Ron Haun returns to his Rebel roots

INSIDE:
Dixie's Dinosaur
Hotbed, page 16
Ron Haun’s Full Circle

He was named head coach on March 28, 2006, and he knew coming in that there would be much to give his alma mater. For starters, he is leading the Rebels into the uncharted territory of the NCAA.

Dixie’s Dino Connections

DISC alumni and faculty are making major contributions to the world of paleontology.

Dixie’s First Lady

Dixie State’s first lady, Bonnie Caldwell, came to the desert to live for the first time only to find her roots were here all along.

Campus Happenings

New vice-president onboard in Student Services, new bachelor’s degrees approved, Health Science Center groundbreaking planned.

Keeping Up With Alumni

Check up on some of your Dixie classmates, meet new student alumni association board members, and learn the latest alumni activities planned for your area.

Sports Update

Moving from the NJCAA to the NCAA, the Athletic Department announces a new conference affiliation for NCAA competition.

IN AUGURATION OF

President LEE G. CALDWELL

Fireworks over the campus fountain signal the grand finale of the Inauguration gala. Dr. Lee G. Caldwell was inaugurated the 16th president of Dixie State College on Thursday, May 4, 2006. One of Dixie’s most distinguished alumni – Elder Jeffrey R. Holland – was in attendance as a guest speaker and was one of the many dignitaries on campus to help formally ring in the Caldwell era.

“In welcoming Dr. Caldwell to his well-deserved and delightful new opportunity as the 16th President of this institution,” Elder Holland said, “I do say that no one has come to this post with more distinguished academic and professional credentials than does he.”

“We must never forget that an educational institution is only a vehicle for accelerating the development of human potential and enhancing community and economic development,” Dr. Caldwell said during his inaugural address. “This potential must be achieved in the life of each student. The challenge we now face in Utah’s Dixie is to pave the road behind the pioneers of the 19th century, the community builders of the 20th century and the entrepreneurs of the 21st century.”

For the complete text of Dr. Caldwell’s and Elder Holland’s speeches, please visit www.dixie.edu

Cover photo: New Dixie State head football coach Ron Haun is back on the field where he played as a student.

Cover photo by Frank Carter

DIXIE STATE MAGAZINE is published bi-annually by the office of Public Relations and Publications in cooperation with the Dixie State College Alumni Association, for all Dixie State College Alumni and friends.
DECADES OF DIXIE REUNION

Friday, Nov. 10
7 p.m.
Dinner & Socializing
Dixie Center (1850 Convention Center Drive)

For more information call:
George Lang, 435-655-9336 or
Ora Lee McMullin, 435-674-5740

UNDEFEATED FOOTBALL
TEAM OF 1963

Friday, Nov. 10
6 p.m.
Dinner & Socializing
New Alumni House
684 E 500 S (across from stadium)

For more information call:
Jerry Blake, 801-253-8848

FOR More INFORMATION CALL:
435-674-3740

T his year’s Homecoming Alumni Banquet speaker, Sark Arslanian, ’49, will address alumni and guests at the annual event on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. in the College Gymnasium.

Arslanian was born in Fresno, Calif., to immigrant parents from Armenia. He graduated from Granite High School in 1941, then enlisted with the Naval Air Corps, where he served as an officer in the South Pacific until the end of WWII. In 1949, he graduated from Dixie College, where he played football and basketball, ran track, and was class president. He received a bachelor’s degree from the University of Utah and a master’s degree from Utah State University. He began coaching at Central Jr. High in Salt Lake City, then continued at Union High School in Roswell, New Mexico. In 1955, he became athletic director and head coach in football, track, and baseball at Dixie College. His recruiting efforts nearly doubled the size of the student body and were a stabilizing factor for the school.

He left behind a nationally ranked team at Dixie to take over as head football coach at Weber State College in 1965, where his teams were nationally ranked. From 1973-82, he was head coach at Colorado State University. He then became a professional scout for the CFL and USEF. He coached professional teams in Milan, Italy, and Tokyo, Japan, and introduced American football in Armenia. After his retirement, he coached high school football teams in Colorado, Idaho, and at Pine View High School in St. George. Coach Sark is still noted as one of the most successful of NCAA coaches; only 13 others had better records.

Arslanian’s honors include inductions into the Dixie State College Hall of Fame, Pop Warner National Hall of Fame, Weber State Hall of Fame, Utah Sports Hall of Fame, All-American Football Foundation, National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame – Utah Chapter, Granite High School Hall of Fame, and Honorary Lifetime member of the Dixie Colonels Club, which he helped organize. He is still involved in coaching today as a head football coach of youth football. He has three sons and three daughters. He is married to Barbara Watson.

L yman Hafen ’77, will be honored as Homecoming 2006’s “Most Distinguished Alumnus” due to his love and support of Dixie State College, his involvement in the community and institution, his community service, and his great affection for the red hills of Dixie.

Hafen has strong Dixie roots. He was born in St. George a few blocks from Dixie State College. His Grandfather was ALUMNI AND SERVICE AWARDS

AK Hafen, who wrote the words to the Dixie State College school song and taught English, German and Spanish at Dixie for years.

Hafen grew up hearing his father, Kelton, telling him stories about the College. He was in 2nd grade when the old fine arts center was being constructed on the new campus. The red-brick gymnasium was already there, and he and his friends watched the new buildings grow out of the ground in the middle of the desert.

Hafen is a fifth-generation southern Utah native who has been writing about the region’s history, culture, and personality for 20 years. He was co-founder of St. George Magazine in 1983 and has published more than 300 magazine articles in publications as diverse as “Northern Lights” and “Western Horseman.” He is the author of eight books of memoir, history, biography and fiction, including “Makauwowie: Landscape and Story in Zion Canyon.” His work has been recognize by awards from the Utah Arts Council. He is currently working on a history of the Arizona Strip region.

Hafen was one of many alumni involved in the production of the book, “Portraits of Loss — Stories of Hope,” which was a project that helped raise $350,000 for victims of the January 2005 Santa Clara River flood. He was project director and authored the 140 page book that went from conception to printing in just 30 days.

Hafen is the executive director of the Zion Natural History Association and lives in Santa Clara, Utah. He and his wife, the former Debbie Frei, ’75, are the parents of six children, and they have two grandchildren.

M urray E. Gubler, ’70, will be honored as Homecoming 2006’s and given the “Distinguished Service Award” for his many years of service to Dixie College. Gubler has been the driving force behind the Colonels Club for many years and served as president of that club for a number of years. His vision and creativity moved the Colonels Club to a higher level of impor-

tance and a classier place to gather for half time of basketball games — the new Colonels Room at the Burns Arena. Much of the work he either had donated or did himself to see this proj ect become a reality.

Gubler spent 35 years of his professional career in administrative and lending positions, 31 of those years have been in the St. George and Washington County area.

Gubler attended Dixie High School, Dixie College, and the University of Utah. While attending the U, he enrolled in the American Institute of Banking and later the Pacific Coast Banking School. In 1971 he was employed at Walker Bank & Trust in Salt Lake City as Assistant Manager of the Walker Bankcard Department where he worked until 1975 when he was hired to work for Dixie State Bank as a Vice President and Manager. In 1993, Gubler’s job changed to Assistant Vice President and Relationship Manager.

In 2000 Wells Fargo Bank purchased Dixie State Bank and Gubler became Assistant Vice President and Manager of the Red Cliff Branch. In 2004 Gubler joined the Zions Bank where he and his team became the Manager of the Snow Canyon Branch, Vice President and a commercial lender. Gubler is the University of Utah Crimson Club Chair person, a member of the University of Utah Alumni Board Southern Utah Chapter, served as Dixie State College Colonels Club President and Director for four terms (1980 to present), and Snow Canyon Little League past Vice President and coach. He was in charge of the 2002 Salt Lake Olympics fireworks display and has done the fireworks for the City of St. George Leisure Services 4th of July and First Night events for many years. If there is a fireworks display in Washington, St. George or at the Huntsman World Senior Games, it is most likely Gubler and his crew setting them off. He has even traveled as far as San Diego to the Super Bowl to do a fireworks display.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7
7 p.m. Homecoming Queen Pageant
Cox Auditorium, $10

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9
7 p.m. Homecoming Powder Puff Football
Hueners Stadium, no charge

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10
10:30 a.m. Alumni Assembly
Eclectic Center Hall, no charge

12 Noon Golden Generation Luncheons & Programs
Clas of 1956 to be inducted
Gardner Gubler Ballroom, $10

7 p.m. Decades of Dixie Reunion
Come find friends and classmates
Gardner Center, no charge

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11
9 a.m. Homecoming Parade
Meet at 300 East & Tabbernacle
Huntsman World Senior Games, no charge

10:30 a.m. Founder’s Day Assembly & Hall of Fame
St. George Tabernacle, no charge

12 Noon Alumni Association Tailgate Party
Alumni House (across the street from Hueners Stadium 684 E. 500 S.), free in all alumni

1 p.m. Football Game: Dixie vs. Southern Oregon University $6 (purchase at box office)

7 p.m. Alumni Homecoming Banquet
Speaker Coach Sark Arslanian
Dixie Center, no charge

9 p.m. Homecoming Dance
Gardner Gubler, $10 in advance or $15 at door

Tickets for the Golden Generation Luncheon and Alumni Banquet may be purchased at the Alumni House (684 East 500 South, 652-7538 or 652-7535) or by email larson@dixe.edu
Dr. Don Hinton Replaces Peterson as Dean

For the second time in nearly as many years, Dr. Don Hinton has been appointed dean of what has been known as the division of arts, letters, and science (now known as the School of Education, Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences effective fall 2006-07). Hinton replaces Dr. Joe Peterson, who has been appointed vice president of student services.

Hinton was called on to temporarily serve in the same position in 2003 upon returning home from a three-year church mission to Hong Kong. At that time, he was eager to be back at Dixie State College to resume his role as a professor of communications. Those plans changed, however, when he was selected to fill in for Peterson as dean for a two-year term while Peterson served one year as acting vice president of student services and spent the following year on sabbatical leave completing his doctorate. Dr. Hinton spent the 2005-06 academic year serving as chair of the college’s Department of Fine Arts and Communications.

Hinton has been employed by the college since 1977 and has taught a wide variety of communications courses, coached the Dixie State College forensics squad, and has served as fine arts department chair, on two separate occasions now, during that time.

“This is an important time in the college history with changes on many fronts,” Hinton said. “I will do all in my power to fulfill my responsibility and I hope to apply an appropriate vision to the dean’s office. Joe Peterson has been one of my heroes on this campus for many years and I am not very comfortable stepping into his shoes, but I will do my very best.”

In a native of Hurricane, Utah, Hinton also attended the College as a student and holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in speech and drama from Brigham Young University. After several years serving as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army during the peak of the Vietnam War, Hinton returned to Southern Utah to teach communications. He stayed at Dixie State College for 10 years before taking a sabbatical in order to attend Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill., where he completed his doctorate.

Ada, have six children, five of whom are alumni of Dixie State College.

Don't Miss These Important Courses!

FOUR-YEAR DEGREE

English and Biology 4-yr Degree Approved

Students at Dixie State College now have two more bachelor’s degrees to choose from. Upon receiving consent from the Utah State Board of Regents in July, Dixie State began offering degrees in English and biology, bringing the total number of four-year programs offered at DSC to seven. The college is also currently working cooperatively with Southern Utah University this fall to offer a secondary teacher licensure program, which will operate hand-in-hand with the English and biology degrees, and other programs, to prepare DSC students to teach these subjects at the secondary level (see story below).

Dixie State’s current emphasis on teaching degrees for in-park the growth in the Washington County School District, which has projected that it will need 200-220 additional teachers by 2015, including doubling the number of secondary math, science, and English teachers. Compounding the issue is an anticipated 20 percent retirement/ replacement level each year within the District. As a result, Washington County School District has specifically requested that DSC develop degrees in biology, math, and English. Other Districts have begun pursuing their secondary certification with no wait for state approval for Dixie State College to grant certification itself, said Dr. Hinton, dean of education, humanities, arts, and social sciences. “It also means that any of our students who complete bachelor’s degrees can graduate jointly with those degrees and a secondary education teaching certification.”

Two classes associated with the new joint program were first made available on the DSC campus fall semester. Those classes include English 1010 (Introduction to Education) and English 2010 (Introduction to Exceptionalities). There are no prerequisites to their enrollment.

For more information, contact Dr. Brenda Sabey (435-652-7841 or sabey@dixie.edu), Debbie Connolly (652-7842 or dconnolly@dixie.edu), or the advising office (652-7690).

A NEW FACT:

Dixie State College now offers... Four-year degrees in biology and English.

For more information, contact Dr. Brenda Sabey (435-652-7841 or sabey@dixie.edu), Debbie Connolly (652-7842 or dconnolly@dixie.edu), or the advising office (652-7690).

Two new majors, biology education and English education, have been added to secondary education offerings at Dixie State College.

Dr. Don Hinton, dean of education, humanities, arts, and social sciences at Dixie State College, has developed these new programs in response to the growing need for teachers in Washington County.

This partnership is critical at this time because it means that students in Washington County can immediately begin pursuing their secondary certification without waiting for state approval for Dixie State College to grant certification itself, said Hinton, dean of education, humanities, arts, and social sciences. “It also means that any of our students who complete bachelor’s degrees can graduate jointly with those degrees and a secondary education teaching certification.”

This partnership is critical at this time because it means that students in Washington County can immediately begin pursuing their secondary certification without waiting for state approval for Dixie State College to grant certification itself, said Dr. Hinton, dean of education, humanities, arts, and social sciences. “It also means that any of our students who complete bachelor’s degrees can graduate jointly with those degrees and a secondary education teaching certification.”

Those wishing to ultimately teach in secondary education must have a degree in a specific discipline and the course work required for secondary education. When students graduate, they will graduate with a content area bachelor’s degree (English, communication, biology, etc.) from Dixie State College and a secondary education certification from SUU, Hinton said.

Two classes associated with the new joint program were first made available on the DSC campus fall semester. Those classes include: EDUC 1010 (Introduction to Education) and EDUC 2010 (Introduction to Exceptionalities). There are no prerequisites to their enrollment.

For more information, contact Dr. Brenda Sabey (435-652-7841 or sabey@dixie.edu), Debbie Connolly (652-7842 or dconnolly@dixie.edu), or the advising office (652-7690).

Another fact:

Dixie State College now offers... bachelor’s degrees in biology and English.

For more information, contact Dr. Brenda Sabey (435-652-7841 or sabey@dixie.edu), Debbie Connolly (652-7842 or dconnolly@dixie.edu), or the advising office (652-7690).

Dixie State College now offers joint secondary certification program with Southern Utah University.

In the wake of being given the green light to begin offering additional bachelor’s degrees in English and biology, Dixie State announced a joint Secondary Education Certification program with Southern Utah University.

This partnership is critical at this time because it means that students in Washington County can immediately begin pursuing their secondary certification without waiting for state approval for Dixie State College to grant certification itself, said Dr. Hinton, dean of education, humanities, arts, and social sciences. “It also means that any of our students who complete bachelor’s degrees can graduate jointly with those degrees and a secondary education teaching certification.”

Those wishing to ultimately teach in secondary education must have a degree in a specific discipline and the course work required for secondary education. When students graduate, they will graduate with a content area bachelor’s degree (English, communication, biology, etc.) from Dixie State College and a secondary education certification from SUU, Hinton said.

Two classes associated with the new joint program were first made available on the DSC campus fall semester. Those classes include: EDUC 1010 (Introduction to Education) and EDUC 2010 (Introduction to Exceptionalities). There are no prerequisites to their enrollment.

For more information, contact Dr. Brenda Sabey (435-652-7841 or sabey@dixie.edu), Debbie Connolly (652-7842 or dconnolly@dixie.edu), or the advising office (652-7690).

In the wake of being given the green light to begin offering additional bachelor’s degrees in English and biology, Dixie State announced a joint Secondary Education Certification program with Southern Utah University.

This partnership is critical at this time because it means that students in Washington County can immediately begin pursuing their secondary certification without waiting for state approval for Dixie State College to grant certification itself, said Dr. Hinton, dean of education, humanities, arts, and social sciences. “It also means that any of our students who complete bachelor’s degrees can graduate jointly with those degrees and a secondary education teaching certification.”

Those wishing to ultimately teach in secondary education must have a degree in a specific discipline and the course work required for secondary education. When students graduate, they will graduate with a content area bachelor’s degree (English, communication, biology, etc.) from Dixie State College and a secondary education certification from SUU, Hinton said.

Two classes associated with the new joint program were first made available on the DSC campus fall semester. Those classes include: EDUC 1010 (Introduction to Education) and EDUC 2010 (Introduction to Exceptionalities). There are no prerequisites to their enrollment.

For more information, contact Dr. Brenda Sabey (435-652-7841 or sabey@dixie.edu), Debbie Connolly (652-7842 or dconnolly@dixie.edu), or the advising office (652-7690).
GROUND BREAKING FOR NEW HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER NEARING

Ground is scheduled to be broken for the future Russell C. Taylor Health Science Center at Dixie State College in January. The 78,300 square foot facility will sit on the new River Road campus of IHC subsidiary Dixie Regional Medical Center (DRMC) in St. George, located approximately two miles from the Dixie State campus. The four-acre site at the base of Medical Drive has been donated to the college by IHC and the Foremaster family of St. George.

Project completion is expected by April 2008, said Stan Plewe, vice president of college services.

“To me, the significance of this project is that Dixie State College has gone from offering no health science programs in the early ‘90s to a 78,000 square foot building that will now house some of the finest health science programs in the state, thanks to help from the state and donations from the local community,” Plewe said. “It also signifies our first major offsite partnership location that will allow us to take education to a site where students will have an incredible opportunity to get some of the best training available right in DRMC’s backyard.”

The new facility, which will also double as a training facility for DRMC, will house programs in nursing—including registered nursing, practical nursing, and nursing assistant—dentistry, emergency medical services, medical radiography, respiratory therapy, surgical technology, and phlebotomy. According to Dr. David Borris, dean of business, health, and technology, the timing couldn’t be better.

“Our dental hygiene graduates will increase by 100 percent due to these expanded facilities,” said Dr. David Borris, dean of business, health, and technology.

“We have expanded our nursing program and are temporarily using multiple buildings on campus to accommodate 100 percent growth in our nursing programs over the past three years,” The Russell C. Taylor Health Science Building will also accommodate the anticipated additional growth in our nursing programs.

The facility will also have space to accommodate programs in other high demand health care fields, Borris said, such as physical therapy assisting and medical laboratory technology. In addition to the land donated by IHC, Russell and Joyce Taylor and Mercyn and Sue Cox have provided significant donations to this project. According to the land donated by the new facility, total is excess of $3.5 million thus far. Over $17 million has been funded by the state, but the private donations laid the groundwork to securing the state funding.

“There’s no doubt in my mind that the college would not have had approval for this facility from the state had it not been for the generous donors who stepped forward,” said Christina Schultz, vice president of institutional advancement. “That sent a message to the state that there is a true need for this facility in this community and that the community wants to be vested in a facility such as this. That kind of community involvement makes it all the difference in the world when we go to the state and request a new facility.”

DSC OFFICIALLY TESTING NCAA WATERS FOR FIRST TIME

There’s been a lot of talk about it over the past couple of years, and plenty of changes to DSC’s athletic department as a result, but as of July 1, 2006, student athletes at Dixie State College are now officially getting their chance to compete at the NCAA Division II conference level in the institution’s history. On the court/field, the move means the Rebels will be competing against four-year schools from here on out, mostly at the Division II level—but their schedule will also occasionally include a matchup against a few Division I institutions, as will be the case this season against UNLV and Gonaga in basketball. Off the court/field, the jump will allow DSC’s athletic department to more closely align itself with DSC’s four-year mission.

“This has been something that has been worked on for a long time, and it is critical to our success here,” said Dexter Irving, athletic director at DSC.

In the short time that DSC has made the leap from the NJCAA to the NCAA this past year, the college has granted conference affiliation with the PacWest Conference. This milestone is widely considered an early coup in this monumental transition.

“I feel (being part of this conference) is an early and important measure of success in this transition that continued.”

Formally members of the PacWest Athletic Conference (SWAC), all of DSC’s 11 sports programs, with the exception of the football team, will begin full athletic participation in the PW next beginning next season. PWC members include BYU-Hawaii, Hawaii Pacific, Hawaii-Hilo, Chaminade (Honolulu), Capella (Phoenix) and Notre Dame de Namur (San Francisco Bay area). The football program, which has always operated as an independent, will join the PacWest next season.

“PacWest” is most likely sub and is the Rock Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC).

In accordance with NCAA regulations, which requires a participating member to sponsor a minimum of eight sports, Dixie State College in August.

state department has added program in women’s tennis, women’s cross country, and women’s track.

Despite the fact that DSC has been accepted into the PacWest conference already, Dixie will not be eligible for post-season play until its NCAA probationary period is over, which could last anywhere from two to seven years. Even with those stipulations, the college remains energetic about the move.

“It’s a good idea,” said head basketball coach Jon Judkins. “We need it here. The state of Utah needs a Division II program. It’s the right move for us. We’ll be able to coach a kid for more than one year. Before, you used to coach a kid for a year, they went on a mission, you coached them for another single year, and then they graduated. That’s all gone now. It has changed the way we do recruiting.”

Head volleyball coach Jeff Parker said in his sixth season at DSC, echoes Judkins’ sentiments.

“It’s a great improvement for us,” Parker said. “The ability to have players for all four years is huge. It’s a big boost for us. I just want to be able to coach my kids, and this makes it possible.”

As the shift to the NCAA is being made, the academic bar is being raised considerably. Now that Dixie is an accredited four-year institution, all student athletes must declare a major and be making progress each semester toward graduating in their respective program.

Before this move, the first question I used to ask my girls was, ‘What position do you want to play?’ Now, the first thing I ask them is ‘What do you study?’” said Parker.

The natural consequence of this higher academic standard, explained Mo Eckroth, new senior women’s administrator/compliance officer at DSC, is a greater number of students graduating from Dixie State College with their four-year degree.

“This is a big change for us,” Eckroth said. “All of our student athletes need to be in a baccalaureate program and making progress toward their degree. They can’t just be going for their associate degree. We have immediately pushed another 100 students towards a baccalaureate degree at this institution. There were 108 bachelor’s degrees awarded last year, and this will instantly double that number.”

The academic change is only one of two big changes for student athletes. The other is the drug testing policy now in effect. In the junior college level, there was no drug testing to speak of. Now, student athletes are subject to random drug testing any five times per year and remain drug free in order to participate.

In addition to the higher standard for student athletes, there will also be an adjustment period from a competitive standpoint. DSC student-athletes will have to get used to playing in larger schools and teams that have been in the Division II rhythm for much longer.

“For the next couple of years, as many of our sports, we’re going to have freshmen going up against juniors and seniors. It is a big change in the level of competition,” said Eckroth.

“It’s going to be difficult, but it’s going to be fun. It will be a challenge,” said Parker, whose women’s volleyball team is credited with recording DSC’s first ever NCAA Division II win in school history over Adams State College in August.

“One of the biggest, completely the entire coaching staff at DSC can agree on is the need for patience over the next few years as DSC makes the necessary adjustments to become the national powerhouse at a Division II level that it once was on the junior college stage.

“It will take a little bit of time,” said Coach Judkins. “That’s something we need to understand. We all need to be patient with this. In the long run it will be well worth it. It isn’t just going to happen overnight. But overall, it will be great and as we gain support, it will only get better.”

“It has been and will be about a year of culture change for the coaching staff and the administration here,” concluded Eckroth. “It has been a real difficult time, but an important thing to remember is that there’s a light at the end of the tunnel. Support from the school, from the public, from everyone, will make this transition as much easier. It’s just going to be great when we get there. And we will.”

“This is a big change for us,” Eckroth said. “All of our student athletes need to be in a baccalaureate program and making progress toward their degree. They can’t just be going for their associate degree. We have immediately pushed another 100 students towards a baccalaureate degree at this institution. There were 108 bachelor’s degrees awarded last year, and this will instantly double that number.”

Other big changes in rules for student athletes is the drug testing policy now in effect. In the junior college level, there was no drug testing to speak of. Now, student athletes are subject to random drug testing any five times per year and remain drug free in order to participate.

In addition to the higher standard for student athletes, there will also be an adjustment period from a competitive standpoint. DSC student-athletes will have to get used to playing in larger schools and teams that have been in the Division II rhythm for much longer.

“For the next couple of years, as many of our sports, we’re going to have freshmen going up against juniors and seniors. It is a big change in the level of competition,” said Eckroth.

“It’s going to be difficult, but it’s going to be fun. It will be a challenge,” said Parker, whose women’s volleyball team is credited with recording DSC’s first ever NCAA Division II win in school history over Adams State College in August.

“One of the biggest, completely the entire coaching staff at DSC can agree on is the need for patience over the next few years as DSC makes the necessary adjustments to become the national powerhouse at a Division II level that it once was on the junior college stage.

“It will take a little bit of time,” said Coach Judkins. “That’s something we need to understand. We all need to be patient with this. In the long run it will be well worth it. It isn’t just going to happen overnight. But overall, it will be great and as we gain support, it will only get better.”

“It has been and will be about a year of culture change for the coaching staff and the administration here,” concluded Eckroth. “It has been a real difficult time, but an important thing to remember is that there’s a light at the end of the tunnel. Support from the school, from the public, from everyone, will make this transition as much easier. It’s just going to be great when we get there. And we will.”
The 1963 Dixie football team gathers this year at Homecoming to remember the first undefeated season in Dixie football history.

The undefeated football team of 1963 will forever be immortalized at Dixie State College. No Dixie football team had gone undefeated before, and none has gone undefeated since. At the helm of all was the legendary head coach Sark Arslanian, who recently put that unforgettable season into context.

“Being in the top 5 was a much competition at the junior college level at that time, Texas was offering full ride scholarships, just like major universities were giving. Just winning the league was an accomplishment for us, but going undefeated was a real icing on the cake.”

And that icing will be savored for a very long time to come, and Dixie State College salutes the team to see what they have been in contact with many of players and coaches today. We have been in contact with many of the team to see what they have been doing for the past 43 years. Continued, see pages 11 & 13

COACH SARK ARSLANIAN THEN & NOW

Joe Blockovich
Jerry Bowman
Lee Bunell
Denny Cameron
Tom Costerend
Tom Dimick - deceased
Terry Evenshun
LeRoy Everett
Bill Fields
Leon Glines
Ron Glover
Mitch Gainer
Bob Halpin
Mark Hannon
Jerry Haworth
Lowell Heiric
Roger Holland
Ted Johnson
Loren Joseph
Jim Moore - deceased
Jim Nielsen
Paul Jensen
Kenny Knight
Ken Murasky
Paul Pace
Frank Parry
Ed Phillips
Larry Van Reesel
Larry Sunderland
Johnny Shepherd
Russ Talbot
Max Tea
Jack Turan
Max Vanderhooven
Emmett Williams
Mike Wadsworth

1963 TEAM MEMBERS NOT PICTURED:

PICK ALMYER says his experience at Dixie was life changing and those years were the launching point to his life. He retired from a career as a stockbroker after 32 years and is now CEO and president of Almyer Unlimited, Inc., immuno- trainer for USANA Health Sciences, and a professional motivational speaker. He and his wife of 56 years, Marilyn Booth, live in Vacaville, Calif. Almyer interests are long distance running, computers, ham radio, teaching, writing, family history, temple service, and his six children and two grandchildren.

GEORGE BATLEY was the 1963 team captain and was selected to the All Conference team. “Sark told me if I would come to Dixie and stay two years, I would never get it out of my system,” said George. “He was right. Dixie will always be special.” George received his Doctorate of Education from BYU, and he is now living in Provo, Utah. He selected the principal at Timpview High. He married Nancy Huangs and they have five children. He enjoys collecting antique football equipment, gardening, and making canes and walking sticks.

CRONDELL M. FERRY lives in Hixson, Utah where he is the outdoor recreation director for Hill Air Force Base. He married Deon Barker—they have 14 children and 16 grandchildren. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Weber State. “Four of our six children attended Dixie and it was a great experience for all of us,” said Cordell. “I will always love that Dixie Spirit. To be part of a great football organization and to play for Sark was a privilege.”

GARTH GARDNER apologizes for his photo. He said, “Sorry this doesn’t look like me—it’s much younger with dark hair!” Glenn lived in Sandy, Utah, where his occupation is in sales. He married to Marie Mikkelson and they are the parents of two children. Glenn received his bachelor’s degree from BYU. He enjoys fishing, hiking, and like riding “I’m looking forward to everyone at Homecoming, he said. “The year at Dixie were two of the absolute four years of my life. There were some of the greatest people I’ve ever known.”

GEORGE FLYNT was the 1963 team captain and was selected to the All Conference team. “Sark told me if I would come to Dixie and stay two years, I would never get it out of my system,” said George. “He was right. Dixie will always be special.”

GEORGE BAYLES was named outstanding athlete of the year. Top photo: 1963 team members included (l to r) Mark Hansen, Mike Wadsworth, Emmett Williams, George Bayles, Eddie Phillips, Terry Evenshun, Lee Bunell. Front row: Eron Wilson, Jerry Haworth, Ted Johnson, Tom Dimick, Glen Gardner.

GEORGE BAYLES — Longtime Dixie football entertainment.

JAY D. RINDLISBACHER is a former quarterback, living in Spanish Fork, Utah. He said, “Sark was one of the best coaches I have ever had and I thank the college and the community for all they did for me. The community supported the Dixie Rebels and made us feel at home.” Jay received his bachelor’s degree at Southern Utah State College. He married Carma Jean Staheli. They have two daughters. Jay enjoys hunting, fishing, all sports, and being with his family.

LINDA CHRISTENSEN was named Outstanding Athlete in 1964, lettering in four sports. She retired after 34 years as an educator and the head basketball coach of the Pine View High School Panther in St. George. He married Carma Jean Staheli, and they live in Washington, Utah. They are the parents of six children and grandchildren.

Lynn enjoys spending time golfing, horseback riding, working in the yard and with his grandchildren. He received a master’s degree in education.

DIXIE STATE JOINS in Glenmoor, Calif., where he is the supply chain manager for C&F Brokers, Inc. Dave said, “I will always remember Terre Tenne.” Sark told in detail, even high school and college classes on the same campus, and chemistry class with Eron Wilson. The people of St. George loved the football players and try to get them in the year. I will never forget that.”

Dave owns a brothers’ degree at Weber State University, and his master’s at the University of Utah. He married Sandie Talbott and they have two children, Dave enjoys reading, and music.

Lynn enjoys spending time golfing, horseback riding, working in the yard and with his grandchildren. He received a master’s degree in education.

JAY D. RINDLISBACHER is a former quarterback, living in Spanish Fork, Utah. He said, “Sark was one of the best coaches I have ever had and I thank the college and the community for all they did for me. The community supported the Dixie Rebels and made us feel at home.” Jay received his bachelor’s degree at Southern Utah State College. He married Carma Jean Staheli. They have two daughters. Jay enjoys hunting, fishing, all sports, and being with his family.

LINDA CHRISTENSEN was named Outstanding Athlete in 1964, lettering in four sports. She retired after 34 years as an educator and the head basketball coach of the Pine View High School Panther in St. George. He married Carma Jean Staheli, and they live in Washington, Utah. They are the parents of six children and grandchildren.

Lynn enjoys spending time golfing, horseback riding, working in the yard and with his grandchildren. He received a master’s degree in education.

DIXIE STATE JOINS in Glenmoor, Calif., where he is the supply chain manager for C&F Brokers, Inc. Dave said, “I will always remember Terre Tenne.” Sark told in detail, even high school and college classes on the same campus, and chemistry class with Eron Wilson. The people of St. George loved the football players and try to get them in the year. I will never forget that.”

Dave owns a brothers’ degree at Weber State University, and his master’s at the University of Utah. He married Sandie Talbott and they have two children, Dave enjoys reading, and music.

Lynn enjoys spending time golfing, horseback riding, working in the yard and with his grandchildren. He received a master’s degree in education.

DIXIE STATE JOINS in Glenmoor, Calif., where he is the supply chain manager for C&F Brokers, Inc. Dave said, “I will always remember Terre Tenne.” Sark told in detail, even high school and college classes on the same campus, and chemistry class with Eron Wilson. The people of St. George loved the football players and try to get them in the year. I will never forget that.”

Dave owns a brothers’ degree at Weber State University, and his master’s at the University of Utah. He married Sandie Talbott and they have two children, Dave enjoys reading, and music.

Lynn enjoys spending time golfing, horseback riding, working in the yard and with his grandchildren. He received a master’s degree in education.

DIXIE STATE JOINS in Glenmoor, Calif., where he is the supply chain manager for C&F Brokers, Inc. Dave said, “I will always remember Terre Tenne.” Sark told in detail, even high school and college classes on the same campus, and chemistry class with Eron Wilson. The people of St. George loved the football players and try to get them in the year. I will never forget that.”

Dave owns a brothers’ degree at Weber State University, and his master’s at the University of Utah. He married Sandie Talbott and they have two children, Dave enjoys reading, and music.

Lynn enjoys spending time golfing, horseback riding, working in the yard and with his grandchildren. He received a master’s degree in education.

DIXIE STATE JOINS in Glenmoor, Calif., where he is the supply chain manager for C&F Brokers, Inc. Dave said, “I will always remember Terre Tenne.” Sark told in detail, even high school and college classes on the same campus, and chemistry class with Eron Wilson. The people of St. George loved the football players and try to get them in the year. I will never forget that.”

Dave owns a brothers’ degree at Weber State University, and his master’s at the University of Utah. He married Sandie Talbott and they have two children, Dave enjoys reading, and music.

Lynn enjoys spending time golfing, horseback riding, working in the yard and with his grandchildren. He received a master’s degree in education.

DIXIE STATE JOINS in Glenmoor, Calif., where he is the supply chain manager for C&F Brokers, Inc. Dave said, “I will always remember Terre Tenne.” Sark told in detail, even high school and college classes on the same campus, and chemistry class with Eron Wilson. The people of St. George loved the football players and try to get them in the year. I will never forget that.”

Dave owns a brothers’ degree at Weber State University, and his master’s at the University of Utah. He married Sandie Talbott and they have two children, Dave enjoys reading, and music.
Your philanthropy helps us provide students at Dixie State College with quality educational opportunities. We are grateful for the generosity of our alumni, friends, community members, corporations and foundations where contributions support our mission.

Ways to Give
Cash
Appreciated Stocks
In-kind, Equipment, or Collections
Mutual Funds
Marketable Real Estate
Life Insurance
401(K)’s
Wills, Trusts, Requested Charitable Gift Annuities
Charitable Remainder Trusts
For more information about pledging or making a charitable gift, please contact the Institutional Advancement Office at (435) 652-7509. We look forward to hearing from you.

Dixie State College
1500 S. 1000 E.
St. George, UT 84770
(435) 652-7500
www.dscc.edu
Ron Haun Returns to His Rebel Roots

He was named head coach on March 28, 2006, and he knew coming in that there would be much to give. For starters, he is leading the Rebels into the uncharted territory of the NCAA, and the days of being a junior college powerhouse are now squarely in the rearview mirror. Instead of familiar faces, Dixie’s Schedule is now set up to take on that. Whether attributable to the Dixie Spirit or not, something went very right while Haun was at Ricks. Seventeen post-season bowl appearances, two undefeated seasons, four national runner-ups, an overall record of 178-40-2, and 12 league championships (eight of which in the WSFL) are just some of the numbers Haun posted at Ricks. Believe it or not, many of those wins came against perennial powerhouse that it remains to this day. Murray High in Salt Lake, Haun’s high school alma mater, soon came calling, and he did a four-year stint there as head coach through 1979 before making the move to Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho, where Haun would eventually become nothing short of a local legend, first as offensive coordinator for three years and then as head coach for 20 years. Despite moving on, the Dixie Spirit is something the Hauns never quite left behind. In fact, in the case of Ricks College, he was ordered to bring it with him.

“When I was hired as the coach of Ricks College, Bruce Hafen, who is also a Dixie alum, was the president of Ricks,” Haun recalled. “He called me and my wife in and said, ‘Ron, I’m bringing you in because I want you to bring the Spirit of Dixie up here.’”

Whether attributable to the Dixie Spirit or not, something went very right while Haun was at Ricks. Seventeen post-season bowl appearances, two undefeated seasons, four national runner-ups, an overall record of 178-40-2, and 12 league championships (eight of which in the WSFL) are just some of the numbers Haun posted at Ricks. Believe it or not, many of those wins came against perennial powerhouse that it remains to this day. Murray High in Salt Lake, Haun’s high school alma mater, soon came calling, and he did a four-year stint there as head coach through 1979 before making the move to Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho, where Haun would eventually become nothing short of a local legend, first as offensive coordinator for three years and then as head coach for 20 years. Despite moving on, the Dixie Spirit is something the Hauns never quite left behind. In fact, in the case of Ricks College, he was ordered to bring it with him.

“When I was hired as the coach of Ricks College, Bruce Hafen, who is also a Dixie alum, was the president of Ricks,” Haun recalled. “He called me and my wife in and said, ‘Ron, I’m bringing you in because I want you to bring the Spirit of Dixie up here.’”

Whether attributable to the Dixie Spirit or not, something went very right while Haun was at Ricks. Seventeen post-season bowl appearances, two undefeated seasons, four national runner-ups, an overall record of 178-40-2, and 12 league championships (eight of which in the WSFL) are just some of the numbers Haun posted at Ricks. Believe it or not, many of those wins came against perennial powerhouse that it remains to this day. Murray High in Salt Lake, Haun’s high school alma mater, soon came calling, and he did a four-year stint there as head coach through 1979 before making the move to Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho, where Haun would eventually become nothing short of a local legend, first as offensive coordinator for three years and then as head coach for 20 years. Despite moving on, the Dixie Spirit is something the Hauns never quite left behind. In fact, in the case of Ricks College, he was ordered to bring it with him.

“When I was hired as the coach of Ricks College, Bruce Hafen, who is also a Dixie alum, was the president of Ricks,” Haun recalled. “He called me and my wife in and said, ‘Ron, I’m bringing you in because I want you to bring the Spirit of Dixie up here.’”

Whether attributable to the Dixie Spirit or not, something went very right while Haun was at Ricks. Seventeen post-season bowl appearances, two undefeated seasons, four national runner-ups, an overall record of 178-40-2, and 12 league championships (eight of which in the WSFL) are just some of the numbers Haun posted at Ricks. Believe it or not, many of those wins came against perennial powerhouse that it remains to this day. Murray High in Salt Lake, Haun’s high school alma mater, soon came calling, and he did a four-year stint there as head coach through 1979 before making the move to Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho, where Haun would eventually become nothing short of a local legend, first as offensive coordinator for three years and then as head coach for 20 years. Despite moving on, the Dixie Spirit is something the Hauns never quite left behind. In fact, in the case of Ricks College, he was ordered to bring it with him.
that day nearly seven years ago, the Johnson’s have worked diligently to protect and preserve the tracks for future generations. In the first days, weeks and months that followed Sheldon’s discovery, tens of thousands of people came to view the dinosaur footprints discovered only a mile from Interstate 15 and not far from Dixie State College.

School children arrived by the bus-loads, reporters descended on the dusty site, and scientists clamored to investigate the one-of-a-kind discovery. Utah State paleontologist Dr. James Kirkland, and Dr. Martin Lockley, a world recognized authority on dinosaur footprints, hurried to St. George. When the dust settled, it became clear that at least two meat-eating dinosaurs had left their prints behind: The Dilophosaurus, a large carnivore that walked on three toes, and the Megapnosaurus, a small meat eater that also walked on three toes and possessed hollow bones like those found in birds.

The site also revealed an impressive collection of dinosaur swim tracks and the imprint of a squatting dinosaur’s back haunches that clearly showed dinosaur behavior and provided new physical information.

News of Sheldon’s discovery was carried in publications around the world and filmed for numerous documentaries. It was even immortalized by Ripley’s Believe it or Not!

Since the original discovery in 2000, a lot has happened and continues to happen today. The Johnson’s formed the non-profit Dinosaur AH! Torium foundation to raise funds to preserve the dinosaur tracks, and sought partnerships with Dixie State College, St. George City, Washington County and the state of Utah. Funds from federal, state and local grants helped build a museum to protect some of the fragile footprints from Dixie’s searing summer sun, although there is much more that needs to be done if the swim tracks are to be preserved and the site is to be fully excavated and developed for the benefit of the public.

The St. George Discovery Site at Johnson Farm continues to attract visitors from around the globe and from every state in the nation. An amazing group of volunteers dedicate their time to the facility and enjoy sharing their growing knowledge with tourists and locals alike.

Through it all, the Johnson’s are thankful for the support shown by family, friends and countless others who are committed to saving and preserving the tracks. Working hard for what you believe in is nothing new for Sheldon, who grew up in Tropic, and LaVerna, a St. George native.

Never in a million years — or even 200 million years for that matter — could Dixie State College alumni Dr. Sheldon Johnson (’46) and his wife, LaVerna Bringhurst Johnson (’53), imagine that dinosaurs would quite literally step into their lives.

But that’s exactly what happened on that crisp February morning in 2000 as Sheldon worked to level a hill on the Johnson family farm along the banks of the Virgin River. Using a front-end loader and backhoe to move tons of dirt, Sheldon eventually reached an unusual layer of bedrock that dates back to the Jurassic Period.

While Sheldon didn’t know exactly what he might be looking for under those rocks, his stepson, Dixie State College geology professor Kelly Bringhurst, did. Dinosaur tracks, said Bringhurst, could possibly be found in this recently mapped Jurassic layer of earth that had been thrust up to the surface. Southern Utah, after all, had plenty of known dinosaur tracks and it was very possible more would be found on the Johnson farm.

What Sheldon discovered when he flipped over those huge chunks of rock, however, was something completely unique. There were hundreds of casts of dinosaur footprints, left behind nearly 200 million years ago when the ancient beasts stepped into several inches of moist Dixie clay. Sand washed into the imprint, hardening over time into a solid cast of the footprint left behind. When Sheldon lifted the massive rock, the dinosaur’s track was revealed on the rock’s underbelly.

It was a stunning moment and one that Sheldon has never forgotten. Since that day nearly seven years ago, the Johnson’s have worked diligently to protect and preserve the tracks for future generations. In the first days, weeks and months that followed Sheldon’s discovery, tens of thousands of people came to view the dinosaur footprints discovered only a mile from Interstate 15 and not far from Dixie State College.

School children arrived by the bus-loads, reporters descended on the dusty site, and scientists clamored to investigate the one-of-a-kind discovery. Utah State paleontologist Dr. James Kirkland, and Dr. Martin Lockley, a world recognized authority on dinosaur footprints, hurried to St. George. When the dust settled, it became clear that at least two meat-eating dinosaurs had left their prints behind: The Dilophosaurus, a large carnivore that walked on three toes, and the Megapnosaurus, a small meat eater that also walked on three toes and possessed hollow bones like those found in birds. The site also revealed an impressive collection of dinosaur swim tracks and the imprint of a squatting dinosaur’s back haunches that clearly showed dinosaur behavior and provided new physical information.

News of Sheldon’s discovery was carried in publications around the world and filmed for numerous documentaries. It was even immortalized by Ripley’s Believe it or Not!

Since the original discovery in 2000, a lot has happened and continues to happen today. The Johnson’s formed the non-profit Dinosaur AH! Torium foundation to raise funds to preserve the dinosaur tracks, and sought partnerships with Dixie State College, St. George City, Washington County and the state of Utah. Funds from federal, state and local grants helped build a museum to protect some of the fragile footprints from Dixie’s searing summer sun, although there is much more that needs to be done if the swim tracks are to be preserved and the site is to be fully excavated and developed for the benefit of the public.

The St. George Discovery Site at Johnson Farm continues to attract visitors from around the globe and from every state in the nation. An amazing group of volunteers dedicate their time to the facility and enjoy sharing their growing knowledge with tourists and locals alike.

Through it all, the Johnson’s are thankful for the support shown by family, friends and countless others who are committed to saving and preserving the tracks. Working hard for what you believe in is nothing new for Sheldon, who grew up in Tropic, and LaVerna, a St. George native.

Continued, see DINOSAUR HOTBED, page 20

Sheldon and LaVerna Johnson talk about the dinosaur footprints that Sheldon found Thursday, April 20, 2000, in St. George (AP/Wide World Photos).
By comparison to the institutions that Lee and Bonnie have been involved with throughout the years, she comments that DSC shows a unique attentiveness to student needs and a sincere concern for them that is rarely seen. “One of the greatest strengths of this college is the committed faculty. They genuinely care about the students. Dixie really focuses on the kids and what they’re trying to achieve,” she says. “The perseverance of the people who were here before – their character – is instilled in this community and that heritage continues today. It’s hard to gain the character that comes from enduring hardships in any other way. So, I do think it carries over.”

Bonnie’s reflections on education and excellence in the classroom are not merely a personal perspective. “The commitment of the faculty and the administrators is instilled in this community,” she says. “The timing of the situation meant they would share a plane ride home. That fellow missionary was named Lee Caldwell.”

“How Bonnie Caldwell came to the desert to live for the first time only to find her roots were here all along.”

By comparison to the institutions that Lee and Bonnie have been involved with throughout the years, she comments that DSC shows a unique attentiveness to student needs and a sincere concern for them that is rarely seen. “One of the greatest strengths of this college is the committed faculty. They genuinely care about the students. Dixie really focuses on the kids and what they’re trying to achieve,” she says. “The perseverance of the people who were here before – their character – is instilled in this community and that heritage continues today. It’s hard to gain the character that comes from enduring hardships in any other way. So, I do think it carries over.”

Bonnie’s reflections on education and excellence in the classroom are not merely a personal perspective. “The commitment of the faculty and the administrators is instilled in this community,” she says. “The timing of the situation meant they would share a plane ride home. That fellow missionary was named Lee Caldwell.”

“How Bonnie Caldwell came to the desert to live for the first time only to find her roots were here all along.”
Dinosaur Discovery Site

Dinosaur Hotbed (continued from page 15)

“When we are truly dedicated to helping others, solving problems, listening with our hearts as we serve, prosperity follows as a natural consequence,” says Sheldon, a retired optometrist and former president of the Dixie State College Alumni Association. “Working at your profession to make money means you are missing the mark. The first priority for success in life is concern for others, and a desire to help make things better.”

Serving others is a hallmark of the Johnsons, who married almost 16 years ago after losing each of their spouses to cancer. They are parents to 10 children, nine of them boys, and grandparents to dozens of grandchildren. They have Dixie State College graduates on both sides of the family. LaVerna Laub Bringham Johnson, who served on the Dixie College Student Council during her senior year, is an accomplished educator and published author, with a special love for poetry and children. She attended Brigham Young University on scholarship, married U.S. Air Force pilot Norman L. Bringham, and then had five children. She eventually graduated cum laude from Sonoma State College and certified to teach in early childhood, elementary and secondary education. Her 21-year teaching career in California and Utah extended to 25 years when she taught pre-school and education classes at Dixie College. A scholarship in Norma’s name was established at Dixie State College for students from Hurricane, Utah, her hometown.

Sheldon B. Johnson, who worked as a custodian to help pay his way at Dixie College, graduated cum laude from the University of Southern California as a Doctor of Optometry and has enjoyed a successful practice in St. George. He married Leatrice Sproul and they have five sons, married all of them in St. George. Sheldon, a veteran of World War II, served 42 years as a member of the Washington County School Board with a focus on helping children succeed, whatever their circumstances. His innovative ideas have guided the school board program in the district, which brought the cost of construction down significantly while maintaining the expected level of quality.

The Johnsons continue to seek out educational opportunities that support Dixie State College and the St. George Dinosaur Discovery Site at Johnson Farm. Several faculty members have served on the board of the Dinosaur AH! Torium foundation, including Drs. Andrew Barnum, David Burns and Jerry Harris, who is chief editor of a Utah Geological Survey book on the dinosaurs of Washington County.

Dino Days in Dixie

When the college followed the dinosaur track site discovery, Dr. Jerry Harris was recently part of a team of a joint Chinese-American team of scientists that discovered fossils that are being called the “missing link in bird evolution.”

The team found dozens of the rare bird fossils in northwestern China near the remote town of Changan, located about 2,000 kilometers west of Beijing. The fossils, provide some rare clues about the evolution of modern birds from their prehistoric dinoansaur ancestors – the now famous Archaeopteryx. Their discovery recently was featured in the journal Science.

The team discovered about 40 well-preserved fossils of the ancient bird Gansus yumenensis that date back approximately 110 million years ago to the Early Cretaceous period. The fossils include details such as fossilized feathers and webbed skin between the toes, suggesting that today’s birds may have had aquatic origins.

“Most bird fossils are very, very fragmentary,” Harris said in a DSC news release on the team’s scientific research. “Finding bird fossils that are very complete and still threedimensional is extremely rare. Finding fossil birds that tell us so much about the origins of modern birds is even rarer.”

The team’s findings were also the subject of a recent documentary on the Discovery Channel. Dr. Harris has taught science courses at Dixie State College since 2004 and works closely with the city of St. George and the Dinosaur Discovery Site at Johnson Farm. Dixie State College also hosted an international paleo conference in St. George to discuss the latest research at the dinosaur site, attracting scientists from around the world.

The Johnson’s LaRae Jones of the Washington County School District, Dr. Kirkland, volunteer coordinator Robert Knell, St. George City paleontologist Andrew Milner, and Gay Sanders of St. George City Leisure Services are excited about the creation of a Legacy that is closely bound with Dixie State College. Fund raising is under way now to erect a life-size bronze sculpture of a Dinosaur in front of the museum, reminding visitors that the venerated meat-eater once roamed the ground beneath their feet.

The Dinosaur Discovery Site at Johnson Farm is located at 2180 E. Riverside Drive in St. George. Contact the site at 435-574-3466 for more information about tours and the new Jr. Paleontologist Club for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students, or go online at www.dinotox.com.

To make a difference with your tax deductible donation contact Dinosaur AH! Torium foundation president Alan Crooks at 435-652-7758, or by email, alan@alancrooks.com, or his office at 535 E 600 South #381, St. George, UT 84770.

Volunteers are always welcome at the track site and very much needed. Contact Volunteer Coordinator Anneli M. Segura at St. George City paleontologist Andrew Milner at 435-574-DINO. Dr. Harris at DSC is available for scientific inquiry at 435-562-7758, or by email, jharris@dixie.edu.

LaVerna and Sheldon at the grand opening of
the Dinosaur Discovery Site

Dr. Jerry Harris, Dixie State College paleontologist, is a chief editor of a Utah Geological Survey book on the dinosaurs of Washington County.
FULL CIRCLE

(continued from page 15)

played at Dixie and what I felt toward Dixie and I think they always played a little harder because of that,” Haun said. “It was probably a bigger rivalry for us than it was for them. It was hard — I always had mixed emotions. It was always a game that we circled in as a game we had to win for the season. I’m sure Dixie did too.” Usually when you won that game won the league championship and had the highest national ranking and still kept themselves in the race for the national championship.

By the time it was all said and done, Haun had become the winningest active coach in the NJCAA and was on his way to the NJCAA Football Hall of Fame (which he was inducted into in April 2002). By all accounts, it was an incredible run.

But that magical run came to an abrupt halt in 2002 when Ricks College dropped all of its sports programs in favor of becoming a baccalaureate granting institution under the auspices of Brigham Young University.

“It was very difficult for all of us. It was difficult for our community,” Haun reflected. “We had great athletes, and a great following. It happened so quickly and caught a lot of us off guard. When you put everything you have for 20 years into a program and then all of a sudden it’s not there any more, it’s difficult. At the same time, when you’re in a church system, you know things are done for a reason, and you have to move on and go forward.”

Go forward he did. After teaching at BYU Idaho’s physical education department for a time, the coaching bug began biting at him again and he spent the 2005 season as offensive coordinator at Weber State University with former University of Utah head coach Ron McBride and longtime friend and former BYU defensive coordinator Ken Schmidt. At the end of the 2005 season, Haun was prepared to return to St. George and call it a career. His plans soon changed, however, when Dixie’s head job suddenly came open.

“When the Dixie State job came open, there was no question I was going after it,” Haun said. “And once he had it, he didn’t waste any time getting to work. Approximately a half hour after he offered the job, Haun was being introduced as the new head coach via telephone at the college’s weekly booster luncheon. It was evident that he had already begun assembling his coaching staff in his head. At the time, he wasn’t liberty to name any names, but he assured boosters that a big-time college coaching staff with national championship credentials at the NCAA Division I level could very well be coming along with him.

It wasn’t long before the car was out of the bag and Ken Schmidt, who helped coach BYU to a national championship in 2002, was named defensive coordinator. Haun’s staff is a mixture of new faces and carryovers from the previous staff. He has the best (coaching) staff in the state of Utah,” Haun said.

“All of our positions have a coach, and that’s something we will sell. We don’t have graduate assistants. These are veteran people with a resume’ that’s pretty impressive, all of whom could get hired at most Division I schools. We have a lot of Division I caliber people in our program right now, and that’s going to really assist us.”

With a fresh-taching network of former players who are now coaching at high schools and colleges up and down Idaho and Utah — many of whom have already sent players in Haun’s care at Ricks College — it’s a pitch Haun will more likely be making to local, homegrown players. And to help seal the deal, Haun will sell perhaps Dixie’s greatest asset: the good old-fashioned Dixie Spirit that he has come to know so well.

“I think that’s what most of us who were here remember is the spirit of Dixie, the Friendliness, the town, working together,” Haun said. “I think everyone who came through the program in those days has been real successful, and I think you can attribute it to the one-on-one relationship where teachers care for you, the community cares for you, and you become a part of something bigger and better...That’s always been here, and I think that’s been the strength of Dixie.”

The Student Alumni Association (SAA) is a new organization at Dixie State College whose goal is to maintain and develop spirit while helping others acquire an appreciation for college traditions, thereby fostering pride in Dixie State College. The SAA seeks to motivate student involvement in spirit building activities, promote and strengthen interpersonal relationships between students, faculty and alumni, and enhance the image and reputation of Dixie State College. The SAA also provides student leadership opportunities, networking channels and career development.
Dave Rose, ‘80, earned district and conference coach-of-the-year honors in his first season as BYU head basketball coach in 2005-06 while guiding the Cougars to a 20-win season. Rose, who was a two-sport athlete at Dixie College and later returned to the school with the Dixie Rebel basketball team, also received national honors for the outstanding first season. Picked to finish last in the Mountain West Conference in the preseason poll of MWC media members, BYU instead earned a 20-9 record and NIT with Rose as the help lead a 12-4 conference mark to tie for second place.

Connor & Amber Shakespeare

Connor & Amber Shakespeare

Connor and Amber also have been involved with the Dixie College and the community. Connor then served as X-Club president from 2002-2004. Connor graduated with his associate of science degree in 2002 and his bache- lor’s in business administration in 2005. I “love Dixie; it was one of the best experiences of my life,” he said. “I will always cherish my Dixie days from the bonfires, the service projects, and the Kansas trips to the National basketball tournaments.” Connor will continue his service to the college as President of the newly organized Southern Utah Alumni Association. He is a Mortgage Loan Officer with Continental Mortgage in St. George and has also started a mechanical insulation company, Shakespeare Enterprises.

Amber was a Rebelette while she was a student at Dixie State College in 1996-98. She earned her associate degree at Dixie in 1998 and her bachelor’s degree in communications and advertising at SUU in 2001. She is currently a dance instructor at Westside Studio Performing Arts School in St. George. Amber also taught on campus at Dixie State as an adjunct instructor in the dance department from 2002 to 2004. She is a certified dance instructor and 10 year member of Chicago National Association of Dance Masters.

Catherine Hasfurther

Catherine Hasfurther graduated from Dixie College and has dedicated many years of service to the college and community. Cathy enjoys keeping active by participating in many events throughout the community, such as playing soft- ball, attending plays and theater, and enjoying the red rock of St. George. She also enjoys spending time with family and friends who live in the area, fishing and working outside in her yard.

Curtis Whitehead

Curtis Whitehead has been a key role in helping the College survive after the LDS church could no longer provide support, and he helped the community raise money to keep the doors open.

Susan Fielding, ’01, graduated from Dixie State College in 2001. She then enrolled at Washington State University where she earned her first bachelor’s degree in sociology in 2005, and a second bachelor’s degree in psychology in 2006. While at Washington State, Erika was inducted into Alpha Kappa Delta, the sociological National Honor Society. She is also a member of the Delta Pi sorority, the first secret society in the world for women.

Alumni Updates

Connor’s father, Larry, graduated from Dixie College as an adjunct instructor in 2001. She then enrolled at Washington State University where she earned her first bachelor’s degree in sociology in 2005, and a second bachelor’s degree in psychology in 2006. While at Washington State, Erika was inducted into Alpha Kappa Delta, the sociological National Honor Society. She is also a member of the Delta Pi sorority, the first secret society in the world for women.

Erika has just started a paralegal program, which will precede her entrance into law school.

Dixie Alum & Faculty Member Retires from DSC Business Department

Susan Fielding, ’01, graduated from Dixie State College in 2001. She then enrolled at Washington State University where she earned her first bachelor’s degree in sociology in 2005, and a second bachelor’s degree in psychology in 2006. While at Washington State, Erika was inducted into Alpha Kappa Delta, the sociological National Honor Society. She is also a member of the Delta Pi sorority, the first secret society in the world for women.

Erika has just started a paralegal program, which will precede her entrance into law school.

“Dixie Alum & Faculty Member Retires from DSC Business Department”

“Dixie Alum & Faculty Member Retires from DSC Business Department”

Susan attended school at the old combined campus of Dixie High and Dixie College. In 1964, her high school graduating class was the first to be separate from the College. Raised with a love of Dixie College, Susan grew up with a dream of teaching here. That dream came true 31 years ago, and will continue on a part-time basis even though Susan is now officially retired.

“She’ll be strongly missed around here,” said Philip Lee, business department chair. “The thing I heard most about Susan from the students was how willing she was to work with them, how concerned she was about them, and how she was so willing to spend a lot of time with them. She has always been very student oriented.”

It’s interesting to note that Philip was hired by Susan, who was, at that time, the dean of business and technology. She had served in that position for less than a year when a marriage proposal from Robert Mower, and plans to move to Wyoming motivated her to resign her deanship and teaching position. However, after a new dean (Rich Van Ausdal) had been hired and her teaching position had been replaced, the carefully laid plans unraveled.

“Right after my glorious farewell parties and surprise luncheon, and just the day before we got married, the uranium mine where my fiancé worked closed down. We were suddenly both without jobs!” she said. “But almost as quickly, my teaching replacement resigned because of her pregnancy and I was able to get back my classes.”

“I was so glad to be back in the classroom,” she said. “As dean, it seemed I was always taking bad news to everybody. I was much happier in the classroom.”

Susan taught a variety of business classes, including typewriting, shorthand, personal finance, vocabulary, office administration, business writing, business English, 10-key calculator, pre-employment seminars, and records management. When they planned their retirement years, Susan and her husband looked forward to serving a part-time local mission. Unfortunately those plans are being post-poned, as Bob is recovering from a heart attack, and ensuing complications. Susan says the timing of her retirement is wonderful because she now has more time to help her husband. In August, she also began teaching in the business department and for the Dixie Applied Technology College (DXTAC). Happy to be keeping a tie to students and the classroom, Susan said, “I love my students! At the end of each semester when they are taking the final exams and tests, my heart goes, oh, I really am losing them. They are wonderful, and I am happy when I see them later in their lives and find out what they are doing.”

COME JOIN THE PARTY!
Friday, Nov. 10
7 p.m.
at the Gymnasium

• For ALL Alumni
• Find friends and celebrate
• Homecoming together
• Refreshments and Socializing

“I find the Red Sands of Dixie forever on my mind.”
Dr. Edward John Prince, ‘94, is a fellowship trained joint replacement surgeon. Edward attended Dixie in 1990-91. He then served as an LDS mission in Japan, and last but not least, he was one of the famous Reb unlawfuls.

Prince also met fellow Dixie grad, Kelly Cupps, who later became his wife. His next step was to finish undergraduate school at the University of Utah with a bachelor’s degree in biology, and a minor in chemistry. He was awarded a teaching assistantship in chemistry and worked at the University of Utah Medical Centers doing research in cell signaling.

“I was selected over several others for the teaching job at the university based on my knowledge about chemistry that I obtained at Dixie,” said Prince. “This made me realize that Dixie was really an outstanding place to learn, and it put me at a step above my peers at the same level.”

Prince continued his training at the Medical College of Wisconsin, followed by orthopedic residency at the University of Nebraska/Creighton. At this point, Dr. Prince had already had a respectable number of skilled general surgeons and he decided that to return to the valley he would need an extra year of training.

Prince recently completed training with world renowned surgeons at the University of Utah orthopedic center in adult reconstruction and joint replacement. While there, he performed complex hip and knee replacement.

Prince is also in the process of developing a computer navigated total knee replacement. Very few surgeons are known to be skilled in this area of orthopedic surgery in the future.” Some explanation of Prince’s attraction to Dixie State College lies in his family history. Five of the founders of Dixie college were his relatives. Now four generations are Dixie State graduates, including both of his parents. The campus rose garden and the Student Services Center are named after his grandmother, Edith Sullivan Whitehead, who served most of her life on various committees at the College.

“I value the two years I spent at Dixie State College above the other twelve years of medical school and residency because specific educators realized my potential and put in extra effort to help me succeed. No other school has done that for me.”

Dr. Reuben Joseph Snow, long time friend of Dixie State College, a Dixie alumus and former student body president, and member of the Dixie State College Board of Trustees, passed away June 6, 2006, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Snow was slated to teach his final semester in BYU’s political science department this summer, where he has taught since 2000. Prior to that, he served for two years as director of the BYU Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies in Israel. He began his career at BYU in 1990 as an assistant professor, later served as advancee vice president. Snow worked as assistant to the president at the University of Utah beginning in 1971, then simultaneously as vice president for university relations and director of the Hinckley Institute of Politics and associate professor of political science. In addition, he also held positions at the University of California Santa Barbara and at the University of Bordeaux in France.

“R.J.’s passing is a tremendous loss to us,” said President Lee Caldwell. “I would be hard pressed to name anyone in the state with more experience in higher education than R.J. With his added global perspective, he was extremely valuable to our board. R.J. was renowned for his gentle intelligence, and that’s a good way of describing his contribution as a trustee.”

The legacy of Jennings for the program will also include a new health sciences facility, which he helped inspire. Each of the college’s health sciences programs will enter the president at the University of Utah beginning in 1971, then simultaneously as vice president for university relations and director of the Hinckley Institute of Politics and associate professor of political science. In addition, he also held positions at the University of California Santa Barbara and at the University of Bordeaux in France.

Dr. Gordon Jennings, director of dental hygiene and friend, and member of the Dixie State College faculty family for 34 years, has died. It was found a way to accomplish his vision.

“Dr. Gordon Jennings made a significant impact on the lives of those who worked with him. Student and dental hygiene program had their lives changed by his mentorship,” said Dr. David Borris, dean of business, technology and health. “He and the faculty he hired built the dental hygiene program from a dream to one of the top ranked programs in the country.”

Those wishing to make a donation to either scholarship fund, please send a check payable to: Dixie State College (indicate which scholarship on memo line) and mail to: Dixie State College, Institutional Advancement Office, 225 S. 700 E., St. George, UT 84770.
Fifth Annual Alumni Picnic
FOR DSC’S NORTHERN UTAH CHAPTER

This year’s annual Northern Utah Alumni Spring Picnic (our 5th annual now) was held on May 22 at Flat Iron Mesa Park in Sandy Utah. We have seen an increase in attendance each year, and this year was no exception. The weather was perfect. The pavilion was full, and the inflatable slide, bounce house and obstacle course were kept busy. We enjoy seeing the families of our alumni, young and old — and we did see young and old — return to renew their acquaintances with old friends and schoolmates. We kept the grills busy with hot dogs and hamburgers and drank enough sodas to fill a couple of bathtubs. We expect this event to continue to grow and hope to see you all back next year with children and grandchildren in tow.

Our thanks to all who attended, and who continue to attend, for continuing to make this event the great success that it has been. Thanks to those who drove up from Southern Utah to be with us. Special thanks to Kallyn Larson who continually supports our efforts with organizational planning, PR and advertising, and for bringing along her husband, Carl, to man the grills — thanks Carl. Thanks also to Christina Schultz, Marilee Anderton, Margaret Marshall, Delmont Tisman, and Mark Gubler for their continued support.

Here’s the next Northern Utah Chapter Event:

NORTHERN UTAH CHAPTER FALL SOCIAL SATURDAY, OCT. 28TH 7 P.M. At Little America Hotel College Update by President Lee Caldwell Catered Dinner (free!) Silent Auction, Entertainment

We are grateful for Marilee Anderton’s hard work on this event. We will be mailing out invitations shortly and hope to see you all there. If you don’t receive an invitation and you are a DSC alum living in Northern Utah, please feel free to crash the party — actually, RSVP to Marilee at (801) 973-9015, or John Blake at (801) 253-8848. Also feel free to call us if you have items or services that you are willing to donate to the silent auction. We’ll see you there!

by John Blake, ’83, Northern Utah Chapter President

CONTACTS FOR ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Send us your street or email address as well as those of classmates

LAS VEGAS AREA
Mike Lantz 702-579-7090 mike@lantzwp.com

NORTHERN UTAH AREA
John Blake 801-253-8848 blake8818@msn.com

SOUTHERN UTAH AREA
Connor Shakespeare 435-669-3337 connor_shakespeare@yahoo.com

PHOENIX AREA
John Bowler 480-926-4392 johnbowler4@cox.net

or contact Kallyn Larson: phone: 435-652-7335, e-mail: larson@dixie.edu

IN MEMORIAM

Jay Seegmiller 1920 - 2006

Jarvis “Jay” Edwin Seegmiller, M.D., a pioneer in the field of human biochemical genetics, with a special interest in the mechanisms by which genetically determined defects of metabolism lead to various forms of arthritis. He is perhaps best known for his discovery of the enzyme defect in Lesch-Nyhan Syndrome, a fatal disorder of the nervous system. As director of the human biochemical genetics program at UCSD, Seegmiller’s investigations into the translation of genetic research and methods of prevention, detection and treatment of hereditary diseases led to Congressional testimony on the possibility of controlling genetic disease in the United States. As a result, genetic referral centers have been established throughout the country.

In 1983, he became the founding director of what is today UCSD’s Stein Institute for Research on Aging (SIRA). Even after his retirement, he continued to serve as Associate Director of SIRA from 1990 until his death. A brilliant scientist, he was also a very kind and generous person.

Seegmiller was born June 22, 1920 in St. George, Utah. After graduation from Dixie in 1940, he earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Utah in 1942 and received his Doctor of Medicine with honors from the University of Chicago in 1948. After he completed his internship at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, he trained with Bernard Horster of the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Disease at the National Institutes of Health.

After work as a research associate at the Thrombolytic Memorial Laboratory of Harvard Medical School, and as a visiting investigator at the Public Health Research Institute of the City of New York, Seegmiller returned to the NIH in 1954, where he was appointed Senior Investigator of the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Disease. He became assistant scientific director of the institute in 1960, and was appointed chief of the section on human biochemical genetics in 1966, becoming one of several NIH leaders recruited to help launch UC San Diego’s new medical school. A resident of La Jolla, California, Seegmiller is survived by his wife, Barbara; his daughters, Dale Seegmiller Mauldin of Solana Beach and Lisa Seegmiller Taylor of Palo Alto; sons Robert Edwin of San Diego and Richard Lewis of Sugarland, TX; stepsons Gary, David and Randy Ellerton; sisters Rose and Della Bell and 17 grandchildren.

DIPLOMA UPDATE INFO

DUPLICATES

NAME

Address:

CONTACTS FOR ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Send us your street or email address as well as those of classmates

LAS VEGAS AREA
Mike Lantz 702-579-7090 mike@lantzwp.com

NORTHERN UTAH AREA
John Blake 801-253-8848 blake8818@msn.com

SOUTHERN UTAH AREA
Connor Shakespeare 435-669-3337 connor_shakespeare@yahoo.com

PHOENIX AREA
John Bowler 480-926-4392 johnbowler4@cox.net

or contact Kallyn Larson: phone: 435-652-7335, e-mail: larson@dixie.edu
Dear Alumni & Friends,

It is a pleasure for me to greet each of you in behalf of your Alumni Board and fellow alumni. What an exciting time it is for Dixie State College, its students, alumni, faculty and staff.

In recent months we have witnessed another great generation of Dixie State College students graduate with Associate and Bachelor degrees. They are great additions to the ranks of Dixie State College Alumni. These individuals are bright, ambitious and full of promise for our future. They represent all that is right and good about DSC and embody the reason why DSC exists. Their future accomplishments will be felt for good around the globe and will fill volumes of written history. We are proud of them.

With your support, Dixie State continues to progress towards meeting the needs of its students, our children, the surrounding communities and individuals of many other origins. Each year, additional Bachelor degrees are being added and enrollment continues to climb.

As new and returning students enliven the campus once again this year, they are finding even more opportunities for education, degrees and opportunities to get involved. They will find a newly organized Dixie Student Alumni Association that, under the direction of a President and five Vice-Presidents, will give up to sixty students the opportunity to get involved in leadership and service opportunities toward the students, the alumni and surrounding communities. These students will become an integrated part of all alumni activities, from those that take place during Homecoming to the handing out of the red sand at graduation. They will sponsor the Decades of Dixie Reunions and assist with D-week activities. They will organize the Program Bureau in years gone by, you will be excited to know that the fun and infectious songs and opportunities to become involved in sharing the Dixie Spirit are back this year under the name of the Dixie Spirit Chorus.

You will not want to miss DSC’s athletic debut in Division II. It will be a thrill to observe the transition. DSC teams are sure to turn some heads.

Last but not least, we are thrilled to announce the designation of the former Institutional Residence, located immediately to the west of the Football Stadium, as the yet to be named Dixie State College Alumni House. This facility will serve as a gateway to DSC for all who come to visit campus. It will serve as a central gathering place for all DSC alumni. You won’t want to miss our pre-game tailgate parties and alumni socials. You will be excited to know that the fun and infectious songs and opportunities to become involved in sharing the Dixie Spirit are back this year under the name of the Dixie Spirit Chorus. You will not want to miss DSC’s athletic debut in Division II. It will be a thrill to observe the transition. DSC teams are sure to turn some heads.

You will not want to miss your pre-game tailgate parties and alumni socials. This facility will be available for reservation by student, civic, religious, and private parties for socials, special business meetings, planning retreats, Christmas parties, wedding receptions and much, much more. It will also house the offices of the DSC Alumni Director and Dixie Student Alumni Association. For interested parties, there are some great naming opportunities available here.

We appreciate all of your tremendous support. Without your support, Dixie cannot continue to meet its needs for growth. We invite all who love Dixie to become a partner in ensuring its growth. You will make a difference. We hope to see you soon.

Just For Now,
— Mark H. Gubler, DSC Alumni President
Dr. Dan Hinton, college marshal, holds the presidential mace as he leads the inaugural procession. He is followed by Dr. Jeffrey R. Holland (left) and Dr. Lee G. Caldwell (right) who was inaugurated as the sixteenth President of Dixie State College on May 4, 2006.