

Seven great faculty and staff retire from SUU

Seven retiring faculty and staff members of Southern Utah University were honored as part of the activities during graduation ceremonies on May 7th. Retirees and their spouses conversed with colleagues over a meal, about retirement plans, memories, and the future of SUU. They also received a special gift of appreciation from the SUU administration. President Bennion, along with other senior administration representatives, was on hand to applaud the service to the institution of these seven fine individuals, who together have provided 186 years of great contributions to SUU.



Bonnie Bishop, Associate Professor of Family and Consumer Sciences, has been teaching full time at

SUU since 1969; See "A Family Tradition" story at www.suu.edu/alumni/magazine/spring02/tradition.html

She was named Distinguished Educator in 1989. Bonnie served her entire 38 years as a faculty member at Southern Utah University. Over the years, she has been the key person in promoting the image and reputation of the SUU Pre-school center. Literally hundreds of students in the Early Childhood Development program have been her pupils over the years and thousands of youngsters have been under her supervision in the SUU Pre-school Center.



David Braegger, Associate Professor of Biology, has been teaching students at SUU since

1965. David was dedicated to improving the quality of the institution throughout his career. He was instrumental in acquiring the cadavers for the pre-med programs, better preparing students for medical school. Additionally he served as an academic adviser to student-

athletes to ensure their eligibility to participate on athletic teams while at SUU.



Dan Dail, Associate Professor of Agriculture, has been teaching students at SUU since

1988. Dan had a great ability to communicate with his students and with administrators alike. He was a great friend to students but was also very professional. Dan came to SUU at a critical time in the development of the agricultural program. In addition to his work on campus, he was committed to being active in the community, helping with the Southwest Livestock Show as well as other events. He was also the adviser to the Block and Bridle Club for several years.



Margaret Dixon, Associate Professor of Special Education, has been teaching students at

SUU since 1993. She had previously served as a faculty member at North Texas State University, at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, at the University of Utah, Brigham Young University, and the University of Arizona.



Richard Tebbs, Professor of Mathematics, has been teaching students at SUU since 1965. He is

known as the founding father of mathematics/computer science at SUU, developing both programs in 1965 and 1968 respectively. He served for 10 years as the first department chair. He received the Outstanding Educator Award in 2002.



John Hayes, Technical Director in the Centrum, has been serving students at SUU since 1994. His work

in preparing for concerts, ball games, commencement and other activities has been outstanding in every way.



Maxine Stolk, After a 30-year career at Southern Utah University, Maxine Stolk closed the Registrar's

office door for the last time on June 30, 2005. During her tenure, the school's enrollment more than tripled, giving Maxine more and more information to track. Following her personal example, the office team she built is capable, caring and deeply committed. Although always occupied with heavy tasks, Maxine has been quick to pleasantly respond to requests from students, faculty and staff. She was named Outstanding Staff Member in 1986.