

Bagpipe band a local fixture

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CEDAR CITY – The Scarlet and Black Pipe Band, modeled after the Cold Stream Guard Band, (the queen's band at Buckingham Palace), has been entertaining Cedar City residents for the last 25 years with an authentic style and charisma.

According to the Web site <http://scarletandblackbagpipe-band.com> the pipers got their start in 1984 when C. David Nyman, acting chair of SUU's music department, along with Southern Utah State College President Gerald R. Sherratt, (currently Cedar City mayor), and aided by David Barclay of the Utah Pipe Band, decided to put together an ensemble that would be unique to SUSC.

Bruce Barclay, David Barclay's son and one of the original members of the group, said after losing his father several years ago he really felt the need to revive the band as a way of honoring and reconnecting with his heritage.

Barclay said right from the beginning the band became an instant success going from just learning how to play to competing in competitions in the same semester because of its



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THE SCARLET AND BLACK Bagpipe Band plays at the Scout Expo in May. The group has entertained residents for 25 years.

elite style taken from the Cold Stream Guard Band.

"David Nyman spent a lot of time working directly with the Cold Stream Guard Band in London to make our band as authentic as possible," Barclay said. "The band was very unique because there really were no other colleges doing this sort of thing back then."

Since then the group has continually evolved and gained attention from "all over the West, competing at Highland festivals in such places as Estes Park, Colo. (and) Tucson, Ariz. and was one of 13 university Bands that was invited to and participate in the 100th Anniversary of Coca Cola in Atlanta, Ga.," the Web site reported.

Jeff Fisher, alumnus and the director of development

at SUU said the Scarlet and Black Bagpipe Band is truly an inspirational group.

"I love the sound of the bagpipes; they prepare me, like preparing for war," Fisher said.

"They really are an emotional instrument that inspires us all," he added.

Barclay said that the group is always looking for new members who are interested in playing with the band and any interested parties should approach them even if they don't know how to play yet.

The Scarlet and Black Bagpipe Band is scheduled to play at Cedar City's Concert in the Park on Monday at 6 p.m.

For more information about the band or its upcoming events go to scarletandblackbagpipe-band.com.