



## Desirae Ball chosen as Miss SUU 2005

A 21-year-old junior majoring in Psychology, and from Gunnison, Utah, Desirae Ball captured the title the second weekend in February during a glamorous scholarship pageant in the Randall Jones Theatre at Southern Utah University.

She competed against 18 other young women in the categories of Private Interview (40%), Talent (30%), Evening Wear (10%), On-stage Interview (10%) and Swimsuit (10%).

The Miss SUU pageant is an official preliminary event of the Miss America pageant. Desirae, will now compete in the Miss Utah Pageant in June. Each contestant in a Miss America organization pageant must have a

platform, an issue or program that she commits to support throughout her reign, should she be crowned a winner. Desirae's platform is to educate people on the negative influences of the media. "I don't think I chose Media Influence as my platform, I think it chose me!"

In addition to the Miss SUU crown, Desirae won a \$2000 scholarship, \$1000 toward her Miss Utah expenses, and many other prizes and gifts from various sponsors. "I feel so strongly about the Miss America organization," she says. "It has truly influenced where I am today. It has made a difference in my life in so many positive ways."