

# SUU Founders Day 2005

March 11, 2005 marked the celebration of the founding of Southern Utah University with the recognition of two prominent and dedicated friends of the institution. Receiving Distinguished Service Awards were Marie "Ree" Zaphiropoulos and Lyman Munford.

Additionally Henry W. Lunt was honored for his remarkable contributions to this great institution during its early years. The honor was culminated in the unveiling of his portrait to be placed in SUUs' Hall of Honor in the Steve L. Gilbert Great Hall.



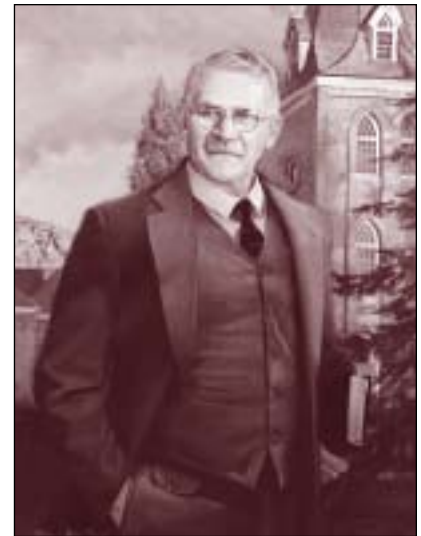
## Marie "Ree" Zaphiropoulos

was cited for her giving so freely of her time and talents for the betterment of the university and the community. She has served on numerous community and university boards including being active in the Utah Shakespearean Board, the friends of the Braithwaite Art Gallery, and the SUU Rodeo Team, to name a few. She has also received several community awards including Woman of the Year by the Cedar City Area Chamber of Commerce and the Community Achievement Award presented by the Iron County Home builders Association. "Ree" and her husband Renn have been enthusiastic ambassadors of goodwill in promoting SUU and its various programs which have impacted countless individuals throughout the Western United States.



## Lyman Munford

was cited for his many years of commitment and service to SUU. During his tenure at the institution he received the recognition by his peers, and administrators as well. As a professor he received Distinguished Educator, Professor of the Year, and Utah Technology Educator of the Year awards. Lyman's contributions were further manifested by his generosity of donating one years salary to the institution to aid future students in their quest for an education. Also noted was his service to the community in many capacities that have added to the outstanding quality of life here. Listed were his contributions to the Boy Scouts and to those less fortunate who live in our community.



## HALL OF HONOR

**Henry W. Lunt** was numbered among the successful agriculturists and stock growers of the Cedar City area. While serving as State Senator, Henry helped pass the bill which changed the Branch Normal School to the Branch Agricultural College in 1913. He donated 80 acres of land to the BAC in order to satisfy the requirement for land to be used in teaching agriculture to its students. Henry was a member of the College Boosters group which visited neighboring towns to promote the BAC as the education center for Southern Utah. As a leading citizen of the area, Henry was deeply committed to seeing that then BAC become a great college and was liberal with his time and money to facilitate this goal.

Henry was very active in civic affairs. He served as State Senator from the 11th Senatorial District from 1911 to 1913; was County Commissioner from 1914 to 1920; served as Mayor of Cedar City one term and as a member of the City Council three terms. He was President of the Iron County Telephone Company for many years, Vice President of the Iron Commercial Bank at Cedar City (organized in 1917), and Director in the Cedar Mercantile and Livestock Company.