When Greg Davis applied for the job of business manager of the Cajundome in 1985, he didn't know what he was getting into. On opening day, the position of operations director opened up, too. He took that one, and so when the box office manager resigned two weeks later, Davis just assumed that, too.

"I got a very quick up and down learning experience," he says, "my first year was more like five years."

Davis learned quickly, and the Cajundome has only grown from there. As executive director of the Louisiana Sports and Entertainment Center, he has a whole new project on his hands.

"He's figured out what the big picture of what to do with the Cajundome," says local attorney and friend Gary McCaffrey. "From day one, he's recognized the economic development potential of the Cajundome."

Under Davis' leadership, the Cajundome has become a first-class arena, with a full staff, marketing and promotions department, production department, box office, servers in the arena and an ice rink.

"We try and operate outside of the box," Davis says. "We try to dream up things that are not being done so that we can grow the business." And that's what makes the Cajundome so unique — it's a business. It operates like a business, generating revenue and partnering with companies and people in the community. "We've had to be pretty interesting with our approach to grow the business," he says.

Don Cameron, who was about Davis, "is all vision. He has the vision of the Dome facility on a whole other level."

One way Davis has ensured growth through the venue is by diversifying his ideas to bring in the location, which he calls his greatest business accomplishment, was "radical," he says. "Everybody was just flabbergasted that we were doing such a thing."

But it became an instant success. So Davis continued building outside of the box and brought the Eagles in concert, Whitney Houston and then the Beatles, all Cajundome热水壶 and arena football. Although a few years later they were out as successful, there were the hopes to get arena football back down the road.

Davis believes that a facility like the Cajundome and the Convention Center is able to improve on the entertainment quality of life for residents, he says. He says that those things matter to businesses locating here and "add to the overall package that Lafayette offers."

Davis wants to improve the quality of life for those outside Convention Center Boulevard. His work with the Boy Scouts as a troop leader and with students from his alma mater Southside High School has brought him to new heights. Davis' greatest personal accomplishment is reconnecting his former high school classmate and former teammate, Whitney, the highest mountain in the United States, with Southside students. He has shared his love of backpacking, mountaineering and camping with the boy scouts as well, and the photo that was the cover of his office were as evidence.

Davis love of the outdoors is about to take him out into the water, as he just bought a boat for saltwater fishing. But with the opening of the Convention Center just a few days ago, Davis may be busy with his new business.

"I think the convention center is a little different now," he says. "Through today, the mission has been to run a profitable business. That is mandatory to what the Convention Center is about. It's about bringing economic impact."

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