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## Message from the Dean



**Dr. Diane D. Allen, Dean, College of Education and Human Development**

Welcome back to what I hope will be a less stressful, less confused semester. The fall semester seemed never-ending, but we survived. Thank you for your willingness to assist our students in spite of all you faced in your personal lives.

In this inaugural newsletter from my office you will find information about upcoming events and activities for the spring. I am particularly excited about our lecture series, "Conversations...on Diversity" February 13-16. This is an area that has been identified as an area for improvement in our College and will be the focus of many university activities beginning this spring. It is fitting that our College should lead the way in striving to set the standard to which others in the University will aspire. Dr. Dembowski will initiate the series with his presentation about his work in Somalia.

Dr. Almido Aquino of Paraguay will follow on Tuesday the 14th. with a lecture/discussion on the native peoples of his home country and the crisis they are facing with maintaining their native language. Dr. Echols will finish the week with her presentation on the issues of color.

Our NCATE SPA committees are beginning their work to be submitted for review to their national organizations in Spring of 2007. They will need the cooperation and input of all, so please respond when they ask.

The Task Force Committees are continuing their work, and we have renewed participation of our colleagues in the other Colleges. You will be asked to assist with the collection of data, and I expect that you will do so. The revised conceptual framework is available on bookmarks or posters. Please contact Dr. Evans if you need either of these.

On the back page is a calendar of events and deadlines. You will notice that I have changed some of the times of the *Coffee with the Dean* dates. Some faculty had requested that I host some in the afternoons to accommodate faculty who teach primarily in the evening, so I have done that. The coffees are held alternately in the TEC and White Hall; all faculty are invited to all coffees regardless of their "home" building. I look forward to openly discussing whatever is on your mind. Past discussions have been lively and enlightening. I hope you will find time to stop by.

As always, I am available to discuss your good news, concerns, and/or questions.

Regards,

*Diane*

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### Upcoming Events

#### **American Heart Walk,**

February 11, 9:00 AM, SLU Pennington Center. For More Information, contact Dr. Bill Neal (bneal@selu.edu)



# College of Education and Human Development Student Ambassadors

In early Fall 2005 student organizations within the College selected members to represent their organizations as the first cohort of **College of Education and Human Development Student Ambassadors**. Students were selected on the basis of their academic achievement, their willingness to learn about all programs in the College, and their ability to volunteer at least 10 hours per semester.

The Fall was a challenging semester; however, the ambassadors were still able to contribute time to the College by representing

us at *Senior Day, Graduate Hooding Ceremony, and Homecoming*. They were easily recognized in their green *College of Education and Human Development* t-shirts and their big smiles.

Plans for the Spring 2006 semester include various recruiting events, Honors Day, Honors Convocation, Conversations Lecture Series, and Graduate Hooding. The Ambassadors are also planning a scholarship fair for students in our College. If you would like the Ambassadors to help with your activity or event, please contact Robin Walz, in the Dean's Office, (ext. 2217, or email: [rwalz@selu.edu](mailto:rwalz@selu.edu)).



**Ambassadors for education** who posed with Southeastern's Laboratory School mascot, "Roary," are, from left, junior, Art Clement, graduate student, Cissy Cutrer, senior, Kyra Bascle, senior, Matthew Chauvin and senior, Jessica Branch.

## NCATE Update

Our NCATE visit is only two years away. No pressure....yet! Our assessments and data analysis *are ongoing and will help us improve our programs. Your cooperation in completing assessments, evaluating student assessments, and using the assessment data is vital to our future success.* The Task Force Committees are working hard, and SPA committees are beginning their assignments and will be communicating with us as they proceed.

On Friday, January 13, Dr. Margie Crutchfield from NCATE was on campus to conduct a workshop for faculty from Southeastern and other Louisiana universities on preparing the Specialized Professional Association (SPA) reports. Approximately 90 people attended. Comments on the workshop evaluations and comments from the deans indicate that the workshop was well-received and provided valuable information.

SPA reports are due in Spring 2007, so the committees are already busy with collecting and analyzing data. These reports are the heart of our re-accreditation efforts, so please support their work in any way you can.

Drs. Beard, Keller and Palka, along with Dr. Evans, will attend an NCATE Professional Development Conference in Washington, DC in April. They will share what they learn with the faculty when they return.

### SPA Committees and Chairs

*Council for Exceptional Children:*  
Ellen Ratcliff

*National Association for the Education of Young Children:*  
Laura Richter

*National Middle School Association:*  
Marilyn Larmon

*Association for Childhood International:*  
Liz Partridge

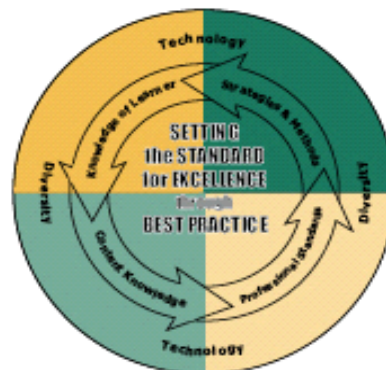
*Master of Arts in Teaching:*  
John Trowbridge

Beth Wadlington will serve as a "roving consultant" to all committees.



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### CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK



#### Vision

The faculty of the College of Education and Human Development prepares candidates to become effective professionals who set the standard for excellence through best practices.

#### Mission

The College of Education and Human Development exists to serve the regional, state, national, and global communities by developing effective professionals through implementing innovative and progressive programs.

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## LCET: Louisiana Components of Effective Teaching....

Data from the LCET: *Louisiana Components of Effective Teaching* summative evaluation report used in methods courses with 290 teacher education candidates were aggregated for the Fall 2005 semester. The teacher education candidates in early childhood, elementary, middle school, secondary, and MAT programs were evaluated on their performance in field experiences, teaching different grade levels and subject matter. The data are available by program level, program major, grade level, and/or subject matter and vary from the overall results. Overall strengths and areas of concern in candidates' performance are identified for each component in the following table.

### Summative Evaluation Fall 2005

	<b>STRENGTH</b>	<b>AREA OF CONCERN</b>
<b>PLANNING</b>	MATERIALS	INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES
<b>MANAGEMENT</b>	ORGANIZATION	MANAGES TIME
<b>INSTRUCTION</b>	SUBJECT MATTER	INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES
<b>ASSESSMENT</b>	MONITORS PERFORMANCE	INTERPRETS/UTILIZES TEST RESULTS

For additional information or analyses, please contact *Flo Winstead*, Director of Assessment and Program Evaluation.

## Response to Katrina

Are you as glad as I am that last semester is behind us? Katrina and her aftermath was one of the most stressful times I can remember during my career. I am very proud of how we reached out to each other and to those in our communities after the storm. Many of our own lost their homes or had significant damage to their homes. Our partner schools were severely damaged or destroyed, and everything was in a state of confusion. Our response took many forms, but all responses were offered in the spirit of caring for each other.

The College served as a distribution point between universities/colleagues across the country and our local school partners. We collected almost \$10,000 worth of school supplies, teacher sup-

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plies, computers and books. Even little things seemed to be worth so much to the children and teachers with whom we work.

Many of our students struggled with the demands of finding family members, negotiating with insurance agencies, locating housing **and** completing course assignments. Sadly, some could not handle the stress of everything and withdrew before the end of the semester. We are hopeful that once their lives are back in order they will return to finish their degrees. Thank you for your patience as they seek your advice and assistance.

The University registered approximately 1500 visiting students; about 100 of

those enrolled in courses in our College. We expect that some of them will continue at Southeastern as their home institutions continue to struggle with recovery.

It became apparent that we were situated perfectly to serve as a hub of research related to the impact of Katrina on schools and school children. A group of faculty joined together to design a survey that was administered to our graduate students. Approximately 200 students returned completed surveys. Faculty are analyzing data and preparing to present their findings. If you are interested in using this data for your research, please contact *Dr. Fred Dembowski* (5713).

## Conversations on Diversity

This Spring the College is launching its new annual lecture series "Conversations." The theme for this year is Diversity and will include speakers from the College as well as guests from outside the College. Our special keynote speaker will be Professor Almidio Aquino from Paraguay. He will talk with us about his experiences with the native cultures in his homeland. We have invited

students from Xavier and Dillard to attend as well and hope that "mini conversations" will occur between them and our students. I know you will want to attend several of the presentations, and please encourage your students to attend at least one. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to expand their understanding of other cultures. Each presentation will be presented twice. (See the following schedule.)

### Conversations...Schedule

02/13	<b>Dr. Fred Dembowski</b>	12:00–1:00 pm; 5:00–6:00 pm
02/14	<b>Dr. Almidio Aquino</b>	12:00–1:00 pm; 5:00–6:00 pm
02/15	<b>Dr. Celina Echols</b>	12:00–1:00 pm
02/16	<b>Dr. Celina Echols</b>	5:00–6:00 pm
03/15	<b>Dr. Millie Naquin</b>	12:00–1:00 pm
03/16	<b>Dr. Millie Naquin</b>	5:00–6:00 pm
04/12	<b>Dr. Bonnie Ahn</b>	12:00–1:00 pm
04/13	<b>Dr. Bonnie Ahn</b>	5:00–6:00 pm

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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

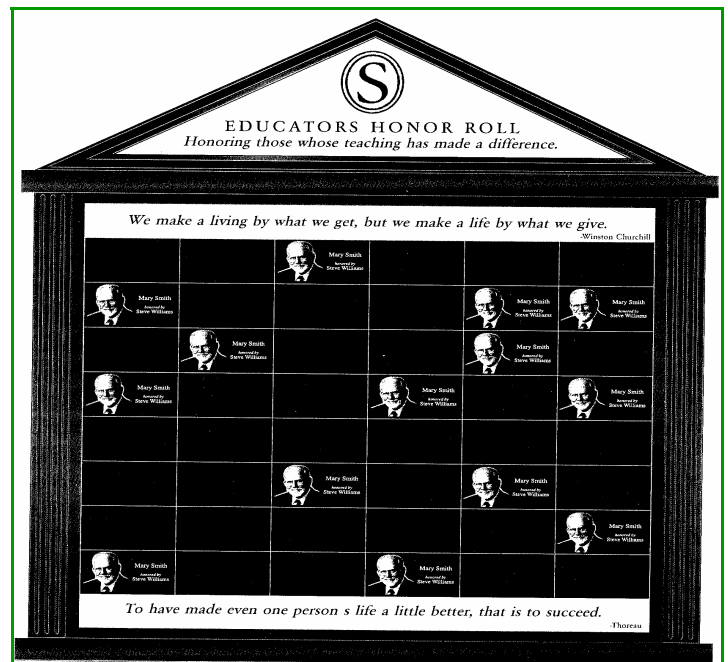
COFFEE WITH THE DEAN (TEC):	7:30 A.M.- 9:00 A.M. FEBRUARY 7
FINANCIAL AID NIGHT (STUDENT UNION):	5:30—7:30 P.M. FEBRUARY 7
JUNIOR DAY (STUDENT UNION):	10:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M. FEB 18
SCHOLARS SHOWCASE (TWELVE OAKS):	5:30—8:00 P.M. FEB 20
OMEGA MARDI GRAS PARADE**	FEBRUARY 23*
COFFEE WITH THE DEAN (WHITE HALL):	3:30—5:00 P.M. MARCH 7
NEW FACULTY FORUM:	11:45 A.M. —1:00 P.M. MARCH 8
LITERARY RALLY/ROCK-N-ROAR:	MARCH 11 (SATURDAY)
EARLY REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER:	MARCH 20—23
EARLY REGISTRATION FOR FALL:	APRIL 3—7
COFFEE WITH THE DEAN (TEC):	7:30—9:00 A.M. APRIL 4
KAPPA DELTA PHI INITIATION:	APRIL 8
NEW FACULTY FORUM:	11:45 A.M.—1:00 P.M. APRIL 12
HONORS CONVOCATION (TEC KIVA):	11:00 A.M.—12:15 P.M. APRIL 27
COFFEE WITH THE DEAN (WHITE HALL):	3:30—5:00 P.M. MAY 2
GRADUATE HOODING CEREMONY (TEC KIVA):	7:30—9:00 A.M. MAY 13
SPRING COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY (UC):	10:00 A.M., MAY 13

## The College Initiates the Educator's Honor Roll

The *College of Education and Human Development* has established the **Educators Honor Roll** as a way for family members, current or former students, colleagues, or friends to recognize the significant contributions of the educators in their lives.

The names of those honored, and the individuals who honor them, will be prominently displayed in the lobby of the Cate Teacher Education Complex. Please consider making a gift of \$500.00 to the Educators Honor Roll in honor or memory of a special teacher and help us to continue to enhance the education environment for future generations.

*\*Contact the Dean's office for more Information.\**



\*\*You are cordially invited to bring your lawn chairs and join Dean Diane Allen in front of the Teacher Education Center on February 23, to watch as the Krewe of Omega Mardi Gras Parade rolls down North General Pershing Street. The parade will begin at 6 p.m. at Southeastern's University Center. Come celebrate, catch some beads, and "Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler!!"

**HAPPY MARDI GRAS!**