

ALUMNI CHAPTER UPDATES

SUU Alumni Chapters across the U.S. are accomplishing goals and reaching for success! Whether the focus is to spread the word about SUU within certain geographic areas or to raise money for scholarships, collectively and individually, our chapters are making a big difference. The Salt Lake Area Chapter has already awarded two scholarships for the fall 2004 semester. Additionally, the Las Vegas Area Chapter and Phoenix Chapters will soon be awarding scholarships from their fund raising efforts and have had a lot of fun along the way doing it.

The Southern California Chapter's annual family picnic in the park for prospective SUU students and alumni helps to



Salt Lake Chapter President, John Redd

acquaint new students with SUU alumni in the So. California area creating a bond and mentorship that has long been a tradition at SUU.

On a bitter cold night just three blocks from Carnegie Hall on west 57th st., the New England Alumni Chapter hosted a reception at the home of **Glen and Marcia Nelson** (1985). The group met prior to the prestigious honor of SUU's choir

performance in Carnegie Hall. At the gathering, SUU students, past and present, in addition to many of the choir members enjoyed the opportunity to share memories about great times at SUU.

The 2004/2005 chapter efforts will begin with new leadership in the Iron County Chapter and Salt Lake City Chapters. Now serving as the president and vice president of the Iron County Chapter is **Jill Ormond Whitaker** (1999), President and **Wes Brinkerhoff** (1989) as Vice President. **Dianne Werber** (1991), was retained as the secretary with **Paul Morris**, **Clara Pickett** and **Rhea Tuft** serving as new board members. Our thanks go to **Kimber Heaton** and **Staci Bradshaw** and all the past board members for their efforts in helping to establish and build the Iron County Chapter.

Now serving as the President of the Salt Lake Chapter is **John Redd** (1997). **Michon Ott** (1999)



Iron County Chapter officers. From left: Paul Morris, Wes Brinkerhoff, Dianne Werber, and Jill Ormond Whitaker.

was elected as new vice-president and **Laura Albiston Flowers** as the secretary. Thanks to **Mark Russell** (1974), **Jessica Christopher**, **Mechelle Mellor** (1994), and past and present board members for their hard work and leadership in establishing and building the Salt Lake Chapter.

From dinner and theater events to silent auctions and picnics or even taking in a ball game, chapter members are enjoying their association with each other, while raising desperately needed scholarships and SUU awareness from Washington D.C. to Washington County, Utah and beyond!

Super COACH

SUU Gymnastics Coach **Scott Bauman** was invited to work with the New Zealand National Olympic team during the summer of 2004. Coach Bauman was approached by Mary Wright, an icon in the gymnastics arena along the Wasatch Front who has produced some top notch gymnasts for college programs. Wright, a native of New Zealand, asked if Bauman would be interested. Of the conversation Scott said, "If nothing else it was an honor just to be asked to participate." He further stated, "I'll be working with all levels and ages of the team... and I'm not opposed to recruiting some New Zealanders, if they're up to our standards!"

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50 Year Club celebrates the class of 1954 at Homecoming

The annual gathering to SUU's 50 year club will take place on October 8th at 10:30 am with a reception in the Whiting room of the Hunter conference Center on the campus of Southern Utah University. All members of the 50 year club are invited to attend and renew those associations that were so meaningful while pursuing their educations. Come and reminisce about such things as your favorite professor, your prom experiences, your first time living away from home, and how you passed or flunked that really hard exam. Remember that special someone who made your heart all-a-flutter when he or she would pass by or speak to you.

Clarence Jolley ('54) has been selected by the 50 Year Club

Board to represent his class at the Luncheon. Clarence has led a very productive life since leaving BAC. His entrepreneurial endeavors have led to several successful ventures that have taken him virtually around the world. It was while at BAC that he met **Mary Lou Pendleton**. According to Clarence, Mary Lou was the smartest and most beautiful girl on Campus, a fact that was later confirmed when she was named valedictorian of the class of 1953. Clarence and Mary Lou married the day after graduation. Following Mary Lou's death in 1996, Clarence married Dorothy Ruth Reyneke. Born in Johannesburg, South Africa, Dorothy hold two degrees from the University of Utah.



Clarence Jolley

Clarence has served as president and founder of several marketing companies during the ensuing years and is the current president and developer of Dixie Springs, Inc., a 1400 lot development near Sand Hollow Reservoir in Washington County, Utah.

Alumni Awards to be presented at Homecoming 2004

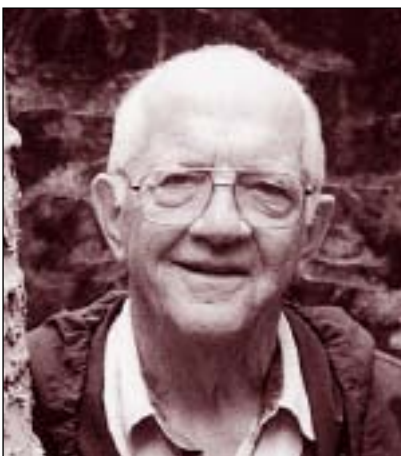
OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS

Outstanding Alumnus/nae Awards will be presented to D. Eldon Lunt and Mildred Sargent Cardon at the Alumni Banquet during homecoming activities October 8th in the Gilbert Great Hall, with a reception beginning at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m.

D. Eldon Lunt ('40), who resides in Texas, is a model of the spirit of the founders of SUU. That spirit comes to him naturally as two of his grandfathers, Senator Henry Lunt and Representative Wilford Day spearheaded the legislative effort to promote Branch Normal School (BNS), to Branch Agricultural College (BAC) in 1913. Following his education at BAC Eldon became a pilot for Braniff Airways, retiring after 30 years of service in the industry. He then pursued his interest in ranching and real estate development in Texas and Oklahoma. During his real estate career he has gained much wisdom. He says, "Always buy property upstream."

Otherwise, you'll be trying to pump against gravity—and the sewer costs will kill you." His hard work, integrity, dedication and business savvy have proved valuable assets in his long and very successful career. Now residing in McKinney, Texas, Eldon and his family continue to have great influence on SUU, Cedar City and the state of Utah.

Mildred Sargent Cardon ('51 Education), has through the years, been an example of the hard work and dedication that embodied the founders of SUU. Never one to seek the spotlight she has none the less been an integral part of the development of SUU from the time she graduated until the present day. Born and raised in



D. Eldon Lunt

Cedar City, to David L. And Mildred Pinnock Sargent she was the 8th of 9 children. Following her graduation from Cedar High School she attended and graduated from BAC with an associate degree. At commencement that year she also received the Citizenship Award. She married Thomas B. Cardon, In May of 1951. He passed away October, 24 2000. Mildred has always been active in community affairs; the first of which was raising 6 sons and then turning her energies to the Iron county School district where she retired after 15 years of service. She served as president of the PTA and as a member of the board. She also served on the SUU Alumni Council for two years. She continues to serve on the Main Street Task Force, Utah Summer Games, Downtown Parking Authority, Women's Crisis Center and finds time to volunteer as an usher in the Heritage theatre.

ALUMNI DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Alumni Distinguished service Award recipients for 2004 are Forrest Parry and Austin Jones.

Forrest Parry has been one of the University's most and dedicated and devoted advocates since graduating from BAC. A real



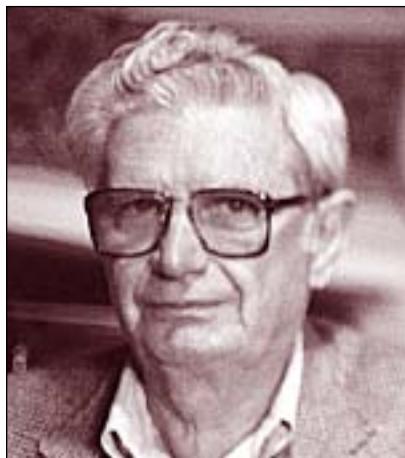
Mildred Sargent Cardon

live nephew of his Uncle Sam, Forrest was born on the Fourth of July, 1921 to Edward H. and Marguerite C. Parry in Cedar City, Utah. He is a direct descendant of Isaac Haight and John Parry, pioneer settlers of Southern Utah. Following his graduation from BAC he entered the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland in 1942 and graduating in June of 1945 graduating early because of World War II. As a reservist he volunteered to serve during the Korean War, receiving the Bronze Star with valor for his actions when his ship was torpedoed and suffered the most casualties of any other ship during that war. In 1957 Forrest began a 30 year career with IBM where he was responsible for developing groundbreaking technologies in



Forrest Parry

the computer industry and the electronic medium leading to the production and distribution of technologies that reach every corner of the globe. These include the Optical Character Readers, Universal Product Code, (UPC), checkout systems, and the Advanced Optical Character Reader (AOCR) to sort mail. Incidental to these notable accomplishments, Forrest invented (using his wife's iron and magnetic tape) the first plastic ID card used by the CIA. This led to the advent of the magnetic strip found first on fare cards for BART and later on Credit Cards and ATM Machines and others.



Austin Jones

A native of Cedar City **Austin Jones** has left an indelible mark wherever he has lived and worked. He is the son of H. Marvin and Lucy Austin who were also graduates of this great institution. After graduating from then BAC in 1940, Austin attended the University of Utah. He then enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he graduated from Radio Material School with special training in radar technology. The application of the principles he learned there were to serve him well throughout his military career in the South Pacific theatre during WWII as a radar specialist with a Navy amphibious unit. After the war,

Austin returned home and worked for KSUB, and Western Airlines when the company established the first commercial air service to Cedar City. Recruited by the Philco Corporation, he worked to restore the radar capabilities that had deteriorated after the war. He rejoined the Navy during the Korean War, serving in Japan in an aviation squadron. Following his Korean experience he returned to Philco, where he continued his field engineering work of restructuring and expanding early warning facilities for the remainder of his professional career. His career took him virtually around the world from New York, San Francisco, to Hawaii, Guam and the Netherlands, where he met and married Magda Markovics, a music student and a native of Budapest, Hungary. Since his retirement in 1983 he has enjoyed traveling, reading, walking and gardening. He lives now in St George, UT.

YOUNG ALUMNI

Steven Messer and Natalie Coombs Pflieger have been selected to receive the Young Alumni Award at homecoming. Instituted just two years ago the Young Alumni Award is presented to Alumni who are younger and yet who have made, and continue to make contributions to the Association mainly through service and activity. Both Steven and Natalie are involved in the Arizona Chapter of the Alumni Association, Steven serving as president and Natalie serving as activities coordinator.

Steven Messer ('94 *Business*), a Phoenix attorney, licensed to



Steven Messer

practice before the United States District Court, District of Arizona, devotes much time and energy to insuring that activities are well publicized and attended, taking a personal approach to making sure all are contacted and invited. During the past year and a half he has missed only one activity and that because of family obligations. Steven is the son of Richard and Joyce Messer of Cedar City, is married to Michelle and between them they are the proud parents of 6 children.

Natalie Coombs Pflieger, a 1992 graduate of Southern Utah

University, has been active in SUU's newly formed alumni chapter in Phoenix and currently serves as activities



Natalie Pflieger

coordinator. Additionally, she works at the Arizona Office of the Auditor General, where she manages efficiency and effectiveness reviews of school district operations, and assists with the development of an annual report reviewing the spending of each of the state's 220-plus school districts. While at SUU, Natalie worked for 4 years at the University's newspaper, *The Thunderbird*. She was also honored to be named "Freshman of the Year," as well as "Outstanding Business Student of the Year" at graduation. Natalie earned an M.B.A. degree from Utah State University in 1993 and a private pilot's license in 1998. She and her husband Michael currently reside in Scottsdale, Arizona. **S.U.**