors in the science department were also instrumental in Nick’s education. He remembers taking his first, entry-level biology class from Dr. Karen Bauer. Almost every day after class he would visit with Dr. Bauer in her office and she would expound upon subjects that she didn’t have time to cover in the classroom, which kept the learning processes exciting for Nick. With every subsequent class he took, he found that the other professors were just as willing to spend time helping students outside of the classroom.

Now that he’s at Vanderbilt, he misses that one-on-one attention.

“I miss the close relationships that I had with professors. I miss being able to stop in to any of my professors’ offices just to chat. I miss the genuine interest that faculty had in my success at Dixie,” he says.

“I’ve found that at other larger universities where research is a big part of the professors’ agenda, they spend a lot of time researching in the lab and trying to come up with ideas that will further their growth. But the professors [at Dixie]—they are focused on the students and that’s their goal—to teach students. That is their progression; it’s not discovering new scientific theories or ideas.”

Professor Jones agrees. “My door is open, and I’ll make time for you to come in, if you want to bounce a few ideas off me. That’s almost the best part of being a teacher—to get to know your students, get to know their Continued, see STUDENT, page 25
Next time you watch a BIG-TIME COLLEGE BASKETBALL game, you might want to consider which of those MEN IN STRIPES you are directing your displeasure to, because you might just be yelling at one of Dixie’s very own: head baseball COACH MIKE LITTLEWOOD.

MIKE LITTLEWOOD

“The whole key about refereeing is that you have to slow everything down. When the game gets going you have to slow yourself down. When the game is boring, you almost have to pinch yourself and raise it to another level. That’s what I try to do as a referee, and as a baseball coach, I think they parallel each other so well. When the game is really intense you just take a couple of deep breaths and slow down. When nothing is happening, you use your mind and try to stay with it.”

Littlewood began his officiating career in high school when he and his friend, current NBA official Gary Zielinski, spent weekends refereeing county recreation youth basketball games. Little did he know that what started as a part-time hobby would get into his blood and become almost a second career.

“Gary and I would go out and have a ball,” Littlewood said. “We would referee 11 games each Saturday, use NBA mechanics, really we didn’t know what we were doing.”

Following his collegiate baseball career at BYU and a stint in the Milwaukee Brewers organization, Littlewood returned to Utah and on the advice of his former high school coach, Ron Rushton, got involved in officiating high school football games. Making $36 a game was a pretty big deal for him with a young family, while beginning his path toward a full-fledged officiating career.

Littlewood worked three state championship games and started officiating junior college and college football before relocating to St. George to become Dixie’s baseball coach.

However the move limited his opportunities to referee football games, but thanks to another bit of advice from his former coach, Littlewood gave basketball a try and has never looked back.

“Ron said that I ought to try basketball because you can work two or three games a week and times that by $36, so I looked at it like a part-time job, you get the money right then and it’s kind of nice,” Littlewood said.

Littlewood admits that he never thought of being a basketball official as a career until a chance encounter with a man named Ray Hale, a referee evaluator who watched Littlewood and his partner during a Bountiful/Viewmont junior varsity high school game. After the game, Hale met the duo outside the locker-room and told Mike’s partner that he had no chance of making it to varsity, but he had another idea for where Littlewood’s future could lie.

“Ray looked at me and said ‘Mike, you could referee college basketball one day if you wanted to and make a little bit of money at it,’” Littlewood said. “It’s the first time it clicked in my mind that this might be fun, and that’s what I did. I worked high school games for five or six years and then junior college. People liked me and I was lucky and fortunate, I did a good enough job on the court that now I’m beginning my 14th year in Division I basketball.”

Littlewood got his start as an NCAA basketball official 13 years ago and has worked 375 regular season and postseason games, including games at four NCAA Tournaments and a number of NIT games. In 2007, he was assigned to work the Florida/Butler Sweet-16 game in a year in which the Gators won their second of back-to-back national titles. This past season, he worked three NCAA Tournament games, including his first ever regional final, which pitted West Region top-seed Connecticut against #3-seed Missouri.

“My first NCAA Tournament I was wondering if I could even blow my whistle,” Littlewood admits. “The next year it was like ‘yeah I know what this feels like’ and then I got to work in the Sweet 16. I just think in life you have those experiences that raise you to the next level and when you go through it, experience it, and have some success, now you get the comfort level and the confidence that you’re going to be able to do it.

“I would feel totally comfortable walking on a Final Four court and I would hope that I will get the chance. I’m sure I’ll be nervous, but you have to just get through that. You hope you don’t blow a whistle that’s inadvertent, and comes up on television, and move on to the next one.”

Over his officiating career he has worked in virtually every basketball arena in the western United States. Whether it’s a game at the Huntsman Center at the University of Utah, or New Mexico’s “Pit” in Albuquerque, Arizona’s McKale Center, or UCLA’s legendary Pauley Pavilion, Littlewood has run up and down the court at some of the nation’s most revered and legendary college basketball venues.

“I love working at New Mexico, the fans are very knowledgeable and fair,” Littlewood said. “Going to Pauley Pavilion is awesome with all the tradition and you see John Wooden in the stands. There are so many good venues in the PAC-10 and I like working at Utah and at Utah State. There is no other feeling like refereeing a basketball game with a big crowd.”

In addition to his travels around the country, he has had the opportunity to officiate games and interact with (or get yelled at by) some of the coaching heavyweights in college basketball, both past and present. From former Utah coach Rick Majerus and former Arizona coach Lute Olson, to UConn’s Jim Calhoun, and even Texas-El Paso coaching legend and Hall-of-Famer Don Haskins, Littlewood has shared the floor with some of the game’s greats.

“I love Majerus, I really enjoyed working for him. He totally let the referees work,” Littlewood said. “Although you knew you..."
Ken Newby
A Champion of the Dixie Cause

People like Ken Newby—who has given his time, talent and means as an advocate for Dixie State College over the past 40 plus years—doesn’t do it because he hopes to get a nice write-up in the Alumni Magazine. People like Ken Newby—who gets the spotlight shined on him for doing everything from driving the station wagon for the basketball team’s away games in the early days to courting deep pocket donations for today’s expansion—is more comfortable sharing the limelight with his brother and business partner, the late Sherrell Newby; his wife; his five children, proudly all Dixie alums; his employees and business associates; as well as the coaches, staff and students he supported and mentored.

Still, a person like Ken Newby is all too distinctive to just lump together with other people. He is a person who treasures a college education because he didn’t have the opportunity. He is a person who grew up meager but happy in rural Monroe, Utah and feels he has a responsibility to give back after achieving his own financial and personal success. He is a person with an indomitable positive attitude who believes in the community’s ability to support its own, and that Dixie State College must remember its roots to sustain the growth of its branches.

Ken is a person who remembers well the enthusiasm a Dixie College basketball game against a rival team could stir up in the community, the way the Old Gym would thunder with raucous fans, the way the whole town would come out in support, and it is that spirit that has served as the motivation for a man who has been a constant in his devotion to civic service, education, and a champion of the Dixie cause. “It felt like it was your college,” Ken explained about his tireless support. “I thrived on the people and friendships I made through my involvement with Dixie and am still friends with many of them. The College has been a big part of my life here in St. George.”

Ken’s first involvement with Dixie State College started after he relocated his new family to St. George in 1965 where he and Sherrell started their venture in the service station industry. Shortly thereafter they were shooting the breeze and a round of golf on the newly opened Red Hills Golf Course “with some guys from around town” who peaked their interest about joining the Colonel’s Club. As an athletic booster and sports enthusiast, he became a regular at the games. He struck up a friendship with kindred spirit and fellow Highway ‘89er, Men’s Basketball Coach Doug Allred who grew up in the small town of Ephraim, Utah.

Ken helped coach Dixie’s 1985 national basketball champions, sponsored Celebrity Golf Classics and donated permanent seats at Hansen Stadium.

“First and foremost Ken and I were friends and I still consider him a good friend,” said Allred. “He was a wholesome booster who promoted a positive atmosphere. He was a deep believer in Dixie College and sacrificed a lot of his own personal time and took time off work to support us.”

Allred explained that as a coach he was “ultraconservative” about who he would allow into his player’s circle of influence. “I always felt comfortable with Ken’s presence around the players. He was so positive and knowledgeable, and he truly helped and added to our program. It is very easy for me to compliment him.”

Ken lent a hand driving players to out of town games and tournaments, he accompanied Allred on scouting trips and “loved to look at prospects”, but mainly just offered his support in a welcomed way. “I relied on him an awful lot,” said Allred who in return recruited Ken to be his assistant coach. In fact, Ken was serving as assistant coach during the iconic game on March 23, 1985 when the Dixie College Rebels won the NJCAA National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas.

As Ken’s family and business ventures grew he had to curtail his involvement as a coach but parlayed his support and influence into other areas. “I knew the College was trying to improve and do things right. I think it was obvious to me and many others who wanted to make an investment in Dixie that as the College kept growing and growing we were going to need more and more help,” Ken said. “It was important to get a big involvement from the community, to round up donors, and recruit people to the cause.”

Over the span of the next three decades he was a member and served as president of the Colonel’s Club, offered corporate sponsorship to the athletic teams, sponsored permanent seats for the construction of the Hansen Stadium and Burns Arena, served as chairman of the Capital Campaign Committee, contributed to the general scholarship fund, needy students’ scholarship fund, and the alumni scholarship fund, and participated in special events like the Dixie Celebrity
A Champion of the Dixie Cause

The consensus among friends and family is that overall Ken Newby’s impact is much deeper than financial contributions. “It’s pretty humbling to be his child,” said Russ, the Newby’s oldest. “This man is a very loving, caring, giving person and not just with family and employees, but to everyone he meets. Giving back is just something he does because he believes it’s his blessed and it’s the right thing to do.”

Russ related that he has crossed paths with people in the community or through the dealership (which he now runs with his father and brothers Grag and Brad) who frequently share how his father touched their lives. “They’ll tell me that he sat them down and explained how to get a checking account or why to set up a savings. He gave them a job at the gas station and would sit down and talk to them about the success they could have in their lives.”

He said that his father speaks often of winners and truly believes and infuses those around him with the idea that anything is possible. “He comes in and tells everyone it’s going to be a great day, we’re going to have fun, and we’re going to be successful. He has impacted a lot of people with his outlook on life.”

Ken’s intangible contributions have come in form of relationships he’s established in behalf of the College from handshakes at a golf tournament to sitting down and talking to a teenager about why he needs to go after his degree. A great example of his handiwork is bringing the Phoenix Suns Gorilla to Dixie College basketball games. Because of a lasting bond he built with Lionel Hollins as a star student-athlete at Dixie, he was able to use his connections when Hollins was Suns’ assistant coach to make the arrangements. “It was the place to be and it turned into a neat venue for the whole community,” said Russ. “He wanted to inject some fun and excitement into the game and it worked. I think the concession stands made more that night than they did the rest of the year.”

It’s one thing to convince the whole town about the draw of Dixie College, however, it was another thing entirely to convince his five children—Russ, Grag, Brad, Lacy and Lindsay—that their home town college was “where the action is.” There again, Ken found success and claimed the Newby household landed a “pretty good recruiter since I was their dad.” Lacy Newby Franke, herself a student-athlete as a member of the soccer team, relished the idea of going to Dixie. “Growing up I always looked forward to going to games and meeting up with friends, but as I look back, my dad’s support for the College was contagious,” she explained. “I love that he always took us to the games and to the campus because it made it such an attractive place to go. I couldn’t wait to be a part of it.”

All five children graduated with their degrees from Dixie. The eldest four earned their associate’s degrees and then transferred to SUU for bachelor’s degrees in business. Lindsay, the youngest, graduated with a bachelor’s degree in teaching. “I wanted my kids to know that whether they wanted to come work with me or follow another career they needed to have a degree. I wanted them to go shoulder-to-shoulder with all the other kids who were out there beating their brains out at college, meet all kinds of people who would be their friends, their competition, the kind of people they didn’t want to be, and then become even more of a winner than they already were.”

Despite the education of experience and exceptional success that Ken has found as a family and business man, he still harbors some regrets about not having the opportunity to get his own degree, and for that reason instilled in his children and the students he crossed paths with, the necessity of education. “When I got an opportunity I tried to take advantage of every single ounce of that. I’ve tried to promote the philosophy that you’ve got to be smarter, work harder, stay a little longer, come a little earlier than the next guy to be a winner, but there are doors you just need an education today to open,” he said of his motivation behind seeing his children get the chance he didn’t. “The college experience is one of the greatest teachers in the world and no matter how much money I make, I can’t buy them a college degree.”

“I think that Dixie Spirit just got a hold of him, got into his blood,” said Russ. “He gave us that same spirit and desire, and it was where we wanted to go. It was a great experience in my life personally, and I took away a lot more than just an education.”

In the end, Ken’s end purpose in urging his children toward a college education and a degree from Dixie, was for them to show what they had inside, to tap into their own strengths and weaknesses, discover their own capabilities, and take advantage of the opportunities offered them. “I wanted them to graduate and look me in the eye and say, ‘I did it.’ As their father, to watch them accomplish this made me more proud of them than anything they could do.”

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DSC SPORTS UPDATE  by Steve Johnson

DIXIE STATE FOOTBALL - NOW AND THEN

2009 FOOTBALL SEASON BEGINS WITH A WIN

If the way Dixie State’s 2008 football team closed out its season is any indication on the future of the program, then it’s safe to assume the program is at the cusp of turning the corner and becoming a force in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference and at the NCAA Division II level.

DSC won three of its final five games, including a thrilling last-second 19-15 triumph at Humboldt State, to finish the year at 4-7 overall record, including a 2-6 Great West Athletic Conference (GNAC) mark. The four victories are the most since Dixie began four-year competition in 2006, while five of DSC’s seven losses were by seven points or less.

Dixie State enters the 2009 season looking to take that next step as the program evolves at the four-year NCAA Division II level. DSC returns 13 starters from last season, including seven on defense and six on offense, which will give Head Coach Ron Haun and his staff a lot of options and optimism heading into this year’s campaign.

Dixie will definitely be tested in 2009 as Coach Haun and his charges face the toughest schedule in the program’s brief NCAA history, including three non-conference road games against NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS – formerly I-AA).

Four of DSC’s first six games will be away from Hansen Stadium, where Dixie opened the 2009 campaign on the right foot with a convincing 37-28 home win over Adams State Aug. 27. At press time, DSC was set to embark on a three-game road swing, starting with the revival of its storied rivalry with FCS member Southern Utah University on Thursday, Sept. 3, in Cedar City. Dixie will then go on to face its second-straight FCS opponent in Big Sky Conference member Montana State in Bozeman Sept. 12, followed by its GNAC opener at Western Oregon Sept. 19.

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Dixie State’s second half of the season sees the club play three of its final five games at home, beginning with a Homecoming Week date vs. WOU on Saturday, Oct. 10, at 1 p.m., at Hansen Stadium. DSC will also play host to non-conference foe Azusa Pacific Saturday, Oct. 17, at 1:05 p.m., which is followed by Dixie’s non-conference finale at FCS member Cal Poly on Oct. 24. Dixie will wrap up the regular season with a pair of GNAC games, starting at home vs. CWU on Saturday, Oct. 31, at 1:05 p.m., followed by the season finale at HSU on Nov. 7.

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“We are excited about having the opportunity to build our program the last three years. This year will be an opportunity to see the fruits of our labors. It should be a good year for Dixie State football.”

Ron Haun, Dixie State Head Football Coach

HISTORICAL FOOTBALL ON FILM

Repairing the Bridge Between Dixie’s Past and Future Through Film—and Football

When he returned to the Dixie State campus two years ago as an assistant professor in the communication department, Dixie alumnus Phil Tuckett, ’65, immediately sensed something was amiss. The campus community, including its students, faculty, staff and alumni, along with many residents of St. George and Washington County, were deeply divided on the subject on the future path of the institution.

Tuckett, just retired after a near 40-year career at NFL Films, where he served as vice president and won 33 Emmy Awards, came back to his alma mater to run the recently established Dick Nourse Center for Media Innovation (CMI). Having spent most of his professional life as a filmmaker, he thought long and hard about what he could do to help establish some common ground and begin the process of reuniting the entire Dixie community under the safe umbrella of the “Dixie Spirit.”

He harkened back to his days at Dixie, where he was a two-year starter and team captain of the Rebel football team in 1964 and 1965. Tuckett remembered feeling the “Dixie Spirit” and the connection and sense of ownership the community had with the College. With that in mind, he put the wheels in motion for the creation of a documentary chronicling the rich history Dixie College football.

The documentary, entitled “The History of Dixie Football,” debuted in August during the DSC Athletics Hall of Fame week-end festivities, which included the induction of five former Rebel student-athletes, including Bob Chapoose and Richard Hafen, the first two football All-Americans in school history.

“It was the perfect opportunity to honor the past and look to the future,” Tuckett said. “This continued, see FOOTBALL FILM, page 24

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DSC Softball Appears on the National Map

So much for sneaking up on anyone. Dixie State's women's softball team wasted little time in turning a lot of heads and putting the program on the national map its first year of full NCAA Division II postseason eligibility.

Fans of Dixie softball knew they were in for something special in 2009 as the Red Storm began the year 21-1, including eight-straight victories to open the season, in vaulting to No. 13 in the first regular season NFCA/Division II top-25 poll. Dixie remained nationally-ranked virtually the entire season and cracked the top-10 at #10 midway through the campaign.

Dixie State's success on the field resulted in a 36-10 regular season and a second-place finish behind Hawaii Pacific in the Pacific West Conference standings. That finish proved to be good enough for the Red Storm to earn its first NCAA tournament bid in program history. In addition, DSC was chosen as one of 16 regional host sites, an unprecedented feat for a program in its first year of postseason eligibility.

DSC made the most of the opportunity in posting a perfect 3-0 regional record, including two wins over HPU, to advance on to the NCAA Super Regionals as one of 16 teams remaining to play for the national title. Thanks to its performance in its regional, along with a little luck in the other West regional, Dixie earned the right to host Cal State Stanislaus the West Super Regional best-of-three series at Karl Brooks Field. Dixie dropped the first game to CSUS, 5-1, but rallied with two-straight victories, 2-1 and 7-2, to advance the NCAA Division II Women's Softball College World Series.

Dixie made the cross-country trip to Salem, Va., and drew top-ranked North Georgia in the tourney opener. DSC gave the Saints all they wanted and more, with the Red Storm taking a 3-0 lead on the strength of a Jaki Hawkins three-run home run in the fifth inning. DSC maintained that cushion until the bottom of the seventh and was one pitch away from the upset win, but North Georgia's Laura Voyles brought her team back with a three-run homer of her own to knot the score at 3-3 and force extra innings. North Georgia would prevail in 10 innings by a 5-3 count, as the Saints' Courtney McGuire blasted a two-run walk-off homer to end the game. DSC then saw its title hopes come to an end with a 3-0 loss two days later to the University of Puerto Rico.

DSC Baseball Adds World Series Crown to Trophy Case

Dixie State's baseball program also enjoyed a banner season on the diamond as the Red Storm posted a 33-19 overall record, their third-straight winning season at the NCAA D-II level and an eight-win improvement from last season. In addition, Dixie baseball added a pair of trophies to the case as DSC won the PacWest's first-ever regular season crown, along with the championship trophy of the inaugural Little World Series, which featured Dixie, PacWest rivals Grand Canyon and Hawaii Pacific, and three teams from Puerto Rico.

Dixie won the first two games of the LWS in convincing fashion, including a 24-8 rout of the University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras, and a 20-7 thumping of GCU, to advance to the championship game. DSC would meet back up with GCU in the finale, and for the eighth time in 10 games overall, the Red Storm would prevail, 9-8, to claim the LWS title.

Dixie was also well represented on the PacWest all-conference honors lists, highlighted by senior hurler Tyson Bailey (6-1, 2.91 ERA, 59 K in 58.2 IP) who was named league Pitcher of the Year, while Head Coach Mike Littlewood was tabbed as Coach of the Year. In all, seven Dixie players earned all-conference honors, including four first-team selections in Bailey and junior DH Drew Oldfield, who hit .335 with league highs in home runs (19) and RBI (68), along with junior reliever Todd Morlock (4-2, 4.35 ERA) and senior SS Jimmy Dever (.374, 11 HR, 54 RBI). Meanwhile, senior 1B Alex Rosenhan (.377, 5 HR, 46 RBI) and junior outfielders Brett Adams (.353, 9 HR, 50 RBI) and Aaron Friend (.383, 5 HR, 35 RBI, 15 SB) picked up second team recognition.

DSC Golf Plays Way into NCAA Postseason in 2009

Dixie State College men's golf enjoyed a banner season of its own in 2008-09 as the program became the first in school history to participate NCAA postseason play. DSC finished the year in third place overall in the PacWest and ninth regionally to advance on to the NCAA Central/West Regional held last May in Lincoln, Neb.

"I think we had a very successful year," Head Coach Reed McArthur said. "We performed very well at a number of tournaments this year and we have an awful lot of talent on this team returning next year. Overall I'm pretty tickled with our performances in our first year of eligibility."

Dixie placed 13th-overall at the regional championships, led by sophomores David Jennings (Farmington, Utah) and Connor Jones (South Jordan, Utah), who each carded three-round totals of +14 227.

"If we had a few putts drop here or there, we really could have finished either seventh or eighth," McArthur noted. "With that said, I'm pretty tickled to have a great group of kids that worked hard on the course and in the classroom.

For the year, junior Cameron Crawford (Sandy, Utah) led the team in stroke average at 74.64 and earned first team all-PacWest honors after finishing in the tie atop the leaderboard at the conference championships, but lost his chance at the league individual crown in a playoff. In addition, Jennings picked up second team all-conference recognition for the second-straight year.
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was a chance for those alumni that played for Sark (Arslanian) and before to come and honor two of their own going into the Hall of Fame. We also had people who came to the dinner to support the athletic program and it was our chance to stand up and say ‘Here’s a film that celebrates our past and sets the stage for the future.’"

“History” features a number of interviews with former players and coaches, archival photos and game films, the hour-long documentary traces the history of Dixie’s football program, from its beginning in 1937 as a junior college, to present day as an NCAA Division II member institution.

“This film is meant to bring everyone together and to show them what our legacy is,” Tuckett said. “Putting aside name changes and personalities, how do we work together to bring it back to where it was. That is the reason the film was made.

“When I got back here two years ago and I saw how divided the situation was, and it’s nobody’s fault, there’s no fault necessarily, it’s the way things evolved and got to the point where the separation had occurred and now everybody was entrenched in their positions,” he added. “I felt that if we do a film, a history of the football program, and give some context to the players currently in the program, that they will have something to play for.”

The documentary will ultimately be a two-part series, with part one of the series chronicling the beginning of the Dixie football program in 1937 through to the reemergence of the program under former coach Sark Arslanian in the mid-1950s and early 1960s, including the only undefeated season in Dixie College football history in 1963. Production of part two of the series, from 1965 to the present, including the Greg Croshaw era and the current NCAA Division II program under the direction of Head Coach Ron Haun, will begin later this year.

“With these two chapters in the history, you have a full legacy and a reason that this program is worth fighting for,” Tuckett said. “The football program specifically, and the athletic department overall, really go hand in hand. If you’re building a football program while at the same time trying to build up the rest of your sports, and getting the community back involved, along with getting people to open up their hearts and wallets again, that’s what this film is all about.”

Tuckett noted that he has taped more than 70 interviews with former players, coaches and fans for the documentary, each of whom spoke on how much the Dixie football program meant to each of them. In addition to the interviews, part one features two stage reenactments of important events from the program’s storied past.

The first reenactment portrays Dixie’s first-ever football game, which was played down near the Virgin River in Bunkerville, Nev., in 1937. DSC Hall of Famer Charlie Pickett, who at age 92 is the oldest living former Dixie football player, was a member of that first-ever team and served as a narrator and consultant for the scene.

“It all started in 1937 when the students were irritated that they didn’t have a football team. Every other college they knew had a football team,” Tuckett said. "The only thing is that they were so isolated here, none of them actually had seen a football game, if you can imagine such a thing. They had seen photographs in magazines and heard coverage and broadcasts on the radio, but no one had ever seen a game until they played in the first one."

Meanwhile, the second reenactment depicts the welcome home the Rebels received after a 1964 victory over a powerful Boise Junior College team. Tuckett, who was a member of the 1964 Rebel team, and his crew, along with about 100 St. George residents, dressed in their 1960’s best, and a number of vintage automobiles, lined Highway 18 just outside of Veyo to film the memorable scene. The depiction also features actual game film from the Dixie victory over the then top-ranked Broncos.

According to Tuckett, who was a member of the 1964 team, Dixie made the 14-hour trip north to Boise on a bus nicknamed “The Blue Goose” to face the then top-ranked Boise JC, which had defeated the Rebels 76-6 four years prior.

Tuckett noted that Boise had not been beaten at home in 18 years, but that streak came to an end as Dixie pulled off the greatest upset in school history by defeating the Broncos, 7-2, thanks to a dramatic fourth-quarter touchdown. After a brief post game celebration the Dixie players boarded the Blue Goose for an all night ride back to St. George.

At dawn the bus labored up a hill on Highway 18 just outside Veyo. At the crest, sleepay-eyed players and coaches witnessed a scene that they will never forget. Stretching as far as they could see in the early morning light were cars and cheering fans from town waving Dixie colors and homemade banners, paying an impromptu tribute to their unlikely conquering heroes. As the bus passed by all the cars fell in line, forming a festive caravan back to St. George.

“Those two reenactments are really bookends of this film with that first season in 1937 to the win over Boise, which serves as a culmination of this first stage of the program,” Tuckett said. “These are the types of reenactments that will bring the audience back to the moment. It’s not just some old guys talking about it, it’s something vibrant actually happening before your eyes.”

Though the film is a is a look back, Tuckett hopes to convey the message to Dixie’s current football players that those who have come before them are looking to them to carry on the proud history and tradition of Dixie football.

“I have a vested interest in the nostalgic part of it,” Tuckett said. “But it wouldn’t be worth going to all this trouble with the time and effort if it wasn’t for the fact that it is going to a good cause. What do we do now to get the program to where it once was.

“We were Rebels and these kids now are the Red Storm and they can create their own history, but they have to feel like they’re a part of something bigger,” Tuckett concluded. “If today’s players can feel that same way about Dixie football 40 years from now as we do, then we know there’s something special happening here at Dixie State.”
minds, get to know how they think. This faculty is so committed to helping these students. It’s wonderful, and I’ve never seen anything like it from where I went to school myself. It is quite unique.”

Nick is part of Dixie’s second graduating class with a four-year biology degree, and even though the program is young, it’s experiencing great success.

“If you look at the competition of our students when it comes to applying for graduate schools or major tests, Dixie runs with the best of them,” says Professor Jones. “I believe our placement is nearly 100% in post-graduate studies, be it medical school, dental school, or graduate school.”

The success of the program and students like Nick is partially due to professors like Jones. Nick did molecular biology research in a lab that Jones started with just a few instruments at the back of a classroom. His research aimed to find out what genetic mutation caused his brother to have a very special case of cystic fibrosis.

“Professor Jones is performing small-scale, but world-class research, right there in his molecular biology lab,” says Nick. “You’ll be blown away what is happening right there at Dixie.”

Nick also completed an internship at Virion Systems in Rockville, Maryland, which is one of the central locations for biotechnology in the country. Virion is a highly successful bio-tech firm that was started by Dixie alumnus Dr. Greg Prince.

When Nick began his studies at Vanderbilt he wrote, “I feel that it is important to let alumni and residents of the Dixie community know that Dixie has everything to offer for aspiring professionals. I’m always a little disappointed to hear of neighbors sending their kids to the U of U or BYU ‘because they want to get into med school.’ Although the number of biology graduates at Dixie is small, every one that has wanted to get into med school or other professional schools has succeeded.”

“It’s sort of a point of pride in our department—this internship,” explains Professor Jones. “It’s right next door to Johns Hopkins University and the National Institute of Health. I think that was the first exposure for Nick to what is like in a research environment.”

Nick had great success at Virion and also completed an internship at the University of Utah with the same result. Dr. Jones would expect nothing less.

“Nick was awarded the Dixie Award, he was student of the semester, and he achieved all of the accolades that could be expected of an under-graduate here. No matter what metric you use to gauge how successful he is, he achieves it.”

There’s no doubt he will achieve the same success at Vanderbilt.

“He will be an amazing researcher no matter what he chooses,” Professor Jones says. “He’s going to be a professor, hopefully here at Dixie, but he might accept a lesser position at Stanford or Harvard or something like that, if they offer him a little more money, I suppose!”

And if that does happen one day, maybe Nick will pause and consider, “Does bigger really mean better?”

really screwed up if Majerus said something to you. I think the best coach to work for is Ben Howland at UCLA. It’s all about relationships and not being phony and letting them know where you stand with them.”

Over his 20-plus years as a coach, including 14 years in the Dixie State dugout, Littlewood has been on the other side of the coach/official relationship. His success as a big-time NCAA basketball official might have changed his views on umpires, but it also makes him keenly aware of what to look for from the guys in blue.

“I think I expect a lot out of umpires because I know you can be good if you put the time in,” Littlewood noted. “The only thing I don’t like is when a guy has an attitude, and especially if he has an attitude and he’s not a very good official. This is my 20th year in coaching either high school or college and in my younger days, I was on a roll there where I got ejected from games six years in a row and multiple times in a year.

“What I’ve learned from my mentors, in particular [Penn State Head Football Coach] Joe Paterno and [St. Louis Cardinals manager] Tony LaRussa, it’s all about perspective. I really have a different perspective now and I don’t think I’ve said hardly anything to an umpire in four years.”

Last summer, Littlewood had a chance of a lifetime as he was selected to work as an official during USA Basketball’s 2008 training camp leading up to the Summer Olympics in Beijing, China. He worked a number of scrimmage games pitting Team USA, led by Kobe Bryant, LeBron James and Jason Kidd, against the USA Select team made up of a number of other NBA stars and 2008 NBA first-round draft selections.

“I really gained a good perspective of how hard these guys work, and to be on the same court as LeBron and all those guys,” Littlewood said. “To have 10 guys on the court at the same time who are THE best in the world, I was just in awe and I’m surprised I even blew my whistle. I just watched them play and I had a front row seat. What a great experience, just awesome.”

With all his experience at the college level and his work at the USA Basketball camp, is there a chance we’ll see Littlewood patrolling the floor as an NBA official any time in the near future? The answer just may surprise you.

“As far as working in the NBA, I think that ship has sailed as they say,” said Littlewood. “I went through the training for two years and I actually told them I wasn’t interested because of the time away. Eight months, 12 to 15 games a month, be there the night before a game, the math just doesn’t work no matter how much money you make, and I’ve never looked back.”

Well the NBA’s loss is definitely Dixie’s gain and we all will look forward to seeing Coach Littlewood in the dugout and on the diamond at Bruce Hurst Field for years to come. And who knows, maybe we’ll also see him at the Final Four, too.
Alumni Updates
Kenny Miller and Kalynn Larson contributed to these updates

◆ TANIER GLAUSER '06, recently had the honor of speaking at her graduation convocation at Brigham Young University; “an overwhelming experience,” she stated, “but a privilege to stand before my peers.” While receiving her associate degree at Dixie, Tanier participated in many extracurricular activities, such as becoming the VP of student life for the Executive Council, the VP of community affairs for the student alumni, and also, the president of the Student Alumni Organization. After completing her prerequisite courses in business, Tanier transferred to Brigham Young University where she finished her baccalaureate degree in management and entrepreneurship from the Marriott School of Management. Never turning away from a leadership opportunity, Tanier joined the Marriott School Undergraduate Student Association as the VP of Student Life. She had one goal in mind: work hard, play hard! From the skills she obtained from her family and friends at Dixie, Tanier was able to plan and organize successful student activities while maintaining an honorable GPA. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Beta Gamma Sigma. Because of her drive for excitement and adventure, she has decided to postpone her professional career and is now teaching English in Taiwan until January of 2010. Tanier is native to St. George, Utah, and is the daughter of Neil and Stacha Glauser.

◆ DIANE FELSHAW '86, recently came across an article in the Fall 2007 issue of the Dixie State Magazine that brought back fond memories of her days at Dixie. The article, “Scenes that Shape our Lives,” is about theatre professor Brent Hanson and a student he had mentored prompted her to write, “Brent was my mentor too! Reading this article reminded me just how much of my life was Dixie’s fault and more to the point . . . Brent’s!” Diane enrolled at Dixie right out of high school with no real education or career direction. She had tried art and drafting in high school but felt that being an architect was really not for her. “But when I was in the office of Doc. A (C. Paul Anderson, then Dean), telling him my background,” she remembers, “Brent Hanson popped his head around the corner and said, ‘you should design sets!’ I didn’t know that there was such a job, but it sounded right up my alley! So I jumped in with both feet and didn’t always know where I was landing, but Brent helped guide those landings. I won a Rebel Award as the best tech of the year while I was there.”

After Dianne left Dixie she went home to California and into the L.A. theater scene where she worked for seven years doing everything from basic tech work, to light board operator, to painting scenery for the-ater, TV and movies. She returned to school to earn a B.A. in theater design and technology at Utah State University and continued on to a school in the foothills of the Catskill Mountains, Cobalt Studios—a school which only accepts 8 to 10 students a year to study scenic art. After attending Cobalt for two years, she moved back to California where she says her career “may not have the Broadway notoriety or get my name on the big screen, but I have not stopped working in the science. And I have been all over the country. I also miss Dixie,” she continues. “It is so true, you may leave the red sand but it stains your soul. I am homesick for Dixie.”

◆ BRAD SHEPHERD ’01, now known as Dr. Shepherd, is a licensed chiropractic physician in the state of Utah. After graduation from Logan College of Chiropractic in August 2008 he purchased a practice in his home town of Salem, Utah. In his practice, which he named High Five Chiropractic, he serves as the wellness expert and is also certified to administer acupuncture. He did Dixie proud by serving as class president and receiving awards for clinician’s assistant, and demonstrating proficiency in the Logan Basic technique on which his school was founded. Brad said he named his practice High Five because, "High Fives just make you feel good... and so do regular chiropractic adjustments!" He and his wife Sophia are the parents of two young children. When asked about his time at Dixie, Brad said, “I don’t feel like my education at Dixie helped me, I KNOW it helped me! Dixie was an awesome school.” Brad said Dixie was his first step on a long journey towards his educational pursuits. “I have nothing but fond memories and would encourage anyone, even my own kids, to go there too,” he said. “Besides, where else on earth can you snow shoe in the morning, wear shorts in the afternoon, and water ski all in one day?! I did!”

◆ NEIL WALTER '98, is an instructor in the Dixie State College Udvar-Hazy School of Business teaching economics and finance. After graduating from Dixie State, Neil earned his bachelor’s degree in business from Brigham Young University, and went on to earn his MBA at Carnegie Mellon University with concentrations in finance, accounting and strategy. He became a CFA Charterholder in 2006. Before accepting the teaching position at Dixie State, Neil worked as a quantitative analyst doing risk management and valuation at Conoco Philips in Texas. Currently, Neil is a partner in NAI, Utah Southern Region, a local commercial real estate firm.

Neil and his wife, Michelle, live in Santa Clara, Utah. They are the parents of four children.
ALUM INDUCTED INTO NEVADA ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

◆ EVAN WILSON ’67, was inducted into the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) Hall of Fame in February. “It’s an honor,” said Evan. “I was shocked when they told me. It’s probably the highest honor a coach can receive.” Evan was honored for his outstanding achievements as coach of the Virgin Valley High School football team. Those achievements include conference coach of the year ten times, state coach of the year in his classification eight times, and national coach of the year for Region 8 in 1983. His teams played for 12 state championships and won eight. From 1981 through 1985, his teams won five consecutive state titles. “Mind blowing numbers. Unparalleled success,” wrote the Desert Valley Times of Evan’s success.

Evan left the head coaching spot at Virgin Valley with a 137-28 football won-loss record. In addition, he even won a state championship in track and field in 1982.

“Evan Wilson is the epitome of a do-it-all school educator,” recorded the Hall of Fame induction program.

“He modeled everything that is positive for students, athletes and faculty. He was, unquestionably, supremely successful, but not just in terms of wins and losses and championships won. Rather, that Wilson succeeded in the game of life, is evident by how he organized and instilled confidence in others.

“Wilson’s resume reads ‘champion’ up and down. He worked tirelessly for the Clark County School District for 35 years, including the first 28 as a teacher and football coach. Wilson was a player’s and assistant’s coach. He let the staff do what it needed to do—confident all the while that techniques were being taught properly and game plans were being implemented appropriately.”

Evan played football at Dixie High for Coach Walt Brooks, making all-state quarterback in the fall of 1961. He then played for Sark Arslanian at Dixie College in the fall of 1962 and 1963. Dixie went undefeated in 1963 and Evan was named all-conference defensive end and all-american fullback. During the 1963 season, current Dixie head football coach, Ron Haun, was the quarterback. Evan also played on the Dixie College basketball team as a forward. After the 1963 season, Evan served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to England, and returned to Dixie to graduate in 1967.

“A lot of what I do as coach I picked up from Sark Arslanian and Walt Brooks at Dixie,” said Evan. “As a junior in college, I wanted to coach football. I got into teaching so I could coach.”

Evan said he found out fairly early in life that he was born to coach.

“When I was a junior in high school I coached Pony League baseball,” he recalled. “I also coached Bantam League basketball. I was always coaching kids, and the year after I was through playing football because of a back injury, I helped coach at Dixie College in the fall of 1964. I really liked that.”

“I had great family and parental support, had great kids, great assistant coaches and great administration support,” he said. “It sure made it pleasant to coach those kids.”

Evan and his wife, Darlene, live in Dameron Valley, and are the parents of eight children: Sheri Lea (deceased), Jaydel Wilson, Trenton Wilson, Paula Terry, Dawne Donohue, Bernice Marchant, Eva Dawn Donohue, and Richard Wilson. They have 25 grandchildren and one great grandson.

“ A lot of what I did as coach I picked up from Sark Arslanian and Walt Brooks at Dixie.” — Evan Wilson, Nevada NIAA Hall of Fame Inductee
Saturday, August 15th marked the second annual Dixie State College alumni dinner at the home of Greg, ’67, and Jalyinn Prince in Potomac, Maryland. The dinner put a fitting cap on an alumni weekend that began with a tour of the White House the day before. In addition to President Stephen Nadauld and his wife Margaret, several college staffers and alumni flew in from Utah. They were joined by regional alumni who drove in from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, the District of Columbia and New Jersey. A total of 40 adults were joined at the dinner by 18 future alumni, some of whom will be part of the Class of 2030. Nearly half the future alumni (8) were provided by Greg and Miriam Stokes of New Jersey, who greeted with palpable relief President Nadauld's announcement that out-of-state students who are children of Dixie alumni will now pay tuition at a rate less than half what they previously have been charged.

Following the dinner, President Nadauld gave a State-of-the-College report that highlighted new bachelor’s degree programs, the highest percentage increase of enrollment of any Utah college or university for the past academic year, and progress towards construction of the 200,000 square-foot, Jeffrey R. Holland Centennial Commons Building. With $3 million of state money in hand for design and architecture, the project is well on its way towards a planned groundbreaking in DSC’s centennial year, 2011.

ADVANCED DEGREES APLENTY AT D.C. ALUMNI EVENT

Among the alumni attending the Northeast Chapter event in Washington D.C., those with advanced degrees gathered for a photo. They are (l to r): Greg Stokes, JD from Rutgers University, pharmaceuticals executive; Dr. Mat Harris, MD from University of North Carolina, currently on fellowship at the University of West Virginia in oculoplastic, (married to former DSC student Micki Bulloch); Rick Whitehead, MD from the University of Ohio State, completing his final year of internship in ophthalmology, waiting for a fellowship assignment in pediatric ophthalmology; Dr. Tom Harris, MD from the University of Vermont, currently on internship in anesthesia at Ohio State University (married to former DSC student body president Jocelyn Palmer); Greg Prince, Ph.D., DDS, founder of Virion Systems biomedical research company, historian and scientist; Everard Cox, MD, retired surgeon at University of Maryland Medical School and Trauma Center; Richard G. Whitehead, DDS, from Creighton University, currently vice president of advancement at Southern Virginia University; Launa Whitehead, MM from UNLV, professor of music at Southern Virginia University; Ryan Whitehead, MBA from Harvard; Ryan Durham, JD, patent attorney in Washington, D.C.
The Northern Utah Alumni Chapter held their annual barbecue on May 15, 2009. As it has been each year, the event was well attended. What better way to associate with fellow Dixie alumni than by enjoying good food in a fun environment. While the adults visited, the kids enjoyed the games, bounce houses, slides and a piñata. President Nadauld gave an update on the College and all the fun changes that are taking place on campus. “We are so pleased to have President and Mrs. Nadauld attend this event and not only update the alumni in Northern Utah, but answer questions about Dixie,” said John Blake, chapter president. “He brings a lot of positive energy with him.”

We were also pleased to have as guests Mrs. & Mrs. Bill Marcroft. “They are a delight to associate with and good supporters,” Stated Margaret Marshall, alumni board vice president over membership.

Our next event is Saturday, November 14th at the Little America Hotel. Mark your calendars for this fun dinner and silent auction for some sought after items. Plan to join us in May 2010 when the annual BBQ will be held again. You won’t regret it!
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Fellow Alumni,

Whenever I return to the Dixie campus during Homecoming or D-Week I always stop at one of my favorite spots on campus, “The Rebel Monument.” I don’t know what it is but when I look at that monument I see compassion, one soldier risking it all, even if it meant his own life to lift a fallen comrade. I would like to share the poem by Edward Madden that is engraved on the plaque below the monument.

Two Little Boys

Two little boys, had two little toys, each was a wooden horse. Gaily they played, each summer day, warriors they were of course. One little chap, had a mishap, broke off his horse’s head. Wept for his toy, then cried for joy, when his young comrade said, “Did you think I would leave you crying, when there’s room on my horse for two? Climb up here, Joe, we’ll be flying, he can run just as fast with two. When we grow up we’ll be soldiers, and our horses will not be toys. And it may be that we’ll remember, when we were two little boys.”

Long years had passed, the war came at last, proudly they marched away. Cannons roared loud, midst the wild crowd, wounded and dying Jack lay. A loud rings a cry, a horse dashes by, out from the ranks of blue. Gallops away to where Jack lay, then came Joe’s voice kind and true, “Did you think I could leave you dying, when there’s room on my horse for two? Climb up here, Jack, we’ll soon be flying, to the ranks of the boys in blue. Did you say Jack, I’m all a tremble, well perhaps it’s the battles noise, Or, it may be that I remember, when we were two little boys.”

Life today is similar to this monument, in which, all of us at one time have been that fallen comrade. The flags we fly under may be different, our life causes may be the same, but regardless of the conflict let us be there to lift our fallen comrades. May the spirit of Dixie be with us all!

— Connor Shakespeare, ’03, DSC Alumni President

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wished to raise my children in this community.” Today he serves as an Assistant Attorney General for the state of Utah, a natural extension of his time as county attorney.

Lang Foremaster (‘53) is another county attorney and Dixie alumnus who returned to St. George for the warmth of family and friends. He enjoyed raising his family here, and now he enjoys retirement. These days he and his wife explore the country in an RV; and St. George, he contends, is perfectly located. “We can go north in the summer and south in the winter,” he laughs.

STAYING CONNECTED

With such a strong love of Dixie, most of these men maintained their connections with the school. Some connections are as simple as legacy. All five of Graf’s children graduated from Dixie, and as they performed in the music department and with the Rebelettes dance team, he stayed involved through their activities.

Other alumni actively work to improve Dixie. Orval Hafen, who graduated in the early 1920s, served as a Utah state senator and played a pivotal role in securing the money to build the new campus where it exists today.

Belnap sits on the Dixie State College Foundation Board and helps raise critical scholarship funds. Before his appointment to the judicial bench, Ludlow served Dixie as a member of the Board of Trustees, and he has connected directly with the students by serving as an ecclesiastical leader.

The prize for the most visible connection, however, possibly belongs to Atkin. During his time as county attorney, he founded SkyWest Airlines, through which he eventually made friends with Stephen Udvar-Hazy.

Udvar-Hazy wanted to make a significant contribution to a place “where it would do some good;” as Atkin describes. But as a Hungarian refugee, he had no ties to any single place in America. Atkin asked him to consider Dixie State College. Today Dixie business students enjoy the state-of-the-art building that bears Udvar-Hazy’s name.

For some alumni, though, the strongest Dixie connection is simply the network of friends created during their college years. Atkin professes to maintain more friendships from his Dixie Junior College years than from his baccalaureate or graduate schools. Wherever he finds old Dixie acquaintances, they instantly renew their friendships. “We take the camaraderie with us,” he says.

Pickett has outlived most of the friendships he made at Dixie over seventy years ago. Of the twenty-eight members of his football team, he is the only one remaining. Still, he holds Dixie close to his heart. “I will be involved with Dixie College,” he vows, “until there are none left to reminisce with.”

* Special thanks to Sharlene Pickett for sharing her knowledge of the county attorneys and their histories.
Dixie alum Phil Tuckett (with camera), a 40-year veteran of NFL Films with 30 Emmy Awards to his credit, shoots a scene featuring a Dixie huddle as part of his upcoming documentary “The History of Dixie Football,” which debuted as part of DSC’s Athletic Hall of Fame Festivities in August. The scene is part of a reenactment of Dixie College’s first-ever football game, played against Bunkerville in 1937. To learn more about the documentary, see story on page 22.