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SOCCER TEAM SCORES FOR DIXIE

BY NANCY PERSCHON

The thrill of victory; there's nothing like it! It's been 15 years since Dixie State College has felt that thrill in a national championship game. For the women's soccer team, this was the year that sweet victory returned securing them an honored place in Dixie's sports history.

In December, 1999 Rob Dahl was hired to replace his sister-in-law, Heather Dahl, as the Dixie State College women's soccer coach. He began recruiting then, but didn't move to St. George until August. Heather had many successful soccer years under her belt, had taken Dixie back to nationals twice, and had recruited a talented group of young women. She had prepared the returning sophomores well and they worked to integrate the 16 freshmen. "They struggled at the beginning of the year with my coaching style and the rigors of college life," says Rob. "However, their synergy and hard work were well rewarded." On November 19, 2000 in St. Louis, Rob coached the team to a 3-2 double overtime victory, beating Monroe Community College in the NJCAA tournament – the first women's team to take a national title in the history of Dixie State College.

"The feeling was indescribable," smiles Rob. "But the actual significance of what we'd done didn't really sink in until later." Born in Ogden, Utah, from a long line of educators, Dahl lived in Hawaii and

Alberta, Canada while his father taught for the LDS Church Education System. He attended Missouri Southern University on a soccer scholarship and is currently completing his bachelor degree in business at Dixie State. Rob coached both men's and women's soccer teams at Timpview and Provo High Schools for a total of 14 years, qualifying his teams for the state tournament each year.

"My first love is coaching. I knew Heather was leaving Dixie State so I sent a copy of my resume to Dexter Irvin and he called me for an interview," comments Rob. "It went so well and I knew it would be a great opportunity for me and for my family. Immediately after the interview, Dexter offered me the job. I knew it was the right thing for me." As a complement to his current coaching responsibilities, Rob works out of his home assisting small companies with public offerings and reverse mergers.

Rob met his wife, the former Camille Jarman, on a blind date. "It was a typical line-up, one of those 'friend of a friend' things and it just worked out," he says. "We have three kids—Kelsey is eleven, Eric is eight and Kirsten is three. They absolutely worship the soccer team and, of course, the feeling is mutual," he continues. "Both Camille and I come from large families, nine children in each to be exact, and we love doing things with our

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A Plea for the Fine and Performing Arts



At the December Board of Regents meeting as Governor Michael Leavitt's budget recommendation for the coming legislative session was announced, most of the people in the room erupted with cheers, while representatives from Dixie were left to wonder. The main reason for their concern is due to the Eccles/Graff Fine and Performing Arts Center.

As most of you know, one-third of the current Fine

Arts Center is condemned and unusable. Some of our departments previously located in this building have been moved to the North Plaza and other buildings on campus. We are in desperate need of a new fine and performing arts building.

The Eccles/Graff Fine and Performing Arts Center has been the second priority for the Board of Regents the last two years. The Utah State Building Board ranked it fourth in the year 2000 and fifth in 2001. Moreover, we have a contribution from the Eccles foundation for \$3 million towards a new performing arts facility, plus \$500,000 through proceeds from the Sears Invitational Art Show. If the state does not fund this building, we may lose the significant Eccles donation.

The Governor's budget recommends a new USU Heating Plant, a WSU Davis Campus, A CEU Main Building (administration and classrooms), a USU Engineering Building, a UofU Engineering Building, a SUU Teacher Education Building, and a UVSC Classroom Building.

With the Engineering and Computer Science Initiative, one can understand the need for the funding of the University of Utah's and USU's Engineering Buildings, but the other buildings have either been a lower priority or not on the list at all, nor are they technology related. Additionally, the Governor's budget recommends \$550,000 of ongoing funds for an Engineering program at SUU which doesn't currently exist.

It seems that, with two exceptions—Dixie, SLCC and Snow, all other state institutions are being recommended for a building this year,

whether they are on the regent's and building board's lists or not. It is even more confusing in light of the fact that Dixie has been so underfunded in capital facilities compared to other colleges and universities in the state. The top funded school, Utah State University, will have received \$139,372,500 in capital facilities funds since 1987 and SUU will have received \$74,470,261. Dixie has only received \$11,990,700, by far the LOWEST in the state, and this during a period of time when our institution has experienced the second HIGHEST level of growth in the higher education system.

The Graff Building has traditionally housed the Art, Communications, Music, Dance and Theatre programs of Dixie State College. It was built in 1962 and designed to accommodate a student body of 300. Today, the college has 6,515 students. A recent architectural and engineering study indicated that replacement of the Graff Building is the only reasonable solution to correct all of the ADA, fire, building code, and seismic problems that exist.

In addition to all of the above reasons, our students deserve this building. It is unfair for them to attend our institution only to discover that their high school arts facilities are far superior to those at Dixie.

It is my sincere hope that our Governor and the State Legislature will recognize the importance of the proposed Eccles/Graff Fine and Performing Arts Center not only to the students, faculty and staff of Dixie State College, but to the cultural well being of our entire community.

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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Karmen Aplanalp

BY NANCY PERSCHON



When Karmen Aplanalp was a senior in high school, her father encouraged her to try out for cheerleader. Now, this was no ordinary high school cheering squad, mind you. A new professional football team was being formed in the Bay Area, the Oakland Invaders, and they were to become a part of the USFL. Not to be outdone by the NFL teams, the Invaders wanted and needed cheerleaders. Over 2,000 California coeds showed up for tryouts; of the 2,000, a mere 25 were chosen. Karmen was one of them. "It was the league that Steve Young and Herschel Walker started in," she smiles, "and I actually met them both. I danced on the Jerry Lewis Telethon that year. It was quite the experience for a girl of 18!"

As the clinic director and full-time faculty member of Dixie's nationally ranked dental hygiene program, Karmen is still cheerleading. She oversees the work of the second year dental hygiene students, all clinical adjunct faculty and a part-time departmental clinic secretary/receptionist. In her two years at Dixie, Karmen's zest and personal commitment have jump-started the dental hygiene program. Case in point: out

of 213 schools, Dixie's program recently scored 6th highest in the national board standings, "and that includes schools with bachelor degree programs as well," Karmen states emphatically. "I'm so proud of our program, its great students, and the awesome faculty I work with here. Our excellent ranking is a reflection of the synergy of all of those things."

Born in Oakland, California and reared in Walnut Creek, Karmen knew from the time she was 17 that she wanted to be a hygienist. "I left school early every day when I was a senior in high school to work in a dental office as a dental assistant. I had four years of practical experience before I even applied to dental hygiene school," she says. "I once seriously considered dental school but by then I had married and started a family so that was really out of the question."

Karmen became acquainted with her husband, Ritch, in a jazz dance class at a local community college near Oakland. Ritch went on to dance with the BYU International Folk Dancing Team after Karmen pursued her dental hygiene degree from Idaho State University. Following their marriage, she worked

for ten years in the Provo/Orem area as a dental hygienist, specializing in periodontal disease. That emphasis has come in handy; her curriculum specialty is periodontology.

Continuing her education, Karmen recently received her M.Ed. from SUU. As her master's project, she wrote the policies and procedures manual for the clinic, a 200 page "living" document which she will update and edit as needed. Taking it from her bookcase, she casually flips through the pages. "It really needed to be written and it seemed like the perfect master's project, but it was outdated almost the moment I had it printed."

Karmen and Ritch have five children, three girls and two boys, ranging in age from 16 to four. Spending time with her family – especially on the water – is one of Karmen's highest priorities. "We love to jet ski and water ski as a family. I guess you could say we love any water sport," she says. "My family is also my biggest support system, especially Ritch and my oldest daughter, Kelli."

Karmen also enjoys scrapbooking and crafting and she and Ritch are still dancing up a storm whenever and wherever they get the chance.

Around her neck, Karmen wears a pendant with a tiny silver charm that reads "Inspire;" on her bookshelf stands a cross-stitched message in a frame proclaiming "Count Your Many Blessings;" both are gifts from former students. "The first group of students to graduate from the program gave me the pendant," she explains. "Another student from that group did the cross-stitch. That's the caliber of students that we have here and it's indicative of their personalities and dedication," she continues.

What goes around, comes around, and at Dixie State, Karmen Aplanalp has a cheering section all her own.

NEW FACES/NEW PLACES



Ann Theobald
INSTITUTIONAL
ADVANCEMENT
SECRETARY

ANN THEOBALD

The Institutional Advancement and Alumni Department has a new secretary, Ann Theobald. After retiring from First Security Bank where she worked for 22 years, Ann decided to return to the college scene to work at what she knows best, organizing. While at First Security, Ann held many positions, the most recently being the administrative assistant to the area president.

Her personal philosophy is to "smile, smile, smile." Giving her smile away to the new people she meets and having it returned makes her job a delight.

Ann was born in Cedar City, but lived all over the world because her father was in the army. She moved with her husband to St. George in 1993 and she says that for her, it was like moving home again. She feels very fortunate to live in the beauty of the red hills.

The Theobald's have two married sons with children of their own so Ann is kept busy with her Boston Terrier, Baby. She collects antiques, with primitive American style being her specialty. John Grisham, Sidney Sheldon and Karen Robards are her favorite authors and when there is time she enjoys a good action movie.



Doyle Robinson
PREVENTIVE
MAINTENANCE

DOYLE ROBINSON

When asked what his new position in the heating plant preventive maintenance entailed, Doyle Robinson replied, "I do exactly what I'm told to do."

What he is usually told to do is make sure the heating and air conditioning are working in all the campus buildings. That includes everything from walking on roofs to invading the underground tunnel system.

Doyle was raised in Salt Lake but has lived in St. George for the past 13 years. He spent 29 years working for Questar Gas Company.

Doyle enjoys golf, target shooting, yardwork and cars. His favorite reading is work-related manuals (snooze), and his favorite movies are the "Star Wars" series.

Doyle and his wife, Susan, have one son, Dustin, who is serving a mission in Missouri.



Randy Wilstead
WOMEN'S SOFTBALL
HEAD COACH/
INTRAMURALS

RANDY WILSTEAD

Dixie State College welcomes its new women's softball coach, former Salt Lake City native, Randy Wilstead.

Playing baseball is a way of life for Randy. He graduated from Brighton High School where he played baseball and football. He was drafted by the Montreal Expos and played first base with them for six years. Before coming to Dixie State he was the hitting instructor and third base coach for the St. George Pioneerzz for two years.

Upon moving to St. George, Randy worked as the Rebel assistant baseball coach under Mike

Littlewood. His dream someday is to be a college athletic director. He is excited about college athletics and is committed to its success and growth especially at Dixie State.

Randy graduated from UVSC with an associate degree and then from Southern Utah University with a bachelor degree in physical education.

Randy resides in St. George with his wife, Roxanne, and their two children. When time allows, he enjoys golfing, fly fishing and camping with his family.



Mace Jacobson
REGISTRATION
SPECIALIST

MACE JACOBSON

Mace Jacobson said her new job as registration assistant "just kind of fell in my lap." She is happy to be working with students on a daily basis, assisting them in the admission and registration process.

Raised in Dixie, Mace has spent most of her life here, minus a eight-year stint in northern Utah. That is when, she is proud to say, she spent time on Capitol Hill helping to push through Dixie's new four-year status.

Mace earned her associate degree from Dixie State, and then went on to attend Southern Utah University and Utah State. In fact, she considers herself a "professional student" since she is still working on her "nearly completed" bachelor degree in education.

Mace enjoys spending time with her husband, Matt, and four children, Matthew, Taylor, Laura and Colin. She also likes hiking, jeeping, collecting antiques, reading and watching movies.

NEW FACES/NEW PLACES



Glen Bessonette
BUSINESS PROFESSOR

GLEN BESSONETTE

DSC's new instructor of English composition and English literature, Glen Bessonette, is happy to be teaching and living in this area because of the "fine and friendly folks" at Dixie and the "magnificent desert."

Glen earned his B.A. in English literature and music with a minor in German from SUU in 1992. He received his M.A., in English (British and Commonwealth studies) from

Utah State University in 1995. Before coming to St. George, Glen directed the writing center and taught English composition courses for three years at SUU.

Glen's writing expertise was evident when questioned about his home life. He described his wife as, "beloved wife Mickey; timeless, ageless, beautiful." He went on to list his pets "Niahoni, a fine and wild pup dog; Brother Fuzz, an aged, cantankerous and much loved cat; and two skittery, reticent fish: Country Joe and Stretch." Born in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, Glen was raised primarily in the American west, living in Utah for 14 years.

Glen enjoys reading, writing, music making, running, biking, hiking and kyaking. "A life lived well and full, none too narrowly" is Glen's plan for the future. It sounds like he's well on his way.



Lena Burton
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT
SECRETARY

LENA BURTON

Assisting with all athletic and PE activities and procedures at Dixie State is a job description that is up the right alley for new athletic department secretary, Lena Burton. Besides personally enjoying sports, Lena loved the experience she received recently as office manager for the Zion Pioneerzz professional baseball club. She has liked getting to know the coaches and athletic department personnel since she

began her new position in December, and looks forward to interacting with students and student athletes.

Lena was born in Montrose, Colorado, but has lived in St. George since she was just a year old. She loves everything about Dixie State College and St. George, and says, "that's why I'm still here!"

Raising a successful family with her husband Aaron is Lena's main goal. They have a son, Ammon, 10, and a daughter, Taylor, 8. Lena's rule of thumb is, "you'll get over it!"



Arland Ziegler
MEDIA SPECIALIST

ARLAND ZIEGLER

As Dixie State College's media specialist, Arland Ziegler coordinates, manages and runs the technical aspects of the Avenna Center. This includes sound and lights for various college and theater events. He is looking forward to learning even more about the technicality of sound and lighting to increase his knowledge of his profession and to become proficient in all its aspects.

Arland is not new to the Dixie campus—he has been working here part time for four years. He juggled his schedule between Dixie and Tuacahn, where he worked on the technical crew for their productions.

Born and raised in St. George, Arland has remained here because of his love for the mountains, people, family and the "great outdoors," which he enjoys sharing with his English setter, Bandit. In his spare time Arland works on cars, scuba dives, and works toward the goal of earning a pilot's license.

Arland was recently asked what his personal motto would be. He quoted an unknown author, saying, "A good leader inspires others with confidence in him, a great leader inspires others with confidence in themselves."



Dawn Nill
COMMUNICATIONS
INSTRUCTOR

DAWN NILL

Dawn Michelle Nill comes to Dixie College as the Director of Radio Studies and will be teaching broadcasting and communication classes.

She was born and raised in St. Peters, Missouri but most recently hales from Columbia, Missouri where she taught communication courses at the University of Missouri for ten years. Her education includes a bachelor degree in speech communication, master degree in rhetoric and media and a Ph. D. in communications. Her goal, while at Dixie, is to

bring a live radio station back to the campus.

Dawn enjoys comedy writing, puppetry, vocal music and radio. She would also like to learn sign language. She loves a good "fresh tuna steak" and playing with her two cats, Ciesler and Lucy. Her favorite quote is by Edith Wharton, "There are two ways of spreading light, to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."

While only being in St. George since August, she has found that she loves the "sunny nature of the people and the place" is very glad to be here.

Three Guys and a Campus

A Spotlight on Physical Facilities

The guys who are there to clean-up, fix-up, warm-up and pump-up the physical facilities and automotive fleet at Dixie are really the unsung heroes of the campus. A day doesn't go by that one of these three doesn't heed the call of duty in one or many ways.

The purpose of this month's staff spotlight is to do just that – spotlight three of Dixie's staff who go where others have gone before – but never with so much knowledge and so many cool tools!

BOB REED

Custodial supervisor Bob Reed likes his job, you can tell. He says he's just a "plain Bob" but there is nothing plain about supervising and training 12 custodians, setting up for the many Dixie State College activities, coordinating the cleaning of all campus buildings, developing a budget and supervising "office move-arounds."

Bob has worked in physical facilities at Dixie

since 1994, taking over Royal Blake's position as supervisor when he retired three years ago. Originally from southern California, Bob is married to Jane, a manager at Beehive Clothing. They have five children and five grandchildren. The Reeds share an interesting hobby. Several years ago, they purchased a pair of ringed neck turtle-doves from a woman in Castle Valley. Birds being birds, Bob soon found it necessary to find a way to contain their growing numbers. He built a large cage in the backyard of his Santa Clara home, added a waterfall, a pond and a plum tree. Now Bob and Jane raise the doves and the cage is home to over 20 birds in assorted colors – white, gray and beige. "The white ones are the special ones," Bob says, "but you don't get them all the time. They are rare. Jane is working on an idea to rent them out to weddings."

When asked about his job priorities, Bob



Above (l to r): Bob Reed, custodial supervisor, Joe Wilde, fleet maintenance guru, and Doug Whitehead (the phantom ghost standing between them), are key to the smooth operation of the Dixie State College campus.

answers with a smile, "I try to make my employees my first priority at work and try to match the employee to the job."

Ned Carnahan, executive director of the physical plant and campus planning, would agree. "Bob is appreciated for his great ability to organize," says Ned. "No one has ever managed to coordinate the cleaning of the 555,424 square feet of campus facilities and relocate as many faculty and staff as Bob did this past two years," he continues. "Bob is a great team player and is respected by the other plant departments."

JOE WILDE

There are photos of fast cars and trucks on the

walls of Joe Wilde's office. It's no wonder. Joe loves cars. As Dixie's fleet vehicle maintenance supervisor, he spends his days with them and knows their innards like the palm of his hand. "I've been working on cars since I was 13," he says. "In fact, an old Dodge pick-up was where I got my start."

Born in Coalville, Utah, Joe has been in southern Utah for 40 years and at Dixie for 17. His wife, Vikki, is the office manager at Highland Manor in Mesquite; they are the parents of three children and grandparents of seven. Not one to be outdone, Joe's interesting hobby—shared with spouse and children—is participating in

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Mountain Men Rendezvous, in full and authentic regalia—right down to the flint rifles. The Wilde's also love boating, hunting, fishing and snow-mobiling.

Joe is a 22-year veteran of the Utah National Guard and holds the rank of Staff Sergeant. He loves steak and Dutch oven potatoes; his heroes are his family. The best car he ever owned was a Pontiac Grand Prix; his dream car is a restored and 'hot-rodded' 1949 Ford coupe. One of the fast cars on Joe's wall belongs to his brother-in-law; Joe is his pit boss.

"Joe is a master organizer of the vehicle fleet as well as a master mechanic," says Ned Carnahan. "Joe oversees the dispatching of the 13 fleet vehicles as well as the maintenance of the 55 campus vehicles, trucks, golf carts and other heavy equipment," he adds. "I am always amazed to see Joe on the computer working with state fleet management then repairing golf carts and making an old diesel tractor run – all in one day."

"I try to do everything right the first time and to keep all the cars that the staff and faculty use in 100% order—safe, clean and ready to go!" says Joe.

DOUG WHITEHEAD

"Everyone on campus knows Doug," says Becky Workman, heating plant secretary, "and everybody likes him. He's outspoken, he always has a story for you and I don't think he ever goes home!"

HVAC and preventive maintenance supervisor, Doug Whitehead was born and raised in St. George where he attended Dixie High School. He and his wife, Candy, are the parents of three children, two sons and a daughter. One son is married and is a St. George police officer, another son is serving a mission in South America and their daughter, Ashley, is a star basketball player at Snow Canyon High. "Ashley is good at every sport," says Becky, "and Doug is extremely proud of her accomplishments."

Doug has worked at Dixie for over 20 years. "He is the true minute man for the campus," says Ned. "Doug responds to all heating and air conditioning problems, fire alarms, elevator alarms and helps with electrical and plumbing problems. His weekends are rarely undisturbed," Ned continues. "Doug believes in providing the best possible facilities for our students and is always willing to respond at any hour to ensure this."

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kids. We also like to stay fit and I try take her on a little vacation once a year."

Speaking of little vacations, Rob took the entire soccer team on a retreat to Alberta, Canada and Washington State prior to the start of the season. "We stayed in condos, played in three exhibition games and just really got to know each other," he says. "It also gave the team a chance to get used to my style of coaching. I'm not a screamer; my style is to give ideas and let the team experiment to see how they work," he continues. "I believe that's the way they learn success."

"When coach Dahl arranged the Canada trip, we were all hesitant, but soon we made friends and everything just clicked," comments freshman Amanda Hafen. "At our first practice in August, we already knew each other and no one felt uneasy. Coach Dahl must have known that we would bond. I believe the reason we made it so far was because of our constant teamwork and support that began on the trip."

Along with the National Championship, the team brought home the tournament sportsmanship award. Tennille Bennett was named outstanding forward, Shaylee Hogge was named outstanding defender and Rob was honored as coach of the tournament. Upon their return, the team was met with enthusiasm and pride from the college and the community. Mayor pro-tem Robert Whatcott and the St. George City Council officially proclaimed December 7, 2000 as "Dixie State College Women's Soccer Day." Rob was presented the key to the city and the team rode to the ceremony on a fire truck!

Coach Dahl is justifiably proud. "This win was definitely a team effort. The players wanted to do well and there was a drive to win in St. Louis that is difficult to describe," he says reflectively. "This is a talented group of young women; I am honored to be their coach."

Right:
Coach
Rob Dahl.

Far right:
Lady
Rebel
dribbles in
St. Louis




CAMPUS KUDOS




If you know of something special, newsworthy, memorable or just plain nice that someone on campus has done, please pass it along to us.

 **TERRI BELL** is president-elect for the Utah State Association of Students Financial Aide Administrators for the year starting October 2001. This is a leadership responsibility over all the financial offices—both state and private—in Utah (30 in all). Terri has also been named chairman of the National SISU Conference to be held in Las Vegas in March 2001.

 **BOB MCMICKEN** and **JAY SLADE** accompanied seven qualifying DSC students to the Skills USA - VICA National Competition in Kansas City, Kansas. Five Dixie State students, who took first in the state competition in the "VICA Knowledge Bowl," competed in that category at the national competition and placed second in the nation. Two students, who took




 **ROB SNYDER** participated in a several day training trip with a local river company (High Desert Adventures) in order to qualify as interpreter/ naturalist for trips in the Grand Canyon.

Although he had hiked to the river from the rim a few times, this was his first run on the river. Rob enjoyed taking groups of people hiking up side canyons in the evenings while the guide made dinner.

Rob was a reticent about putting his name in the Kudos section. "I feel a little funny getting an article about going down Grand Canyon once when we have real river runners on campus (Rob Snow, Tim Eicher, etc...)," admitted Rob. "But I did have fun, and I plan on going again next summer."


first in the "Graphic Communications" category in the state competition, took silver medals in the national competition.

 The state Historical Society was the setting for a presentation by **BONNIE PERCIVAL** of our library staff. On October 27, Bonnie attended a day-long workshop and organizational meeting with other representatives of

oral history programs throughout the state of Utah. At the meeting, which was hosted by the Utah State Historical Society in Salt Lake City, she reported on Dixie State College's oral history program. She also reported on the progress of the two oral history grants Dixie received in 2000. A \$3000 grant was given by the Utah State Historical Society, and \$2000 was given by the Utah Humanities Council. These grants are to assist with the transcription costs of approximately 700 untranscribed oral histories that the Browning Library has housed in special collections and archives.

In addition, on October 13 Bonnie attended a day-long workshop in Salt Lake City on the preservation of audiovisual materials. The workshop was sponsored by Utah State Archives and Records Service and Amigos Library Services, Inc.



 Congratulations to **JAY SLADE**, who was honored at the National ACTE Conference in San Diego in December. The Association of Career and Technical Educators, Trades and Industrial Education Division, presented him with a plaque as one of three finalists for the national "Outstanding Teacher of the Year" award.