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Cover photo: Siblings Jennifer and Connor Shakespeare on the Dixie State College campus where they have both served as student body president.

Cover photo by Frank Carter
This year’s Homecoming Alumni Banquet speaker, James Grey Larkin, ’57, will address alumni and guests at the annual event on Saturday, Oct 27 at 7 p.m. in the College Gymnasium.

Grey was born in St. George to Herman James and Montrue Grey Larkin and attended elementary school in St. George. He graduated from Dixie High School and Dixie College with an Associate of Science degree. He married Marlene Wright Larkin in 1957 and they are the parents of five children.

Grey has been active in politics, having served on the St. George Planning Commission for five years, the St. George City Council for four years, and as Mayor of the City of St. George for four years. Grey also served as a Commissioner for the Utah Department of Transportation from 1986 to 2007 and on numerous state boards and agencies. He has served in many capacities for his church including bishop, stake president in two stakes, area authority and mission president of the Texas Lubbock Mission from 2002-2005.

Larkin started L & L Mechanical in 1967. The company specializes in commercial and industrial plumbing, heating, and air conditioning in Utah, Nevada, New Mexico and Arizona. He retired in 2002 as president of the company.

Larkin served as chairman of the board and one of the organizers of The Village Bank, a locally owned and operated full-service bank located in St. George. He has been a partner in numerous real estate and property management companies in Utah and Nevada.

Delmont’s family moved to St. George in 1949 where he began attending Dixie College. He soon won everyone’s heart with his singing and vibrant personality. Besides participating and singing in many assemblies, he also played the trombone with the school band, and was the student body president in 1951. While at Dixie College he became THE singer of the Dixie school songs and still is. The photo of Delmont on the following page shows him leading the audience in the school song at the inauguration of President Caldwell in 2006.

At 19, Delmont was called to serve in the Korean War and was on the front lines for a year. When the servicemen would go on R & R, he always ended up singing somewhere for an audience. After his two-year military stint, Delmont went to BYU where he studied voice under Dr. Norman Gulbrandsen. Dr. Gulbrandsen arranged for another voice student—a young woman—to be Delmont’s accompanist during practice and lessons. This young woman eventually became Mrs. Delmont Truman and they’ve been making beautiful music together ever since.

He has performed in numerous productions, including The Messiah, It’s a Miracle, and Promised Valley. He has sung with Roene DiFiore, Marion Bowler, and the Program Bureau throughout the western U.S. and in Europe.

After working at a local bank for fourteen years, Delmont went into business for himself which led to the first mini trampoline company in the nation. This venture led his wife, Karol, to author books and today they own a publishing company and other businesses in the St. George area.

Cleo and Lee Atkin, will be honored at Homecoming 2007 for their many years of service to the community and to Dixie State College. Cleo will be presented the “Distinguished Alumni” award. Lee died in 2003 and will be given the award posthumously.

Dr. Lee Clawson Atkin, ’53, was born and raised in St. George. He graduated from Dixie High School and Dixie College where he was an outstanding
athlete, earning All State honors (high school) and All Conference honors (Dixie College) in track, baseball and basketball. It was at Dixie College where Lee and Cleo met, fell in love and were married on March 20, 1953. Lee served in the Army during the Korean War and then returned to St. George for an additional year at Dixie in preparation for his admission to the University of Nebraska Dental School where he graduated with honors. After graduation he returned to St. George to practice dentistry for thirty-two years. Lee's love of Dixie State College is shown by his service as past alumni president and Dixie Colonels Club member.

As a private pilot, Lee took DSC coaches on recruiting trips and attended nearly every basketball and football game—home and away—that the College played. He was an avid golfer and made the first hole-in-one at the Red Hills golf course.

Lee served as a trustee of the Dixie Regional Medical Center Foundation, was a state officer of the Utah Dental Association and was an early investor in SkyWest airlines and served on its board for more than 20 years. He was active in scouting, little league, and the St. George Kiwanis Club, as well as in his church. He was a pioneer in the land development business and he and Don Garrick developed the “Black Hill” naming the main road after themselves as “DonLee Drive.” His real estate development extended to Salt Lake City as well. The red sands of Dixie ran deep in his soul until his death on June 10, 2003.

Cleo Remington Atkin, ’53, was born in Vernal, Utah and raised in Salt Lake City. She attended Dixie College where she met Lee and they began their history together. She has spent a lifetime serving her church and community. Cleo served as the president of the Utah Dental Auxiliary, and vice president for the National Dental Auxiliary. She was the chairman of the Washington County Fair for six years and served eight years as vice chairman of the Utah State Fair Board. She also served ten years on the Women's State Legislative Council and was president of the Utah Federation of Republican Women.

In 1992, Cleo was honored to be one of the women from Utah to be on the platform committee to the National Republican Convention in Houston, Texas. She served as vice chairman of the Utah Republican Party and currently serves on Senator Orrin Hatch's advisory board. She also served as vice chairman of the Centennial Commission for Utah and was a charter member of “This is the Place Heritage Park Foundation.” She has worked with the Jubilee of Trees since its beginning and was recently appointed as a trustee of the Dixie Regional Medical Center Foundation.

Before Lee's death, Lee and Cleo enjoyed travel both in the U.S. and internationally. Lee and Cleo are the parents of four children, and they have eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.
Dixie State College of Utah’s Board of Trustees approved a resolution for the institution to begin initial discussions and research into extending and enhancing the affiliation between DSC and the University of Utah.

The proposed resolution could lead to a major change in the College’s overall strategic plans, along with a possible new identity as both institutions consider ways a partnership might better serve the higher education needs of southwestern Utah.

During the 2007 Utah legislative session, the two schools received approval and funding for an initial partnership in which the U of U would provide instruction in three graduate master’s degree programs (special education, nursing and an executive business administration MBA) on the DSC campus.

That collaboration led to locally-initiated discussions between members of DSC Board of Trustees and key St. George business and community leaders about the possibility of an enhanced affiliation between the two institutions.

“Southern Utah is undergoing change of monumental proportions,” said Dr. Shandon Gubler, chair of the DSC Board of Trustees. “We as trustees feel a sense of responsibility to govern this institution with wisdom and courage, no different than our ancestors did in the past. Today Dixie State College faces a financial and strategic crisis and it is time, once again, to make some very difficult decisions.”

“The future of Dixie State College, much like its beginnings, will be built on the strength and the heart of this community,” DSC President Dr. Lee Caldwell said. “One of the key points that we want to stress about this partnership is that the community-college role of our institution will remain.”

President Caldwell noted multi-campus systems in other states, including the University of Texas and Texas A&M systems, the Indiana University system, and other systems in California, Colorado, Tennessee and Arkansas, as examples of effectively providing educational access to the public. He added that these institutions will serve as foundational benchmarks for how Dixie State could move forward in the months and years to come.

If a partnership is agreed upon, Dixie State will benefit from access to the vast library holdings that the University of Utah currently enjoys, along with academic and administrative support capabilities, including information technology (IT) and physical plant services.

According to DSC Vice President of Academics Dr. Donna Dillingham-Evans, the proposed model is one of a strong campus which will serve Washington and Kane counties, with highly-qualified faculty engaged in instruction rather than research, and a campus that is open-enrollment.

“Student access is the driver of this whole movement and initiative,” Dr. Dillingham-Evans said. “The University of Utah’s enrollment is made up of more traditional college-age students, while Dixie State’s focus is on both traditional and working-age students.

“We expect baccalaureate degrees will rise to meet both our community’s needs and our students’ interests,” Dr. Dillingham-Evans added. “Additionally, we anticipate that master’s degree offerings will increase as interest and technology will allow.”

Dr. Dillingham-Evans noted that the U of U’s infrastructure could also allow people to pursue doctoral degrees from the University, particularly in continuing education in health sciences, which would benefit the area.

Dixie’s athletic program will continue to pursue advancement in its current affiliation at the NCAA Division-II level. The department’s programs will be eligible for NCAA postseason play beginning in 2008-09, meaning that Rebel student-athletes can compete for national titles in their respective sports two years earlier than expected.

President Caldwell pointed to University of California (UC), California-State (CS), Texas, Tennessee and Indiana multi-campus systems as examples of how different institutions can compete at different levels of NCAA membership. Caldwell also noted that the affiliation with the U of U would provide more majors and programs allowing DSC student-athletes more choices while meeting NCAA standards on degree advancement.

Following the discussion and research phases, and assuming agreement is reached, a formal affiliation proposal would be drafted, which would need approval from the DSC Board of Trustees, the University of Utah’s Trustees and the Utah State Board of Regents.

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DIXIE’S DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM ONCE AGAIN AMONG THE NATION’S BEST

In what’s becoming a tradition of excellence, students in Dixie State’s Dental Hygiene program have again scored among the top-five percent in the nation on the National Board Exam, a written exam that every graduate of every program in the country must pass in order to practice professionally.

DSC dental hygiene students posted the fourth-highest pass rate on the 2007 exam. In all, 263 dental hygiene programs across the country took part in the testing.

Overall, Dixie’s program has finished in the top six nationally six times in the eight years of taking the National Board Exam with four top-five finishes, including a No. 1 ranking in 2004 and a national runner-up finish last year.

“We always have exceptional students—the real cream of the crop,” said Karmen Aplanalp, DSC dental hygiene program coordinator. “Our students have traditionally stepped up and performed well on every exam.”

In addition, DSC dental hygiene students also passed the Western Regional Examining Board clinical licensing exam, which was administered in May 2007. The program as a whole notched a 93.3 percent pass rate, including one student who recorded a program-best 99.88 percent score.

Aplanalp noted that the pass-rate average for the regional exam is 75 percent, adding that the ability of her students to perform over and above the national average is due to their collective willingness to be well prepared on all subject matter leading up to the test. She said that the program’s criteria of accepting students with high grade point averages was also a factor in the high test scores.

“We have good students that want to be here, are willing to work hard, and are very dedicated,” Aplanalp said. “They really want to do the best they can and continue the tradition that has been established here at Dixie State College.”

Last January, Dixie State was granted approval by the Utah State Board of Regents to elevate the dental hygiene program into the institution’s eighth baccalaureate degree offering. Aplanalp says the four-year program will be ready to go in the Fall of 2008 to coincide with the program’s move from the Jennings Building on the DSC campus to the new Russell C. Taylor Health Sciences Center, located on the Dixie Regional Medical Center campus. Aplanalp added that the move will result in DSC accepting up to 24 new students into the program (an 80 percent increase in enrollment) along with providing more dental hygiene services to the community.

NEW DEGREES APPROVED

In July 2007, the Utah State Board of Regents granted approval for Dixie State College to add communication and accounting baccalaureate degrees, and in September, an aviation management bachelor’s degree as well as an early childhood education associate degree were approved.

The addition of the accounting and aviation management degrees brings the number of bachelor’s degrees offered by the College to ten. Meanwhile the new communication degree replaces the communication and new media baccalaureate degree, which was discontinued on the recommendation of the regents and commission’s staff.

“The new communication degree is important to us as we look to resolve transfer issues and core offerings,” says Dr. Donna Dillingham-Evans, DSC Vice President of Academic Services. “This degree makes sense for our students.”

Communication department chair Dr. Randal Chase, said the new comprehensive communication degree will feature three emphases: human communication, mass communication, and digital film.

Chase reported that the number of students choosing to major in communication has more than doubled since work began on the new degree.

The accounting degree was originally contained in the College’s business administration degree program. Dillingham-Evans noted that the accounting emphasis has grown and now has approximately 100 students interested in pursuing a “stand-alone” accounting degree.

Dr. Philip Lee, associate dean of DSC’s Udvar-Hazy School of Business, added that the College currently teaches all the courses associated with the emphasis and could potentially have students graduate with a bachelor’s degree in accounting this fall.

The aviation management degree is an adult degree completion program that was developed through a partnership between the College and SkyWest Airlines to meet the needs of adult learners who are employed by the company. Dr. Lee noted that the initial cohorts of this program will be filled with SkyWest employees and anticipates that the degree program will be available to the general public in the near future.

“Getting this degree approved today culminates a lot of hard work and cooperation between both Dixie State and SkyWest Airlines,” Dr. Lee said. “We are excited to have this new program available. It will be a great benefit to the community.”

The new early childhood education associate degree program has three tracks, including an associate of science (AS) and associate of arts (AA), which are transferable degrees and could serve as a prerequisite for a student to enter a baccalaureate program in elementary education or early childhood development.

“The early childhood education career field has had increasing restrictions placed on it by government bodies, which have placed requirements for those programs to have associate degree personnel,” said Dr. Don Hinton, DSC dean of education, humanities, arts and social science. “The approval of this degree gives DSC to ability to meet those needs of the child care businesses in our community.”

The third track for the early childhood education degree is an associate of applied science (AAS) track, a two-year terminal working degree with a vocational track. The AAS degree aims to provide students with the skills needed to work in child care services and other care programs.

“In the past, we had to send away any student who was interested in early childhood education to another institution or advise them into another area of study,” says Dr. Brenda Sabey, DSC associate dean for the division of education. “The ability for us to now offer these degrees will allow more of our students to stay at Dixie State and get the degree they want.”
NEW ROTC PROGRAM FORMED AT DIXIE STATE

DSC recently announced the formation of a new ROTC (Reserve Officers’ Training Corps) program, which began classwork this fall. DSC’s program is a reserve branch of Southern Utah University’s program, both of which are run through the Utah National Guard. In addition, the DSC and SUU programs are affiliated with the active-duty ROTC program at Brigham Young University.

According to DSC’s Department of Military Science Army ROTC Training Officer Captain Collin M. Wallace, the program will provide leadership training experience, which includes rappelling, military weapons training, helicopter rides, swimming, land navigation, paintball, survival training, and first aid training.

“The ROTC program is the finest college experience a student can have and get paid for it,” Captain Wallace said. "It’s exciting to have ROTC programs in the community, both at the high school and college level. The community will see that the addition of this program at Dixie State is a great thing.”

Captain Wallace added that the ROTC program can provide a lot of scholarship money to interested students. Prospective students may take up to two years of classes with no military obligation. However, students who commit to the military will be obligated to either six years of military service in the Reserves or four years of active duty.

To qualify, students must carry a minimum 2.5 GPA and pass a physical exam. For more information about the DSC ROTC program, contact Captain Wallace at 435-652-7723 or at collin.wallace@us.army.mil.

FAMILIAR FACES IN NEW PLACES

Dixie State College vice president of student services Dr. Joe Peterson resigned his post in July to become vice president of academics at Salt Lake Community College.

Peterson’s tenure at Dixie State College spanned 22 years, beginning in 1983 when he accepted a position as an English instructor. He was appointed dean of arts, letters and sciences in 1994, and while serving in that capacity, served as dean of continuing education from 1996 to 1998 in a concurrent assignment. He also assumed the role of interim vice president of academics for the 2003-04 academic year before being appointed vice president of student services on June 1, 2006.

“I have a deep love for this institution and its many fine people,” Peterson said. “The College has nurtured me and my family in its positive atmosphere, providing me with wonderful professional opportunities and immeasurably satisfying associations with persons of fine integrity and good will. Dixie and her people will always be in my heart, wherever I may go.”

In 1992, Peterson received the College’s Teacher of the Year Award. In 2003, he was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Staff Award. He is the only employee to ever receive both awards. Peterson also served as the College’s Faculty Senate President during his time at Dixie State. “Joe was one of our longest serving administrators and we benefited greatly from his service in helping Dixie State College move forward,” DSC President Dr. Lee Caldwell said. “His work ethic is awfully hard to beat. It was hard to see him go.”

In the interim, President Caldwell appointed Frank B. Lojko into the vacated position. In addition to his new assignment, Lojko will continue work as the College’s director of institutional research and legislative relations, a position he has held since 2000.

Lojko is no stranger to multi-tasking at Dixie State. In addition to his main position as researcher and legislative liaison for the College, he taught geology related courses, and served as the director of the Hurricane Education Center from 2002 to 2005.

“When President Caldwell asked if I was willing to serve as the interim vice president of student services, I accepted,” Lojko said. “I felt comfortable and confident that I could take on additional responsibilities and duties of this position because of my various past and present higher education experiences in research, teaching and student services.”

Lojko holds a bachelor’s degree and a teaching certificate from Missouri State University. Additionally, he has earned a pair of master’s degrees, one from MSU in guidance and counseling, and one from Northern Arizona University in earth science. In addition, Lojko did doctoral studies in curriculum and instruction at NAU.

“We are pleased that Frank has accepted this new assignment on top of his other duties,” President Caldwell said. “It was important for the institution to have someone ready to step in and assume the role in student services at the start of our fall semester.”

DSC has begun a national search for a permanent vice president of student services.
In what turned out to be a landmark summer in terms of fundraising, Dixie State College was the beneficiary of two generous scholarship donations.

In June, Dixie State received a generous $468,000 scholarship gift from the B. Wellington and Margaret McDonald Marital Trust, and in May an $80,000 scholarship gift was donated from Intermountain Power Agency.

In June, President Lee Caldwell was presented with two checks for $234,000 by Wellington and Margaret McDonald’s daughter, Kam McDonald Capik and her husband Mike, who represented the family. The gift was also made on behalf of her brother, Dr. Blair McDonald and his wife Ann of Houston, Texas, along with their daughters, Kam McDonald and Brittany McDonald-Davis and Brittany’s children Alexis, Shyanne, and Gavin.

“This day has been in the works for a number of years and this is a special occasion for me and my family,” Mrs. Capik said. “My parents loved Dixie State College and wanted the institution to be a part of our lives.

Through their philanthropy and as major benefactors of the College, Dixie State honored Mr. and Mrs. McDonald by naming the liberal arts building the McDonald Center for Humanities and Social Sciences. The center currently houses DSC’s English and history departments, along with the studies of social science, humanities and composition. Additionally, the McDonalds were inducted into the DSC Hall of Fame in 2000 for Social Science and Humanities, in honor of their allegiance to St. George and their gifts to Dixie State.

In May, Dixie State received an $80,000 scholarship gift from Intermountain Power Agency. The contribution will help fund pre-engineering, mathematics education, science and computer science scholarships at the College.

“We would like to help support science and engineering education in the state,” IPA President Reed Searle said of the donation. “We’re hopeful that this money will make it possible for a few more students who perhaps could not avail themselves of this educational opportunity.”

Searle noted that there is a shortage of qualified people in science and engineering, and that businesses need to step up and make resources available to attract more students to programs in science, engineering and mathematics.

“We’re reliant in the future, particularly with respect to the required carbon-reduction technologies, on the brilliance of science and engineering students,” he went on to say. “We would like the College to be involved in the effort to produce students who can go out and help solve some of the world’s problems. We hope this helps a little bit toward that effort.”

President Caldwell noted that this scholarship gift could allow the College to recruit as many as 40 students to Dixie State for the science and engineering programs. He also noted that these are challenging and difficult programs that the students are pursuing.

DSC’S MEDICAL RADIOGRAPHY PROGRAM RECEIVES NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

Dixie State’s medical radiography program received national three-year accreditation from the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT). DSC’s program is the second radiography program in the state of Utah to become JRCERT accredited, joining SLCC on that short list.

Dixie’s medical radiography program was established in January 2006, and according to program director Sherry Floerchinger, it’s first-ever graduating class is slated to walk this fall. Floerchinger noted that graduates will then be eligible for the national registry, the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT), which will allow them to work anywhere in the country.

“The importance of being accredited assures the students, future employers, and patients that there is a standard being met. We as faculty are held accountable to that standard as well.”

DSC’s medical radiography program is a two-year Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree. The program is full-time and includes didactic and clinical experience at local hospitals, clinics, and doctor’s offices. Radiographers can find employment in these venues as well as in imaging clinics, mobile radiography services, urgent care centers and government facilities.

Radiographers may also advance into specialized areas such as computed tomography (CT), mammography, MRI, sonography, nuclear medicine, radiation therapy, and interventional radiography.

The JRCERT organization is the only organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to evaluate and accredit education programs in radiography.
Dixie State College officially welcomed new leadership for its Board of Trustees in July. Dr. Shandon D. Gubler was elected chair of the Board of Trustees, while Vicki Reese Wilson was named as the new vice-chair. Gubler replaced Stephen W. Wade as chair, who completed nearly 11 years on DSC’s board. Wilson fills the position of former Vice-Chair Jeannine H. Holt, who retired after a decade of service on the board.

Four new members of the Board of Trustees were appointed by Utah Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. David H. Jeppson replaces outgoing DSC trustee Mary L. Chamberlain. Shawn Southwick-King will replace Wade. Washington County School District Superintendent Dr. Max H. Rose will take the place of Holt. Trustee Christopher A. Roybal was appointed to the DSC board in March to replace Dr. R.J. Snow, who passed away last year. Additionally, newly elected DSC student body president Jennifer Shakespeare will serve as a voting member of the trustees during her year-long term.

Gubler attended high school in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and attended college at Brigham Young University, the University of Utah, and the University of California-Berkeley. He and his wife, June, are the parents of eight children and have 28 grandchildren.

Southwick-King, wife of CNN’s Larry King, has been a part of the world of entertainment all her life. Born and raised in southern California until enrolling at BYU in 1978, Ms. Southwick-King began performing at the age of three as a child studio vocalist. She eventually started singing back-up vocals for motion pictures, television and records for a diverse group of artists, including Neil Diamond, The Beach Boys, Herb Alpert, Sergio Mendez, Bobby Sherman, and Tennessee Ernie Ford. She has hosted numerous television programs and still performs at various concerts, stadium shows and festivals. She and her husband spend their time with their two youngest children among homes in Los Angeles, New York, Washington, D.C., and Provo.

Prior to his tenure as Washington County School District Superintendent, Dr. Rose spent 30 years at Dixie State College as a professor of mathematics and chemistry, and served as academic vice president. In addition, he has served as chairman of both the Dixie Regional Medical Center governing board and of the Dixie Center. Dr. Rose was raised in Henrieville, Utah, in a family of 14 children. He earned a bachelor’s degree from SUU, a master’s degree from USU and a doctorate from BYU. He and his wife, Kathy, are parents of three children and have three grandchildren.

Roybal is presently the President and Chief Operating Officer of Northwest Research Corporation, a 250-employee logistics and transportation services company in Salt Lake City. In 2005-06, he was appointed by Governor Huntsman to serve as senior economic advisor and was charged with reorganizing the state’s economy. In all, Roybal has nearly 20 years of experience in consulting, economic development and advisory work, and is also the author of the award-winning comparative operating cost model used for corporate site selection. He holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Utah and an MBA from UCLA’s Graduate School of Management. He is married with three children.

Shakespeare is a sophomore communication major from St. George. She is the younger sister of Connor Shakespeare, who served as DSC student-body president in 2001-02.
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CLASS OF ‘57

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.

CLASS OF 1957

• Dixie College President is Arthur F. Bruhn
• Student Body President - R.J. Snow, 1st VP - Geniel McConkie and 2nd VP - Gale Judd
• Senior Class President is George McConkie with Kay Brooks as VP
• Junior Class President is Brent Snow with Dick Winterton as VP
• Sophomore Class President is Rose Mary Thomas with Gary Snow as VP
• Freshman Class President is Bruce Hafen with Brent Crosby as VP
• Homecoming Queen is DeAnna Hawkins
• D-Day Queen is Geniel McConkie
• Football team took I.C.A.C. Championship
• Basketball team took 3rd among Jr. College teams in Utah and Idaho
• Coed of the Year is Shirley Sume
• Most Preferred Man is Packy Fenn
• Enrollment is 256

DIXIE NEWS

BY SHAUNA OTTESEN, ’85

• U.S. President is Dwight D. Eisenhower
• Soviet Union sends 1st satellite (Sputnik) into space
• 4.3 million new Americans born – one born every 7 seconds; dubbed the “Baby Boomers”
• Dr. Seuss introduces two books – The Cat in the Hat and How the Grinch Stole Christmas. Columnist Ellen Goodman called The Cat in the Hat “a karate chop in the weary little world of Dick, Jane and Spot.”
• Perry Mason becomes popular TV drama
• Smith Corona introduces portable electric typewriters
• Leave it to Beaver begins on television
• Ford Motor Co. introduced the Edsel
• Bandstand goes national as American Bandstand hosted by Dick Clark
• High speed dental drill becomes available
• Western television series Maverick begins
• Actor Humphrey Bogart dies at 57
• Oliver Hardy, of the comedy team Laurel and Hardy dies at 65

WORLD NEWS

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The Spirit of Dixie

is alive and in action as faculty across campus challenge students with academic service learning and volunteerism. DSC faculty, following the national trend, are stepping up to the plate to help students fulfill the College’s mission as it relates to civic engagement:

“Graduates will be able to think critically, communicate clearly, and solve problems. Through exposure to the breadth of human knowledge and experience, they will investigate and enhance their world views to achieve a global perspective. They will make responsible and meaningful contributions to society, in part through service to others. Graduates will become citizen-scholars.”

SERVICE AT DSC

DSC has a variety of service opportunities available to students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Student government does quite a bit through each semester’s Campus-to-Community project and other campus-wide efforts, like Angel Tree at Christmas. The ASDC Vice President of Service spearheads service projects and is president of the campus service club, DSUN. Annie Wittwer, 2007-08 Service VP, has scheduled about thirty activities for the upcoming year. All of these projects are

strictly volunteerism and are separate from academics.

The Athletic Department also engages in volunteerism as part of NCAA Division II compliance. These projects usually involve physical fitness, often at local schools.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

A third aspect is service that originates from specific courses, programs and faculty. Utah Campus Compact, a coalition of all thirteen Utah higher education campuses, provides professional support and training for all faculty interested in getting students involved in service.

DSC has two types of academic service: 1) volunteerism originating from a faculty member and offered to students (often as extra credit or credit in place of another assignment) and 2) service learning.

Service Learning is a teaching pedagogy requiring students do service that is directly tied to a specific course objective, thus reinforcing the course material. It is also called experiential learning. In addition to meeting at least one course objective, service learning always includes a reflective component (paper, poster, or presentation) which is graded (because the service itself isn’t graded), and benefits a non-profit organization or private citizens.

When these academic service hours were tracked for the annual report, the results were extraordinary! Based on
voluntary instructor reporting and including all disciplines (except for dental hygiene, education, and athletics), 464 students served 4,178 hours for 22 courses. DSC suspects that even more service is happening in classes than is reported. Now that service learning and service to community have been incorporated into rank, tenure, and promotion policies, DSC hopes even more faculty will get their students involved with service.

IN-CLASS SERVICE

Let’s look at a sampling of the types of academic service taking place at Dixie State College:

On the volunteerism side, Dr. Verl Anderson is a hero; every semester, he asks his students to do major projects, like helping with the Escalante Kite Festival. English students are asked to help at Dixie Care & Share and other venues, including the registration desk of the St. George Marathon.

Some volunteerism teeters on being service learning. For example, Dr. Wayne Shamo requires his communications small groups class to find and execute volunteer projects and Tim Eicher asks his family relationships and child development students to become Big Brothers and Sisters.

Service learning is spread widely across campus. Dr. Curt Walker’s science students are working with the BLM to relocate a group of tortoises whose habitat is now land-locked because of construction near Mesquite. Dr. Sue Bennett’s composition class travelled weekly to the Shivwits Indian Reservation to tutor writing. English professor Dr. Carole Schuyler encouraged students to help write grants for PAWS and other non-profit organizations. Dr. Tom McNeilis requires his pathophysiology students to volunteer at community health centers, like the Dr’s Free Clinic. Every spring, Dr. Kevin Barrett’s tax accounting students participate in the Voluntary IRS Tax Assistance (VITA) program, which lets students prepare and audit tax returns for those unable to afford traditional tax help. Sarah Morgan Black asks volunteers to put on chemistry demonstrations at local elementary schools, in order to, as she says, “razzle and dazzle youngsters into an interest in science.”

The campus heavy hitters of service learning are education, dental hygiene, dental hygiene.

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As production designer and technical director, Brent Hanson designed the special column-collapsing effects for this destruction scene of the Hill Cumorah Pageant.

Savage's theoretical design of "Il Tabarro", the first of Giacomo Puccini's operas known as "Il Trittico", was part of his Master's thesis project.
Throughout each of our lives there are people who, though we may not fully realize it at the time, teach us, guide us, or influence us in a way that helps shape us into who we will become. Sometimes, but maybe not often enough, we chance to reflect upon their influence. And in reflecting, we begin to feel that we, too, can be that person—that mentor—who will aid someone else in his or her journey to becoming who they will become.

For Jon Savage, a Dixie State College alumnus, Boston University professor, and successful set designer, (even one on Broadway!) that mentor is Brent Hanson.

“I find that there were about three or four people in my life that were really touchstones, Brent being one of the first,” Savage says. 

Associate Dean of the Fine Arts Department, Brent Hanson, has been teaching at Dixie State College for 25 years. He has taught nearly every course in DSC’s theatre curriculum and mentored countless aspiring theatre students. In the spring of 1996, one particularly talented comic actor took a dramatic literature class from Hanson to fill a general education credit.

Enter Jon Savage — a then-twenty-five-year-old health occupation major going to school part-time and working as an electrician to help put his wife, Cristy, through radiology school.

“When I met Jon,” recalls Hanson, “I remember thinking, ‘Are we ever going to bring this person down to a normal energy level?’ He’s incredibly energetic. He could do everything well.”

Although Savage’s future educational plans included dental school, he continued to take theatre and performing arts classes here and there in high school and college, even landing a non-speaking role as an FBI agent in a Kiefer Sutherland movie. Jon says that particular role is what got him thinking less about dental school and more about theatre. About that time, he met with an academic advisor.

“My advisor told me, ‘If you keep going to school part-time and working, you’re going to end up graduating right about the time you’re ready to retire!’” Savage says laughing. “He asked me why I was majoring in the sciences when all of my credits were in the arts. ‘You should focus on something that’s in the arts,’ he said.”

Never one to ignore good advice, the next fall Jon had his debut on the Dixie State College stage in a production of See How They Run, which Hanson directed. Savage credits Hanson as one of the key figures who helped shift his focus from theatre performance to set design.

“I think it was Brent who told me, ‘You’re not a good actor; you should do design,’” jokes Savage. “No, really, Brent recognized that I really wanted to make theatre a part of my life, so he encouraged me. He let me know that there were other avenues that weren’t just acting to explore.”

In the Fall of 1998, Savage designed the set for Rudd’s Farm, an original musical written by Hanson and one of Dixie’s main stage shows. Designing that show was a big step for Savage, but one that paid off.

“From that time on,” recalls Hanson, “he became increasingly interested in design.” Hanson encouraged Savage to take drafting and art classes, which Savage says he desperately needed.

“An important part of our educational philosophy at DSC theatre is that students should have basic skills in all areas of theatre,” says Hanson. “Students develop a more flexible skill set this way, and they often discover interests and abilities in areas they haven’t tried previously.”

This was true for Savage, and after graduating from Dixie in 1999, he attended Utah State University on a performance scholarship, though he gradually leaned more and more toward design.

“It wasn’t until the summer after I graduated from USU that I realized I wanted to be a designer,” he says. “While working simultaneously as a performer and a designer, I discovered...”

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Jennifer Shakespeare was never a local who didn’t want to go to the college in her own backyard. In fact she has been indoctrinated in Dixie lore and tradition ever since she can remember. Even before her time, her family made Dixie its tradition and has been an integral force in shaping and supporting the school for more than fifty years. As student body president she follows in the footsteps of her siblings, parents, grandparents, and so on down the family tree who have left her a heritage of leadership to live up to.

“I love it. Why would I go anywhere else? I’ve planned on going to Dixie ever since I was old enough to understand what going to college meant,” she said.

Jennifer’s older brother, Connor served as student body president (2001-2002) and the rest of her eight siblings attended the college following their oldest sister Heidi’s sage advice: “Don’t go anywhere but Dixie.” Her father, Tom, played on the Rebel football team and her mother, Gloria Hurst, also was a graduate. Jennifer grew up going to the Homecoming parades, setting up wood for the bonfires, helping make dinner for her brothers’ X-Club dates, and ran her first leg of the Great Race before she could drive. “You never had to go looking for Dixie because it just came to you,” she explained of her experience growing up in a “Go Rebels!” household.

Jennifer’s extended family also includes distinguished alumni like her grandmother, Beth Hurst, a keystone supporter of Dixie State College and a staple of Program Bureau performances. Her uncle, Bruce Hurst, is the namesake of the Rebel’s baseball facility, former baseball head coach and basketball team member, and a member of the National Advisory Council. Another uncle, Ross Hurst also is a member of the NAC as well as a charter member and former chair.

In addition, Jennifer—and everyone else who has attended Dixie in the last five decades—can thank her great uncle, Arthur F. Bruhn, who was President of Dixie College (1954-1964). He is generally credited with keeping the institution open when the governor came to St. George to close the doors.

“Perhaps a more devoted president was not known at Dixie. Under his direction, Dixiana [dormitories] was finished and ready for inspection by Governor Bracken Lee, when he came to St. George to inform President Bruhn that Dixie College doors would have to be closed. After the inspection, and learning that Dixiana had been constructed...
entirely from community funding, with no dollars from the State, the Governor said "If this community wants Dixie College that badly, they should have it." President Bruhn fought to retain Dixie College as a State institution of higher learning and if it had not been for his presidency and the efforts of key community leaders, Dixie College would not exist today. 1

Jennifer’s mother, Gloria, explained: “Her grandmother always talked very highly about the College and the kids enjoyed hearing about it. As a result it started a love of Dixie in the older brothers and sisters and they began participating in activities. By the time it got down to Jennifer, the ninth child, she really had nothing short of a passion.”

It’s that passion for Dixie that is either in the genes or the result of generations of training that Jennifer hopes to make the hallmark of her presidency. Her brother Connor, who was standing in her shoes six short years ago, said of his sister’s abilities, “This year when she talked to me about running for president, I told her the biggest thing you have going for you is you have a passion for the College. That passion will benefit Dixie the most. I told her if you have a passion for something you will be a success no matter what.”

Jennifer plans on channeling that enthusiasm into creating an atmosphere where students can still feel connected to each other and the community that has been the unique asset of Dixie State College since her grandmother attended campus.

“I’ve grown up my whole life listening to my family talk about how much they loved Dixie College. I realize Dixie can’t be exactly the same as when they were here, but I really think we can try to hang on to the same small-town vibe by keeping the traditions going and keeping the spirit alive. We just focus on the students because that’s who we’re here for and that’s who we can reach.”

She and her council are taking a door-to-door approach to this goal by going out to student housing and welcoming each student. They are putting a big push on getting everyone out to activities and are planning their functions around the traditions that Jennifer grew up attending.

For example the “Back to School BBQ” evolved into a “Welcome Back Carnival” that could accommodate the increasing numbers of students that now attend DSC (which her great uncle could only have imagined). Still, next to the chainsaw juggler, thumping music, and catered food, is the same enthusiasm and love for Dixie as evidenced by the splash of President Caldwell and Jennifer, both going down in the dunking booth.

“I think getting a student involved on campus is important to their education. If they get involved they feel part of the campus, meet other people, and build a group of friends. That’s the Dixie Spirit,” she explained. “When they leave college it’s the activities and experiences they’ll remember most. A happy student equals a happy college. We are working on retention, and a big part of that is showing that we care and that we want them to have a great experience and education.”

NOTES: 1. Dan Watson, “Dixie College History.”

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As student body president, Jennifer follows in the footsteps of her siblings, parents, grandparents, and so on down the family tree who have left her a heritage of leadership to live up to.
Originator of “Rebels” nickname recalls his Dixie Days

Have you ever wondered how Dixie came to be called the Rebels? It’s a moniker that causes one to think of a freedom fighter, James Dean in a leather jacket or perhaps a spiky-haired teenager skateboarding down the boulevard. To a newcomer, however, that image may not seem to jive with the mostly conservative-type students seen walking the campus at Dixie State College.

Historically, the area south of the black ridge has long been called Utah’s Dixie, so Rebels seems natural. But, it didn’t start out that way.

When Dixie was but a fledgling institution, the high school and college were combined—two years of high school and two of college were housed together, with the athletic teams nicknamed the Flyers. Why didn’t we remain the Flyers?

Meet Melvin J. Montgomery (’53) who stood up at a student assembly in 1951 and suggested that the nickname of the college athletic teams be changed from the Flyers to the Rebels. In his autobiography, The Best Things in Life, Mel tells how important he and others felt it was to choose a different nickname to set the College athletic teams apart from the high school teams.

“I guess I’m responsible for that new name that still exists to this day,” admits Melvin, who returned to the St. George area six years ago and lives a few blocks from campus. “Along with the name, we chose the colors of red, blue and grey.

“Rebel just seemed a natural fit with the area’s nickname of ‘Dixie,’ you know—Rebels against the Yankees. For the mascot, we didn’t have a fierce confederate soldier in mind. In fact, it was thought of as more of a Southern gentleman, even kind of playful like Colonel Sanders of KFC fame.”

So, now that we know how and when the name Rebels came to be affiliated with Dixie College, let’s delve deeper and learn more about the student who christened it—Mel.

In 1951, Mel was the first student to attend Dixie from Northern Utah’s Wasatch County. He was raised in Heber City and came to Dixie to play football on scholarship. After a week of training he decided to quit and enroll at Brigham Young University. So he packed his belongings, called his parents to meet him in Provo—and left.

“Mom and Dad met me in Provo and as we traveled up Provo Canyon to Heber City I tried to explain why I had quit the team,” he recalls. “Not wanting to admit the real reason (which was an acute case of homesickness) I mentioned such things as the old red dirt that was everywhere in St. George, and the wind and the heat. I don’t think I fooled them at all. They knew what my problem was and, as wise parents usually do, they did what they thought was best for me. Before we reached Heber they had talked me into returning to St. George and giving it another chance.

By the time school started and Mel got settled into the routine of classwork with a football game to look forward to each week, he was pretty much over his homesickness. “A lot of the ‘cure’ was due to the friendliness of the students and the townspeople,” he says.

During Mel’s days at Dixie he witnessed history being made when one day in class their building began to shake. It was from the first atomic explosion set off at the Nevada test site.

Mel’s tuition and fees amounted to approximately $35 per quarter, he was elected as student body vice president for his second year, and formed many close friendships. He was also instrumental in calming a rather “out-of-hand” rivalry between Dixie and Branch Agricultural
College (BAC) now known as Southern Utah University. He related the follow story in his book:

“The rivalry between Dixie and BAC got a little out-of-hand in the fall of 1952. A few of our students traveled to Cedar City and painted the word ‘Dixie’ in crude black letters on the front door of BAC’s new fieldhouse. In retaliation some BAC students burned huge block letters of BAC in the lawn in front of Dixie’s administration building. President Himes decided to do what he could to make peace. Since our student body president, Dean Judd, was out of town, Dr. Himes sent me in his place to travel to Cedar City and deliver a message of apology to the BAC students during one of their assemblies. I was a little hesitant to go. I had been to BAC on numerous occasions for football, basketball and tennis competition, but always with the idea of beating the socks off them. Now I was to go with hat in hand to apologize. I thought that it would have been okay if I were a stranger to them, but I was pretty well known by them as ‘one of the enemy.’ Despite my reservation, I went to Cedar and delivered what is probably the shortest speech of my life. I was in and out of that assembly before anyone realized why I was there. My speech must have been effective, because the two schools experienced no more vandalism that year.”

Shortly thereafter, Mel and his roommates became the target of “vandals” that didn’t involve a rivalry. “One evening while the four of us roommates were over at the College practicing basketball and studying, our apartment was vandalized,” he remembers. “When we opened the door it looked as if a cyclone had struck. The table was upside-down with the tablecloth spread across the legs. The beds were short-sheeted and oatmeal, rice and raisins were in the bed and scattered all over the floor. The pillows were in the refrigerator and the dirty laundry was stuffed into the kitchen cabinets. The chairs and couch were upside-down. It was so late and the job of cleaning looked so formidable that we just cleaned the beds enough to crawl in, and left all made up. The dishes were washed and put away, and in the middle of the table was a beautiful cake with chocolate icing. While we were speculating who the good fairies were we each had a large piece of cake with a glass of milk. Unfortunately for us the good fairies weren’t as good as we thought. The icing on the cake had been made from Exlax laxative and caused us to be up most of the night!”

“We found out later that the vandals and the fairies were the same group of four girls: Rosel Reusch, Annie Laurie McGregor, Gwyn Andrus and Winona Crosby. They were pretty good friends of ours who had been looking for some appropriate bit of mischief to perpetrate upon us. (One of our roommates, Burton Stanley, married Winona a few months later.) To show our appreciation, we fixed a fancy meal and invited our four ‘friends’ to our nice clean house. We built a fire in the fireplace and I called upon my best cooking talents to make a meatloaf and a layer cake (without any Exlax in the icing).”

Mel was not only involved in athletics, but also in chorale singing, in a theatrical production, the X-Club, and many activities. “The highlight of the school year at Dixie was the annual D-Day celebration held in March,” he recalls. “Rather than lasting for just a day, the activities extended for most of a week. We gave the block D on the hill its annual coat of white paint. A tug-of-war across a mud pit, a program in the tabernacle, a picnic on the hill, a beard-growing contest, a parade, and a formal...”

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that I had far more input for the production as a designer—and I liked that.”

Savage was accepted to the North Carolina School of the Arts (NCSA) to study design in 2001. He fast became one of the most accomplished student designers, winning prestigious scholarships and awards, and even being chosen to design the NCSA school exhibit as part of the Prague, Czech Republic Quadrennial in 2003.

“At first I just kept doing it because I was getting scholarships,” Savage explains. “It beat digging holes or cleaning toilets (both of which I did while going to school) but theatre and art soon became much of who I am today.”

After graduating with a Master of Fine Arts in scenic design, Savage secured his present job as an assistant professor at Boston University, which he has been doing for the past four years. He still has an extraordinary energy level and often becomes very animated while teaching.

“My students call it ‘medicated,’” he says laughing. “When I was at Dixie, I was older than most students. They kept thinking I was teaching the courses, which is ironic because no one thinks I’m the teacher now!”

As teachers, Savage and Hanson continue to communicate and collaborate with each other.

“It’s great to have a former student with his credentials and professional status,” says Hanson. “Now I’m learning from Jon.”

They also try to instill some of the same philosophies into their students.

“It is not there to supplant any of their ideas or knowledge,” says Savage. “I’m there to help them use their knowledge. If I can do that, then I’ll have accomplished what it is that I need to accomplish.”

Speaking of what he hopes his students will learn from him, Hanson says, “I hope students will gain a passion for theatre. I want them to use the things they learn from great plays and from the process of staging them. I want them to understand the kinds of profound lessons that will make them virtuous and ethical people.”

Hanson’s hope was fulfilled in at least one student because Savage says that theatre and art have made him a better person.

“I am constantly forced to read good literature, see inspiring art, and to form an opinion on what life means to me,” Savage says. “I am able to see life’s beauty and ugliness in all of her complicated glory, and I feel I am becoming a better person because of my involvement with art.”

Both designers actively pursue set design in addition to their teaching roles. Hanson just finished his 10th year with the Hill Cumorah Pageant, an outdoor production in the Finger Lakes region of New York. He has served as the pageant’s artistic director for the past three years. (Dixie State College recently started a Northeast Alumni Chapter, and their first event included a backstage tour of the Pageant from Hanson. See story on pg. 28)

Hanson says his favorite show is almost always the one he’s currently working on.

“You have to be passionate about what you’re doing at the moment,” he says. “In fact, my favorite moment of the whole pro-

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and nursing. All activities that DSC’s education students do in the local schools (except for student teaching) are considered service learning. Astonishingly, 30 Dental Hygiene students performed 11,232 service hours last year. Their mobile dental hygiene bus with patient stations provides students plenty of opportunities to serve those who would not normally get dental cleanings or checkups. The nursing program also requires service learning. One impressive course is Kristy Baron’s pediatric nursing. Her students assist the Dove Center with health education programs, and help community health organizations with tasks such as creating posters that promote immunizations. Kristy was recognized in April by Utah Campus Compact as DSC’s Outstanding Service Faculty.

RECOGNIZING GOOD WORKS

At the end of each semester, a student service recognition evening is held with a light supper and awards for students who participate in academic service. Students’ posters and papers are displayed, and both instructors and students receive recognition for their good works.

DSC SERVICE FUTURE

The future of academic service learning at Dixie is bright. Overwhelming support has come from President Caldwell, as well as Dr. Donna Dillingham-Evans, academic vice president. To assist with coordinating community, faculty, and student inquiries and requests, a “Learn and Serve Center” has been established in the student government room in the Gardner Center.

DSC administration, faculty, staff, and students are indeed committed to serving their community. As academic service spreads further across campus, it will have an even greater impact—not only in the community, but in helping Dixie State students become citizen-scholars as well.

DANCE WERE OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT ATTRACTED A LOT OF INTEREST.

“Our student body was a small close-knit, unsophisticated group. There was a lot of school spirit and a lot of old traditions were observed. One of these traditions was for everyone to gather together at the end of a dance or social to sing the sentimental song, ‘Just For Now,’” he says.

After two years at Dixie it was time for Mel to move on. Many of his friends were getting engaged and married, and it caused him to carefully consider his own situation. About a month before graduation he made a trip home to Heber and became engaged to his girlfriend, Ruth Cowley.

“I felt good about our future plans; however, I had rather mixed feelings about leaving Dixie College. I was anxious to move on to other experiences, but was sad to leave a situation that had provided so much happiness and so many opportunities for accomplishment,” he says.

After his years at Dixie, Mel lived in Tennessee and Florida for about 35 years. Since he moved back to St. George in 2001, he has hardly missed an event involving Dixie State. He was a guest of the late Lee Atkin at two or three Colonel’s Club meetings, he was honored to ride in the 2002 Homecoming Parade with past student body presidents and vice presidents, and he enjoys singing “Just For Now” at the annual alumni banquet. The Dixie Spirit is still alive and lives on through Melvin J. Montgomery, the one who christened us “Rebels”
Alumni Updates
Shauna Ottesen, Kalynn Larson, and Kenny Miller contributed to these updates.

◆ Chris Huber, ’03, works in St. George as a mortgage professional at Countrywide Home Loans. Chris attended Dixie in 2002-03 and was a member of the men’s basketball team. Some of his best memories include placing third at the NJCAA Tournament and being awarded academic all-conference and all-American honors. He says he has great memories of the awesome fans and wonderful people at Dixie State College, and enjoyed working at the General Store and Red Rock Café. After graduating with his associate of arts degree, he went on to play basketball at Utah State University. His team made NCAA Tournament appearances in 2005 and 2006 and secured the Big West Conference championship in 2005. Chris was also academic all-conference in both 2005 and 2006. While attending Utah State, Chris met TaKara Thomas, from Enterprise, and they were married in the St. George LDS temple on May 1, 2004. Chris and TaKara currently live in Enterprise with their 1-year-old twin girls KamBrey Amber and BrynLey Amber.

◆ Chauntelle Plewe, ’01, said that after having been away from Dixie for five years, she realized just how deep the Dixie Spirit was ingrained in her soul. So, she returned to campus—as Dixie State’s new marketing coordinator. “The Dixie Spirit has been running through my veins basically since I was born, so I am ecstatic to be back. This job and I were made for each other—just like peanut butter and jam, or Mork and Mindy,” she laughs. “I couldn’t have dreamed up a better job for myself. I finally get to give back to the college that has played a big part of making me who I am. I want everyone to come to Dixie and am glad that I now get to help make that happen.”

As Dixie’s marketing coordinator, Chauntelle is putting to use the skills she learned in Dixie’s visual technologies program, where she learned valuable graphic design skills and earned a certificate. She graduated with her associate degree in 2001 and was one of four valedictorians representing Dixie State.

During her short time away from Dixie she attended Brigham Young University. After three years studying and dancing there, she graduated with a communication degree, with an emphasis in public relations, and a minor in modern dance. After graduation she served an LDS mission in Argentina. Upon returning in March 2007, she was determined to make her mark in “big city USA,” but the red sands of Dixie called her home to stay. Only then could her dreams come true—she soon landed her dream job, and met her dream man. Chauntelle will marry Tyler Lewis (currently a Dixie student) in November.

“The people I’ve met and the experiences I’ve had at Dixie State have made many of my dreams come true!”

◆ Cristy Orton Savage, ’94, has been busy since graduating from Dixie State College. Since getting her associate of science degree from Dixie she has finished another Certificate of Radiology from Weber State University. She has worked as radiology technologist for Intermountain Healthcare in hospitals in Logan and Panguitch, Utah. She also worked for three years at the Wake Forest North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, NC. While there she completed training as a CT technologist and became licensed with AART in CT.

Upon moving to the Boston, MA area she began working at Massachusetts General Hospital, a part of the Harvard Medical School and one of the most prestigious hospitals in the world. She worked as a CT technologist and was asked to train all of the incoming technicians. She was also responsible for writing all of the protocols for the CT scanners not only in MGH, but in the outlying hospitals that are a part of the MGH consortium. She has since been rewarded for her efforts by being named the technologist manager for the CT department. She is responsible for 70 technologists in one of the busiest departments within MGH. She is now pursuing another degree from Weber State in health care management. Cristy married Jon Savage, ’99 and is the proud mother of two children. Cristy and her family reside in Weymouth, Mass.

◆ Cynthia O. Smith, ’93, earned her bachelor’s degree in liberal arts from Utah State University after her graduation from Dixie. In 1997, she relocated to our nation’s capital to further her career in public affairs with the Department of Defense. Cynthia is currently a press officer for Secretary of Defense Robert Gates in Washington, DC at the Pentagon, and frequently travels to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for business matters. Cynthia lives with her husband Greg and her dog Bonko in Alexandria, Virginia.

Cynthia Smith poses with Donald Rumsfeld

Chris Huber & family

Chauntelle Plewe

Cristy Orton Savage
“I find the Red Sands of Dixie forever on my mind.”

◆ WILL JONES, ’92, returned to St. George in May as an assistant vice president and senior business banking relationship manager for Wells Fargo’s Dixie area. Will grew up in St. George and attended Dixie College between 1990 and 1992. He received a bachelor’s degree from the University of Utah in business management and began his career as an aid to Senator Robert Bennett. After receiving an MBA from Brigham Young University’s Marriott School of Management with an emphasis in finance in 2002, Will moved to El Paso, Texas to work for Franklin Connections as a business development officer. He also worked for Eaton Corporation as a senior financial analyst in Juarez, Mexico before joining Wells Fargo as a business banking relationship manager in 2004.

Will met Kacey Widdison from Draper, Utah while working for Senator Bennett and married in 1999. They have two children and reside in Washington, Utah.

◆ BRIAN ANDREW NELSON, ’92, graduated from Dixie State College with an associate of science degree and an associate of applied science in professional flight. He continued his flight training at Utah State University and graduated with honors, earning a bachelor’s degree in flight technology. It was at USU that Brian met his wife Mall Belliston. Brian completed an internship at American Airlines in Dallas, was a flight instructor in Salt Lake City, flew Grand Canyon tours in Las Vegas, and flew regional jets for ExpressJet Airlines in Houston. He now flies for Continental Airlines, based in Houston, Texas on the Boeing 737 aircraft. He and his wife have lived in Houston for seven years and have four children. Brian felt drawn to Dixie State College after returning home to Salt Lake from an LDS mission. One reason he felt this attraction is because several of his ancestors were among the first group of pioneers sent to settle in Utah’s Dixie. Brian said, “DSC is a great place to learn to fly. St. George is right in the center of some of the most beautiful country in the world, making cross-country flights very enjoyable. DSC instilled a foundation of habits and skills that have allowed me to pursue my dreams. Earlier this week on a red-eye flight from San Francisco to Houston I flew right over Dixie. I got emotional as I spotted the beacon at the St. George airport and realized this is where it all began. Whenever I’m in town I drive by the campus to see what has changed since the last time I visited. There is always a new building or some construction project going on. Many things have changed since I was in school, and yet while attending the recent alumni event at the Hill Cumorah Pageant, I realized that the Dixie Spirit hasn’t changed over the years, it has just grown stronger.”

◆ CHRIS SCHOEBINGER, ’85, received the 2006 Marvin J. Ashton Award for Excellence at an award ceremony at Deseret Book. The award is given annually “to an associate who has shown exceptional initiative, effort, creativity, and excellence in the performance of their work and whose achievements have made a significant contribution to Deseret Book Company.”

According to the award citation, Chris has led the charge for taking three Shadow Mountain titles, Leven Thumps, Fablehaven, and Christmas Jars, to the national market. These books have been awarded the prestigious Benjamin Franklin Award for Best Juvenile Fiction, ForeWord Magazine’s Book-of-the-Year Award for Best Audio Fiction, the State of Texas Blue Bonnet Award for youth fiction, and the iParenting Media Award for Best Products in 2007. Not content with successful books alone, Chris also pursued and secured contracts for paperback, audio, and foreign publishing rights for two titles with Simon & Schuster and for film rights with Kieth Merrill. He is also leading an agency in Los Angeles toward film rights for Fablehaven and Leven Thumps.

◆ KIT ANDERTON, ’80, showcased his talents as an actor at Dixie College 30 years ago, and is now about to share his talents as a scenic designer and set decorator on the other side of the world. He is part of a team that is creating a 6,000 square foot Haunted Hotel attraction for Disney World in Hong Kong.

Since graduating from Dixie College in 1980, Kit has lived in Salt Lake City, Los Angeles and San Francisco. He has had a varied career, both in and out of the entertainment industry. As an actor, he has appeared on stage and in movies and commercials in Salt Lake and L.A. He has designed stage sets for several theaters and film sets for local television stations in Salt Lake. He worked production, and appeared as an actor in the Los Angeles and San Francisco productions of “Tony n’ Tina’s Wedding,” and served as company manager for the Salt Lake production. He worked as a set decorator for Castle Rock Productions in Los Angeles, and for the last seven years he was the set decorator for Rocky Point Haunted House in Salt Lake City, which was voted Best in the Nation by several organizations and publications.

It was through Rocky Point that Kit and the rest of the team got the chance to work for Disney World. They built two attractions in Hong Kong three years ago, and from that project, the opportunity came at Disney. After the Hotel was built in Salt Lake, the crew went to Hong Kong to get it up and running.

Kit and his wife, Mary Lee, met at Dixie, and they have three beautiful daughters, who already love and want to go to Dixie. They live happily in Salt Lake and are very involved with the Alumni Association.
more alumni updates

**KARA HUNT, '78,** has published her first novel, a contemporary romance, “Forgotten Love” which went on sale in April 2007 at various bookstores around the country, including Borders, the BYU Bookstore, and Christensen’s in St. George.

“I first conceived of the idea for this novel more than 20 years ago,” said Kara. “After working on it on and off during all those years of motherhood and life, I finally got it finished and published.”

“My novel begins and ends in Southern Utah,” she continued. “It is a contemporary romance laced with intrigue, which grabs you from the first page and doesn’t let go until the last happy sigh.”

Kara is busy on her second novel, a murder mystery—one she said won’t take 20 years to complete. In addition to writing novels, Kara has also written several articles for the Ensign and Liahona Magazine—one article “Lessons from a Cereal Bowl,” was published in 2000 and another article received a purchase prize award. She has also received awards for her writing from the League of Utah Writers.

Kara met her husband, Jeff Hunt, ’78, at Dixie College during the 70’s.

“After dancing his way into my heart during the height of the disco craze, we were married in November of 1979,” she said.

“My time at Dixie was the funnest two years of my life,” Kara reminisced. “I worked for athletic director, Doug Allred, and travelled with the teams as a statistician. If it had been a four year school then, I definitely would have continued to an advanced degree, but there just wasn’t anywhere else I wanted to go. In fact, my dream is to return someday to take an art class from Del Parson. How cool is it that he teaches there!”

Kara and Jeff have lived in Mesa, Arizona for the past 15 years. They are the parents of four children, and are also “proud grand parents.” When time allows, Kara enjoys painting, reading and scrapbooking, in addition to working on her second novel.

Kara also enjoys singing, and for the past 15 years has sung with a small group of women called “The Reflections.” They perform at retirement communities and civic centers in the area, but Kara says her favorite concert is during the Mesa LDS Temple Christmas lighting ceremony.

Kara said she and her husband have roots that run deep in Dixie—particularly Jeff, whose ancestors were key in settling the area. They still have family in the area and hope to eventually retire in St. George.

**WAYNE MCArTHUR, ’72,** lives in Washington, D.C., and enjoyed attending the inaugural Dixie State College Northeast Chapter event this past summer. After a fun afternoon and evening with alumni and friends on the Erie Canal and at the Hill Cumorah pageant, Wayne supplied us with an “unclassified” description of his duties as a Counter Intelligence Officer, which we found fascinating: He said, “I am serving as a C2ISR Requirements Staff Officer (RSO) assigned to HQDA, DCS G-3/5/7 DAMO BCO responsible for: (1) Managing and coordinating with Army Staff Operational Needs Statements (ONS) for urgently required warfighting capabilities, primarily GWOT but including all Army operations; (2) Implementing the Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System (JCIDS) proposals to support the warfighter, (3) Manage other C2 projects to include responsibility for interoperability, FBCB2/BFT, Joint Projects/Joint Urgent Operational Needs Statements. Attend required conferences/meetings to ensure this projects are managed and have a vetted G-3 perspective. Develop the official Army position/policy, by proper coordination, for distribution. Brief senior Army leadership to gain needed decisions/prepare for ARROC/JROC.”

**DURRANT MCArTHUR, ’63,** a research geneticist from the Rocky Mountain Research Station’s Shrub Sciences Laboratory in Provo, was recently named a “super scientist” by the Forest Service. The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Forest Service award only a handful of researchers across the nation with the science technical grade and McArthur is the only Forest Service scientist in the entire Interior West given the honor of “super scientist.”

McArthur has written more than 400 scientific publications—more than any other Forest Service scientist living or dead. Previous awards include the 2004 Utah Society of Range Management’s Manager of the Year Award, 2002 Shrub Research Consortium Distinguished Service Award, 2000 Eminent Science Publication Award, 1996 Forest Service Distinguished Scientist Award, 1992 International Society for Range Management Outstanding Achievement Award, and 1990 Forest Service Superior Scientist Award.

While attending Dixie State College Durrant remembers getting a nice start to his science career with the help of professors Andrew Barnum, Clifford Dean, Daniel Miles and Ellis Everett. McArthur grew up in Washington County and now resides in Orem, Utah. He often rides his bike to work and plays pickup basketball at nearby Brigham Young University.
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On May 19th, at the annual Bar-B-Que for the Northern Utah Chapter, there was more food and fun than we had a right to have. A big crowd turned out to eat, play and visit with old friends and make some new acquaintances. We had door prizes, games, and a pinata for the kids. A highlight, of course, was Delmont Truman leading us in the Dixie songs. George Whitehead, newly appointed Associate Vice President of Advancement and Cultural Arts, and Chapter President John Blake addressed the crowd and gave a brief update on the goings-on at Dixie, and with the Alumni Association.

Former student body president, Ben Joe Markland entertained the crowd singing “Bye, Bye American Pie” and accompanied himself on the guitar.

Participation keeps growing with every event in Northern Utah, and we look forward to more growth each year. If you missed out on this one, please plan to attend next May. And, watch for your invitation to our “Autumn Alumni Bash,” which will be at Little America on November 10th. Mark your calendars, because we anticipate another wonderful evening of entertainment, good food and, of course, our silent auction!

The tranquil waters of the Eric Canal provided the setting for the first-ever Northeast Alumni Chapter event. The historic Colonial Belle River Boat experienced a few engine problems, but that didn’t keep the group from having a lot of fun on the water. Alumni came from as far away as Houston to renew old acquaintances, take in the sights, party, eat on the river, and get a little red sand in their shoes. The lush, green scenery and pleasant weather added the perfect touch to the outing.

In addition to the time on the Colonial Belle, our group was given the privilege of a personal backstage tour of the Hill Cumorah Pageant by DSC Professor Brent Hanson, who is the pageant’s artistic director. It was fascinating to hear about and see the inner workings of the set, the layout of the stage, and the special effects that go into making the pageant a world-famous production.

When we witnessed firsthand that evening’s performance, we were astounded at the number of volunteers and support staff it takes to pull it all off. How fun to have that great inside look!

Our next event will be held in April 2008 in Washington, DC. We hope you will support this fun event. More details will be mailed in the near future.

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This last spring I had the opportunity of celebrating the graduation of our daughter Nicole from Dixie State College. As she crossed through the “D” to receive her diploma, she followed in the footsteps of her two older siblings, her mother, her aunts and uncles, and her grandparents before her. At that time, my mind was flooded with memories of my own passage through our beloved “D.” Much has changed in the intervening years. Most of our administration and staff of yesteryear have completed their careers. We are so grateful for all of those dedicated individuals that have and do contribute to making Dixie the special place that it remains today.

As my mind travels back over the roads of time, I cannot help but pause periodically and revisit those vistas that represent the traditions that added so much to my own Dixie experience. These traditions tie so many of us together over the expanse of the generations of Dixie. Our pioneer forefathers clearly saw the vision and the value of these traditions as they assembled 100 young men to arrange rocks on the Black Hill into the shape of a “D” and then covered them with the first of the soon to be 100 coats of whitewash that it sports today.

Some of you were there when subsequent traditions were given birth. You were the ones that helped to create our identity as Dixie Rebels along with the red and the grey. You organized the first “Sand Blast” at the Snow Canyon sand dunes where many, searching for a friend in their first days at school, met for the first time those that have become life-long friends. Some even found life-long companions as the Dixie sand filled their shoes for the very first time. Many of you threw off your personal inhibitions to sway and swoon to the songs of Dixie in Program Bureau as Mrs. “D” delighted us and many an audience with her infectious Dixie Spirit. Through the years the streets of Dixie have been lined with family and friends to show their support for Dixie State College at the Homecoming and D-Day Parades.

No Homecoming would ever be complete without its Homecoming Parade, the Homecoming Queen Pageant, the fabulous football games, the tailgate party, the Founder’s Day Assembly, the Decades of Dixie Reunion, the Alumni Banquet and so much more. It is hard to imagine a “D” Week without the annual pilgrimage up the Black Hill to reclothe the “D” with a new white coat. Great are the memories of “The Great Race” from the days of the river-running tubers, horseback and motocross riders to today’s urban version of this race that combines cycling, rollerblading, swimming, running, basketball, and finally a relay member mucking their way through a mud bog in front of the new Institute building.

In recent years, the wonderful tradition of Rebel Red Friday was created wherein students, Alumni, and friends across the country are encouraged to wear something red in support of Dixie each Friday. More recently, the meaning of being a “True Rebel” has been redefined at the Mural fountain at midnight on a special day with your special someone.

Even as I reflect on these few traditions, each of you are strolling along your own memory lane. If you are like me, the memories seem to get a little more wonderful every year. For some of you the vistas may have been from a different vantage point. But, they are just as wonderful to you.

Some traditions have come and gone, while other traditions, once lost, have been reinstated. Stil other traditions have withstood the test of time. Next to them all, the tradition of excellence, with a pride to belong have always endured. All of these traditions will forever hold a special place in our hearts.

We would like to hear from you of your own favorite Dixie traditions and memories so that we can record and preserve them for generations to come at our new DSC Stephen and Marcia Wade Alumni House. Of special interest would be the history of the origins of any of these traditions from your own vistas of recollection.

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