

# ALUMNI FOCUS

**David Houle** ('77 *Physical Education*) was recently featured in the USA Today newspaper for coaching his teams to 64 state titles in 25 years. Dave coaches at Mountain View High school in Orem, Utah, where his girls track team took state this year for the 16th time in his tenure there. In other sports, his teams have garnered 11 girls basketball titles, 16 girls cross country championships, 10 boys cross country titles and 11 boys track titles. Dave has previously been inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame.



**Rosemary Jacklin** ('84 *Physical Education*) was recently named one of the top 11 Educators of the Year at the Granite Education Foundation Awards ceremonies. Selected from 4,000 educators in the Granite School district, candidates were evaluated on the basis of their application of the principles of the art and science of teaching including the effective communication of subject matter, deep concern for the needs of students and on their ability to create a "Love of Learning." Rosemary teaches American History at Bonneville Junior High School. She said, "There are moments in childhood when the door opens for each student to catch a glimpse of their future. I hope to be holding that door open for as many students as possible."

**Tim Lewis** ('70 *Physical Education*), one of Utah's most successful coaches was inducted into the Utah Sports Hall of Fame on May 12, 2004, at the Hall of Fame Foundation dinner at the South Towne Exposition Center in Sandy. Coach Lewis is the only basketball coach in Utah history to win boys and girls state championships with Timpview boys in 1988 and Jordan girls in 1991. Tim is one of the coaches who through his success has contributed to the moniker of SUU being the Coaching Factory, a name bestowed on the institution by the late Dan Pattison, a sports writer for the Salt Lake Tribune in light of the large number of highly successful coaches who have graduated from SUU and its former designations.

**Rodger Fairless** ('74

*Physical Education*) was inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame at Harrah's June 23rd, 2004. Rodger coached 19 years in the Clark County School District, compiling a 493-80 record for a remarkable .860 winning percentage.

"It was a pretty exciting thing," Fairless said. "I didn't ever expect that." He is one of 40 coaches from around the country to be inducted at the luncheon. Rodger's teams won 12 state titles, including a state record six in a row at Green Valley from 1993 to 1998. Resigning in 1999, he said he was surprised to learn of the selection. "It's a pretty nice honor when you are not expecting something like that." He is quick to note that "Any award I get is a reflection of my players and coaches. I'm just lucky my name's being put on it." During his tenure as a high school coach he has had his share of great players. He coached 5 players who went on to play in the major leagues including four-time Cy Young award winner Greg Maddox currently of the Chicago Cubs.



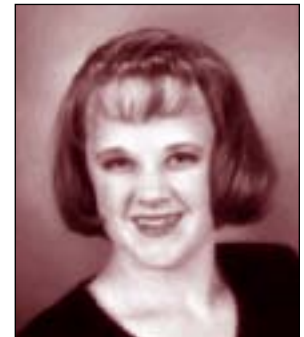
**Cami Perkins** ('01

*Communication*) received her J.D. from the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas, on May 14, 2004. Cami graduated summa cum laude. Of Cami, **Neal Cox**, Dean of Students at SUU, stated that she was a great student during her years here, excelling both in and out of the classroom. She was a writer for the University Journal as well as being active in campus life.



**Lisa Nielsen Young** ('02

*Communication with Journalism & Advertising emphasis*) just completed a 14-month stint as the editor of The Morgan County News in Morgan, Utah. Working in a smaller market, she had the opportunity to do a little bit of everything— from reporting and editing to photography. One assignment she particularly enjoyed



was covering prep basketball and the 3A state tournament, which took place on the SUU campus. At the Utah Press Association's annual Better Newspaper Contest March 25-27, The Morgan County News received awards for best feature story, best range-of-publication ad campaign, and best in-house promotion.

"I'm pleased with the results of the contest," Young said. "The Morgan County News has come a long way in a year and it's nice to know that other people appreciate that. Even as I move on to try other things, I'll be watching to see the exciting changes that the paper will experience as Morgan County continues to grow."

**Jason C. Farrington** ('99 *Political Science*) has joined the law office of Piper Rudnick in Las Vegas, NV. In January of 2004 after receiving his J.D. from the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada. Jason, who is experienced in all areas of bankruptcy law, comes to an office largely known for

its Labor and Employment practice. He arrives at Piper Rudnick at a time when the firm is dramatically expanding its presence in the West, having just opened a San Francisco office and doubled the size of its Los Angeles office in a year.

"We are delighted to welcome this capable young lawyer to our Las Vegas office," said Gary Moss, partner in charge of the firm's Las Vegas office. "His presence here enables Piper Rudnick to improve and augment the services it offers its corporate clients." Jason will work closely with partners in the firm's national Bankruptcy group.

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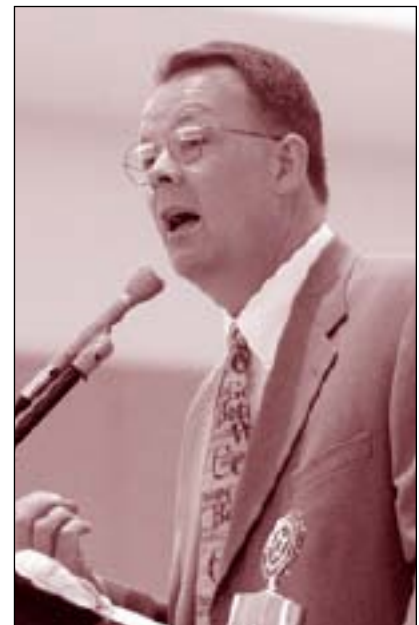
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## Scott Burns appointed to new anti-doping position

**Scott M. Burns** ('80 *Political Science*), former Iron County Attorney recently accepted a position with the World Anti-doping Association (WADA). Prior to his new assignment, Burns served in the Bush administration for two years as a member of the White House Committee for Illegal Narcotics and addiction. He was an assistant "drug-czar." He then moved on to become the director of the Bureau of State and Local Affairs for the Office of National Drug Control Policy. When WADA was organized, Burns realized that he might have a chance to make a difference in the areas of sports and politics, both areas that he has a passion for. In this new capacity he oversees representatives of 40 nations as they strive for a global agreement on how drugs, steroid and other medication would be allowed, and implementing them across the board. "If a substance gives an athlete an advantage in one sport and that sport bans it, it only makes sense that all sports ban it," said Burns.

WADA will over-see the testing, penalties, implementation and everything having to do with substance abuse in sports. This becomes very important especially in light of the fact that according to Burns and others, "Kids are beginning to use steroids and other performance enhancing drugs by age 12. From little league baseball to high school soccer to the National Football League, sports are such an important part of our society that this problem must be addressed. The long-range effects of using these substances over time are staggering, and we will either address it now or address it when these athletes get older."

Scott was a member of the first Cedar High School state basketball championship team and was awarded a basketball scholarship at SUU. After his first year playing basketball he was recruited to play football for the thunderbirds, becoming one of the most successful quarterbacks in school history. He said of his playing days, "We didn't lift many



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weights and we didn't use many drugs. Now we have it backwards. Too many are using too many drugs, and not enough are using weights."

Upon graduation from SUU Burns earned a law degree which eventually led him into politics becoming the Iron County Attorney for several years prior to his move to Washington. Scott is married to Alice and they have a daughter Carly.