

ALUMNI CHAPTER UPDATES

Las Vegas

The Las Vegas Chapter of the SUU Alumni Association held its second annual event on July 16, 2005, at the Stratosphere Hotel. The group met in the Twilight Room at the top of the Stratosphere for a sumptuous dinner and silent auction. Following the dinner, Nate and Rachel Holman entertained the crowd of more than 60 of the most loyal and supportive alumni from the Las Vegas area. They performed a hilarious duet of *Anything You Can Do* from the popular musical, *Annie Get Your Gun* and a wonderful rendition of *All I Ask of You*, from *The Phantom of the Opera*. As the evening progressed, the dazzling lights of the Las Vegas Strip added another dimension to the beautiful setting. The event raised well over \$6,000 to be used to help students from Nevada attend SUU.

Arizona

Officers and committee members of the Arizona Chapter of the SUU Alumni Association completed another successful event. The 2nd Annual Spring



Annie Blackburn, Christin Arnold, and Jeri Russell enjoy the Salt Lake Chapter Stingers Baseball game.

training activity featured watching the San Francisco Giants as they hosted the San Diego Padres. The chapter met for a picnic prior to the game.

Washington, D.C.

Subsequent to the highly successful event of having **Michael O. Leavitt**, then-Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, speak to alumni and friends from other Utah institutions, the DC Alumni Chapter welcomed a new president. **Michael Wasden** stepped into another role as he entered graduate school. **Justin Harding** has accepted the

assignment to serve as president of the Washington, D.C. Chapter. The committee is always looking for unique opportunities to engage SUU alums.

Northern Utah

The third annual edition of the dinner theatre event was a great success. The Salt Lake Chapter gathered at the E-Center prior to the performance of the *Slipper and the Rose* across the street from the theatre. Committee members were successful in securing many sought after silent auction items for the event. As a result of their hard work, two SUU students from the Salt Lake Valley were awarded scholarship grants.

The Salt Lake Chapter followed that event with their other signature event, a trip to Franklin Covey Field to attend a Salt Lake Stingers baseball game.



Matt Stahle, Michon Stahle, Meche Mellor, Mark Barton, and others enjoy the Salt Lake Chapter picnic at Liberty Park.

Washington County

The Washington County Chapter just held its first official activity. Following a barbecue at **Charlie Jackson's** home in Ivins, the group made the short trip up Snow Canyon to attend a performance of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat* at the Tuacahn Theatre. Twenty-five people attended this wonderful activity. The leader of the group, **Jason Hunter**, indicated that he is excited to build upon the success of this event and is looking forward to planning other luncheons and activities in the future.

Iron County

The Iron County Chapter has a new president, **Leeon Jeffs**, who was just appointed to fill the vacancy left by **Jill Ormond Whitaker**. She is moving to Las Vegas.

The chapter is once again gearing up for events for Homecoming 2005, namely the

Super Sorrel 5K Run, the Decades Reunions and the pre-game tailgate party prior to the football game. Please see center of magazine for all the Homecoming events, and plan to attend.

Utah County

The Utah County Chapter is in the final stages of organization, having held two meetings and gearing up for its first activity planned for mid-August at the home of **George Curtis ('71)**. George recently retired from BYU where he was the head athletic trainer. His retirement culminates a remarkable career which saw him recognized both nationally and internationally for his work in strength and conditioning.

Southern California

Southern California Chapter members continue to have a positive impact on recruitment efforts as the president, **Ralph Spence**, has coordinated two very successful College Fairs and represented the university well by

encouraging high school students to attend SUU. This summer, on August 6th, the group hosted a picnic in the park in Southern California for incoming freshmen. Also three of our alumni from this group have been selected to receive awards at Homecoming, (*see page 10*), this fall in Cedar City. Each are deserving of their awards and epitomize the dedication and loyalty to the University and to their communities and professions.

We invite all alumni to visit the website www.suu.edu/alumni and find out additional details as they become available.

If you're looking for another alum and would like him or her to get in touch with you, just fill out the form on the Alumni Classmate Connector page on the SUU website at www.suu.edu/alumni/search.html

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The Utah County Chapter is in the final stages of organization.

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