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DSC Yard Sale to Benefit Local Military Families During the Holidays

Faculty and Staff Can Help Students in Giving Service to Our Community

Students at Dixie State College will hold a yard sale on the DSC campus Saturday, Nov. 22, to raise money for local military families currently serving in Iraq. Members of the service and traditions-oriented X-Club who organized the event hope to raise \$3,000 and are currently accepting donated items to be sold at the event.

Approximately 30 St. George area families have a loved one currently serving in Iraq as part of the St. George based 141st Military Intelligence Battalion, Bravo Company, Detachment 1, said DSC

student Chris Palmer, whose brother is serving in Iraq. The battalion has been overseas since January of 2003 working as interrogators, counter intelligence agents, and interpreters right alongside the active duty component.

“This is a chance to serve those who are serving our country.”

“We know there are families who have fallen on difficult financial times, or are in need of a little extra cash to help with the



Specialist David Palmer, manning an automatic grenade launcher, before leaving Kuwait for Iraq. Specialist Palmer was with one of the first units to enter Baghdad. His brother, Chris, currently attends DSC.

bills, especially as the holidays approach,” said X-Club president Connor Shakespeare. “We just want to make sure that their needs are taken care of while their loved one is away. This is a chance to serve those who are serving our country.”

The yard sale will take place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 22, in the Old Gym parking lot along 700 East in St. George. A DATS trailer is currently parked

in the lot where individuals can donate items for the sale. Donation pick-up is also available upon request. No donations will be turned away. All proceeds will go directly to the battalion’s Family Support Group charity and will be dispersed to the families in need prior to the holiday season.

For more information or for yard sale donation pick-up, call Connor Shakespeare at 229-4949.

TIPS OF THE MONTH

PROJECT A GOOD FIRST IMPRESSION

Try this simple tip to help you project a good first impression: NOTICE THE COLOR OF A PERSON’S EYES as you shake hands. *Why it works:* You’ll gain strong eye



contact in a way that shows you’re interested in what the person has to say.

BE A TROUBLE SHOOTER

When you run into a problem, try to think of at least two solutions before you take that problem to your boss. It shows that you’re a thinker and problem-solver, as well as a doer.

President's Message



As Thanksgiving nears and the Christmas holidays are just around the corner, I wanted to take this time and express my appreciation for the wonderful faculty and staff who do so much for Dixie State College.

We've had a couple of difficult years with state budget cuts and there has been insufficient funding for the growing number of students on our campus. Difficult decisions have been made. However, through it all, you have continued to work diligently to educate students, serve their needs and make this campus a great place. I appreciate your commitment and hope you feel proud of your many accomplishments.

The continual increase of students has also created an added burden of responsibility for faculty and staff alike. Larger class sizes, more projects and paperwork, and more student programs are a result of this growth. I appreciate the reasons you choose to work in

education in the first place: to assist in the growth and development of students young and old.

I want to assure you that, in spite of the challenges, we are doing all we can to boost salaries and to increase educational funding in the State of Utah. We are consistently working with state legislators to help them understand the great financial needs of higher education.

Again, thank you for all you do. It does not go unnoticed. I hope that you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season with your families.

Robert C. Huddleston
President

DSC EYES WORLD RECORD, AWAITS WORD FROM GUINNESS

Dixie State College has earmarked its place in the Guinness Book of World Records, but will have to wait a while before it's made official.

DSC's Campus Dining Services and the D-SUN service club last week assembled and served up what is believed to be the world's largest sandwich wrap. The official measurement of the sandwich came in at 311 feet 7 inches long. The college will now submit pictures and statements from those participating and hopes to hear back from London-based Guinness within six weeks.

"The people at Guinness told us there was no current record, so to go for it," said Martin Peterson, director of Campus Dining Services at DSC. "We kind of came up with the category on our own."

The record breaking sandwich was made up of 720 tortilla shells, 80 pounds of chicken, 80 pounds of beef, 80 pounds of cheese, 50 pounds of tomatoes, 80 pounds of lettuce, four gallons of Caesar dressing, and 1,000 toothpicks. Punch, 30 gallons worth, and 500 bags of chips were also on hand.

The attempt at the world record was done in conjunction with "Hunger Awareness Day" at the college, a segment of "Awareness Week." Each toothpick lining the sandwich contained a hunger awareness fact. Approximately 900 students, faculty and staff members showed up to eat the sandwich.

"This was a great event for campus," Peterson said. "We had a lot of help making the sandwich and a lot of help eating it. Nine feet of the sandwich was left over, and none of it went wasted." The remaining sandwich was served to the homeless along with soup and bread bowls that same night at Vernon Worthen Park.



A DSC student serves up sections of the 311 foot 7 inch sandwich.

Campus Kindos

If you know of something special, newsworthy, memorable or just plain nice that someone on campus has done, please pass it along to the public relations office: petersen@dixie.edu

DAVID BORRIS: Twenty-five years ago, David Borris founded an organization called the FLORIDA INSTITUTE TO PHOSPHATE RESEARCH. He's been asked to give the keynote address at this organization's annual meeting in this month.

PR OFFICE: The public relations office was recently awarded four gold medallion awards and two silver medallion awards from the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations. Mark Petersen, Chris Taylor, Joan Smith and Susan Taysom received the awards. Gold Medallions were awarded for the college viewbook, annual report, news feature story, and the Dixie State Magazine; silver medallions were awarded for news feature story and the fall course schedule.

GLEN BLAKLEY: For the past 27 years Glen Blakley and the DSC art department have hosted the biannual campus arts tour. Blakley has taken nearly 10,000 Dixie State College students as well as community members to art museums and historic locations from Los Angeles and San Francisco, to England and France to enjoy works of the masters throughout the ages, such as Rembrandt, Van Gogh, Degas, Monet, Mary Cosset, Picasso, and Leonardo DaVinci, to name but a few.

In addition, the art department began an Honors tour program eight years ago for DSC students who have a GPA of 3.5 and above. These students have earned trips to northern Utah to see the traveling exhibits of "Ramsey the 2nd," the "Etruscan," the "Tomb of China" and "Masada."

Art tours are scheduled at least twice a year in November and April and are open to all art lovers for a

minimal cost. This year an additional 17-day trip, with an emphasis on art, architecture and history, is planned to Europe (England, France, Spain, Portugal and Morocco) on May 11 - 28. Art faculty and other area artists, including Del Parson, Max Bunnell and Gary Orchard, accompany the tours.

For information on this year's tours, call Glen at 7795.



Glen Blakley explains the architecture at Jesuiten Kindie St. Franciz Xavier 1677, in Lucerne, Switzerland (top), and poses with students (above) in Pompei, Italy.

UPDATE ON LOU BURTON:

Many faculty and staff inquire daily about Lou and Terre Burton. The Burtons both teach in the English and Humanities area. Lou is recovering from two aneurisms on his brain, which resulted in seven surgical procedures.

"He looks good," says Terre. "He's improving; we hope he'll be in rehab next week."

Terre has been by Lou's bedside for over 50 days. "I appreciate the cards and the prayers of faculty and staff and know there's a lot of good thoughts coming. We have felt so loved. I miss being at work! It's the first time in 38 years I haven't been at work or studying."

Terre expresses gratitude for the many friends who have helped in countless ways. "They've brought school papers and clothes. People coming through Salt Lake have dropped in. It's been helpful to hear from people," she says, and adds, "but I wish I were there."

One of the biggest lessons Terre says she has learned is how much loving kindness there is. "People I don't even know have been so good to me. It makes me feel very warm inside. I am so grateful for the many prayers and expressions of love."

On a lighter note she talks about Lou's recent hair cut. "He had surgeries in so many different places on his head, his hair was of many lengths," Terre laughs. "Now all of his hair is an even length."

New Faces on Campus



CHRISTY JENSEN
Head Cashier

Grew up in Monroe, Utah. Is passionate about the outdoors—hiking, camping and fishing with her family.



WESLEY CHRISTIANSEN
ETS Advisor

Coached and taught high school for 31 years. Is on the Washington Co. School Board & Activities Assoc.



WILL CRAVER
Assistant Director of Human Resources

Oops! We got Will's job title wrong in the last Vantage Point. Here's the right one.



ELF WITH AN ATTITUDE! Not a new face on our campus—but new in the lives of two Dixie employees is Savannah Walker, born Tuesday, November 11. She is the new daughter of Curt (professor of biology) and Janet Walker (asst. director of counseling & advisement).

Have You Met?

Several faculty and staff members who were new to our campus last year haven't been highlighted in Vantage Point. We'll catch up a few at a time to help you get acquainted:



BILL LYNCH
Visual Technology Instructor

Received an M.Ed. with an emphasis in educational technology (graduated with a 4.0). Enjoys 4-wheeling.



SHARI GOWERS
Four-Year Student Advisor

She and her husband designed and built their dream home at the base of Red Mountain in Ivins.



DR. DAVID BORRIS
Dean, Business, Technology & Health Sciences

Is trying to increase the curriculum options for DSC students. Has a Ph.D. in biochemistry.



KIM SEACH
Administrative Secretary for Business Services

Is one busy lady — works full time, is a student at DSC and is the mother of 4 children!



KEN PETERSON
Director of Choral & Vocal Activities

Special interest is in voice research and non-canonical writings. Would like to publish his research.

IS THIS YOUR PET PEEVE ALSO?

You're in your work area handling a business call. An employee or student steps into your area, sees that you're on the phone and stands there staring at you, waiting for you to end your call. Or worse, the person tries to ask you questions, while you're in the middle of the call.

This is distracting and rude. Each time it happens, you lose your train of thought with the person on the phone.

Tip: Keep a notepad in plain view on your desk so visitors can leave you a message when you're on the phone. That way, you can concentrate on their information or request — after your call.