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FOUNDERS' DAY 2006

March 25, 2006, has been selected to celebrate the 109th anniversary of the founding of Southern Utah University. Each year the celebration brings new and exciting developments in the storied history of SUU.

Founders' Day is the day to celebrate past sacrifices, and the unconquerable spirit of those who have gone before us, and to recognize that same spirit and commitment of those who followed their example in our day. Portraits of those who sacrificed through their singular commitment are now enshrined in the Steve Gilbert Great Hall in the Haze Hunter Conference Center.

Activities of the 2006 celebration will begin with an open house and tour of the Michael O. Leavitt Center for Politics located on the Garden Level of the Gerald R. Sherratt Library. The Special Collections section of the Library has been renovated to accommodate, and exhibit the memorabilia and papers of former Utah Governor **Michael O. Leavitt** ('78), who currently serves as Health and Human Services Secretary to United States President, George W. Bush (*see related story on page 17*). The Open House will begin at 3:30 p.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the displays and exhibits.

Diana Graff, Dean of Library Sciences said, "The library is grateful that Michael O. Leavitt has chosen the Sherratt Library to become the repository of Secretary Leavitt's collection, representing his eleven

years as governor of the State of Utah. This collection including papers, photos and artifacts will be made available to the public over the next several years—much of which will also be available on the web." She adds, "This collection will be a valuable resource for researchers. We invite both the university community and the public to visit this beautiful room in Special Collections."

Following the open house, the Founders' Day Banquet, beginning at 5:00 p.m.,

ACTIVITIES

3:30- 4:30 p.m. Open House and tour of the Michael O. Leavitt Center for Politics on the Garden Level of the Gerald R. Sherratt Library

5:00 p.m. Founders' Day Banquet in the Sharwan Smith Center Ballroom. For tickets and information call 435-586-7775

5:45 p.m. Presentation of the Hall Of Honor Inductees: Michael O. Leavitt, James and Beverly Sorenson

6:15 p.m. Special Announcement

7:00 p.m. Concert performed by the Orchestra at Temple Square in the Centrum Arena. For tickets call the Centrum Box Office at 435-586-7872

9:00 p.m. Formal Dance in the Steve Gilbert Great Hall. Tickets may be purchased at the door



will be held in the Sharwan Smith Center Ballroom. Traditionally "modern founders" are introduced, and inducted into the University's Hall of Honor. A formal presentation of the honorees' portraits to be permanently placed in the Steve Gilbert Great Hall in the Haze Hunter Conference Center is part of the ceremony. Three such individuals will be honored that evening.

James and Beverley Sorenson and **Michael O. Leavitt** will be inducted into the University's most prominent place of honor—the Hall of Honor.

From the Ballroom, the evening's activities will continue just down the hallway in the Centrum Arena. The Orchestra at Temple Square will present a concert performance for the community. The concert is slated to begin at 7:00 p.m.

The Orchestra at Temple Square was created in 1999 under the direction of LDS Church President Gordon B. Hinckley as part of the creative initiative to continually strengthen and expand the capabilities of the Church music organizations, and to enhance the quality of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir performances. Like the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, the 110-member Orchestra is purely a volunteer organization. Many members of the



The Orchestra at Temple Square.

HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEES



James Sorenson
Medical equipment innovator, successful businessman/entrepreneur and generous supporter of SUU.



Beverley Sorenson
Community and business leader, home career pioneer, and generous supporter of the arts and education.



Michael O. Leavitt
Former governor of Utah, former head of the Environmental Protection Agency, and current U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Orchestra are professional musicians who give their time and talents to support the Church without any financial compensation.

A formal dance has been scheduled for everyone following the concert and will begin at 9:00 p.m. in the Gilbert Great Hall. The dance is free with ticket to concert. For those who are unable to attend the concert, dance tickets can be purchased separately through SUUSA.

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