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### IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### CHAIRMAN FOR WORKSHOP IN LEARNING DISABILITIES ANNOUNCED

SAN DIEGO, Calif.--The University of San Diego Department of Education has announced that Dr. Jean McCarthy has been appointed visiting professor and chairman of the Workshop in Learning Disabilities to be held June 21 through July 30.

The workshop in special education was developed by Dr. DeForest L. Strunk, director of special education at USD. Participants in the workshop will be enrolled in Education 195A and Education 195B, for a total of six semester hour credits.

"This workshop is designed for teachers and prospective teachers of children with learning disabilities, regular classroom teachers who have children with special learning problems, school psychologists, and other interested school personnel," Dr. Strunk said.

The workshop staff will include nationally known consultants in the area of learning disabilities, Dr. Strunk said. The chairman of the workshop, Dr. McCarthy, is national president of the Council for Exceptional Children's division of Children with Learning Disabilities. She is also associate editor of the publication "Exceptional Children."

She is director of diagnostic services for the Schaumburg School District in Illinois, and a consultant to the U.S. Office of Education. She is project director of a research grant to study remedies for learning disabilities.

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Oriented toward public school programs, Dr. McCarthy has conducted workshops on learning disabilities at West Texas State University, Texas Christian University, University of Rochester (New York) and in London, Ontario (Canada) for the Ontario Association for Retarded Children.

She has taught undergraduate and graduate courses at the University of Illinois on the diagnosis and remedying of learning disabilities as well as other aspects of special education. She has testified before congressional hearings in Washington, D.C., on behalf of children with learning disabilities in public schools.

An Ohioan, she received a bachelor of arts degree from Barat College of the Sacred Heart, Lake Forest, Illinois, majoring in psychology and sociology. Her master of arts from Loyola University, Chicago, was in clinical psychology. She studied under Dr. Samuel Kirk at the University of Illinois under a government fellowship and received her PhD from there in the field of administration of special education programs.

A member of the Illinois Psychological Association, she has served as chairman of the school psychology section and as a member of the advisory committee on school psychological services to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

She is an associate member of the American Psychological Association, a member of the Council on Exceptional Children, and was elected a member of Kappa Delta Pi. She is co-chairman of the program committee and member of the scholarship committee of the Fund for Perceptually Handicapped Children.

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