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NEW V.P. IS GOLDEN

by Chris Taylor



Left: Lee Caldwell poses in front of his plane. The only thing he likes more than flying is teaching people how to fly.

Below: Donovan Lambert, human resources, is already among Caldwell's first students in St. George.



Worth his weight in gold. That's what Dixie State is banking that its new VP of Academics is. Dr. Lee Golden Caldwell has worked at four different universities as a professor and administrator and has held executive level positions at three Fortune 500 high tech companies, including Unisys, IBM, and Hewlett Packard over an eight-year span. He also spent six years with Novell, Inc.

Most recently, he was associate dean for undergraduate business programs at Georgia Tech. Combined, he has 11 years of university teaching experience and seven years of administrative experience, with Sam Houston

University, the University of Utah, and Indiana University in the mix as well. He holds a doctorate degree in business administration from Texas A&M.

This combination of private/public experience figures to be a potent one for Dixie's academic programs, particularly the Business and CIT programs for obvious reasons. Caldwell is known as an innovator and is recognized internationally as an expert in networking technology. He has 21 years of experience working with the Internet. When he first arrived at IBM, the company barely knew how to spell Internet. By the time he left five years later, IBM was pro-

ducing \$28 billion a year in revenue from the net, largely due to his leadership.

"Unless you really start to paint a longer term vision and set the bar high and work towards that, you just aren't likely to realize the potential that's really there," Caldwell said. "I'm not the one that necessarily has all of the subtleties of the vision, but I'm very good at facilitating the process and helping people see what's possible. People are usually a little stunned by how high the aspirations are, but at the same time, I have the ability to kind of bring it into the range of the achievable."

Given his resume, Caldwell could easily have

"called it a career." Instead of retire, he's ready to put his wealth of experience to work for Dixie State.

"I'm fortunate enough to be able to take the job that's interesting and not the job that pays the best," Caldwell said after being offered the position (the offer coincidentally fell on his birthday). "I could retire. I'm not ready to retire. I feel like I still have some contributions to make and I would much rather it be where I could make a big difference to people than simply sit around and entertain myself."

Another motivating factor bringing Caldwell to Utah is

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President's Message



Welcome back to campus. It's certainly a busy time of year, but I hope this brief message finds you well and energized for another year

at this great institution.

This summer has been an eventful one. It has yet again reminded us all of the tremendous human resources we

have working in behalf of Dixie State College.

Last month, we received word that the nursing program, as a group, earned the highest passing rate among all public and private nursing programs in the state on the RN state licensure exam for 2003. A little earlier on, the dental hygiene program collectively earned the highest score in the nation on its year-end board exam. And in June, the baseball team won its first-ever national championship. What incredible accomplishments these are!

This is just a small sample of the successes you are having year in and year out,

including during some very lean budget years as of late.

As president, I want to express to you my appreciation for all you do for our students and campus. Dixie State College is only as good as its people. As a campus, we can all be proud of the product we're putting forth on all levels. I thank you in advance for the successes Dixie State will undoubtedly enjoy this fall semester and year.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the upcoming academic year.

— Bob Huddleston, President

While You Were Out

In case you've been living under a rock somewhere (or just been away for the summer), here's what you may have missed:

FACULTY/STAFF HONORS: MARILYN LAMOREAUX was the recipient of the "Employee of the Year" Award, given by the Staff Association. Marilyn is the Assistant to the President, a position she has held since 2000.

At the year-end Rebel Awards banquet, BRENT SNOW received the "Outstanding Teacher Award." Brent has been a professor of business and marketing at the college since 1984. And CLARK HUTCHINGS received last year's "Distinguished Service Staff Award." Clark currently serves as the director of facilities operations and has worked at the college since 1968.

TIM BYWATER was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Utah Humanities Council.

ERIC YOUNG was awarded the Silver Telly for producing the documentary, "Absolutes to Change a Boy's Life." It is the top honor given for excellence in producing.

In May, GEORGE JANTZEN was given the Utah System of Higher Education Exemplary Faculty Use of Technology Award for his incorporation of technology into distance learning and classroom instruction.

STREET FAIR: The college announced the creation of the DSC Street Fair, an open-air style market with retail booths, a farmer's market, and food court, which will kick off Oct. 2 and run about once a month this upcoming year. Vendor space is around \$30 a week, and faculty and staff are invited to participate. GEORGE WHITEHEAD is director of the Street Fair. CHAD STAHELI is his assistant.

ATHLETIC SUCCESS: The DSC baseball team, coached by MIKE LITTLEWOOD, won the JUCO World Series in June. DSC athletics have won four national championships since 2000, and five overall.

The football team, coached by GREG CROSHAW, again enters the season as the NJCAA preseason No. 1 team. The Rebels have been the preseason favorite four consecutive years.

DINO DIRECTOR: The college hired a director of paleontology to work closely with community dinosaur programs including the up and coming DinosAtratorium at the Johnson Farm tracks site. GERALD HARRIS will also teach college courses, initially in the biological sciences and perhaps paleontology courses in the future.

FACILITIES UPDATE: The Eccles Fine Arts Center opened its doors to faculty and staff this summer. The facility will be dedicated Friday, Oct. 22.

A new crosswalk and traffic signal on 100 South will bridge the campus main and north blocks, centrally located in front of the North Instructional Building. A cast iron wall and xeriscaping will line the sidewalk on the south side of the road, channeling pedestrian traffic to designated crosswalks. College banners and new streetlights are also in the plans for the 100 South project, which will be completed in September.

The new synthetic turf field in Hansen Stadium is completed and primed for the upcoming football and soccer seasons. At a cost of around \$600,000, the new field will end up saving the college hundreds of thousands of dollars down the line. The annual cost to maintain the field in the past has approached \$100,000 a year.

HEALTH SCIENCES: Approximately 246 college and university dental hygiene programs took the National Board Exam this year, and DSC earned the highest score. Since graduating its first class in 2000, DSC's program has now scored in the top 10 percent four of the five years and in the top five percent three of the five years. The program is directed by GORDON JENNINGS.

The nursing program earned the highest pass rate among all programs in the state on the Registered Nurse licensure examination, with a collective pass rate of 96 percent in 2003. The newest RN program in the state, the pass rate is the highest first-time pass rate ever. The program is directed by CAROLE GRADY.

Caldwell

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that he has ties to the state. He began his college career as a freshman at Weber State. He then went on to earn a bachelor's degree at Utah State and, later, a law degree from BYU. He also has children and an aging parent in the area.

Casual bikers—both he and his wife, Bonnie—St. George's trail system didn't hurt in alluring them to the area either. Lee and Bonnie both served church missions in bicycle friendly Holland and had yet to find anything like it in the states.

Being fluent in Dutch, Caldwell's multilingualism has been an extra boost to his career (he also speaks German, French, and some Japanese). At one point, he was in Holland just about every month and once closed a \$5 billion deal with a Dutch company after spending the entire afternoon in the office of the chairman of the board of directors speaking Dutch.

Other than at home, he likely won't encounter too many opportunities to speak Dutch while at Dixie, but there will be ample opportunity for some of his other hobbies. A licensed pilot, Caldwell spends much of his downtime in the air. He was a navigator in the Air Force during the Vietnam War, but didn't receive his pilot's license until about four years ago.

He's now a licensed flight instructor and owns his own airplane – a four-seater, but a souped up one at that – and he flies two or three times a week. It's not uncommon for him to just pick up and fly across the country.

In short, it's fair to say that both professionally and recreationally, Lee Caldwell is happy to have landed in Utah's Dixie.

"I suspect that this will be one of the most fun jobs I've ever had," he said. "I think there's an incredible spirit in the community and an energy at an institution that has grown a lot. I think there's professional pride in what the students have achieved over the years, and these are all things that matter a lot."



THE LEGEND LIVES ON

by Eric Watson, Apprentice

When Michael Jordan came out of retirement for the first time, he proved that a retiree could still get the job done, adding three more championships for the Chicago Bulls and securing his spot as the best basketball has ever seen.

Like Jordan, Dixie State legend Bill Fowler has emerged from retirement, setting aside his golf clubs and taking the reins as the new acting associate vice president of advancement.

"Well, I'm a better basketball player than Jordan," Fowler joked, "but he's probably a better fundraiser than I am."

After retiring as vice president of student services, a post he held for six years, in 2003, Fowler was hired back on May 1, 2004, and has recognized a big distinction between the two jobs.

"The biggest change has been asking people for money," Fowler said. "Now I'm the elf and [Phil Alletto] is Santa Claus. I'm in charge of gathering the money and [Phil] is in charge of giving it away."

Institutional Advancement, Alumni Relations, Institutional Research, Cultural Arts, and Public

Relations all report directly to Fowler now.

During his nine months of retirement, Fowler enjoyed camping and hiking with family, tackling long overdue home improvement projects, and dabbling in his love for writing. Of course, retirement wouldn't be the same without the game of golf, and Fowler visited the course as often as he could. Fowler didn't confirm or deny allegations that his poor golf scores brought him back to work, he just laughed and blamed it

on the home improvement projects.

"My father worked until the day he died," said Fowler. "I retired at 56 and I thought, 'I'm still healthy, so here I am.'"

Since May, Fowler has written inquiry letters to different philanthropic organizations, foundations and corporations and has otherwise been making a case for Dixie's need for more money.

"We must demonstrate the need for more money," said Fowler. "Right now we need a new health science building, and I'm searching out every possible avenue to get the necessary funds."

According to Fowler, there are approximately 350 giving organizations in Utah, and nearly one-third of those organizations give to higher education.

"It's unusual for me, coming from a conservative background, to ask for \$2 million," Fowler said. "But some of these organizations have a tremendous amount of money, and they would like nothing more than to fund something justifiable and worthwhile."

Fowler says he does miss his old job as "Santa Claus" and says that having direct communication with the students was an amazing experience.

"Phil is an experienced professional in student services," said Fowler. "When I left I recommended that he take my spot, and he's doing a great job."



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New Faces/Trading Spaces



RANDY JASMINE
Instructor of English
Earned his BA and MA at USU... is currently finishing his Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi... stakes his claim as Dixie's number one soccer fan.



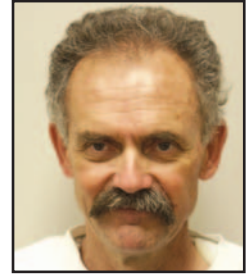
RHIANNON BENT
Instructor of Mass Communications
Will advise the *Dixie Sun* student newspaper ... named for Welsh ancestors (not the Fleetwood Mac song)... graduated from SUU and Washington State.



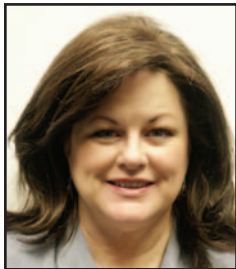
BONNIE BURNETT
Assistant Professor of Nursing
Says the best thing she ever did for herself was become a nurse... keeps busy with seven children as well as multiple horses, dogs and birds.



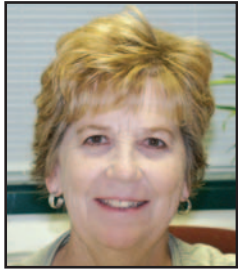
BILL SCHOUTEN
Automotive Instructor
Worked 20 years with auto manufacturers... loves building his own street rods... has four cars in various stages of completion... loves scouting (helped four sons earn Eagle ranks).



DENNIS WIGNALL
Assistant Professor of Communications
Loves outdoor adventures... has broken multiple bones in attempting those adventures... is recovering from a broken shoulder right now!



DEBRA BARMONDE
Dixie Business Alliance Administrative Asst.
Won a house on a game show... had it built in Alta, and has lived in Utah ever since... was a student at Dixie one semester... even worked for the U.N.



KATHY RASMUSSEN
Assistant Professor of Nursing
Enjoys hiking... also runs 2.5 miles every morning... is mother to six children and grandmother to 21.



ERIC BREITER
Employment Specialist
Works in the Career Center and also for the Department of Workforce Services... once hit a double eagle while golfing.



SUSAN TAYSOM
Cultural Affairs Administrative Asst.
Loves all things cultural... has a beautiful soprano voice... plays "Ursula" (of Little Mermaid fame) with her 14 grandchildren in her backyard pool.



MICKEY HOUSTON
Assistant Professor of Nursing
Loves to travel... just returned from a service "vacation" in Peru... worked 13 years in intensive care at DRMC... continues nursing in heart surgery.

Trading Spaces

TYESE GRAY: From Switchboard Operator to Administrative Assistant, Business Services

MARK PETERSEN: From Director, Public Relations to Executive Director, Cultural Arts

SUSAN TAYSOM: From Secretary, Public Relations to Administrative Assistant, Cultural Arts

JEFF CLUFF: From Sports Information Director/Grounds to Administrative Assistant, Athletics

CHRIS TAYLOR: From Assistant Director, Public Relations to Director, Public Relations

Happy Trails... After 23 plus years of service, Linda Lou Bills retired June 30 as switchboard operator.