



# Dean's Update

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## NEW PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

The School of Teacher Education is developing a new Master of Arts Degree in Teaching (MAT) that will combine up to nine units of credential program coursework with master's degree work, resulting in a program that is unique in the College of Education. Several concentrations within this program are being planned, including language arts and literacy, reading, mathematics, and elementary and secondary curriculum and instruction. The program of study centers on the California Standards for the Teaching Profession, with a focus on building teaching expertise leading to increasingly higher student achievement. Watch for this program, which will include a blend of online and face-to-face instruction, to begin in 2008.

## BEVERLY BOOKER CONSULTING FOR COLLEGE BOARD

Counseling and School Psychology's Beverly Booker presented a full day workshop on law and ethics for the College Board's Annual AP Conference in July. This one-day workshop used case studies to help participants improve their knowledge and understanding of the ethics of equitable programs, malpractice in academic advising, legal requirements governing educational records, the legal and ethical practice of writing letters of recommendation, the impact of dual relationships, the responsibilities of professional distance, the complications of confidentiality, and minors' rights to privacy.

## ADVANCED SEMINAR IN INTERNATIONAL PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION COUNSELING

Between July 23 and September 3, 2007, Drs. Nan Zhang Hampton and Marjorie F. Olney, Associate Professors of Rehabilitation Counseling, will offer a course entitled Advanced Seminar in International Psychiatric Rehabilitation. The course covers psychiatric rehabilitation literature related to policies, services, and attitudes toward people with psychiatric disabilities in different countries and regions, with a focus on Asia and Europe. Course contents will be delivered through a combination of online learning and in class lectures. Students will receive classroom training in Hong Kong, visit a variety of psychiatric rehabilitation agencies, meet with professionals, interact with persons with psychiatric disabilities in Hong Kong, and attend the international conference of the World Federation for Mental Health in Hong Kong, to learn the best practice for people with psychiatric disabilities around the world. Additionally, students will explore Hong Kong and the Chinese culture to examine how cultural differences impact people with psychiatric disabilities.

## INTRODUCING COMET!

The Department of Educational Technology is pleased to announce COMET—Cohort Online Masters in Educational Technology. This is a distance program offered exclusively to California teachers interested in theories and strategies that underlie technology use in the schools. The curriculum is project-based and focused on: course, unit, and lesson design; the integration of podcasts, GSP, blogs, wikis, WebQuests and other mediated formats into instruction; evaluation of educational programs and materials; and the creation of instructionally-sound games and simulations that learners can't help but enjoy. The first group of 20 students from all around the state begins the program in Fall 2007, with Dr. Bernie Dodge (bdodge@mail.sdsu.edu) serving as the Cohort advisor.

## EDTEC STUDENTS EMBARK ON INTERNATIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Congratulations to EDTEC students Daniel Novak and Fenimore Johnson. Each received a substantial International Graduate Scholarship to offset expenses associated with an overseas learning experience this summer. Daniel's special study is focused on mobile learning. He's working collaboratively with Dr. Minjuan Wang and her colleagues at Shanghai Jiao Tong University (<http://www.sjtu.edu.cn/english/index/index.htm>). Fenimore's directed internship is sponsored by the University of Twente—part of the Consortium for Higher Education Exchange in Instructional and Information Technologies (CHEXIT; <http://coe.sdsu.edu/chexit%2Dsdsu/about-american.htm>). His client is Outer Quartile Range in Rotterdam, where he'll be part of a team exploring ways to make the web more accessible to people with disabilities.

## IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Dr. James E. Flood. Jim died on Sunday morning, July 15, 2007 after a three-year battle against Myelodysplasia Syndrome. Jim is survived by his wife, Dr. Sharan Flood, retired faculty member in the SDSU School of Teacher Education, his two children, Johanna and Bart Flood, father-in-law Anthony Ryan, sister Margaret Kurmis, and brother Frank Flood. Jim came to the College in 1982 where he was a Professor in the School of Teacher Education. He held a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Catholic University, a Master of Arts degree in English Education from New York University, and a Ph.D. in Language and Literacy from Stanford University. A Celebration of Jim's life will take place on Monday, July 30th at 10:30 am at the Church of the Immaculata at the University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, CA.