

# New dean takes over at College of PVA



Bill Byrnes (*left*) brings a rich background in teaching and leadership in the arts to his capacity as Dean of the College of Performing and Visual Arts at Southern Utah University.


Bill comes to SUU from Florida State University where

he was the Associate Dean of the School of Theatre. He also served as Director of the MFA Theatre Management graduate program while at FSU. His text, *Management and the Arts*, now in its third edition, is widely used in arts management courses throughout the world (including SUU). The translation of the second edition into Chinese was recently published and an Indian translation of the 3rd edition is due out in late 2005.

Prior to his service at Florida State, he worked for more than 22 years in a variety of roles at Oberlin College, in Oberlin Ohio, home of a highly regarded liberal arts college with an outstanding Conservatory of Music.

He was the president of the U.S. Institute for Theatre Technology (USITT) in 2000-02. USITT is a 3600-plus international membership association of professionals in design, production and technology in the performing arts. He is a Fellow of the Institute and was given the prestigious Founders Award in 1996 for his continued service to USITT and the theatre profession. He served as a board member and officer in USITT for more than 15 years.

Bill noted that, "The transition to SUU has gone wonderfully well. We have a talented and dedicated faculty and staff here who are doing outstanding work in the arts. I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know the many fine alumni of SUU around the country."

Mr. Byrnes works with more than 35 faculty and staff and over 400 majors in the departments of Art and Design, Music, Theater Arts and Dance, and the MFA in Arts Administration to develop, promote, and strengthen the College and its programs. In addition, he has oversight of the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery, the American Folk Ballet and works with the Tony Award-winning Utah Shakespearean Festival. 



*Right: SUU Assistant Professor of Dance Paul Ocampo, performing with his fiancée, Chien-Ying Wang.*