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C O L L E A G U E S !

I hope everyone had a relaxing break enjoying time with loved ones. Holidays are a great time to recharge, reaffirm commitments, and come together to share laughs, stories, accomplishments, and ambitions.

The year of 2004 was a great success story for Southern Utah University. Together, in the past twelve months, we managed to conquer many heights. Recognition of the university as being a top-ten institution of higher learning for quality and value coupled with the designation of one of the best in the west signified what SUU is all about. We are a quality institution with caring faculty and staff, an institution with high touch and high energy, and a place of sanctuary for our deserving students and their parents.

It never fails to amaze me how we come together and focus our energy in the face of any obstacles and adversity. Coming out of a couple of years of declining and flat budget years and becoming a nationally recognized institution with a soaring enrollment is indicative of the quality of the people who make SUU a special place to learn and work. We should all be proud of our collaborative work and celebrate our devoted services to our students, community, and state taxpayers who have embraced SUU as their institution.

In December, we learned that the Board of Regents' Program Review Committee responded favorably to our Communication faculty and their proposed letter of intent to offer a master degree in Professional Communication. Other programs under their review are a minor in Legal Studies and an Associate of Arts/ Science in General Studies. Two additional degree program proposals that are being developed are a BS in Outdoor Recreation and Parks Management and an MS in Forensic Science. We are hopeful that the SUU Board of Trustees and the Utah Board of Regents will review our bid for these programs favorably.

This past fall, we implemented an online survey to gauge our students' opinion on how our academic advisement is working and what change they believe is necessary in delivering a quality academic advisement. Their valued input will be reviewed and analyzed by academic advisors and colleges and acted upon soon.

In months to come, we will see many changes that will make the educational experience of our students even richer. In addition to anticipating favorable accreditation visit results from ABET, the Engineering Accreditation Board, and NATA, the National Athletic Training Accreditation Board, we will host the National Association of Schools of Dance visiting team in March, to review our offerings in the SUU dance program. In addition, in the month of January, we will open our first comprehensive academic tutoring center with adjoining offices for the Student Success Center advisors and staff. The new facilities, along with the added services to our students, are a result of a comprehensive retention strategy that SUU embarked upon a couple of years ago.

Shortly, we will embark on a campus-wide planning and assessment to align academic unit goals and objectives with those of the newly approved strategic plan. This comprehensive strategic planning will shape the landscape of our university for the next five years. The process needs to be inclusive and requires input from every stakeholder to connect our goals and objectives to the process of outcome assessment and budgeting.

We are an institution on the move and fruits of our labor will continue to spread our message of high quality and high touch nationwide.

Have a successful spring semester.

Abe Harraf

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<http://www.suu.edu/academics/provost/nwsltr.htm>

IMPORTANT DATES for Spring Semester

January

- 03 Faculty Contracts begin
- 3-7 College/School/Dpt Meetings
- 10 Classes Begin
- 14 Last Day of registration
- 14 Applications for Leave approved by Board of Trustees
- 17 **Martin Luther King Jr. Recess**
- 21 **Final Dpt revisions of catalog to Provost Office**
- 24 Applications for Rank & Tenure due to Provost
- 24 Last Day to drop without "W"
- 28 **Dean's Final Approval of Catalog**

February

- 1 Scholarship Application Deadline
- 11 Fall 2005 Schedule to Registrar
- 21 **President's Day Recess**

March

- 3 First Block ends
- 4 Second Block begins
- 7 Maymester and Summer Schedules due to Registrar
- 14-18 **Spring Break**
- 18 Applications for Rank & Tenure approved by the Board of Trustees
- 25 **Good Friday Recess**
- 28 **Easter Holiday**

April

- 15 Deadline for awarding Scholarships
 - 29 Spring Class Instruction ends
- ### May
- 3 Study Day
 - 3-6 Finals
 - 7 Commencement
 - 9 Maymester Begins
 - 9-13 College/Schools/Dpts Outcome Assessments
 - 15 Faculty Contracts End
 - 27 Maymester Ends
 - 30 **Memorial Day Recess**
 - 31 Summer 1st Session Begins

June

July

- 1 Summer 1st Session Ends
- 4 **Independence Day Recess**
- 5 Summer 2nd Session Starts
- 24 **Pioneer Day Celebration**

August

- 5 Summer 2nd Session ends
- 10 Grades Due
- 16 Faculty Contracts Begin
- 16 General Opening Meetings
- 18-19 College/School/Dpt Meetings
- 22 Deans and Chairs Academic Leadership Retreat
- 29 Fall Semester Classes begin

School of Continuing and Professional Studies Study Abroad, International Programs, and National Student Exchange

■ Direct Exchange Programs

Study for a semester or year at one of our six partner schools in Mexico and Europe. Pay SUU tuition, use your scholarships and financial aid, and get an international addition to your education! Think study abroad's not affordable? Think again!

SUU Partner Schools:

- Monterrey, Mexico- Universidad de Monterrey- all majors, classes in Spanish & English
 - Olten, Switzerland- University of Applied Sciences, Northwestern Switzerland- Business, Social Sciences & Engineering, classes in English
 - Pforzheim, Germany- Pforzheim University- Business and Engineering, or one semester in English for Certificate in International Business, classes in German & English
 - Salzburg, Austria- University of Applied Sciences & Technologies- Business & Engineering, classes in German
- And More to Come...

■ National Student Exchange

Don't want to go out of the country but still feel like getting out of Utah for a bit? Through National Student Exchange, you can study for a semester or year at one of over 177 universities in the United States and Canada while paying SUU tuition and using your scholarships and financial aid just like you were here! NSE is the perfect way to broaden your mind, your education, and your horizons.

■ Faculty-led Summer Programs

Study for 2-4 weeks in Europe with other SUU students and faculty members to lead you. Most programs offer up to six credits, and you don't have to pay extra for tuition. Program costs range from \$1,722-\$2,353, around \$2,000 less than other universities charge.

- English & Theater in London- June 30-July 15 - \$1,722
- Spanish in Granada, Spain- May 31-June 30 - \$1,800
- German in Leipzig, Germany- May 11-June 11- \$2,000
- History & Political Science in Europe (Germany, France & Switzerland)- June 1-June 15- \$2,000
- Business & Banking in Europe (Germany, France & Switzerland)- May 9-May 23- \$2,353

For more information on any of these please check out the study abroad website:

<http://www.suu.edu/scps/studyabroad/summer.html> or contact Alla Paroiatnikova, Director of International Programs at (435) 586-1995 or paroiatnikova@suu.edu

Alan Hamlin was elected President of Mountain Plains Management Association and has been invited to speak at Oxford University. Topic is EU/US Currency Fluctuations, and its Impact on Bilateral Trade Relations, Commerce and International Lending.

Gerald Calvasina has one paper in print and 2 papers accepted for publication in Journals: "Harassment in the Electronic Workplace", Journal of Contemporary Business Issues, Volume 12, No. 1, Spring 2004, pp. 90-95, with Joyce Beggs and Ed Jernigan. "Improving the Oral Presentation Skills Of Accounting Students: An Experiment" accepted for publication in the Journal of College Teaching & Learning, with David Christensen, David Reese, and Jeff Barnes. "Whistleblower Protection and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act" accepted for publication in the Journal of Contemporary Business Issues with Joyce Beggs and Ed Jernigan.

Emmett Steed had the following paper accepted for publication July 2004: "An Examination of Hotel Pricing Methods: Practiced and Proposed" with Zheng Gu, Journal of Revenue and Pricing Management 3(4) 2005." He also presented at the annual hospitality educator conference in Philadelphia and at the annual conference for the International Council for Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Education (CHRIE), July 2004. **Emmett Steed** attended the first meeting of the Utah educators of recreation and tourism and agreed to participate in the Institute of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism (IORT), November 2004.

Best conference paper from the College of Teaching and Learning Conference (October 2004, Las Vegas). was awarded to **David S. Christensen, Jeff Barnes, David Rees, and Gerry Calvasina**. The paper has been accepted for publication in the Journal of College Teaching and Learning.

The 2004 "Driessnack Distinguished Service Award" was presented to **David S. Christensen** at the 16th Annual International Integrated Program Management Conference at Washington D.C. this fall. This award is given annually by the College of Performance Management (CPM), affiliated with the Project Management Institute, for years of service to CPM and

involvement in earned value project management. For information about CPM see <http://www.pmi-cpm.org/index.html>.

The **Professional Accounting Club (PAC)** The accountancy program is experiencing an exciting problem: more job offers than students. Most of the accounting students graduating this semester have already accepted jobs with accounting firms. In the last few years the placement rate of our graduate accounting students has been nearly 100 percent.

Tim Lewis has published ten articles (primers) related to the U.S. Constitution. His articles are posted to the web page of the Constitutional Freedom Foundation at <http://www.constitutionalfreedomfoundation.org/index.html>.

Kathy Black and **Jeff Barnes** made several presentations at tax school conferences at Saint George and Salt Lake City to CPAs and attorneys.

John Groesbeck was invited to attend two Oxford Round Tables. The first on the Economics, Politics and Financing of Education, Oxford England, July 17-22, 2005. The second topic is International Trade and Workers' Rights, Oxford England, July 31-August 5, 2005.

Professors **Joe Baker, Kim Craft** and **David Tufte** were awarded a contract to work with a team of USU faculty to examine the demand and supply for Tuition Tax Credits in Utah schools. The final report was presented to the Utah legislature in November.

Five new graduate tax courses were added to the MAcc program. Tax Practicum was created in anticipation of a \$100,000 grant from the IRS to provide low-income tax assistance to the region. Several of these courses are planned to be offered on-line during the noon hour. A brochure that explains the new tax initiative will be available soon on the Professional Accounting Club's web page at <http://www.suu.edu/orgs/pac/>.

MBA Classes in St. George Spring Semester 2005
MGMT 6300 Human Resource Law Thurs. 6:00 - 8:50 p.m.
ECON 6200 Managerial Economics Wed. 6:30 - 9:20 p.m.

■ The CSIS Department has undergone extensive curriculum revision. The curriculum now will meet ABET standards when seeking accreditation.

The Department offers a Bachelor of Science Degree in:
Computer Science Composite,
Computer Science Composite--Forensic Science
Emphasis, and
Computer Science Composite--GIS Emphasis.

The Department also offers a Bachelor Science Degree in Information Systems Composite.
An Associate of Applied Science Degree in Information Technology is also offered with three emphases: Business Systems, Networking, and Security.

The Department has the following minors:
Computer Science (Non-Teaching),
Computer Science Emphasis in Teacher Education,
Computer Science Emphasis in Forensics, and
Information Systems (Non-Teaching).

■ Last spring the Japanese engineering organization (Computer Aided Forum by Senior Engineers (CAFE)) negotiated the right to translate **Richard Cozzens'** book "CATIA V5 Workbook" into Japanese. The translation is now complete and the book is being sold on their website and used in the University of Tokyo. The Chairman of the Board of Directors Mikio Obi has expressed interest in visiting SUU sometimes this spring semester. The success of the translated book has prompted the CAFE organization to start negotiations for the rights to translate two of **Richard Cozzens'** other books, "the Advanced CATIA V5 Workbook" and "The Inventor Workbook". A copy of the translated book appears on their website: <http://www.npo-cafe.jp> The site listed below shows the cover of the workbook. http://www.npo-cafe.jp/book_CatiaV5_catalogue.php

■ In June 2004, **Jeff Salehi** presented a paper in the area of "Innovation in Engineering & Technology Education" at an international conference in Olomouc, Czech Republic, sponsored & organized by the International Network for Engineering Education and Research (INEER). Jeff's paper was published in the proceedings of the INEER-2004 conference.

■ Four members of the Chi Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda attended the National Leadership and Competition Conference in Denver, Colorado, July 8-13,

2004. Kristi Beck placed first in the nation in Computer Concepts and Malinda Ekker placed second in the nation in Future Business Teacher and received an award of \$200.

■ The math department has received the Exist Exam Scores from ETS. As a department they scored in the 80 percentile. Individual students scores reach into the 99 percentile.

SUU Army ROTC

(part of the School of Business)

We currently have 55 cadets enrolled in our program. Some of these cadets are just learning about the military and others are contracted and will be commissioned as Officers upon graduation from school.

Over the summer our training continued by sending seven Advanced Course Cadets to Leadership Development Assessing Camp where they attended and successfully completed Warrior Forge at Fort Lewis WA. Two Cadets attended Airborne Training for three weeks at Fort Benning GA. One Cadet attended CTLT (cadet leader training) with an Infantry unit in Fort Bragg, NC. This was a three-week training where the cadet works along side an Active Duty Officer, similar to an apprenticeship. One Cadre member supported Warrior Forge 04 as a Protocol official through the summer. Three Cadre members supported Global Patriot 04, which is a state exercise that involves the Air force and Army in joint exercises that cover Homeland security and Force protection.

SUU has had the George C. Marshall Award winner for the Battalion for the past three years. This award is presented to the most outstanding cadet in the Battalion who demonstrates the qualities of George C. Marshall. Our Battalion consists of BYU, UVSC and SUU. We recently had two cadets recognized by Cadet Command with two separate scholarships. Cadet Douglas and Cadet Skinner, were awarded these scholarships from USAA and General Abrams foundation awarded \$1000.00 to each cadet.

To date 30 cadets have been commissioned.

HIGHLIGHTS

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

■ SUU's Master of Education program continues to grow. Beginning this past Fall semester, courses can be taken in the traditional classroom setting, online via the web, or via two-way interactive television. Cohort groups of practicing teachers have enrolled from Utah Valley, Salt Lake County, San Juan School District, Iron County School District, Carbon County School District, Emery County School District, Washington County School District, and teachers in Las Vegas.

■ In September 2004, the Elementary and Secondary Education Departments sponsored a one day "Teaching All Diversity Conference" with guest speakers from Monterrey, Mexico and around the region. Approximately 75 teacher education candidates attended. Prospective teachers received orientation on working with minority students and parents, including addressing minority issues into instruction, and broadening their overall awareness to the many cultural and ethnic differences that make up our society. **Genell Harris** coordinated and planned the conference for the College.

■ On August 27-28, 2004, the College of Education sponsored a National Board Professional Teaching Standards seminar in Salt Lake City which was attended by education faculty from each of the higher education institutions in Utah. The conference focused on the inclusion of National Board Professional Teaching standards into master of education programs. **Deborah Hill** presented the workshop which was sponsored by the Utah Council for National Board Professional Teaching Standards.

■ A review team from the National Athletic Training Association (NATA) conducted a site visit to SUU in November 2004 to assess SUU's Department of Physical Education for their readiness to receive NATA accreditation. The self study for accreditation was prepared by **Ben Davidson**. For the May 2005 graduation, 13 Physical Education students are scheduled to graduate from SUU's Athletic Training bachelor's degree program. A decision on accreditation is forthcoming.

■ SUU's Head Start program received \$2.6 million in federal funding to continue operation of the federal Head Start program which serves 417 children and families in a six county region of southern Utah

(Millard, Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Washington, and Kane counties).

■ **Rick Lambson** was named Chairperson of the Physical Education Department in January 2005. During Fall semester of 2004, **Jean Lopour** had served as interim chair.

■ **Margaret Dixon**, Associate Professor of Special Education retired from SUU following 12 years of service in the College of Education

■ During the Fall semester 2004, faculty members in the College of Education produced 12 journal publications and over 20 presentations at professional conferences.

■ More than \$13,000 was awarded to College of Education faculty from the Provost's Faculty Development Fund for continued efforts in scholarly activity.

■ **Christie Ford**, a graduate from SUU's Physical Education Department was named "Teacher of the Year" in the Clark County School District. Clark County School District is the 5th largest school district in the United States. Nathan Slaughter, a 2004 Athletic Training major passed his NATA Board of Certification exam in November 2004.

■ **David Lund** had a presentation at the 54th Annual Meeting of the National Reading Conference, in December in San Antonio, TX titled "Changing Views about Critical Thinking Over Time and in Intentional Spaces in Pre-service Technology Pedagogy Courses."

■ **Verlinda Angell** also presented at this same conference. The National Reading Conference is an organization of the top reading researchers in the world.

■ **David Lund** has also just finished writing a chapter for a book on vocabulary instruction that will be published by Scholastic sometime this Spring. The chapter is tentatively titled "Enhancing Vocabulary Instruction to Meet the Needs of Today's Generation of Gifted Students".

■ **Gwen Sharp** will be joining the History and Sociology Department as a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Sociology. She has a BA degree from the University of Oklahoma and Masters and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison (defense expected January 3, 2005). She has published in the field of rural sociology and has done field work in Arizona, New Mexico, and the South. She has had teaching experience at both community college and university levels, most recently as a Lecturer at UW-Madison where she taught the "Sociology of Race and Ethnicity." We're very excited about her hiring!

■ **Wayne Hinton** recently signed a contract with Mountain West books for a book manuscript on the history of the Civilian Conservation Corps in the Colorado Plateau region (first draft due August 2005 with publication date of 2006).

■ **James Vlasich** has two books planned for publication in 2005: Pueblo Indian Agriculture (University of New Mexico Press) and Sports in American Culture (McFarland Press, 2005).

■ **Larry Ping's** book manuscript on Gustav Freytag has been accepted for publication by Professor Jeff Sammons of Yale University for his edited series, "Nineteenth Century Studies in German Literature," published by Peter Lang. Larry's book should be published in 2005.

■ **Kenny Laundra** just custom-published Freeland, a book on rural delinquency in America, with Pearson Publications.

■ **Chin Hu** had an article accepted for a peer-reviewed international journal in disability studies.

■ **Earl Mulderink** is on the planning committee for the Western Region Engaged Scholars Institute in Moab, Utah, February 25-26, 2005, and will be a presenter about developing service-learning courses. Also, the Utah Campus Compact Director, Linda Dunn, invited Earl to present a faculty workshop on service-learning at Westminster College on January 28, 2005.

■ SUU Student Association grants \$2,000 in funding to English Literary Guild.

■ **Kurt Harris** will present at the Hawaiian International Conference, January 13-16, 2005.

■ **Danielle Dubraky** gave poetry reading to the Yulci Teikei Haiku Society, Asiloman, California November 11, 2004.

■ **Todd Petersen** presented at the 39th Annual Western Literature Association Conference, Montana, September 29, 2004 and presented at the IORT meeting November 1, 2004.

■ **Kyle Bishop** presented a paper at the PCAS/ACAS conference in New Orleans, Louisiana on September 23, 2004.

■ Professor **Jill Talbot's** essay, "Two Countries" will appear in Under the Sun, A literary journal dedicated to creative nonfiction 2005.

■ **Dr. Julie Simon** just received an SUU Incentive Grant.

■ **Bryce Christensen**, presented a paper in Washington DC at a conference.

■ **SS Moorty**, in November, presented at the International Seminar in India.

■ **James Aton**, attended the 44th Western History Association Conference in October 2004.

■ **Jon Smith**, wrote, directed, and videotaped a commercial, starring some SUU Broadcasting students, that was one of eight selected from the 115 entered for the Sundance Film Festival Commercial Contest. The video will be shown between films at the Film Festival in Park City in January. The award was \$1500, a trophy, passes to the festival, and Utah Film Commission memorabilia. The commercial is to promote film making in Utah.

■ Senior Communications student, Sherry Nay, has been selected as the National Student Speaker of the Year by the Forensic Honor Society. Over 300 colleges and universities sponsor chapters of the honorary. Nay was chosen by a committee based on outstanding attributes in forensics, academics, and service to both the forensics and general community.

New Initiatives

■ A new mission statement has been developed and published for the College. (See <http://www.suu.edu/pva/mission.html> for the new text.)

■ A fundraising plan and development priority spreadsheet has been developed for all CPVA departments. The Development Office distributed a sample of the new development worksheet created by Dean Byrnes to other SUU Dean's in early December.

■ A marketing and public relations plan is being developed and CPVA event information distribution is now being coordinated from the Dean's Office.

■ A new Fine Arts Hotline phone number and messaging system is being created to help callers secure up to the minute arts event information. A systematic process for posting information to the Arts and Entertainment online calendar has also been developed and implemented. The new link is has been added to the CPVA home page to provide instant access to campus and USF arts calendars.

■ A new vision and mission statement has been created for the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery. Plans are also underway to collaborate with the Utah Shakespearean Festival on an exhibit of design work by the Festival's artists. A new Braithwaite Advisory Committee has been created to assist with the management of the gallery.

Faculty and Staff

■ **Bill Byrnes**, Dean of CPVA, has been invited to lecture again in Freiburg Germany between May 30 and June 3, 2005 at the ISW Culture Management School.

■ **Arlene Braithwaite's** exhibition, Human Nature: Insights From the Natural World, was shown at the Springville Museum during December 2004. This show will open at the St. George Museum on New Year's Eve as part of the City's First Night celebration and will run through the first week in February.

■ **Henry Brimmer** had three pieces placed in the juried regional exhibition organized by the St. George Museum of Art this fall.

■ **Eric Brown** will be presenting paper at the Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities.

■ **Susan Harris'** one person show, entitled Mythical Objects opened at the St. George Art Museum on October 22, 2004 and will run through January 14, 2005, in conjunction with The Regional, the Museum's annual all media juried exhibition.

■ **Kay Andersen's** choreography was accepted for performance at the Dance in the Desert Dance Festival in Las Vegas, Nevada. He taught a residency in Mexico for three weeks during the summer, teaching daily beginning, and advanced tap classes, also daily improvisation/composition classes. While there he set choreography on the San Juan de Latran Dance Company and taught a two week residency at New Mexico State University.

■ **Dr. Grace St. Pierre** along with **Dr. Bart Shanklin** participated in the Orchestra of Southern Choral Festival and conducted their choral ensembles on that program of multi-cultural music in September. Also, as part of the Music Departments goals to reach out into the community and perform at venues other than Thorley and campus the SUU Concert Choir and Brass Ensemble performed a concert in November at St. Jude's Episcopal Church.

■ **Dr. Patrick Roulet** returned for this third season as the Timpanist and Principle Percussionist with the Bellingham Festival of Music in Bellingham, WA. He will also be part of the Orchestra of Southern Utah benefit recital series and the Orchestra of Southern Utah Choral Celebration, along with other SUU faculty members: **Xun Sun**, **Carol Ann Modesitt**, **Virginia Stitt** and **MiJung Choe**.

■ **Dr. George Stoffan** performed in a recital at the International Clarinet Association Conference at the University of Maryland.

■ **Dr. Christine Frezza** composed three original scores for Henry IV, Part One, Winter's Tale and Taming of the Shrew for the Utah Shakespearean Festival's 2004 season. She also composed fanfares and witches' songs in Macbeth and two songs for a student production of Musical Comedy Murders of 1940.

FACULTY & STAFF

■ **Kate Grandison** received a grant to offer 4 classes this summer to help certify K-12 teachers throughout the state of Utah. This summer the classes offered were: Field Ecology, Earth Systems, Botany, and Lab Safety with a total participation of 83 teachers. 80 of these participants received SUU credit and the others receiving state education credit. The classes are held throughout the state at various locations such as Brian Head, Heber City, Salt Lake City and right here on Southern Utah University campus in the Science Building.

This program has been in existence for 10 years and is financed through the Utah State Office of Education. The advantage to this program is that it provides a partnership through many different resources on the state level and introduces teachers to people who can and are willing to help them provide a "different" style of teaching an idea to their students. This adds a wonderful experience to their students' education through a hands-on science approach.

■ **Charlotte Rosendahl Pedersen** received funding from the Provost's grant to begin research on Assessing the Role of Metals in the Catalysis of Atrazine by Bacteria Consortia. Charlotte Pedersen and undergraduate student, Janelle Larson presented their research at the National Association of Microbiologists in New Orleans, in May of 2004. Charlotte also received a Provost grant to initiate research on extremophile bacteria. Charlotte Pedersen and her undergraduate students are investigating the seasonal changes in microbial ecosystems of the Little Salt Lake, near Parowan, Utah.

■ **Robert Reed** has completed the first year of a project addressing ecology and conservation of endemic boa constrictors in the Cayos Cochinos islands off the north coast of Honduras. Bob received additional funding from the Operation Wallace Trust (with additional support from the Provost grant) to initiate field research on a threatened subspecies of a snake species (boa constrictor).

■ **John Taylor, Kate Grandison** and undergraduate SUU Students received an Endangered Species Mitigation Fund (ESMF) grant to survey wildlife water developments in the west desert region of Iron County. The use of these guzzlers by nocturnal animals, especially bats, is being compared to the use of nearby ranching water sources.

■ **Sue Finstick**, Physical Science Adjunct, presented the results of her research at the annual Geological Society of America national meeting held in Denver last month. Her talk, "Source Water Protection in a Rural Area of Southern Utah," summarized over seven years of work on drinking water source protection planning in Iron County.

■ On November 7-10, 2004, **Robert Eves** attended the Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America in Denver, CO, where he presented a paper titled "Encouraging Scientific Literacy Through Extended Natural History Field Trips That Focus on Integrated Science: GSA". **Robert Eves** was also co-author on another paper and participated in data gathering and planning for a CD Rom-based virtual field trip, to be published during 2006 by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). The field trip will look at the Cretaceous reference section first described by Bill Cobban of the USGS during the 1960's, and now recognized world wide as a late Cretaceous stratigraphic marker. **Robert Eves** has been volunteering with the USGS for several years, and this is the current project.

■ **Mark Colberg** presented research at the 2004 Geological Society of America meeting in Denver this past November. The presentation was entitled "Significance of Biotite Textures in Amphibolite Facies Metapelites: Deep Extension in the Northern Snake Range, Nevada". This is an ongoing project that should yield some highly significant results important to geologist's understanding of the formation of the Basin and Range (Great Basin). This original research is performed at SUU and has involved numerous students.

■ In June of 2004, **Laura Cotts** developed and taught a week of science modules to 120 children, aged 5-11, at the Intermountain Suzuki Institute. These "Wonder Scientists" classes are offered as enrichment sessions to children who come from different parts of the US and also overseas for a week of intensive music development. This year the classes focused on the scientific method and on linear and circular motion. In October, 2004, **Laura Cotts** presented a workshop at the Utah Council Teachers of Mathematics - for mid elementary through community college level - on a strong hands-on visual approach to understanding fractions. This method helps make sense of the "fraction rules" that often seem confusing to students.

■ Media Services

During University budget cutbacks in 2002, Media Services became self supporting which mandated all costs including salaries would be funded by revenues. Since that time the ELC Media Center and the Copy Center in the library have made many changes in an attempt to become self-supporting. Prices of services and materials have been increased, one and one half staff positions have been cut, and the number of copy machines and other equipment reduced. The substantial fund balance that has allowed Media Services to continue for the past three years is depleted. Since no other funding source is available, it is clear that Media Services cannot continue in the present form. Watch for changes as services are transferred, shifted to the library or eliminated.

■ Utah's Article Delivery

UTAD-Utah's Article Delivery service-has had a long and successful run supplying students, staff and faculty at all of Utah's institutions of higher education with journal articles. When our library did not own a particular journal, UTAD would find it at another library in the state and fax a copy of the article to you. If the journal was not owned anywhere in the state, your request would be passed on to a commercial document provider who charged a fee which was paid by UTAD. UTAD has worked very well especially for SUU; however, success is killing it. Copyright fees have skyrocketed. As a result, this will be final year of UTAD's article delivery. The Utah Academic Library Consortium (UALC) is looking into alternatives, hopefully direct desktop delivery.

■ Cuts Endanger Scholarship Resources

Access to scholarly information decreases each year because libraries can no longer afford to pay publishers for information. Wayne J. Peay, Director of the Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library, observes: "Journal publishing is being dominated by large corporations with the goal of continuing to deliver 20-30% profit margins." The Eccles library is canceling \$150,000 of their subscriptions because of price increases. One way SUU faculty can help reduce this impact is to select a publisher that does not charge these exorbitant prices to academic libraries. One such publisher is SPARC. Find out more at their website.

<http://www.arl.org/sparc/resources/index.html>

■ Databases

Inflation continues to require the Utah Academic Library Consortium (UALC) to cancel databases. The latest one to be cancelled is CISTI (Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information) which contained 15 journals. During Spring Semester, UALC will carefully examine the content of the two major business databases: ABI Inform and Business Source Premier. Duplication of content and usage statistics do not warrant the continuation of both database subscriptions.

■ **Nickerson, Matthew** published an article "Online Multimedia Exhibits: A Case Study in Technology and Collaboration" in a special issue of *Library Hi Tech*, 22.3 (2004): 240-276.

■ Primary Research Literature Available in Annual Reviews

Are you looking for important primary research? Consider the online Annual Reviews. This source critically reviews the most significant primary research literature for 29 focused disciplines within the biological, medical, physical and social sciences. You can search across all disciplines at once or the discipline of greatest interest.

■ 17,335 Unique Serial Titles Available

The news on serial subscriptions has been so grim the past few years that it is time for good news. In a recent analysis of our access to journals, magazines, and newsletters, it was discovered that SUU faculty, staff and students can read articles from 17,335 unique journal titles. These include print and electronic titles. How could anyone not love Pit & Quarry or Gallstones and Gallbladder Disease? Check in the Full Text Journal Finder on the library web page (<http://www.li.suu.edu/>) for your favorite journal.

New Web Links on Grants Page

Professional societies can be an important place to search for research and general support. Faculty seeking more funding for research and service activities can now search from a new societies link and from updated foundation and government lists on the grants web page. Numerous new sources have been identified for beginning research support or for travel and conference activities. Sample website entries on the grants page are: Utah Funding Sources (State List) <http://www.suu.edu/academics/provost/grants/utah.htm> Society listing: American Educational Research Association (AERA) <http://www.aera.net>, Funding Areas: Educational research grants/fellowships. Submission Cycle: twice a year.

Provost Fund for Faculty Incentive Grants

The Provost's Office announced a new funding program for faculty which is designed to support large research and institutional projects for proposals to external funding agencies or to foundations. Four applications were received in December. Active funding is to occur in the spring semester, 2005. The link for guidelines is <http://www.suu.edu/academics/provost/grants/RFP/incentive.doc>. Please contact the Office of Sponsored Research & Grants for more information. The program is in a trial phase; a decision to continue will be made at the end of the spring round.

National Science Foundation Award

The project is under the direction of the interdisciplinary team of Professors Dru DeLaet, Helen Chuang Boswell, Michael Grady, Lamar Jordan and Kim Weaver who were awarded \$41,178 from the NSF

Collaborative curriculum enhancement: undergraduate instruction in Chemistry, Biology, Computer Science and Forensic Science is an effort to launch a new undergraduate program in Forensic Science. A long-term impact of the project will be to provide the state of Utah with much needed field experts in the area of criminal investigation.

SUU - new participant in the Colorado Plateau Cooperative Unit

The Colorado Plateau Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CPCESU) is a network of five federal agencies and universities in seven states. The interaction among the members of CPCESU helps create more opportunities for research, education, and technical assistance in

support of the management and stewardship of the Colorado Plateau's natural, cultural, and social resources. For more information, contact Harold Ornes, ornes@suu.edu.

PROVOST FACULTY DEVELOPMENT GRANT

The Provost Faculty Development Grant committee met in November to award grants to faculty for various presentations, research, and projects that improve pedagogy, increase scholarly work, and benefit SUU and its students. There is a maximum cap of \$3,000 per faculty member per year. There were 33 proposals in this last round that were funded. The awards for the this round are below:

College/School	Amount Awarded
Business	\$4,260
CIET	\$3,831
Education	\$13,493
HSS	\$7,289
PVA	\$4,270
Science	\$3,000

The next round of RFP's has already begun. There is approximately \$35,000 for this round of funding. You can find the forms at <http://www.suu.edu/academics/provost/grants/rfp/rfptemplate.html>. The forms are available in Microsoft Word format. If you have any problems with the forms please contact Jennifer Hunter at ext. 8610 or hunterj@suu.edu.

The deadline for the next round is Friday, January 21, 2005 by 3:00 pm. Travel and research dates must fall between April 1, 2005 and June 30 2005.

There is also now funding for faculty in non-tenure track positions, as well as for international research, travel and program development.

There are 3 rounds each year. Deadlines for the RFP's are

- 1) the second to the last Friday in April (for funds to be used from July 1 to December 31),
- 2) the last Friday in October (for funds to be used between January 1 and June 30),
- 3) and the second to the last Friday in January (for funds to be used between April 1 and June 30.)

For a complete list of all grants that have been awarded you can check out the Provost's website at: <http://www.suu.edu/academics/provost/grants/rfp/FY05award.html>

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C O L L E A G U E S !

I hope everyone had a relaxing break enjoying time with loved ones. Holidays are a great time to recharge, reaffirm commitments, and come together to share laughs, stories, accomplishments, and ambitions.

The year of 2004 was a great success story for Southern Utah University. Together, in the past twelve months, we managed to conquer many heights. Recognition of the university as being a top-ten institution of higher learning for quality and value coupled with the designation of one of the best in the west signified what SUU is all about. We are a quality institution with caring faculty and staff, an institution with high touch and high energy, and a place of sanctuary for our deserving students and their parents.

It never fails to amaze me how we come together and focus our energy in the face of any obstacles and adversity. Coming out of a couple of years of declining and flat budget years and becoming a nationally recognized institution with a soaring enrollment is indicative of the quality of the people who make SUU a special place to learn and work. We should all be proud of our collaborative work and celebrate our devoted services to our students, community, and state taxpayers who have embraced SUU as their institution.

In December, we learned that the Board of Regents' Program Review Committee responded favorably to our Communication faculty and their proposed letter of intent to offer a master degree in Professional Communication. Other programs under their review are a minor in Legal Studies and an Associate of Arts/ Science in General Studies. Two additional degree program proposals that are being developed are a BS in Outdoor Recreation and Parks Management and an MS in Forensic Science. We are hopeful that the SUU Board of Trustees and the Utah Board of Regents will review our bid for these programs favorably.

This past fall, we implemented an online survey to gauge our students' opinion on how our academic advisement is working and what change they believe is necessary in delivering a quality academic advisement. Their valued input will be reviewed and analyzed by academic advisors and colleges and acted upon soon.

In months to come, we will see many changes that will make the educational experience of our students even richer. In addition to anticipating favorable accreditation visit results from ABET, the Engineering Accreditation Board, and NATA, the National Athletic Training Accreditation Board, we will host the National Association of Schools of Dance visiting team in March, to review our offerings in the SUU dance program. In addition, in the month of January, we will open our first comprehensive academic tutoring center with adjoining offices for the Student Success Center advisors and staff. The new facilities, along with the added services to our students, are a result of a comprehensive retention strategy that SUU embarked upon a couple of years ago.

Shortly, we will embark on a campus-wide planning and assessment to align academic unit goals and objectives with those of the newly approved strategic plan. This comprehensive strategic planning will shape the landscape of our university for the next five years. The process needs to be inclusive and requires input from every stakeholder to connect our goals and objectives to the process of outcome assessment and budgeting.

We are an institution on the move and fruits of our labor will continue to spread our message of high quality and high touch nationwide.

Have a successful spring semester.

Abe Harraf

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<http://www.suu.edu/academics/provost/nwsltr.htm>

■ Festival Awarded two NEA Grants

One grant is for \$25,000 in support of the Festival's annual Shakespeare-in-the-Schools touring production And the other grant is for \$20,00 to help fund the Festival's upcoming production of Doctor Faustus.

■ Charles L. Metten, the new Director of Plays in Progress for the Utah Shakespearean Festival was honored by the Provo Utah Arts Council and received a National Arts and Humanities Award this fall.

■ The Utah Shakespearean Festival's Festival Publications Team received a Gold Pinnacle Award from the International Festival and Events Association for its 2004 Souvenir Program this fall.

■ Scott Phillips, Utah Shakespearean Festival's managing director, has been invited to serve as a theatre grant review panelist for the National Endowment for the Arts in December.

Small Business Development Center

The SUU Small Business Development Center's mission is to be southern Utah's leader in facilitating small business development and entrepreneurship education. For the year ending September 2004, we had a banner year having trained approximately 650 business leaders and managers in our community. The topics included: the new sales tax changes, marketing, marketing research, accounting, legal issue, hiring and firing of employees, and QuickBooks. In addition, we have provided free professional consulting to over 180 new clients. We have estimated the impact to the community is approximately 90 new jobs.

We are currently planning a Cedar City area business survey to determine the educational and training needs for our businesses. This survey will be sent to over 1600 businesses in conjunction with our partners at the city. We anticipate final results by the second quarter 2005. The SBDC and the School of Business will be happy to share these results with any interested parties.

Upcoming CPVA Events

Thursday, January 27, 2005 - The SUU Art Department Faculty Show opens at the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery. Hours are 12-7, Monday-Friday until March 4.

Thursday, February 10, 2005 - Theatre Production - Wait Until Dark directed by U opens in the Auditorium Theatre at 7:30pm through February 19.

Thursday, March 3, 2005 - Journeys: A Faculty Dance Concert, Randall Jones Theatre at 7:30pm through March 12.

Thursday, April 7, 2005 - Senior Portfolios open at the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery. Hours 12-7, Monday-Friday until May 5.

Thursday, April 14, 2005 - Theatre Production - The family musical Oliver! opens in the Randall Jones Theatre at 7:30pm through April 23.

For updates on the event schedule, link to the Arts Calendar on the CPVA homepage: <http://www.suu.edu/pva/>

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