

ALUMNI FOCUS

Matt Harris ('01 Science)

recently completed his course work and graduated from Penn State University with his Medical Degree. Matt was born in Cedar City and lived in Parowan as a kid, but grew up in Salt Lake City.

After high school, he was drawn back to Southern Utah where he attended, first Dixie College, and later Southern Utah University. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. At SUU, Matt was involved in AED, the pre-medical honor society, as well as in research with Dr. Terry Schwaner.

Following graduation from SUU, he then attended Penn State University College of Medicine. After becoming involved in ophthalmology research and starting an ophthalmology clinic at a local homeless shelter, he was fortunate to receive the Berman Scholarship in ophthalmology, as well as a medical student research award. Matt will complete his residency in ophthalmology at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill. During medical school his wife Micki gave birth to their son Becket, and they are expecting a second child in late August.



Lee Leslie ('85 Sociology)

was recently named assistant coach of the Utah Blaze of the Arena Football League (AFL). Lee brings 19 years of experience to the new franchise as both a player and coach at the high school, collegiate, and indoor professional levels.

For the past two years, Lee has served as Head Coach and General Manager of the Utah Warriors (NIFL) where he led the team to the Pacific Conference Championship and a birth in the NIFL National Championship game in 2003. He has a bachelor's degree in Sociology with a minor in Physical Education and Health from Southern Utah University, and has several years of post-graduate study in Sports Psychology. "This is an exciting time for us," said Lee, "We're working to build a championship team and guys are practically knocking down the door. My phone has



been ringing off the hook since we announced the franchise back in April." The AFL is not the only place Utah will be looking for free agents. "We've had some pretty big names contact us, guys from the NFL, who are free agents asking us about opportunities with the new AFL Team," Lee reports.

Colby L. Baker ('03

Theatre) has for the past two years participated in the Tony Award-winning Utah Shakespearean Festival, and now is playing a major role in the "Tournament of Kings" jousting dinner show at the Excalibur Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada.



He assumes a variety of different roles by playing four different kings on separate nights, and on a swing basis also plays the show's leading dual roles of Merlin and Master of the Lease, where he engages the crowd and leads them through the exciting tournament.

Raised in Cedar City and Las Vegas, Colby started juggling in Renaissance Fairs when he was seven. He follows in his father Doug's footsteps in the Tournament of Kings, who played the role of Merlin for several years. While at SUU, Colby met and married his wife, **Stephanie Webster**, ('02 *Dance*). She is the Director of Dance at the Gymcats Studio in Las Vegas, and is very active as a performer in the Las Vegas area.

Dennis Pollman's ('68

Business) insurance agency was recently named an inaugural member of H. K. Dent Society, an exclusive organization, within the Safeco Insurance company. Only 400 of Safeco's more than 7,500 partners are members of the society.



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Trish Boyer-French graduated June 3, 2005, with her doctorate in pharmacy, from Midwestern University-Glendale in Arizona. Trish graduated from Cedar High School and attended SUU before being accepted into the pharmacy program. She has accepted a position at Boswell Memorial Hospital. She is the daughter of Richard and Charlotte Boyer of Cedar City.



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