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## \$3m appeal for new campus

Australian Catholic University has launched an appeal to raise \$3 million to assist in the establishing of the new consolidated Melbourne campus in Fitzroy.

The new campus, which has been named St Patrick's, will be ready in February 2000 for occupancy by more than 2000 students and 200 staff. It will replace Christ Campus in Oakleigh and Mercy Campus in Ascot Vale.

To prepare for the transfer, staff from Christ and Mercy campuses attended a special 'team-building' day on 30 September at Albert by the Lake Convention Centre, Melbourne.

Professor Gabrielle McMullen, Rector, Aquinas Campus and Chair, Melbourne Consolidation Consultative Committee, welcomed staff to the Centre before Rev. Dr Terry Curtin led the Opening Prayer.

The day was held for staff to discover common ground for the future at the new

Melbourne campus. Staff honoured their past, explored their present and prepared for their future at St Patrick's.

"The day was an outstanding success," said Professor McMullen. "It achieved a great feeling of community spirit within the University and I'm sure it has helped staff from Christ and Mercy campuses to focus on themselves as a team when we occupy St Patrick's Campus next year."

Professor Peter Sheehan, Vice-Chancellor, addressed staff in the morning and presented a positive overview at the end of the day's activities, pointing to the issues that lay ahead.

### Fundraising campaign

To raise the additional funds needed for the new campus ACU is mounting a \$3m fundraising campaign - \$2 million from corporate and community donors and \$1 million from Melbourne parishes.

Already the University has received financial assistance from the Archdiocese of Melbourne through the sale of Christ Campus and part of Mercy Campus, and Federal Government funding.

Volunteer Parish Co-ordinators launched the ACU Parishes Appeal on Sunday 31 October throughout the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

On the following Sunday, 7 November, more than 80 ACU staff, graduates and students addressed a number of congregations in support of the Appeal.

The Corporate and Community Appeal Committee is headed by Mr John Ralph AO, Chairman of Pacific Dunlop.

The Parishes Appeal Committee is chaired by Fr John O'Reilly, Consultant to the Archbishop of Melbourne, the Most Reverend George Pell.

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### ACUweb online

ACUweb, an online education initiative of the University, went online from 16 November 1999, delivering university-accredited courses to students both domestically and internationally.

ACUweb currently offers a range of quality courses and professional development units that will be extended each year in line with student interest. The courses include Education, Management, Nursing and Theology.

ACUweb is backed by the technological infrastructure of NextEd Limited which is currently operating five of a planned 13 globally placed servers and offers 24hr technical support.

The program provides a highly interactive learning experience and a complete online student administration system.

Students will need a recent Web browser and access to the Internet. Any additional software can be accessed for free.

For further information please contact Alison Blair, Online Education Project Coordinator, on 07 3855 7253 or at a.blair@mcauley.acu.edu.au.

## Death of Victor J Couch

Dr Victor J Couch, a leading figure in Catholic teacher education and a major influence in the formation of Australian Catholic University, died in Sydney on 23 November. Dr Couch had a long association with ACU's predecessor colleges in New South Wales and with the University. An annual Lecture series is named in his honour. He attended and proposed the Vote of Thanks at the 1999 Victor J Couch Lecture at ACU's McKillop Campus in North Sydney on 25 October.

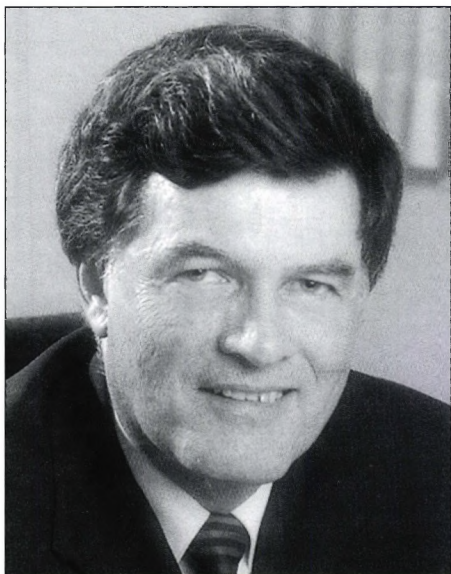


The late Dr Victor Couch (seated) with the Community Services Commissioner for New South Wales, Mr Robert Fitzgerald, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, (Academic Affairs), Professor John Coll, and the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Sheehan, after Mr Fitzgerald delivered the 1999 Victor J Couch Lecture. (See "New social contract needed" on page 3.)

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# Vice-Chancellor's Column



*Professor Peter Sheehan*

On the national and international front, an extraordinary series of happenings has occurred between the last issue of *The Chronicle* and this one, and the spirit of what this University is about is implicated. I would like to list just six of them.

Atrocities have occurred in East Timor, and killing has run rampant. In that happening, there is an issue of justice for anyone who is concerned about the welfare and safety of others.

Society is affronted by the ethics of the Media and sections of large Business, as they both trade to blur the distinction between paid advertising and private opinion.

A Referendum has occurred which has asked the wrong question about something most of us agree with, and the issue has been lost in the emotional complexity of it all.

Much debate is occurring about drug education and prevention. Arguments about the morality of injecting rooms have drawn attention to the massive social problem of drug abuse and the urgent need to prevent it.

Ticket scandals for the Olympics have aroused strong community alarm; Society is no longer willing to accept the lack of accountability.

Government has moved to radically revise the higher education system in Australia, but then moved

back, demonstrating for the first time in my memory that Higher Education has a voice that Government knows must be heard. The market-driven reforms put too heavy a focus on commercialisation which will be to the detriment of education, especially education that is not always provided for economic reasons but is also in the national interest. Disciplines will not be encouraged or resourced that are highly relevant and critical to the social ills and problems that beleaguer Australian Society.

These are some of the more major events in a period that challenges Society as much as it does this University.

Matters of ethics, justice, accountability and values other than the acquisition of wealth relate to all of these happenings. The common thread through them is the need to supply a sense of moral and social responsibility, to communicate and have accepted a concern for justice and social welfare for others. Universities like ours are especially important in supplying these attributes. Universities of the new millennium must be guided by values such as social responsibility and ethical standards. Such values are critically important in providing the sense of moral and social responsibility that is urgently required by Society as a whole.

University education these days is moving to a model that is not anchored at all to the spirit or substance of this conception of university education. Where does it protect such values and how will it change Society in these ways? The exclusive emphasis of Government on market-driven reforms continues the void that exists and it leaves Australian youth directionless. The absence of ethics in everyday events has precious little to offer to Society, which is starting to show real concern about social policy issues and the question of how economic gain is actually distributed.

As Australia enters the 21st Century, there is a need for much greater wisdom. Our society stands between contrasting but interacting

worlds – local and international, European and Asian, low and high technology. Knowledge in the future must be fluid, reflexive and simultaneously committed, moral and in touch with the country's intellectual heritage. Australian Catholic University aims to be the agent for that kind of knowledge.

On the local front, the University has shown enthusiastic commitment to implementing a very distinctive Strategic Plan which attempts to pursue the goals I have just tried to articulate. These goals have been embedded deeply into our Plan but, now that Society is hearing the alarm signals, there is a need we must meet. We are now busily engaged in selecting what we are very best at doing, and we have signalled our intent to move to offer fees for some of our undergraduate courses, while also being mindful of our equity obligations. The search for a Deputy Vice-Chancellor is proceeding energetically, and we are about to open (next February) an exciting new campus in centre-city Melbourne. We won't do so, however, before honouring the closure of our Mercy and Christ campuses which are steeped in great traditions of the past which must be respected for the future.

This is the last issue before Christmas and I would like to take the opportunity of wishing all the staff, students and friends of the University a happy and holy Christmas. I would like to conclude by echoing the greeting on our University's 1999 Christmas card: "In celebration of Christmas and the birth of Jesus, may Christ embody the spirit of us coming together."

## Excellence in Teaching awards

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Sheehan, has announced the recipients of the Awards for Excellence in Teaching for 1999.

They are

- Mrs Evelyn Anderson, School of Arts and Sciences (McAuley Campus)
- Associate Professor Denis McLaughlin, School of Educational Leadership (McAuley Campus)
- Dr Helga Neidhart, School of Educational Leadership (Mercy Campus)

The Awards will be presented to Mrs Anderson, Associate Professor McLaughlin and Dr Neidhart at graduation ceremonies in 2000.



# New social contract needed

Australia needed a new social contract that can significantly advance the interests of all sections of the community, the Community Services Commissioner for New South Wales, Mr Robert Fitzgerald, stated in a recent address at Australian Catholic University.

Mr Fitzgerald was delivering the 1999 Victor J Couch Lecture at MacKillop Campus on 25 October.

Mr Fitzgerald, who is Immediate Past President of the Australian Council of Social Service, spoke on *Winners and Losers in the New Social Contract for Australia – the emerging political, economic and social agenda*.

Mr Fitzgerald said that structural inequality, in terms of income wealth and opportunity for employment, had never been greater in Australia.

Inequality between rural and urban communities had increased and there was more and more research showing that location in society was now a predeterminer for what would become an underclass in Australian society.

"A social contract between government, business and the community cannot work if it is based on the principles that inequality is acceptable or a necessary consequence of economic progress," Mr Fitzgerald said.

## Welfare dependents

More than 700,000 children in Australia live in families where nobody works at all. One in three households in Australia is now totally dependent on welfare.

These figures showed a society in which many, despite extraordinary economic growth, development and prosperity at the moment, were not sharing in or benefiting from this period of economic "good times".

"Despite this level of inequality there is a notion that we should shift responsibility from the community to the individual. Indeed there is a hardening of attitude against those most marginalised.

"Welfare Reform is the next major policy area to follow Tax Reform. But Welfare Reform is not just about reform of the welfare system, in terms of social security payments. It is actually about reshaping the social foundation of society, and should be about the way in which we develop socially responsible policies."

The Terms of Reference of the Working Group on Welfare Reform and the Prime Minister's statements reveal three new core principles. They are: Personal Responsibility, Mutual Obligation and a

greater emphasis on Charity and Philanthropy.

"None of these sounds bad nor on the surface seems unreasonable. But the critical question is that of context and the underlying meaning of each principle".

Mr Fitzgerald said that it was impossible for the marginalised and disadvantaged to exercise personal responsibility without support and the necessary skills and resources provided by the community and State to accept such responsibility.

"What we are seeing is potentially a decreasing obligation by the State and community and an increasing obligation on the individual, particularly vulnerable individuals.

"For example, in Education we are now having a debate, not about free education, nor even about an equitable education system, but rather the level of indebtedness for students".

## Justice or rights

Mr Fitzgerald said that in the current environment there was almost no discussion of justice or rights as the debate moves away from a system based on citizenship and entitlements to one based on individual personal responsibility and obligation.

"The new social contract will not work if we believe that issues about the generation of wealth are independent of issues in the way wealth is created and shared, or that social concerns are independent of, or less important than, economic concerns.

"What is important is that the obligations are fair, just and genuinely mutual. The obligation on the Government is to be socially responsible in creating opportunities for the whole community and maintaining an inclusive, cohesive society. The obligation on business is to create an ethical, socially responsible, and sustainable economic environment. The obligation on the community is one that respects the rights of each citizen and acknowledges the notion of community responsibility to each other", he said.

Mr Fitzgerald said that never before had Catholic education been called to a more active role in shaping the future of society.

"What we are about in our Catholic University and in our schools, and more importantly as Catholics and Christians in society at large, is about being counter cultural, quite different from the prevailing culture based on individualism, materialism and consumerism. If the young people coming out of our schools and our University are simply no different from those coming out of every other university and every other school then frankly what

have we achieved and what are we doing?

"In Australian Catholic University every student should be required to take at least a fundamental ethics course no matter what the course of professional study. Moreover the University must be a place that constantly promotes a Christian culture of justice, ethical conduct and social responsibility.

"The students that leave here should be known not only for their academic excellence but as importantly for their commitment to justice and to a new and better society. They should be marked for life as being different".



## Business ethics lecture

Dr Raimond Gaita, ACU Professor of Philosophy (above), participated in a series of public lectures, *Ethics in Business*, hosted by Archbishop George Pell, of Melbourne, in September.

In his lecture, *Business and the Community*, Professor Gaita argued that "business ethicists are more likely to comfort than seriously criticise business, so that we need trade unions powerful enough to frighten bosses more than we need academic ethicists, who as everybody knows have been too frightened to save even their own institutions."

The lecture was followed by a panel discussion involving Ms Nicole Feely, CEO Victorian Employer's Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Sir Gustav Nossal, Professor Emeritus, Department of Pathology, University of Melbourne, Professor Robert Officer, Professor of Finance, University of Melbourne, and Professor Louis Waller, Sir Leo Cussen Professor of Law, Monash University.



# Software package gift



Professor Jack Flanagan, Head, ACU Sub-Faculty of Business and Informatics, Mr Michael Haynes, 2nd year B Business student, Ms Marianne Starkey, Director of SAPient College, Ms Sarah Tucker, 2nd year B Business student and Mr John Warne, Business and Operations Manager, SAPient College.

Australian Catholic University has received a specialist computer software package and training assistance to support ACU's business and information systems education courses from SAP AG, a German company with its Australian Head Office in North Sydney.

SAP, which develops and sells very large software packages called Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems, made the presentation to ACU Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Sheehan, at the Vice-Chancellery in North Sydney on 14 October.

The ERP systems are designed to enable executives of large corporations to gain access to contemporary data and knowledge about the operations of their businesses and so make better-informed decisions.

The ERP software package, called R/3, donated to the University by SAP retails at a cost of \$2.4 million. The company is also donating 100 hours of training in the use of the R/3 software.

Making the presentation was Ms Marianne Starkey, Director of SAPient College, the company's Educational and Learning Centre in Gordon, which works in partnership with leading tertiary institutions and information technology organisations.

Accepting the donation, Professor Sheehan said that it would give significant support to the University's business and information systems education courses.

ACU would use the software package in its education of students in Accounting

initially, then in Human Resource Management and Information Systems. Later it would be used in the teaching of Management Accounting. ACU was keen to mount a SAP Accounting elective.

He said that the software "provides exciting possibilities for us to develop contemporary, relevant, systems-oriented courses, and conduct research into the effect of large information systems on the behaviour of those who interact with them and on the decisions they make".

"Graduates with SAP familiarity will also possess significant market clout when competing for highly sought-after positions in commerce and industry".

Ms Marianne Starkey of SAPient College said ACU was the sixteenth university in Australia and New Zealand to join the University Alliance Program.

Universities in the program see it as a competitive advantage for them and attractive to students as giving them an edge when they go out into the commercial world.

## Book award

Dr Janeen Webb's book *Dreaming Downunder*, a collection of science fiction and horror stories by Australian writers, has won the 1999 Ditmar award in its category. The award was announced at the 1999 Worldcon which was held in Melbourne. Dr Andrew Enstice, Senior Lecturer, School of Arts and Sciences (Victoria) contributed a story which was shortlisted for the award.

## Agreement signed

ACU has signed an agreement with Hilton International College, Brisbane, for students at the College to articulate directly into the University.

International students enrolled at the College, who successfully complete the Certificate in Spoken and Written English, Level 4, will be able to apply for direct entry to undergraduate and postgraduate courses at ACU.

The agreement was signed on 2 November by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor responsible for Queensland, Professor Muredach Dynan, and the Director of Hilton International College, Mrs Glynne Hilton.

The Head of the Queensland School of Business and Informatics, Dr Nasir Butrous, who negotiated the agreement, attended the signing.

The College currently provides a range of language and literacy services to overseas and domestic students.

The services include General English classes, Academic English, High School Preparation Program, the Adult Migrant English Program and Literacy and Numeracy Training.

## Aquinas lecture

Sr Rosemary Crumlin RSM delivered the 10th Annual Aquinas Lecture in the Mulkearns Theatre, Aquinas Campus on 6 October.

The lecture, *On the Brink: Changing Consciousness in Contemporary Art*, addressed current concerns regarding the spirituality of social awareness, the body and the earth.

A graduate of the National Art School Sydney, Monash University, Corpus Christi London, and the Melbourne College of Divinity, Sr Crumlin is a member of the Sisters of Mercy, Parramatta. In 1998 she was curator of *Beyond Belief: Modern Art and the Religious Imagination*. Recently she has also produced *Aboriginality Art and Spirituality*, an exhibition and book which explores the spiritual dimensions of Aboriginal art and culture.

The Annual Aquinas Lecture is an initiative of the Aquinas Social Concerns Program, which has been operating since 1998. The program seeks to build ties between Aquinas Campus and the wider community on issues of social concern and social justice. This year's lecture is also one of the activities marking the 25th anniversary of Aquinas Campus.



# Bone research at CHISM



Looking back over the past two and half years as ACU's Professor of Children's Sport and Exercise Science, Professor Cameron (Joe) Blimkie (above) said he is most proud of the technical developments initiated and brought to fruition at CHISM (Children's Hospital Institute of Sports Medicine at Westmead, Sydney). These advances enhance ACU's position and competitiveness to do research on an international scale.

"We've developed techniques to measure changes in bone adaptation to exercise that very few other researchers are using," said Professor Blimkie.

"Until now, most research has concentrated on looking at bone adaptation to exercise in relation to bone density. I saw the potential of going beyond simply looking at the mineral changes in bone using standard technology (DEXA), to the possibility of using the Hospital's sophisticated imaging technology to look at other factors that influence bone strength, namely its geometry, architecture and material properties.

## First advance

"Our first real advance achieved in this area was established when we developed the use of MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) technology to study changes in bone geometry (the shape of the bone). We've completed a few studies incorporating MRI technology to look at bone geometry and also the influence of muscle size and strength in altering the shape of the bone.

"Using a CYBEX machine (Isokinetic Dynamometer Strength Measurement) to measure muscle strength we have been looking at the relationship between muscle strength and size and its relationship with bone.

"A study researching how bone responds to extreme exercise using triathletes, swimmers, cyclists and runners revealed some interesting bone adaptations. The bone mineral density of the swimmers and cyclists was fairly normal, whereas the runners had the highest level of all groups and the triathletes were in the

middle of the pack. However, the geometry of the bones in these groups were significantly different. Runners had the largest bones overall and the thickest cortical shell, whereas swimmers had fairly large bones, but with a very thin cortical shell. DEXA measurements alone indicate that the swimmers have fairly weak bones; however this is offset or countered by the adaptation in the bone geometry. Using the combined techniques of MRI and DEXA allowed us to research adaptations in both bone density and geometry.

## Bone strength

"We also are studying the effect of exercise on bone Micro-Architecture and its influence on bone strength. Looking at the spongy part of the bone (found at the top and base of long bones) MRI technology is being used to quantify the structure and strength of the Trabecular bone," said Professor Blimkie.

The Centre is also looking at the relationship between exercise and Type 1 Diabetes (where the risk of fractures is predominantly higher in adults). "We are fortunate to have access to large numbers of children with chronic conditions at The New Children's Hospital for our research. We are looking at the premise of increasing bone mass in the childhood years before it peaks, so the loss in bone mass is not as significant in later years. The research is in its preliminary stages and we are collaborating with several other departments including Nuclear Medicine, Radiology, Endocrinology, Cardiology and Orthopedics at the Hospital," said Professor Blimkie.

"More postgraduate students are undertaking research at CHISM. It's important for research to not be restricted to applied or sports-oriented areas but also to study the areas of health and its link to exercise and physical activity. It's critical we encourage ACU's students to take advantage of the technology available at CHISM and the links we have established with the New Children's Hospital. This will also enhance the research profile of the University," said Professor Blimkie.

# ACU donation to East Timor

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Sheehan, presented a cheque for more than \$6,000 on 29 November to Mr Tom Story, National Director, Caritas Australia, for the East Timor Emergency appeal as a gift of genuine concern from the ACU community.

In a major statement of support for the East Timorese on 7 September Professor Sheehan asked the ACU community to contribute to a fund to provide financial assistance to the East Timorese.

In his statement Professor Sheehan said that ACU was:

1. Establishing an appeal to provide financial assistance;
2. Offering help to its Indonesian students, particularly if they were from East Timor; and
3. Offering undergraduate scholarships to Timorese students to study at ACU for three years.

Professor Sheehan said that it was appropriate for the ACU community, as a group of people committed to the furtherance of justice and peace, to make a statement of concern that was tangible.

One way to do this was by way of a donation in support of the urgently needed funds to help alleviate the trauma currently being experienced by the Timorese people.

The University Foundation, on behalf of ACU, contributed \$1000 to start the appeal. Other donations came from ACU staff and students.

# Hong Kong Graduates

Eighty-one graduates received their awards at the 1999 Graduation Ceremony at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on Saturday, 20 November.

Among the awards were Master of Administration / Management (30), Graduate Diploma in Administration / Management (21), Graduate Certificate in Administration (4), Master of Educational Leadership (14) and Bachelor of Teaching (12).

The Occasional Address was delivered by Rev. M C Michael Yeung, Director, Education Services, Caritas-Hong Kong.

ACU representatives attending the Ceremony included the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Sheehan, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research), Professor Wolfgang Grichting, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Quality and Outreach), Professor Muredach Dynan, Dr Valda Ward for the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and Associate Professor Denis McLaughlin for the Dean of the Faculty of Education.



# ACU Forum on Women in Church

Australian Catholic University conducted a public forum in Sydney on 12 November and in Melbourne on 15 November to consider the findings of *Woman and Man: One in Christ Jesus – Report on the Participation of Women in the Catholic Church in Australia*.

The Report was published in August 1999 and was on the Agenda for the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference at its meeting in late November 1999.

The Sydney forum was held in the Carroll Building, MacKillop Campus, North Sydney. The forum was repeated in Melbourne at Loreto Mandeville Hall, Toorak.

The ACU Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Sheehan, opened the forum and concluded the proceedings with an overview. He noted that ACU had provided substantial expertise to the development of the Report. The Report itself was an enormous achievement and firmly placed the issues on the Church's agenda.

The specific purpose of the forum was to raise community awareness of the problems and opportunities of women's participation in the Church.

The program for each forum was:

*Background and Methodology of the Research Project into the Participation of Women in the Catholic Church in Australia*, Professor Peter Carpenter, ACU Dean of Arts and Sciences

*Findings of Woman and Man: One in Christ Jesus*, Dr Marie Macdonald, Project Coordinator and principal author

*A Theological Perspective on the Findings*, Professor Tony Kelly CSsR, ACU Professor of Theology

*The Findings in Relation to Dialogue with Women*, Professor Mary Sheehan, Head of School of Psychology and Counselling, Queensland University of Technology, Carseldine Campus. She reported on a study in the Brisbane Archdiocese on participation of women in the Church.

*A Pastoral Planning Perspective on the Findings*, Bishop Kevin Manning of Parramatta, Convenor of the Research Management Group for the Project, and Secretary of the Bishops' Committee for Justice, Development and Peace

These presentations were followed by a lively exchange between the audience and the speakers.



(L to R): Barbara Hilliard, Academic Skills Co-ordinator, Sr Rosemary Lewins OP, Dean of Students, Jacquie Robilliard, Disability Adviser (Victoria), Elizabeth Powell, Academic Skills Adviser (Christ Campus).

## Learning strategies for students with disabilities

*Towards Success*, a series of booklets providing learning strategies for university students with a variety of disabilities, was launched at the University of Melbourne in August by Professor Wolfgang Grichting, ACU Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research), and Professor Kwong Lee Dow, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Melbourne.

*Towards Success* addresses the learning needs of students with acquired brain injury, Asperger's syndrome, attention deficit disorder, vision impairment, ongoing medical conditions, deafness, learning disability, and mental health conditions.

The series is simply but creatively designed with messages that are clear and direct, and with cartoons that were contributed by Michael Leunig.

The booklets were developed as a joint venture with Melbourne University, and the team included Ms Patricia McLean, University of Melbourne, Ms Elizabeth Powell, ACU Christ Campus, Ms Janette Ryan, University of Ballarat (formerly at ACU), and Ms Reem Al-Mahmoud,

University of Melbourne (formerly at ACU).

More and more students with disabilities are achieving on a par with other students at university. According to Liz Anderson, Manager EEO, ACU currently has 292 students registered as having a disability.

Although not all of them use the resources available from the Disability Advisers, the number of students with high level needs is increasing. Last semester 18 students made high use of the DA service and 35 made high use of other human and physical resources. Members of the former group are also members of the latter.

In a review *The Australian* described the series of booklets as well written and presented. "The idea is original and worthy, the approach informative and caring".

The *Towards Success* booklets were funded by DETYA, Disability Co-operative Projects (Victoria), and have been sent to all Australian universities.

Further copies can be obtained from [p.maclean@elp.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:p.maclean@elp.unimelb.edu.au).

## Patristic conference in UK

Six delegates from the Centre for Early Christian Studies at ACU attended the Thirteenth International Conference on Patristic Studies held at Oxford in August.

The delegates were Associate Professor Pauline Allen, Director, Dr Wendy Mayer, post-doctoral fellow, Dr Bronwen Neil, ARC research associate, Fr Geoff Dunn, doctoral candidate, Dr Russell Davies, doctoral candidate, and Ms Kathleen Hay, ARC senior research assistant.

Each of the delegates presented a paper, two on master themes, and the others briefer presentations. Associate Professor Allen presented a master theme paper in the section devoted to Post-

Chalcedonian Studies, on the topic *Severus of Antioch as Pastoral Carer*. This study forms part of her Australian Research Council Large Grant project, which is funded for 1998-2000. Professor Allen's term as vice-president of the International Association for Patristic Studies, which she has held since 1995, was extended for another year.

The Conference, which attracted 750 patristic scholars from institutions in Europe, USA, Australia and elsewhere, offered the ACU delegates the chance to forge new links with scholars of international reputation in their field, and to renew old contacts.



# Numeracy research project expands

The Early Numeracy Research Project (ENRP), one of the largest research projects in which ACU has been involved, was expanded recently to include Catholic and Independent schools. The ENRP is an initiative of the Victorian Department of Education. Teachers and children from 35 Department of Education, Catholic and Independent schools are participating in the project until February 2002.

The ENRP is a collaborative project between the Department of Education, the Catholic Education Office, the Association of Independent Schools (Victoria), ACU and Monash University. The project is based at the Mathematics Teaching and Learning Centre at Christ Campus and directed by Associate Professor Doug Clarke.

Australian Catholic University will now receive approximately \$1.483million for the three years of the project, an increase of \$298,000.

The aims of the project include:

- to research effective approaches to the teaching of numeracy in the first three years of school
- to work with teachers to explore their beliefs and understandings about how students develop their understanding of numeracy and how this can be supported through the teaching program
- to evaluate the effect of the professional development program on student numeracy outcomes.

The project team has used research to create a "framework" for early years numeracy learning with a particular emphasis on key "growth points" (important ideas that serve as "stepping stones" along the way to success in mathematics, as identified by research) in children's



Associate Professor Doug Clarke, Director ENRP Project, and Ms Jill Cheeseman, Project Manager.

understanding of the subject.

Every child will be interviewed for 30 to 40 minutes by their regular classroom teacher twice a year to focus closely on their understanding of these key growth points. These interviews are already proving extremely useful for teachers in planning for individual, group and whole class activities.

Thirty-five reference or comparison schools have been identified, based on school size, socio-economic status, language background and other relevant variables.

Parent information evenings have taken place at all 35 schools, a major part of which is discussion of the kinds of everyday family activities which can support the work of the teachers and school in mathematics and give children a positive and confident start in their mathematics learning.

## ACU in Papua New Guinea

ACU has successfully tendered to AusAID to conduct the Baseline Survey of the Primary and Secondary Teacher Education Project (PASTEP) in Papua New Guinea. Between 1999 and 2003 AusAID is running its Primary and Secondary Teacher Education Project in PNG. As part of this project, and in conjunction with the PNG government, AusAID will spend more than \$40 million upgrading the teacher education facilities and the curriculum of the teachers colleges and the University of Goroka. PASTEP will also provide substantial staff development opportunities

for teacher educators in PNG.

The Baseline Survey is a five-year longitudinal study of the effect of PASTEP on the quality of lecturing, graduating students, and curricula of the teachers colleges and University of Goroka, PNG.

The survey is being conducted by Associate Professor Philip Clarkson, ACU School of Education, Victoria (team leader), Dr Kay Owens, University of Western Sydney, Adjunct Professor Ron Toomey, ACU, Dr Wilfred Kaleva, University of Goroka, and Ms Theresia Hamadi, Balob Teachers College, Lae.

## Midwives meet in Manila

Mrs Maria Miller, Head, School of Nursing, Victoria, and Mrs Diane Godson, Lecturer, School of Nursing, presented papers at the recent 25th Triennial Congress of the International Confederation of Midwives held in Manila.

More than 1200 midwives from 85 countries attended the conference which was titled *Safe Motherhood – beyond the year 2000 – a global perspective*.

The effects of HIV/AIDS on women and their families and the reemergence of infectious diseases, especially in developing countries, were key issues discussed at the conference.

The next congress will be held in Vienna in 2002 followed by Brisbane in 2005.

## Rector's report



Mr Gary Humphries, Minister for Justice and Community Safety and Associate Professor Peter Camilleri, Rector, Signadou Campus.

The Rector of Signadou Campus, Associate Professor Peter Camilleri, has authored a report which will assist in the development of the ACT prison.

The "Camilleri report" entitled *Suicidal Behaviour in Prisons* was released in August by the Minister for Justice and Community Safety, Mr Gary Humphries.

The Report is the first of several literature reviews investigating key issues in establishing a prison in Canberra.

It focuses on one aspect of custodial care of inmates – suicidal behaviour – and provides a comprehensive analysis of studies from Australia, North America and the United Kingdom.

"The ACT should not blindly accept what is being done elsewhere in Australia and should also look to international best practice before developing local policies", Mr Humphries said. "The review ensures that we have access to a good summary of all international and local research on the issue".





Visiting high school advisers at Strathfield.

## Careers advisers at Strathfield

Information on ACU undergraduate courses and general admission policies and issues were detailed to 37 high school career advisers at Mount Saint Mary Campus on 22 July.

The day consisted of five main sessions: highlights of the Faculties of Arts and Sciences, Education, and Health Sciences; a guided campus tour; slide show on ACU campus life and facilities; question and answer session; and a talk on university life at ACU by student representatives and Council President at Strathfield, Angela Forester.

Displays on undergraduate courses and Campus services were set up in the atrium, where 32 academic and general ACU staff met the career advisers.

## Seminar on Nursing

About 120 third year nurses from the School of Nursing (Victoria) participated in a special seminar on 12 November titled *Seminar on Professional Nursing*.

At the seminar, keynote speaker Ms Christine Smith, Royal College of Nursing Australia, presented the 1999 Margaret McKinnon Lecture, named in honour of the inaugural Head of the School of Nursing. In her lecture Ms Smith spoke on professional development in nursing and also focused on specialisation and credentialing in nursing.

During the day concurrent sessions were presented by the nursing students, including the areas of management issues, health care, quality, costings and funding.

## Myers Award

Mr Allan Myers QC has established scholarships in support of the Master of Management course at Aquinas Campus in honour of his brother Mr Michael Myers, who was a member of the University's Senate from 1994 – 1998.

Mr Myers has funded the scholarships to make the Master of Management course more accessible to rural managers or those seeking ongoing education as training for leadership.

Winners of the inaugural Michael Myers Scholarships are Mrs Lynette Faulks from Nichols Point, near Mildura, and Mrs Lorraine Nievaart from Dimboola, for their outstanding academic results and service to the rural community.

The scholarships were presented to the winners by Mr Michael Myers on 3 October in the Torney Room at Aquinas Campus.

## Guy Boyd sculpture

Australian Catholic University held a special ceremony in October at its Signadou Campus in Canberra to acknowledge the gift to the University of the late Guy Boyd's sculpture *Jacob wrestling with the angel*.

The ceremony was attended by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Sheehan, and the artist's widow, Mrs Phyllis Boyd.

Guy Boyd was born into the Boyd family of artists in 1923. His brother, the late Arthur Boyd, became one of Australia's leading painters.

Guy followed his father Merric into pottery but moved on to sculpture in bronze, achieving international success. On return to Australia he settled at Sandringham, Victoria, and continued his work, which displayed a reverence for the human spirit and a love for the natural environment.

At the end of his life he produced several monumental works. His final piece, *Jacob wrestling with the angel*, was a short time from completion when he died suddenly. It was cast as he left it on the morning he died, 26 April 1988.



Mrs Phyllis Boyd and Associate Professor Peter Camilleri, Rector, Signadou Campus, with "Jacob wrestling with the angel".

## Musical evening

Students from Teaching, Arts, Nursing and Music courses in the ACU Mercy Campus Choir presented a musical evening at Xavier College Chapel, Melbourne on 16 October.

The evening, titled *A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten* with harp accompaniment, also featured undergraduate and postgraduate vocal and keyboard music students.

During the evening the University thanked its donors with a special Donor Recognition Presentation.

## ACU links with German state



Professor Peter Sheehan, Vice-Chancellor, ACU, and Professor Wolfgang Jäger, Rektor, University of Freiburg.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Sheehan, signed an agreement with the German State of Baden-Württemberg to facilitate cooperation and student and staff exchange between ACU and the nine universities in Baden-Württemberg. The agreement was signed by Professor Wolfgang Jäger, Rektor, University of Freiburg, representing the German State at a reception hosted by Professor Jäger in the Black Forest on 28 June.

The Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Professor Peter Carpenter, and the Rector of Aquinas Campus, Professor Gabrielle McMullen, accompanied Professor Sheehan on the visit to Germany.

They visited three of the Baden-Württemberg universities, the Albert-Ludwig University of Freiburg, the University of Heidelberg and the University of Tübingen. The other six universities are University of Hohenheim, Technical University of Karlsruhe, University of Constance, University of Mannheim, University of Stuttgart and the University of Ulm.





## Triathletes thesis

Mr Stephen Burke, Lecturer, School of Human Movement (left), has gained his PhD from the School of Education Studies at the University of New South Wales.

His thesis, titled *Self-Efficacy and its Relationship to Selected Sport Psychological and Exercise Physiological Constructs in the Prediction of Performance in the Ironman Triathlon*, focuses on an interdisciplinary approach to examine the relationships of self-efficacy theory and to identify those factors that predict performance for an Ironman triathlon event. The research was based on a series of three studies, involving 533 triathletes.

He will receive his degree at a University of New South Wales graduation ceremony in 2000.



Christian Olea and Ms Judith Carroll.

## Student designs ACU Guide

A fourth year Bachelor of Education student specialising in Visual Arts, Christian Olea, has designed the front cover of ACU's *Study Abroad Guide*.

The cover, which features Mount Saint Mary Campus, was designed using the Visual Arts computer to manipulate and enhance images. Mr Tony McKittrick, Director of International Education, commissioned Christian to design the cover after viewing an ACU poster for the 1999 Student Art Exhibition and a brochure for an ACU Winter School of Painting also designed by Christian.

"It's great we can use the artistic talents of our students," said Ms Judith Carroll, Senior Lecturer, School of Arts and Sciences. "They are very talented and it works as a direct promotion for Visual Arts and ACU by using student designs for our posters, brochures, and in this case, *Study Abroad Guide*."

"We are currently establishing a computer laboratory in readiness for the Bachelor of Visual Arts course and a Master's degree course in Visual Arts Management, which may be exited at Certificate or Diploma level. These courses are scheduled for 2001.

"The School has just acquired the latest fourth generation Mackintosh G4, together with a new A3 printer, scanner and slide scanner. Next year we hope to acquire the G5 when it is available, to provide even more computer facilities for our Visual Arts students."

The *Study Abroad Guide* features details about ACU, course information, and general study and living details for international students, and will be widely distributed in Europe and the United States.

The 1999 Student Art Exhibition was opened by Professor John Coll, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs) on 25 November in the Creative Arts Building, Mount Saint Mary Campus. The exhibition was open from 26 November to 3 December.



Mr Peter Wiebe (left), Head, School of Human Movement (NSW) demonstrates Pedar Mobile Foot Pressure Analysis equipment to Human Movement students

## Research centre tour

A group of potential Honours students from the School of Human Movement (NSW) visited the University's research centre at the Children's Hospital Institute of Sports Medicine (CHISM), at the New Children's Hospital in Westmead, for an open day on 31 August.

Students toured the Hospital's facilities used by the research centre, including the Department of Nuclear Medicine, Department of Radiology, and Department of Endocrinology. They were also shown current research projects by the University's PhD, Master's and Honours students, and by a Research Fellow from Switzerland and other medical researchers. Demonstration of the technologies used for these projects, including Pedar Mobile Foot Pressure Analysis equipment, a Cybex (Isokinetic

Dynamometer Strength measurement) and an analysis program for Magnetic Resonance Imaging images were shown to the students.

## Drug Task Force

Dr Judith Bessant, Senior Lecturer, School of Arts and Sciences (Victoria) has been appointed a member of Melbourne Archdiocesan Task Force on Drugs. The Task Force has been established by Archbishop George Pell of Melbourne to assist the Archdiocese in developing an effective practical response to the increasing problems caused by drugs on young people and their families.

Judge Frank Vincent is the Chairman of the Task Force.



# World delegates meet in Rome

Sr Rosemary Lewins OP, Dean of Students (right), attended a world meeting of Delegates for University Ministries in Rome in September. Sr Lewins was asked by the Chancellor, Cardinal Clancy, to represent the Australian Bishops' Conference at this meeting.

Sr Lewins reports that it was a Vatican Conference organised by the Vatican Congregation for Catholic Education and the Pontifical Council for Culture. Pio Cardinal Laghi, Secretary for the Congregation for Catholic Education, opened the Conference and was present at all sessions.

There were approximately 150 delegates representing the countries of Africa, Asia, Europe, Australia, North America, Britain, Southeast Asia and South America. Delegates were bishops, rectors of universities, or priests coordinating ministry, religious brothers and sisters, and laity.

A major presentation was given by the Rector of the University of Bologna on *The University in Today's World: Expectations and Prospects* and a response was given by Dr Monika Hellwig, Executive Director of American Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU) Washington.

Sessions included:

- A summary of University Ministries around the world
- Moving towards the Jubilee
- The University for a New Humanism: A Theological Pastoral Reflection
- University Ministries for the third millennium.

The session at which Sr Lewins presented a paper was titled *Experiences related to the Church's Presence at Universities on a National and Diocesan Level*. Only 10 delegates spoke at this session. There was a fascinating variety of perspectives and needs, both social and spiritual, for today's university students.

The final days proceedings focused on ensuring that universities celebrated the Jubilee of the foundation of Christianity and maintained their role as a powerful influence in society and in the lives of students and staff.

There is a major University Conference planned for Year 2000 in a number of Italian cities, culminating in a meeting with the Pope in Rome. It is hoped that this Conference will include university lecturers, administrators and chaplains and doctoral students. There is also a World



Youth Day planned to be held in Rome in August. The theme will be Jubilee, and it will concentrate on the topics that enable Christianity to respond to and influence society.

A special audience with Pope John Paul for conference delegates was arranged at Castel Gandolfo. The Pope spoke very strongly about the importance of the role of universities in the world. His message was that universities must continue exploring the philosophical and metaphysical questions of life, and dedicate themselves to the continuing search for truth.

## Theology seminar in Pretoria

Dr David Sim, Lecturer, School of Theology, Victoria, presented a paper on *The Social Setting of the Matthean Community* at the Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas in Pretoria, South Africa in August.

The conference was attended by more than 300 leading international New Testament scholars.

Members of his specialist seminar group, the Gospel of Matthew, invited Dr Sim to chair that seminar for the next five years. Before the conference Dr Sim delivered lectures as a Visiting Professor in the Faculty of Theology at the University of Pretoria.

## Lifestyle research

The Schools of Human Movement (NSW) and Nursing (NSW) have joined forces for a collaborative research project titled *Healthy Lifestyle while in Action*.

Funded by the ARC Small Grants Scheme the project is being researched by Ms Imke Fischer, Senior Lecturer, School of Human Movement, Dr Cindy Leigh, Head of the School of Nursing, and Ms Elaine Rutherford, Lecturer, School of Nursing.

"The research is focusing on lifestyle, injury, injury management and reaction to injury. It's an ideal field of research, particularly with the emphasis by society on healthy lifestyle," said Ms Fischer.

"We are now evaluating information compiled from our study which was gathered from athletes aged between 40 and 90 years who participated in a week's activity of 46 sports ranging from track and field events to swimming and BMX bike racing.

"The results will be presented at the Pre-Olympic Scientific Congress to be held in Brisbane next year, two weeks before the Sydney Olympics," said Ms Fischer.

## Ecumenical conference

The Antiochian Orthodox Diocese of Australia and New Zealand, the Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of St Michael, Archangel, the Centre for Early Christian Studies and the Faculty of Theology of ACU held an international ecumenical conference for lay men and women and clergy entitled *Oriental Lumen: Australasia and Oceania* in July at Ormond College, Melbourne.

The conference was under the co-patronage of His Holiness Ignatius IV, Orthodox Patriarch of Antioch, and of His Holiness Maximos V, Melkite Greek Catholic Patriarch of Antioch.

At the conference Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, Eastern Catholic, and Oriental Orthodox Christians gathered to discuss the quest for unity from their various perspectives, and with an eye to the Apostolic Letter, *Oriental Lumen* and the Encyclical, *Ut Unum Sint*, both of 1995.

Presentations were made by eminent scholars and theologians from Australia and overseas, and liturgical celebrations were held during the conference.

Rev. Professor Robert Gribben, United Faculty of Theology, Melbourne, formerly General Secretary of the Victorian Council of Churches, served as moderator for the conference.



# Launch of book on natural theology

The ACU Professor of Theology, Professor Tony Kelly CSsR, launched a new work on natural theology by Dr Mark Wynn at McAuley Campus on Wednesday, 27 October.

The book is *God and Goodness: A Natural Theological Perspective* (London: Routledge, 1999).

Dr Wynn is a Lecturer in the School of Theology (Network of Philosophy) in Queensland.

Professor Kelly said that the book was a work of sophisticated philosophy, dealing not only with the deepest questions about the design and destiny of the universe, but also entering into discussion with profound thinkers who pondered these matters.

"He takes us on quite a tour, all the way from Thomas Aquinas to Teilhard de Chardin, from David Hume to Holmes Rolston and Richard Swinburne.

"His philosophical argument unfolds in reference to ecology, aesthetics, cosmology, sociobiology, anthropology and theology.

## Research published

Professor Frank Moloney SDB launched *Partners with Families in Crisis: Parent Responses to a System of Care*, by Fr Denis Halliday SDB and Dr Jack Darmody, at Christ Campus on 22 July.

The book is a report of the research carried out by Fr Denis Halliday as a PhD student at Christ Campus under the supervision of Associate Professor Ruth Webber, School of Arts and Sciences (Victoria). Having completed his research, Fr Halliday was to commence the writing of his thesis when he was stricken with Motor Neurone disease and died in July 1997 without commencing his writing.

It has been written by Dr Jack Darmody, Principal Lecturer from an ACU predecessor college, making use of material written by Fr Halliday in his research proposal as well as presentations he made, and incorporates his data gathered in exhaustive interviews and his analysis of that data.

The book tells the story of 18 families who at some time in the period 1991 to 1995 had sons resident in Boys' Town at Engadine in NSW. Apart from their harrowing experiences as their sons became involved with the Juvenile Justice System and other organisations such as the Health Department, and Community Services, parents detail their responses to the program of care at Boys' Town.



Dr Gerard Hall, Head, School of Theology, Queensland, with Dr Mark Wynn and Professor Tony Kelly.

"To his mind, the universe provides intimations of a transcendent purpose and direction: beauty and goodness have an ultimate validity.

"ACU can be justly proud of the level of scholarship and human concern displayed in a book such as this".

Dr Wynn said that the book was a defence of the view that the world exists because it is good that it should exist, and accordingly it builds on our experience of value, both in relation to other people and in relation to the natural world.

"I can imagine someone saying that, in

taking such value experiences as foundational for our sense of what the world is about, I am writing in some degree autobiographically, as only a determined optimist or someone whose life experiences have been unusually fortunate, could write in such terms.

"In fact, the book also tries to accommodate some of the darker side of human experience, but it is true that it is informed more deeply by my sense of gratitude for life, and that this sense of gratitude is tied, in ways I cannot hope to explicate fully, to the details of my own life story".

## New book from Professor Gaita

ACU's Chair of Philosophy Professor Raimond Gaita's latest book, *A Common Humanity: Thinking About Love and Truth and Justice*, was launched by Fay Zwicky on 8 September at Readings Bookstore, Carlton, Melbourne.

Ms Zwicky said Professor Gaita had given "philosophy back its human face. This book heartens us to learn that Plato, Kant, Wittgenstein, Simon Weil, Matthew Arnold, Primo Levi and Martin Buber are still alive and speaking to a professional philosopher working in a university."

She said, "there are no easy answers to what has been raised in this book. And, if you are, as Rai is, of the tragic persuasion, the questions are very hard indeed. Like his admired Wittgenstein, Rai's approach is austere but he never loses touch with the frail human ambiguities behind the moral, political and spiritual dilemmas he poses".

Referring to Professor Gaita's earlier book, *Romulus, My Father*, Ms Zwicky said the "same compassion generated by his family's tragic dislocations infuses this book's inquiry into matters as troubling and difficult as the Holocaust and the fact

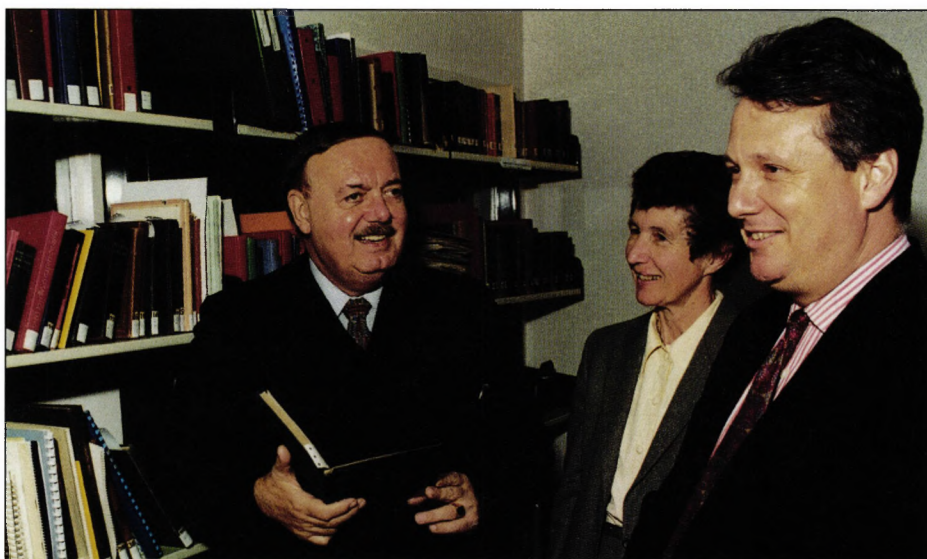
of Aboriginal dispossession.

"Adrift in contemporary anxiety, bamboozled by false prophecy and glib trivialisations, we need writers and thinkers to act as the moral antennae of human awareness. Writers who keep cliché and conditioned responses at bay. Writers who speak in tones neither combative nor strident. Writers for whom the pursuit of truth is passionate and felt along the bone. Rai is such a writer. One who is able to think 'in the midst of things', keeping a steady attentive eye on the real world. Not the world encountered in the press or on television. A world more of thought than action, more of ideas than sensation, more argument than assertion.

"If you want a good look into the luminous mind of an honest, truly intellectual thinker, you can't do better than read this quietly penetrating unshrinking analysis of humanist values which, despite the deluge of ideological ephemera around us, are clearly still very much alive and kicking," said Ms Zwicky.

*A Common Humanity: Thinking About Love, Truth and Justice* is published by The Text Publishing Company.





Dr Richard Proulx, visiting lecturer, with Dr Dianne Gome and Associate Professor Geoffrey Cox, School of Arts and Sciences (Victoria).

## Visiting Scholars

□ **Dr Richard Proulx** visited Mercy Campus on 16 September to give a guest lecture on American Hymnody as part of the unit presented by Dr Dianne Gome, Senior Lecturer, School of Arts and Sciences, called Hymnody and Psalmody.

Dr Proulx was visiting Melbourne as composer-in-residence at St Patrick's Cathedral, New York. He was Director of Music at Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago for many years, and is one of the foremost composers of Catholic Church music in the United States.

Whilst visiting Mercy Campus Dr Proulx viewed the growing collection of hymnals in the Percy Jones Music Research Collection.

□ **The School of Human Movement** (Victoria) hosted visiting Sport Psychology Scholar, Professor Tara Scanlan, at Christ Campus on 11 August.

Professor Scanlan presented an open lecture, *Sport commitment: Motivation over the long haul*, and a seminar, *An interview to capture athlete's commitment*.

Professor Scanlan is Professor of Psychology at the University of California, Los Angeles, and Founding Director of the University's International Centre for Talent Development, which examines talent development in sport and also "achievement domains", such as music, education, art and business. She is widely published, an experienced keynote speaker and a Fellow of the American Association of Applied Sport Psychology and the American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education.

□ **The Origins of Law in the Church:** *Religious and Historical Foundations* was the title of a public seminar delivered by Professor Danilo Ceccarelli-Morolli, Faculty of Oriental Canon Law at the

Pontifical Oriental Institute, Rome, at Mercy Campus on 30 July.

Professor Ceccarelli-Morolli is a member of the Society for the Law of the Eastern Churches and a member of the Association Internationale d'Etudes Patristiques. As Assistant at State University La Sapienza, Rome, he has presented seminars on the history of Canon Law and has participated in scientific activity, scientific congresses and lectures on an international level.

The seminar was organised by Rev. Dr. Lawrence Cross, ACU's Sub-Faculty of Theology.

□ **Professor Elizabeth Jeffrey, Bywater** and Southeby Professor of Byzantine and Modern Greek at the University of Oxford, joined the Institute for the Advancement of Research for the period September to November 1999.

On 6 October she spoke to staff and students on the topic *Whither Byzantine Studies* in the Meeting Conference Room at McAuley Campus.

□ **Professor Marge Steward** and Professor David Steward have been visiting research scholars in the Cardinal Clancy Centre for Research in the Spiritual, Moral, Religious and Pastoral Dimensions of Education and in the Institute for the Advancement of Research, from 15 September to 15 December.

Professor Marge Steward is Emeritus Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry, and a past Associate Dean of the School of Medicine, at the University of California, Davis. Her research, teaching, and clinical interests focus on children and families at risk as a result of prematurity, illness, divorce, and abuse. She has served as a consultant, and conducted workshops on children's cogni-

## Backhaus Scholarship

The Most Reverend Noel Daly, Bishop of Sandhurst, awarded the 1999 Dr Backhaus Scholarship to joint winners, Donna Cullen of Rutherglen and Teresa Stratton from Beechworth, at a presentation ceremony at Aquinas Campus on 7 September.

Donna and Teresa, both fourth year Bachelor of Arts-Bachelor of Teaching students at Aquinas Campus, are the first joint winners of the award since its inception in 1996.

The scholarship honours the memory of Dr Henry Backhaus, the first priest appointed to the Victorian goldfields. Dr Backhaus was born in Germany and studied for the priesthood in Rome before arriving in Australia in 1846. He settled in Bendigo, where he established churches and schools, and was active in community affairs, making an outstanding contribution to the Victorian Church and the Bendigo region.

The criteria for determining the winner of the scholarship are a balanced combination of academic merit and community service. Both students are planning careers as primary school teachers.

## New kit launched

The NSW School of Human Movement officially launched a new multi-media educational kit *Stroll Your Way to Well-Being* on 30 September.

The kit, which includes book, video, overhead projection set and brochures, was developed by Dr Janet Currie, Lecturer and Project Coordinator, and Ms Elizabeth Devlin, Project Officer.

The kit is targeted at recreation and health professionals and aims to increase the physical activity and well-being levels of new mothers.

The project, which was funded by the NSW Department for Women, has involved mothers in community pramwalking groups.

tive, linguistic and emotional development, in the United States and Australia for staff from health, social welfare and law enforcement agencies and the judiciary. For the past decade she has been a reviewer for the Australian Research Council.

Professor David Steward is Emeritus Professor of Religious Education at Pacific School of Religion and the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California. His research focuses on the design of professional schooling and the observation and coding of children's experience.



## Artwork unveiled

In November the Dean of the Faculty of Education, Professor Judith Chapman, unveiled in the Mullen Wing Corridor of Mount Saint Mary Campus a new artwork which honours Blessed Mary MacKillop, founder of the Sisters of St Joseph.

The artwork is a piece of the Toile commissioned to commemorate Mary MacKillop's beatification in 1995. It depicts scenes from her life. It was donated to the University by Associate Professor Patricia Malone RSJ.

In unveiling the artwork, Professor Chapman paid tribute to the contribution to the University made by the Sisters of St Joseph and especially by Sr Patricia Malone over many years of service to the field of education.



Dr Bob Paddle (rear 2nd from left) with fourth year Psychology students.

## Peter Castleton retires

Mr Peter Castleton, ACU Director of Public Affairs, retired on 30 September to take up an executive directorship with a leading fundraising consultancy company.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Sheehan, said that Mr Castleton had given outstanding service to the University.

"I am immensely grateful to him for his many contributions", he said. "He has worked tirelessly to make sure our image is being appreciated and he has been personally responsible for bringing many needed resources to us through the Foundation".

Mr Castleton has not severed all ties with ACU. He will continue to assist, as a consultant, with the Melbourne campus fundraising campaign.

## Psychology presentation

The School of Psychology (Victoria) held a Student Colloquium Day at Christ Campus on 17 September where students presented the findings of their thesis research to staff and students.

Students also presented a 'poster paper' for the School of Psychology which was displayed over the following week and attracted interest from undergraduate students considering 4th year studies.

A wide variety of topics were presented including *The measured effects of music therapy upon anxiety* (Melissa Micallef), *Coping with a drug-addicted family member* (Narelle Eklund) and *Intimacy and depression in sexually-abused women* (Ronit Serebro). The contributions of psy-

chology to social justice issues were reflected in papers on attitudes towards homosexuality (Melissa Avery) and Vietnamese migrants (Kym Metcalf). Psychometric evaluations of the validity and reliability of established psychological measures, such as the *Neale Analysis of Reading Ability Revised*, by Sarah Savage, were also presented. The continuing interest, among both staff and students, in the psychology of religion was reflected in Nonie Carr's paper on *The relationship between spirituality and control*.

The day was organised by Dr Bob Paddle, Chairperson of Research Activities, School of Psychology.

## Jubilee celebrations

The University's Goals Committee met on 19 October to discuss Year 2000 Jubilee activities being organised by ACU.

Jubilee celebrations include:

- distribution to all ACU students of a letter from the University Chancellor, Cardinal Edward Clancy, about the Jubilee;
- the 2000 Lentern Lecture, which will be held at St Patrick's Campus on 8 March, 2000 and be delivered by Fr Frank Brennan SJ on *Spirituality for the New Millennium*;
- visit of Cardinal Francis George of Chicago with a public lecture(s) at ACU in May and June;
- links with the Jubilee Year Seminar on the Promotion of Catholic Social Teaching, Promoting Human Dignity in Oceania;
- a satellite meeting titled *Catholic Higher Education in Australia: Into the*

*New Millennium* at MacKillop Campus on 6 - 7 August in conjunction with the 20th General Assembly of the International Federation of Catholic Universities;

- ACU's Centre for Early Christian Studies is involved in *Oriente Lumen: Australia and Oceania*, an international ecumenical conference at Ormond College, Parkville, Melbourne, 10 - 13 July; and
- national gathering focussing on spirituality at the University of New South Wales, 10 - 14 January.

The Goals Committee is collating a list of all Jubilee activities involving ACU and its staff and students. Contact Ms Joanne Wheatley, Secretary, Goals Committee, on phone (02) 9739.2947, email: j.wheatley@vcy.acu.edu.au, fax (02) 9739 2905 to advise of any activities.



Mr Peter Castleton addresses the McAuley Campus farewell on 21 September. A morning tea and liturgy was held to farewell Mr Castleton and Ms Claire Montgomery, Senior Administrative Officer, Organisational Development and Personnel Support.





Mr Paul Field (third from left), Manager of The Wiggles, Mr Tim Smith (fourth from right), Lecturer, School of Arts and Sciences, and students.

## Wiggles manager at music program

Students enrolled in the July Winter School program at Mount Saint Mary Campus studied, performed, and were exposed to a wide variety of popular music genres. The program titled *Popular Music – live fast, die young* looked at music from the Swinging Sixties to current trends.

Students visited a rock music radio station, learning about programming and air-play decision-making responsibilities. Mr

Paul Field, manager of the popular childrens' music group, The Wiggles, and formerly lead singer with the Sydney pop group, The Cockroaches, visited the Campus to share his experiences in the professional music world with the students. Mr Field is a graduate of CCES (Castle Hill) where he enrolled in music and drama electives with Mr Tim Smith, Lecturer, School of Arts and Sciences (NSW).

## Multicultural celebrations

Staff and students on McAuley Campus joined to celebrate the Multicultural Festival in October.

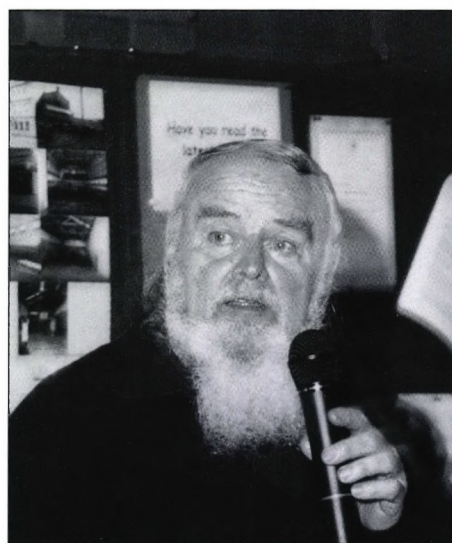
On 26 October activities included Caribbean music, Line Dancing and Belly Dancing and multicultural food, prepared and served by ELICOS students. Students from the local school, Our Lady of Dolours, were invited to attend the activities.

A multicultural Liturgy was held on 27 October, and a multicultural dinner attended by 70 staff and students completed the Festival's celebrations. At the dinner Mr Hose Zepada, Director, Centre for Multicultural Pastoral Care, spoke on the importance of focusing on the local community.

Funding for the Festival's celebrations was provided from the various Schools at McAuley Campus, with a \$2,000 donation from the Student Representative Council.

## ELICOS outing

Melbourne ELICOS students from Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Thailand visited Bells Beach, near Melbourne on a field trip where they met an Australian surfer and later visited nearby Torquay. The field trips provide ACU's ELICOS students with a great insight into Melbourne life, history and culture.



Mr Eddie Dalton

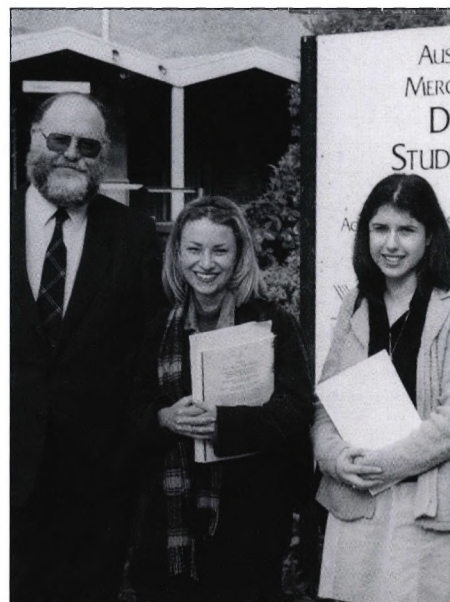
## 25 years

Professor Wolfgang Gritching, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research), acknowledged Mr Eddie Dalton's 25 years of service to ACU at a special gathering and presentation of certificate at Christ Campus in August.

Mr Dalton joined ACU in 1974 as Caretaker and has been responsible for the Campus' grounds and buildings. He now has the title, Property Assistant.

Over the years Mr Dalton has made his mark writing and reading poetry. Concentrating on "occurrence" poetry with occasional bush poetry he travels the country sharing his poems. He also reads his poems to staff and students at Christ Campus.

## Roundup



Dr John Brick, School of Education (Victoria) with students Danielle Messina and Nicole Schembri.

## Scottish trip for students

Nicole Schembri and Danielle Messina, third year Bachelor of Arts-Bachelor of Teaching students at ACU's Mercy Campus, travelled to Scotland in November for four weeks of teaching experience in Scottish schools.

Dr John Brick, Senior Lecturer, School of Education, negotiated their placement with the University of Glasgow's Faculty of Education. Dr Brick worked at Glasgow under an OSP grant and is involved in research, teaching and publication with the University of Glasgow.

Nicole and Danielle are the first students from Mercy Campus to work in Scotland.

## Silver Jubilee

Br Benildus, a lecturer in the Queensland School of Nursing, celebrated his 25th Anniversary as a De La Salle Brother with a Thanksgiving Mass at McAuley Campus on 3 November.

Br Benildus taught in Sydney Schools before training in nursing. After working in Sydney hospitals he accepted a nurse-educator's post at Sydney University, before joining McAuley's newly-formed School of Nursing in January 1990.



# of events



Aquinas Campus students, Brooke McHattie (left) and Elissa Brennan (right) with Christ Campus graduate and Sacred Heart Mission staff member, Cherie Chaperon.

## Street retreat

Fifteen students from Aquinas, Mercy and Christ campuses attended a two-day retreat at the Treacy Conference Centre, Parkville, Melbourne, in July.

The retreat was organised by ACU Campus Ministry Centre to provide students with experiences that will raise their awareness of poverty and homelessness in Melbourne.

The team organiser was fourth year BA-BT student, Evelyn Ralph, who participated in the 1998 Street Retreat.

During the retreat the students walked the streets of Melbourne and its inner suburbs to experience the life of 'street people'. They also were placed in an agency of their choice and later shared their experiences from their 'street walks' and social welfare agency work.

## Parents' room

A parents' room has been established at McAuley Campus to cater for the increase in the number of students with babies.

Professor Muredach Dynan, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Quality and Outreach) officially opened the room as part of a childcare initiative on 9 August. A *Parental Leave Information* booklet and *Childcare Information* kit were also launched on the day.

Ms Kathy Shelton, Nursing Mothers Association, presented a Mother Friendly Workplace Award to McAuley Campus for its provision of mother-friendly facilities and workplace practices. The Campus was awarded the highest five star rating for its Parent's Room.



(Back) Students, Louise Preston, Sharon Muir, Tanya McDowell and Angela Conwell with Brother Benildus (centre) and (front) postgraduate, Ben Sankey, and student, Donna Arnold at the Australasian Nursing Students Conference.

## Sri Lanka project

Ms Imke Fischer, Senior Lecturer, School of Human Movement (NSW), has recently completed a six month project in Sri Lanka, writing a tertiary curriculum for the country's teachers colleges.

The project was organised by Illawarra Technology Corporation (ITC) which invited Ms Fischer to join a team of 12 Australian academics to write the curriculum. Ms Fischer was responsible for planning the Physical Education syllabus.

"It was a real challenge planning and writing this report because you had to learn about the culture, philosophy and thinking of the people before embarking on a syllabus. I travelled to just about every teachers college, except in the war-torn areas, and worked closely with the Institute of Sport and Ministry of Education before providing my report for the Sri Lanka Ministry of Education," said Ms Fischer.

"The project also provided the opportunity to establish new links with other Australian universities and further networking."



Ms Imke Fischer, School of Human Movement (NSW), (front, second from left) with colleagues in Sri Lanka.

## Nursing student conference

Students from the School of Nursing, Queensland, presented papers at the inaugural Australasian Undergraduate Nursing Students Conference, held in July at Queensland University of Technology, Kelvin Grove Campus, Brisbane.

The focus of the conference was *Nursing in the third Millennium - a Student Perspective* which was attended by students from throughout Australia.

Second year students, Sharon Muir, Louise Preston, Tanya McDowell and Donna Arnold presented a paper on *Images of Nurses and Nursing*, which explored the different images of nurses and nursing through history, incorporating the views and opinions of society today.

The students were assisted and guided by Br Benildus, Lecturer, School of Nursing, McAuley Campus, in the preparation and presentation of their papers.

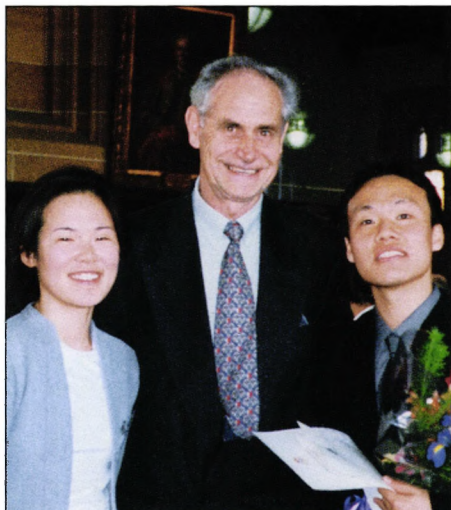
## Aid program

Ms Michelle White, Student Administration, McAuley Campus, has been accepted as an Australian Youth Ambassador.

The program, established by the Australian Government, called the Australian Youth Ambassadors for Development (AYAD), identifies and places skilled young Australians on development assignments throughout the Asia Pacific region. It gives them the opportunity to use their skills to assist developing countries, while building long term goodwill and understanding between Australians and their neighbours.

Ms White travelled to Cambodia in October for her assignment. She was seconded by AYAD to the Australian Aid for Cambodia Fund (AACF) for this assignment.





Mr Les Ingram, ELICOS Senior Teacher, with ACUcom graduates Cho Young Sun (left) and Sung Jae Ho.

## International scholarships

Two graduates of ACUcom ELICOS program have been awarded scholarships at the 1999 University of Sydney International Scholarship presentation ceremony held in MacLaurin Hall in May.

The scholarships were awarded on merit to Cho Young Sun (Faculty of Education), who is in the final semester of her Master's degree in Education, and Sung Jae Ho (Faculty of Arts) in the final year of his Bachelor's degree.

More recently Mayuki Asai, a graduate of ACUcom, received a special award for attaining a High Distinction in Philosophy in her Foundation Course at Macquarie University.



Dr Peggy McBride

## Two students honoured



The 1999 winner of the Anne Lyons Memorial Award, Nicole Breeze, Graduate Diploma in Education (Adult and Community Education), with (l to r) Associate Professor Paul Chesterton, NSW School of Education, Mr Mark Leary, former Campus Minister, and Professor John Coll, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs). The Anne Lyons Memorial Fund was established to promote the concept of social justice in Australia from a Catholic viewpoint.

## Research award

Dr Margaret (Peggy) McBride, School of Human Movement (NSW) has won the New Investigator Award (NIA) of the International Society of Biomechanics in Sports (ISBS) at its 17th International Symposium held in Perth in July.

The award recognises new researchers and encourages them to become productive members of the Society by expanding the knowledge base of sports biomechanics through study and dissemination of information.

All members of ISBS, who have completed a master's or doctorate within the past two years, are eligible for consideration. Candidates must be the first author of the abstract submitted and accepted for presentation at the annual Symposium of ISBS and also present their paper at the Symposium.

The title of Dr McBride's presentation was *Use of Real-Time Telemetry to Monitor Instantaneous Seat and Boat Velocity in Pair-Oared Rowing*.

In accepting her award, Dr McBride acknowledged the significant contribution made by the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS). She indicated that the financial and technical support at AIS, coupled with a unique and enriched environment, enabled her to pursue applied research which is relevant to coaches and athletes.



Third-year BEd student at Signadou Campus, Wendy Copeland (second from right) receives the 1999 Bill Ritchie Award, with (l to r) Glenda Shopen, Lecturer, ACT School of Education, Associate Professor Peter Camilleri, Signadou Rector, and Associate Professor Helen Bourke, Head of ACT School of Education. The scholarship is made available through the Mary MacKillop Foundation from the Bill Ritchie Family Trust set up by Mrs Patricia Ritchie in memory of her late husband, Mr Bill Ritchie.

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