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Special awards at graduation ceremonies

The first PhD in the Faculty of Health Sciences, two Honorary Doctorates, three Excellence in Teaching Awards and five Faculty Medals were presented at graduation ceremonies in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Ballarat in April and May.

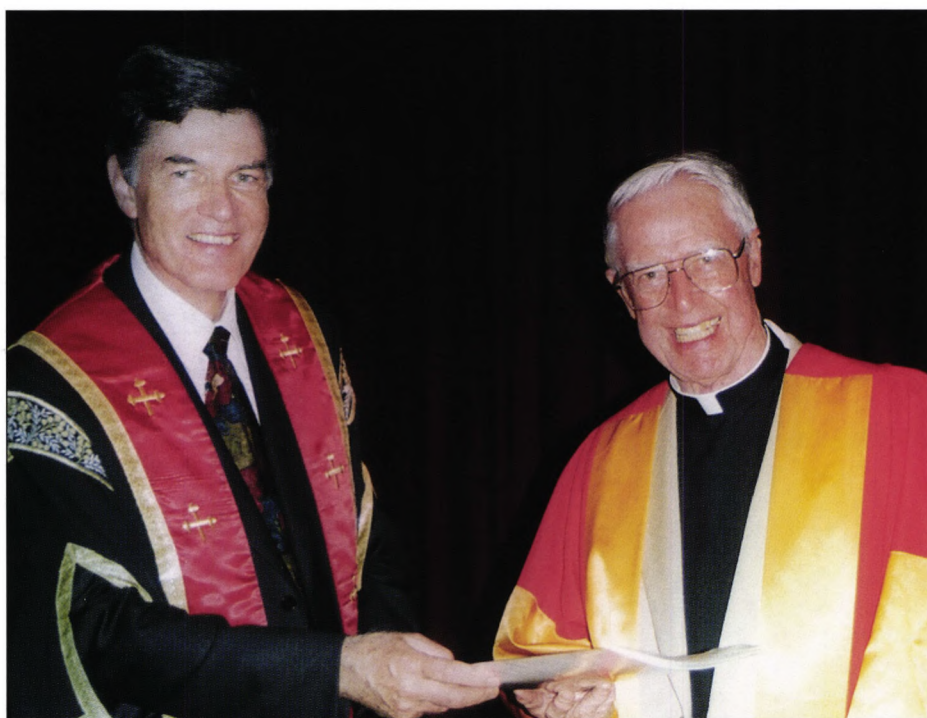
About 2700 graduates received awards at the ceremonies.

The graduation ceremony for Signadou Campus was held in Canberra on 27 March and was reported in the April edition of The Chronicle.

Dr Rene Geanellos received the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the Faculty of Health Sciences at the graduation ceremony in Sydney on 17 April.

Honorary Degrees of Doctor of the University were presented to Fr Francis Mecham at the fourth and final graduation ceremony in Sydney on 17 April and to the former Bishop of Ballarat, Dr Ronald Mulkearns, at the graduation ceremony for Aquinas Campus in Ballarat on 2 May.

Excellence in Teaching Awards for 1997 were presented in Melbourne to Dr Judith Bessant, Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Social Welfare and Administration, and Associate Professor Doug Clarke, Department of Mathematics, Science and Technology Education, and in Brisbane to Dr Gayle Spry, Senior Lecturer, Department of Educational Foundations.



Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Sheehan with Father Francis Mecham who received an Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University.

In Brisbane the Faculty of Arts and Sciences Pass Medal was awarded to Lucia Bee and the Faculty of Health Sciences Pass Medal to Judith Ann Saunders.

In Sydney the Faculty of Arts and Sciences Honours Medal was awarded to

David Nicholas Long and the Faculty of Health Sciences Honours Medal to Gavin Wayne Lackey.

In Ballarat the Faculty of Education Medal was awarded to Lyndal Simone Brown.

1998 Open Days

Mercy	Sunday 2 August	10.00am – 4.00pm
Christ	Sunday 9 August	10.00am – 4.00pm
McAuley	Sunday 23 August	10.00am – 3.00pm
MacKillop	Saturday 29 August	11.00am – 3.00pm
Aquinas	Sunday 30 August	10.00am – 4.00pm
Mt St Mary	Saturday 5 September	11.00am – 3.00pm
Signadou	Saturday 12 September	9.00am – 4.00pm

Employment record

ACU's good record for employment of new graduates was confirmed by the latest report of the Graduate Careers Council of Australia (GCCA).

The Sydney Morning Herald in a news report on 17 June and feature on 22 June noted that the percentage of ACU 1997 graduates seeking full-time employment was 14.2 per cent, the lowest in NSW and equalled nationally only by the University of Southern Queensland.

The national average for all universities was given as 20.8 per cent in the GCCA Report.

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Vice-Chancellor's Column



Professor Peter Sheehan

It is now six months since I have taken office – and the term “new” is fading into the deep recesses of my consciousness. Before it dies completely, I would like to thank staff for their welcome and willingness to meet with me and for their discussions with me everywhere I have gone. That interaction is essential if I am to understand the full complexity of the institution with all of its many challenges and exciting potential.

There are two enormous challenges ahead, one short-term and the other long-term. The short-term task refers to the Strategic Review. I see it as an opportunity to emphasize a vision of a Catholic university, and to change structure and function to make ACU a more cohesive environment united by common commitment to the goal of becoming a truly great Catholic university. I believe that goal is achievable and I'd like to work hand in hand with staff to realize it. I know that faculties and other groups such as Chapters and Student Services have been hard at work trying to put my vision-principles into action and I appreciate that. Hard work is inevitably ahead as we converge on what is distinctive about our identity and what we do well. This will, in turn, have major implications for the way we project our

identity to others outside our seven University campuses. I look forward to seeing the end result of our deliberations and I see the process of change as an evolving one. We will change and should go on doing that over time – as we must do if we really mean what we say.

The long-term challenge relates to our two main property moves. The years ahead for ACU are exciting ones, as citadels of Catholic learning and scholarship begin to emerge in two of our major capital cities. The moves we intend are not just based on accepted rationales such as consolidation and expansion, but project new dimensions of Catholic experience which are embedded excitingly in problem-creating urban environments. I aim to keep staff informed as events unfold with respect to both these anticipated moves.

The lifeblood of a university depends in the final run on its staff, their commitment to the institution, and their loyalty to it. As far as staff are concerned, there are more important changes in the ebb and flow. We are in the final stages of selecting a new Dean of Education and the first Chair in Philosophy, and have appointed a new Director of Finance. These positions, as others, will help to shape our future.

I have the sense that mechanisms and policy issues in our University are beginning to cohere. Common issues, such as Catholicity, are being considered by several groups who are aware of what others are doing. I don't think we have yet got right the balance between our national identity and state concerns – this balance is in turn related to the tension that exists between local autonomy and central direction. We will with time get that better, and hopefully, some of the outcomes of the Strategic Review will move us in the appropriate direction.

Finally, in my column I want to pay particular tribute to Sister Barbara Stead RSM who gave dedicated service to this University. Her death is a tragic loss to the University and to the many students and staff who remember her with great warmth and affection.

International seminar

The Department of Educational Leadership, is sponsoring and hosting an International Working Seminar on Catholic Leadership at Mount Saint Mary Campus, Strathfield, from 2 to 5 August. The theme is *Catholic Leadership – The Challenge and the Paradox*.

The event has attracted world-wide interest with delegates registering from many countries, including England, Ireland, Scotland, the United States, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa.

The Chancellor, Cardinal Edward Clancy, will officially open the Seminar in the Auditorium at Strathfield at 6.00pm on Sunday 2 August.

The first working session will follow at 7.30pm with Professor Patrick Duignan, Foundation Professor of Education Leadership, presenting a keynote address.

The Seminar is being preceded by a Leadership Conversation being conducted by email, in which over 150 persons from all continents have participated. Since November last year eight Stimulus Topics have been prepared and distributed to the members of the Conversation. Authors have represented various aspects of Catholic Leadership from many fields.

During the Working Seminar there will be a Leadership Dinner held at The Taronga Centre on Tuesday 4 August.

Contact the Department of Educational Leadership at ACU on (02)9739.2167 or fax (02)9739.2292 for further information on the Seminar.

Wollongong award

The Diocese of Wollongong Catholic Development Fund has introduced an Equity and Merit Scholarship, valued at \$2000, for an ACU student living in the Diocese.

The first award was made on 8 July to Ana Maria Manquel at a luncheon in Wollongong, hosted by the Bishop of Wollongong, the Most Reverend Philip Wilson, who made the presentation of the scholarship.

Representing the University were the Professor of Educational Leadership, Professor Patrick Duignan, the Rector, Signadou Campus, Associate Professor Tim O'Hearn, and the Director, Public Affairs, Mr Peter Castleton.

At the luncheon, Mr Castleton presented an ACU plaque to the retiring Director of the Wollongong Catholic Education Office, Mr Terry White, in recognition of his support for the University.

University's commitment to Aboriginal reconciliation

Australian Catholic University is totally committed to the process of reconciliation with the indigenous peoples, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Sheehan, stated at Ballarat on Tuesday 12 May.

Professor Sheehan was launching the University's new Victorian Aboriginal Support Unit, Jim-baa-yer, which will be based at Aquinas Campus in Ballarat.

Professor Sheehan said the University's Senate, in formally adopting the reconciliation policy, had drawn its inspiration from the historic message of Pope John Paul II to the indigenous peoples and the Australian Catholic Church in Alice Springs on 19 November 1986.

"There are many events for which this country needs to bow its head in shame and to embrace reconciliation with complete commitment and conviction", he said.

Professor Sheehan said that ACU had formally endorsed its Commitment to Reconciliation.

Under this policy ACU had pledged its support to the important goals (on each of its campuses) of recognising indigenous culture with activities that involve ACU's total community in working actively to encourage greater participation of indigenous peoples in tertiary education, and incorporating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives into its curriculum.

Under the policy ACU has made a commitment to the following goals:

- each campus will endeavour to involve the indigenous people of the region in the life of the University
- each year the University will recognise indigenous culture with activities involving the University community on each campus
- the University through its policies and practices will encourage greater participation of indigenous peoples in tertiary education
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives will be integral to the curriculum of the University
- the University will join other universities and institutions of higher education to achieve reconciliation with indigenous peoples.

During the ceremony the Archbishop of Melbourne, the Most Rev. Dr George Pell, opened the new Student Services Centre in Burke House on Aquinas Campus.

He also unveiled a plaque in the campus grounds to the Wathaurong people who lived on land in the region for thousands of years.

The name Jim-baa-yer, which means "to teach" in a Victorian aboriginal dialect, was chosen after extensive consultation with aboriginal communities in Melbourne and rural Victoria.

The Jim-baa-yer Aboriginal Support Unit will be a focal point for current and prospective Aboriginal students and the centre from which other activities related



Ted Lovett, Ballarat Aboriginal Community, Vicki Walker, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, and Archbishop George Pell at the plaque in the Aquinas campus grounds to the Wathaurong people.

to Aboriginal communities will be initiated and supported.

The University already has two other Aboriginal Support Units – Yalbalanga ("place of learning") in New South Wales and Weemala ("distant view"), an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Support Unit in Queensland.

These provide identifiable locations within the University for ACU's activities for indigenous students, staff and communities and for assisting non-Aboriginal people associated with the University to gain a better understanding of indigenous cultures.

ACU has established separate units in the three States because the campuses work with different indigenous communities.

Gospel study

A new study of the Gospel of St John by the ACU Professor of Theology, Professor Francis J Moloney SDB was launched at Christ Campus, Oakleigh, on 23 June.

The book is entitled *The Gospel of John (Sacra Pagina Series 4)*.

Professor Brendan Byrne SJ, the Professor of New Testament Studies, Jesuit Theological College, Melbourne College of Divinity, launched the book, which is published by The Liturgical Press Collegeville, Minnesota. John Garratt Publishing, 32 Glenvale Crescent Mulgrave, Vic, is the Australian publisher.

Professor Moloney says this present work focuses attention on the narrative design of the Fourth Gospel and traces the influence of this Gospel's story on its readers. It traces the way in which the author has told the story of Jesus in order to bring readers to a point of decision.

In his address Professor Byrne praised the consistency and continuing vision that the author had exposed to the most rigor-



Garry Eastman, Managing Director of John Garratt Publishing; Author Dr Frank Moloney, Professor of Theology at Australian Catholic University; Dr Linda Maloney, Academic Editor of Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minnesota, USA; Professor Brendan Byrne SJ, Professor of New Testament, Jesuit Theological College, Parkville who launched the book.

ous scrutiny of scholarly peers, on an international scale, and had not fundamentally had to alter.

"It is a tried and tested vision – not only in its scholarly authenticity but in its pastoral

and human applicability as well," he said.

Professor Byrne said he was proud as an Australian that the new work had joined the prestigious and popular Sacra Pagina series in such a notable area: the Fourth Gospel.



Associate Professor Pam Gibbons, Brendan Lynch and Ms Kay Logan (both of SOCOG) at the launch.

SOCOG launch at ACU

Australian Catholic University Business Information Systems students were introduced to the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games Technology Specialist Volunteer program at a special launch on 20 May at Mount Saint Mary Campus.

Representing the Sydney Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (SOCOG) the Manager of Specialists Volunteers and coordinator of SOCOG University liaison, Mr Brendan Lynch, presented a program to students for the 2000 Olympics and Paralympics.

The Program is a joint venture with IBM and will give students the opportunity to work in a variety of technical positions leading up to and during the Sydney Olympics and Paralympics.

Associate Professor Pam Gibbons, Head of School of Arts and Sciences, is finalising a package to incorporate volun-

teer work for the Program as a credit towards University course work.

The Program will run for 12 to 15 weeks over the next two years.

The Technology Specialist Volunteer program involves students working in two areas: testing and technical support. SOCOG Technology will be trialled during a series of world class Test Events in 1999 and early 2000 and it is hoped ACU students will play a major role in testing these systems before the Games, and then carry over to other technology-based roles during the Games.

SOCOG representatives will also be presenting volunteer programs in the areas of sports administration, human movement, nursing, media, language services, communication and business studies to ACU students later this year.

Book launch at Mercy Campus

A book dealing with leadership in Catholic schools of the future, *"Leading the Catholic Schools"*, was launched at Mercy Campus by Professor Michael Doyle, Dean, Faculty of Education, in February.

Recently published by Spectrum Publications, Melbourne, the book is edited by Dr Helga Neidhart, Lecturer, Department of Educational Foundations, ACU, Dr John McMahon, Sacred Heart College, Adelaide, and Professor Judith Chapman, University of Western Australia.

Issues addressed in the book cover two fundamental questions:

"Is contemporary educational leader-

ship theory relevant to Catholic Schools today?" and "Are practices of discernment, collaboration and subsidiarity useful in today's Catholic Schools?"

The book includes chapters written by educational practitioners, academics and system administrators from Australia and overseas.

The Department of Educational Leadership, ACU, is well represented by Professor Patrick Duignan (Foreword), Dr Ross Keane (Referee), Dr Denis McLaughlin and Dr Kathleen Engebretson (Chapter contributions) and Dr Helga Neidhart (Co-editor).

Council Address

Teacher education needed resources that were required for the future welfare of Australian society and its labour market, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Sheehan, said in Sydney on 29 June.

He was the guest speaker at the Dinner of the 1998 Annual Conference of the NSW Teacher Education Council.

Professor Sheehan said that he had two major themes for his Address.

The first was the importance that should be attributed to teacher education. The second was the question of the level of resources available for its development.

Teacher education was defined in its context by multiple pressures.

"It aims to promote an educated population who can better deal with change; it is dedicated to enhance individuals' capacity to learn; and it deals directly with the important matter of increasing training and capacity to cope with quality information which in turn furthers educational and professional opportunities", he said.

"The range of demands for teacher education must grow with increased participation in our secondary education system and the status of teacher education is integrally tied to the socio-economic objective of preparing people for a wide range of vocational training undertaken in employment.

"Increases in school retention rates will have massive implications for curricula, for teacher education and retraining, and the provision of infrastructure. The field of teacher education must also take on board substantial shifts in parental attitudes and student expectations, and must be sensitive to key issues such as the particular problems of schools in low socio-economic areas."

Professor Sheehan said that in the current situation, highlighted by the West Report, the pressures were greater from Government as well as from society, and the resources to satisfy those pressures were now considerably thinner.

On the need for increased resources, Professor Sheehan said that if you wished to enhance the quality of teacher education it would take resources to do so; quality rarely ever improved by doing more for less. Initiatives in collaboration and field placement, in finding support for research, and in establishing mechanisms for monitoring the quality and status of teacher education require appreciable resources.

Bogside artists' exhibitions



Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Sheehan with artist, William Kelly.

For the first time, Australian Catholic University and Sydney College of the Arts, University of Sydney have jointly hosted an art exhibition.

They simultaneously displayed paintings and photographs by The Bogside Artists, William Kelly, his brother, Tom Kelly, and Kevin Hasson.

Professor Peter Sheehan, Vice-Chancellor, Australian Catholic University, officially opened the Bogside Artists' Exhibition in the newly refurbished Creative Arts Building, Mount Saint Mary Campus, on May 18 at a function attended by more than 100 guests.

The artists are responsible for the famous murals located in the area of The Bogside, Derry (Northern Ireland), known as "Free Derry Corner". The site got its name in 1969 when embattled Bogside residents staged a successful resistance against attacks from the Royal Ulster Constabulary and their auxiliary police force called the B-Specials.

The 15 very large paintings in the exhibition chronicle "The Troubles". It also features a photograph of the artists' most famous mural, "The Petrol Bomber". The exhibition also includes photographs of other paintings, and of the artists at work.

Ms Judith Carroll, Lecturer, Department of Visual and Performing Arts, ACU, was responsible for arranging the collaboration between the two universities.

Ms Carroll said the exhibition between two of Sydney's respected centres of learning profoundly symbolised the hope that the new peace agreement in Ireland would survive long enough for both communities there to learn the advantages of cooperation and mutual understanding.

Ms Carroll said there also was hope that this was the beginning of many more joint activities by the two universities.

The exhibition was the third showing of the work. The first was on January 1 this year at the artists' studio, which overlooks

The Bogside. The second was on February 18 at the Mildura Arts Centre, which brought the exhibition to Australia.

Twelve pieces of The Bogside Artists exhibition were on view at Sydney College of the Arts from 7 to 28 May.

Eight other works and eight photographs were exhibited at ACU's Creative Arts Building from 18 May to 3 June.

Bogside artist, William Kelly, delivered a public lecture in the ACU auditorium on 21 May. He spoke on art and social conflict, and screened a 40-minute documentary on the artists made by the BBC.

After the showings in Sydney, the Bogside Artists presented their exhibition at Boston College, the largest Catholic institution in the United States of America.

Art Facility

The Creative Arts Building at Australian Catholic University now rates among the best as a facility for art. The building dates from the mid-19th century and originally was the stables to the old house which is part of Mount Saint Mary Campus.

When the Christian Brothers occupied the site the building was converted to a sewing room, where habits were made for most of the religious orders in Sydney.

The latest refurbishment was completed in March 1998.

The Creative Arts building provides studios for painting and drama, printmaking, and sculpture, photographic dark-rooms, lecture rooms, and a dance studio with a sprung dance floor which doubles as an art gallery. All colours have been selected to maximise light.

A ceramics studio is housed in a separate building.

The facilities now make it possible for the University to offer to the community fee-paying courses in various areas of art, including painting, photography and sculpture.

Honorary Degree for Father Mecham

On the day after his diamond jubilee as a priest, Father Francis Mecham was admitted to the Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University. He then delivered the Occasional Address at the graduation ceremony on 17 April in Sydney for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Sheehan, said that Fr Mecham was involved in Cardinal Gilroy's efforts for the establishment of a Catholic University in Australia.

"It is fitting that the University thought of so long ago should now exist and be able to thank him for his endeavours", he said.

In his address, Fr Mecham, who served as Chaplain for ten years at the University of Sydney, recalled the early attempts to have a Catholic University in Australia.

He told the graduates that to complete a degree showed good sense and determination to embark upon a course, and even greater character was required to carry it through successfully.

"In my years as Chaplain at Sydney University it often fell to me to encourage those who were thinking of giving up, and they were always grateful when they heeded my advice and finished successfully. I trust you will all go on to greater things."

Fr Mecham was manager, editor and regular contributor of The Australasian Catholic Record for almost 50 years and was Chairman and Member of the Board of The Catholic Weekly for 13 years.

Significant influence

Professor Sheehan said: "A significant influence on Father Mecham was that of his uncle, Father, later Monsignor, Patrick Hartigan, even better known as John O'Brien, author of poems that have been memorised by many generations.

"As Monsignor Hartigan's literary executor, Father Mecham worked with Father T.J. Linane to publish his uncle's historical work *The Men of '38 and other Pioneer Priests* produced in 1975.

"On his own, he produced two major works. The first, *'John O'Brien' and the Boree Log*, published by Angus and Robertson in 1981, was a biography of his uncle, 346 pages of significant research about the life and work of the poet-priest.

"The other, published in 1991, was a study in 167 pages of *The Church and Migrants, 1946 - 1987*. It is an historical survey of the role and influence of the Catholic Church in post-war migration".

Use personal freedom wisely

Graduates from the Melbourne campuses in the Faculty of Education were advised by Dr Norman Ford SDB in his Occasional Address that their task was to use personal freedom wisely and with a healthy sense of moral responsibility.

Dr Ford is Director, Caroline Chisholm Centre for Health Ethics, Melbourne, and Adjunct Professor, Australian Catholic University.

The graduation ceremony was held on 1 May at Melbourne Convention Centre.

Dr Ford told the graduates:

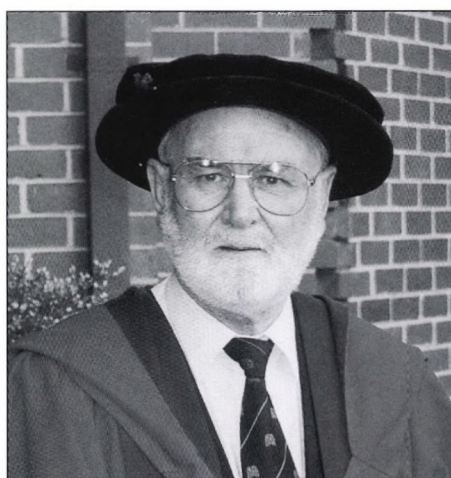
"The moral good may be conceived as that which is good for ourselves and/or others as persons, and in our case, 'persons in Christ.'

"We are morally bound to avoid doing evil precisely because we know that it is not good for us.

"We may never choose directly to do what we know is not good.

"There is little to be gained in claiming the right to make our own decisions unless we are prepared to take the necessary steps to make sure we always act in a morally responsible way.

"Feelings, intuitions and guess-work are not sufficiently reliable as guides to discover the true good in difficult cases.



Dr Norman Ford

"We must assess the impact that an act (or omission) has on the total well-being of ourselves and others.

"This will involve a careful analysis of all that is involved in relation to the truth of our personalised and social human nature and its requirements."

Dr Ford said the basics of ethics and moral theology had been learned at Australian Catholic University.

He said that moral norms were formulated to express prohibitions on certain

types of acts that conflicted with the true good of human persons.

Moral norms were like a rule of thumb, and were valid so long as they were understood in the light of their presuppositions.

However, if change occurred in the pre-supposed conditions of a moral norm, it might no longer be applicable in a new situation; in its stead another moral norm might be required.

The right course of action could only be known after a prudent evaluation to determine which moral norm was the right one to apply, case by case, Dr Ford said.

A person was bound to follow a conscience that was certain after reasonable efforts had been made to find out the truth.

Dr Ford said it was possible for some persons to be unable to assent to a particular moral teaching of the Church. "Such persons ought still follow their certain conscience when making decisions," he said.

"They should, however, keep an open mind and prayerfully continue in the search for the truth.

"They should also make sure the right to follow their conscience is not misunderstood to mean a right to teach students their private beliefs, instead of Church Teaching," Dr Ford said.

Crisis in health system

The continued provision of health care as Australians currently experience it in the last years of this century could not be maintained, the Chancellor of the University of Queensland, Dr Cherrell Hirst, stated in her Occasional Address at the graduation ceremony for the Faculty of Health Sciences in Brisbane on 4 April.

A leading medical scientist, and Director of the Wesley Breast Clinic since 1984, Dr Hirst said that the graduates and their peers would have to solve the problems facing the health system in the next 20 to 30 years.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Sheehan, presided at the ceremony at which more than 200 graduates received their awards.

In her Address, Dr Hirst said that she was reviewing the health system after 30 years of professional experience.

"To understand the problem we must consider the parameters of our current health system – in its entirety across the nation – from the maintenance of health through public health services to the treatment of illness and preparation for death", she said.

She summarised the situation in three points:

- "There is increasing knowledge of health and disease and expanding availability of technologies to monitor, diagnose and treat – a larger, more complex and very different world of health services is being recreated every day;
- "there already are changing expectations of people with regard to the maintenance of health and an increasing demand that every ailment – sinister or not – be treated successfully and almost immediately – regardless of the complexity or the cost;
- "we exist in an increasingly complex financial world – globally determined – where prioritisation of national political values in relation to funding is a necessity.

"If we seriously consider each of these three parameters and then the significance of their combined effect we can reach only one conclusion and that is that the continued provision of health care as we currently know it in the last years of this century cannot be maintained for the reasons I have just described – it is a total impossibility".

Dr Hirst said that there were two choices



Dr Cherrell Hirst

facing the new health professionals.

They could ignore the non-sustainability of the current system and hope that it wouldn't collapse in their working life.

Or they could take the harder road which she urged them to follow.

They should endeavour to change current practices and system to generate an overall health system that provided a consistent affordable and accessible quality of care which emphasised maintenance of health and prevention of illness.

ACU to support Church

Most Reverend Peter Connors, Bishop of Ballarat, has urged Australian Catholic University to become even more conscious of ways it can support the Church, particularly in rural Australia.

Bishop Connors was delivering the Occasional Address at a conferring of awards ceremony at Ballarat on 2 May in Her Majesty's Theatre. The ceremony was for the three faculties of Arts and Sciences, Education, and Health Sciences.

He said that there was worldwide indifference or lack of attention to really significant moments, events and people.

In this volatile scenario, change impinged on physical realities and made impact at the spiritual and emotional levels.

"Feelings of vulnerability, of being expendable, of isolation and alienation arise within us, and find release in various forms, challenging us to strive for hope and some sense of stability in local, national and international arenas," Bishop Connors said.

Appropriate action required insight and

courage; and almost certainly would bring the far-sighted into conflict with entrenched cultural attitudes and vested interests, he said.

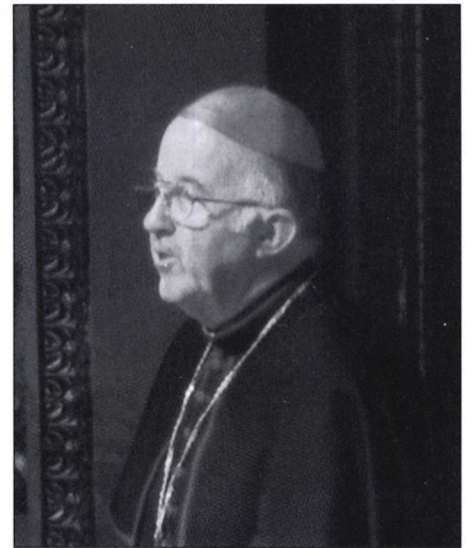
Bishop Connors asked where were the people of vision, the people who would bring relief to the suffering in the world.

"Where are the people who, on one hand, challenge the status quo and, on the other, affirm, encourage, and develop steps to bring about change?" Bishop Connors asked.

He considered that Australian Catholic University had a special role in all of this, and had rich resources in staff, students and graduates.

Bishop Connors said there was urgent need for people to be equipped to take leadership roles in liturgy, pastoral care and administration.

"These people need to be able to rise above the clutches of fundamentalism in all its forms, and to take on board a vision for the future which is grounded in solid scholarship and learning. This can be done with commitment and planning, and the



Bishop Peter Connors

application of many trained minds.

"The future depends to a very large degree on the church's entry into dialogue with the world, with the backing of sound scholarship and learning.

"We need to enter into a new stage of ecumenism and acknowledge more openly God's revelation in the other great religions and in the secular sciences," Bishop Connors said.

Support for Republic

Firm support for Australia to become a republic was given by the Archbishop of Melbourne, the Most Reverend George Pell, in his Occasional Address at the Graduation Ceremony for the faculties of Arts and Sciences and of Health Sciences in Melbourne on 1 May.

Archbishop Pell, who is also President of Australian Catholic University Limited, reviewed his experience as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention in Canberra and a member of the Resolutions Committee which prepared the motions and procedures for voting.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Sheehan, presided at the ceremony at which more than 400 graduates received their awards.

In his address Archbishop Pell said that the Convention had deepened his understanding of the strengths and sophistication of the Australian Constitution.

"It is a wonderful mixture of checks and balances so that the power of the people is exercised safely and beneficially," he said. "It reinforced my general conviction that we owe an enormous debt to all those who went before us, not least to the Irish Australians with their passion for justice (a fair go), enthusiasm for politics and respect for the education which made their participation possible".

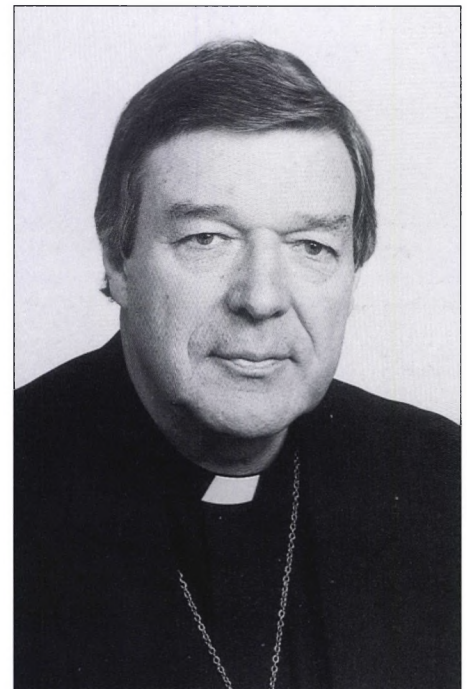
Archbishop Pell said that "as an individual I have long felt it inevitable that Australia would become a republic; provided we can devise a way to retain all our present strengths. I voted accordingly. The republic is not the greatest challenge facing Australia. I do not believe it will (or should) produce deep bitterness.

"We are already a sovereign and independent nation. None of this implies, however, that the question of whether or not Australia should become a republic is unimportant."

Archbishop Pell said that most Australian Catholics deeply valued Australia's British heritage. But in his view the British crown was no longer an appropriate symbol of Australian Nationhood, "not because it is British, but because it is not Australian.

"...we need the republic, an Australian Head of State, to remind ourselves that we are on our own in climes very distant from the homes of most of our forbears.

"Our neighbours need to see this, to see we are proud of our traditions but committed to the region, keen for friendship and cooperation, but proud, disciplined and emotionally self-sufficient. There is no reason to imagine that our good sense will evaporate with the passing of the Crown, the passing of hereditary monarchy."



Archbishop George Pell

Archbishop Pell told the graduates that, provided they were prepared to show leadership, they could help to preserve Australia's freedoms as intelligent, committed democrats.

"We have before us an opportunity to complete the slow, peaceful evolution of the Commonwealth of Australia. I will be urging my fellow Australians to grasp the opportunity".

Graduation



Dr Gayle Spry receives her Excellence in Teaching Award from Professor Sheehan.



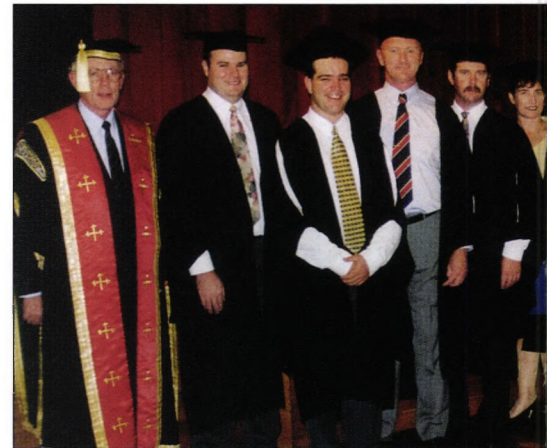
Among those to graduate in Melbourne were a mother and daughter. Mrs Helen Bull (right) graduated with a Graduate Diploma in Nursing specialising in palliative care and her daughter Leah (centre) graduated with a Bachelor of Nursing. Keeping up the family tradition is another daughter, Megan, (second from right) who is a first year Bachelor of Nursing student at Mercy Campus. Pictured with them are Mr Brendon Bull and another daughter, Genna.



Associate Professor Peter Sullivan, Head of School, Faculty of Education in Melbourne, with Pamela Hammond, Master of Education (Mathematics Education) and Dr Doug Clarke, Department of Mathematics, Science and Technology Education, a recipient of an Excellence in Teaching Award.



Graduation Ceremony

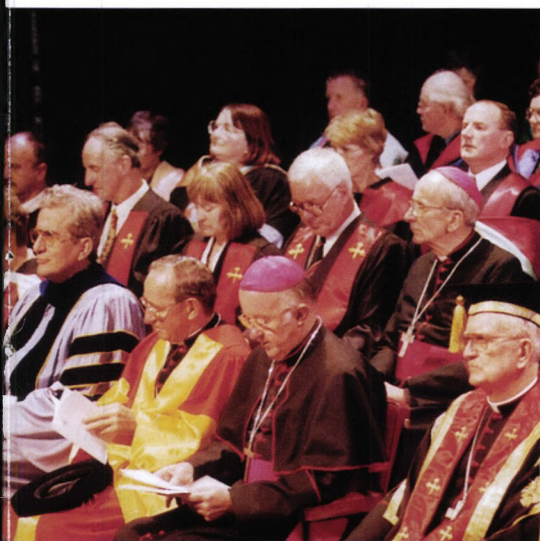


The Pro-Chancellor, Br Julian McDonald CFC, and academic staff.



Academic procession

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The first PhD in Health Sciences, Dr Rene Geanellos (centre), with Professor Sue Ronaldson, and Professor Lesley Wilkes of University of Western Sydney.



Daniel Eoe, who graduated with a BA (Hons) degree at Aquinas with the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Quality and Outreach), Professor Muredach Dynan and the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Sheehan. Twenty-six members of Daniel's family made the trip from Nauru to Ballarat for his graduation.



The NSW Minister for Education and Training, Mr John Aquilina, at a Sydney graduation ceremony with the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Sheehan, and the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, Professor Elizabeth Cameron-Traub.

Knowledge of Catholic art and culture

Fostering a knowledge of Catholic art and culture was one very effective way of getting in touch with the riches of the Catholic tradition.

This was stated by Emeritus Professor Margaret Manion (right), Department of Fine Arts, The University of Melbourne, in her Occasional Address at the second Sydney graduation ceremony of the Faculty of Education on 16 April.

The Pro-Chancellor, Br Julian McDonald CFC, presided at the ceremony for postgraduate awards.

Professor Manion, who joined the Loreto Sisters in 1952, spent 23 years on the staff of the University of Melbourne as Lecturer, Senior Lecturer and then Head of the Department of Fine Arts 1979 to 1995.

She was the first woman appointed to an established Chair at the University of Melbourne. She was also the first woman to be Chairman of the Academic Board and a Pro-Vice-Chancellor.

In her Address Professor Manion noted the variety of specialisations in education represented by the awards: curriculum planning, career guidance, education for leadership, pastoral and religious education, education of those with disabilities, education in ethics for those responsible for the maintenance of law and order, education in English as a second language.

"Such a wide range not only testifies to this University's distinguished reputation in the field of education, a distinction that many of its fellow institutions admire and envy, it also signals the broader framework in which education is professed at ACU," she said.

"Education here is envisaged not only as a commitment to excellence, and courses are devised not only with a practi-



cal eye on the job market, but education is presented in the context of compassion, of concern for the needy, the handicapped, and the less fortunate – not in any condescending way but in the belief that their liberation will enhance the whole community".

Professor Manion said that graduates would only be true to their university education if they kept alive a thirst for knowledge.

"Along with this thirst or passion for learning goes a freedom and large-mindedness of spirit that enables the pursuer of truth to respond to the challenge of apparent contradictions, to question received orthodoxy and to respect the different approaches and conclusions of one's colleagues.

"These have always been the ideals of the university as such. They present fresh challenges in our contemporary society; in particular they are the stimulus and the touchstone for the distinctive institution

that is ACU – a new university that is Catholic in a national system in which all other members are secular.

"As such ACU professes and enjoys the intellectual breadth and freedom proper to all universities. It also has a specific tradition on which to draw, the Catholic tradition with its distinctive spiritual, ethical and cultural riches.

"These two aspects are not contradictory. On the contrary they will often reinforce one another.

"They will nevertheless sometimes be in tension and that after all is what life, intellectual, professional and personal, is all about".

Professor Manion said that she hoped that "all graduates from ACU, no matter what their religious affiliation or absence thereof, emerge from this University with an understanding of and respect for the Catholic tradition along with their love of learning and belief in intellectual freedom.

"Triumphalism has no place in such a vision. Those who are at home with the history of Catholicism are acutely aware that the Church has no reason to be proud of its many manifestations of temporal power.

"Like all institutions large and small, especially those perhaps of the world in which we live today, the Catholic Church is constantly in need of reform and renewal".

Nonetheless the Catholic Church contained a consistent pulse, a yearning towards Divine truth and goodness, first articulated in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and perpetuated through the centuries.

"Is this were not the case, a Catholic university would have no point".

Concern with the Divine

Catholic universities are concerned with wholeness, the whole of reality, and therefore cannot avoid the question of God, Bishop Michael Putney said at a graduation ceremony of McAuley Campus in Brisbane on 4 April.

Bishop Putney, who is Auxiliary Bishop to the Archbishop of Brisbane, was delivering the Occasional Address at the graduation of the faculties of Arts and Sciences and of Education.

The question of God and the claim of God was relevant to all discourse, and not simply to that which occurs in a faculty called theology, Bishop Putney said.

Unlike many contemporary institutions, Catholic universities did not consider God as a private matter, or something to be

acknowledged only within churches, or within academic disciplines such as theology, unrelated to mainstream disciplines.

"While Catholic universities today may not give to theology the pre-eminent position that it was given in the middle ages, they cannot afford to consider it as marginal", he said.

"Theology, of all subjects, is mainstream, because God, the theos in theology, is the ultimate mystery behind, beyond and beneath all disciplines."

Bishop Putney said Catholic universities were part of the mission of the Church.

"This does not mean, in any way, that they cease to be genuine free universities. But it does mean that they do not shrink from the full import of the word 'Catholic'



Bishop Michael Putney

in their name," he said.

"Clearly, not all staff, and not all students, would see that as a positive word. But this is no reason for down-playing the challenge it offers."

Balanced portfolio of research



While acknowledging the great potential for advances in health through research in molecular biology, Dr Andrew Wilson (above), is convinced of the need to maintain a balanced investment portfolio in research so that other opportunities for significant impact on human health and well-being will not be missed.

Dr Wilson, Chief Health Officer, NSW Department of Health, advanced this argument in his Occasional Address at the graduation ceremony for the Faculty of Health Sciences in Sydney on 17 April.

At the ceremony, presided over by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Sheehan, the first award of Doctor of Philosophy in the Faculty of Health Sciences was pre-

sented to Dr Rene Geanellos.

Other awards at the graduate and post-graduate level were presented in Human Movement Studies, Nursing and Clinical Teaching.

Gavin Lackey, who received the award of Bachelor of Human Movement Studies (Honours) also won the Faculty Medal.

In his Occasional Address, titled *Health beyond Genes*, Dr Wilson said an exciting era in medical science had commenced which would be dominated by discoveries in molecular biology.

"This work is already contributing to a better understanding of both normal and diseased function and limited trials of therapeutic approaches have begun", he said.

"I have no doubt that for many diseases, particularly those which are strongly genetically determined, this will eventually offer benefits.

"However, ... there is more to promoting better health and improving health care outcomes than will ever be found in a better understanding of the patho-biology of disease.

"I contend that health, being something more than the absence of disease, requires more than normal genes, and most common diseases involve some effect of an external factor.

"I also contend that major improve-

ments in health can occur without knowing the exact mechanisms that cause illness and it is unlikely that some current trends in ill health will be changed because of a better understanding of the pathophysiology".

Dr Wilson said there would remain a major role for the health professional as the supporter and care giver to help people through physical or mental illness, social or psychological distress and accident.

He warned the graduates that the expectations of the community of its health service in many cases outweighed the service's ability to deliver.

"It is important that all of you who enter into a career in the health and health care sector recognise that you have an important role in engaging your community, your friends and their families about their expectations of health and health care", he said.

One of the major factors behind complaints about health practitioners, doctors, nurses and psychologists is poor communication.

"All of us who work in health care must openly examine our ability to communicate clearly and plainly with the community and consumers, and it is an area in which we have been slow to put research into practice".

Praise for ACU graduates

ACU's commitment to teacher education, and Catholic education in particular, was established and respected, Dr Anne Benjamin, the Executive Director of Schools, Diocese of Parramatta, told the first Sydney graduation ceremony for the Faculty of Education on Thursday afternoon, 16 April.

"As an employer, I can assure you with great conviction that graduates of Australian Catholic University are most valued as teachers within the many Catholic schools across the state," she said in her Occasional Address.

At the ceremony the Pro-Chancellor, Br Julian McDonald CFC, presented awards in the disciplines of Education, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education, and Habilitation.

Dr Benjamin said that ACU cherished its distinctive mission within Australian higher education. The disciplines of study represented in the graduation ceremony were most pertinent to that mission.

"In particular, each of these areas of study has as its foundation a call to care

and to service.

"This is a most positive response to what I see as a serious challenge facing contemporary education.

"The challenge is an ethical one. For our future's sake - for our children's sake - we must teach our students to care.

"Yes, we must teach them to know, and to be skilled and competent. But without care, their learning is hollow.

"And so, I am delighted to see the leadership by Australian Catholic University in these particular areas of study.

"I congratulate the leaders and staff of the University for their initiative in giving priority to the values which these disciplines represent".

Dr Benjamin said the graduates were women and men of great privilege having enjoyed the freedom and opportunity of tertiary education in a world where many did not enjoy their right of basic education.

"The privilege carries with it a responsibility: to contribute in turn from the riches you have enjoyed," she said.

"You have begun generously. All of you



On Thursday afternoon, 16 April, the Executive Director of Schools, Diocese of Parramatta, Dr Anne Benjamin, delivered the Occasional Address at the Graduation ceremony for the Faculty of Education (undergraduate). That same evening she was back on stage to receive the degree of Master of Educational Leadership.

are involved in education of some kind. That itself is a powerful tool.

"As the Australian Bishops said last year, education has a unique capacity to empower those who are made powerless by poverty, disability, injustice or lack of opportunity".



Master of Music graduates Sofya Vainer (left) and June Chan (right) with their supervisor Dr Dianne Gome.

Master of Music graduates

Three pianists from Mercy Campus were awarded the Master of Music degree at the Melbourne graduation ceremony.

June Chan and Sofya Vainer, piano students of Professor Max Cooke, and Gwen Carbone, student of Ms Joan Pollock, each presented a full-length public recital as part of the degree requirements.

The new graduates also successfully completed a research thesis. Ms Chan's thesis examined harmonic language in the nocturnes for piano by Gabriel Fauré; Ms Vainer traced the development of the set of

24 preludes for piano by 19th-century composers; and Ms Carbone's thesis comprised a landmark study of the largely undocumented area of Australian ragtime music. All three theses were supervised by Dr Dianne Gome.

Ms Chan and Ms Carbone previously took out the Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Music (Honours) from ACU and Ms Vainer's earlier studies were taken in Latvia. All three graduates now combine successful teaching careers with performance.



Lucia Bee (top) winner of the Pass Medal and David Long (below) winner of the Honours Medal in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

Honorary Doctorate to Bishop



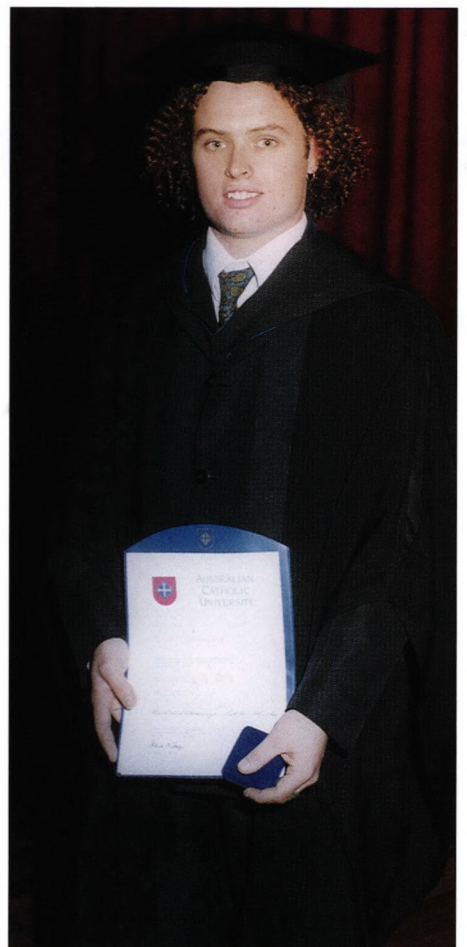
The former Bishop of Ballarat, Bishop Ronald Mulkearns, received an honorary degree of Doctor of the University from the Chancellor, Cardinal Edward Clancy (above), at the graduation ceremony of Aquinas Campus in Ballarat on 2 May.

Bishop Mulkearns, who served as the Bishop of Ballarat for 26 years, was responsible for the founding of Aquinas Campus when the Diocese took over

Aquin Teachers' College from the Sisters of Mercy and purchased the property for ACU's predecessor college.

He was always a supporter and promoter of Aquinas Campus and ACU, including service as a Member of Australian Catholic University Limited.

In recognition of his receiving the honorary degree the City of Ballarat hosted a reception for Bishop Mulkearns at the Town Hall on Thursday 30 April.



Nursing Leadership Initiative

Australian Catholic University now offers a new direction for postgraduate nurses with two new courses, the Master of Nursing Leadership and Master of Nursing Practice.

The courses have been specially designed to meet the challenges and dilemmas faced by health care practitioners in the current health care system.

"Today's nursing leaders require more than just problem-solving skills. They need educational preparation to provide leadership in the health care and medical industry," said Professor Elizabeth Cameron-Traub, Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences.

"Nurses must look to the future in order to develop leadership skills to improve patient care and patient outcome.

"The Master of Nursing Leadership course provides graduates with the necessary skills and expertise to fulfil these requirements while providing an innovative and distinctive approach to study for a higher degree with direct relevance to the preparation of nurse leaders in clinical and community settings."

The course will encourage and enhance the development and grounding of theoretical and practical knowledge and skills to provide leadership in nursing practice in varied community and health care contexts.

Higher qualifications sought

Dr Lyn Coulon, Principal Lecturer, Department of Professional Nursing Development, said it was inevitable that nursing practitioners aspiring to lead the nursing profession would require a higher level of education in nursing leadership and practice.

"Nurses have been upgrading their qualifications to tertiary level academic achievement over the last two decades," said Dr Coulon.

"During the last five years a range of postgraduate courses has been made available for nurses, with many developed in concert with the health care service industry. There is also an increasing number of graduates from undergraduate degree programs who are seeking to upgrade their qualifications through study at higher degree level.

"The Master of Nursing Leadership and Master of Nursing Practice courses specially cater for the educational and professional needs of such nurses in relation to their goals in advanced nursing practice and further career and employment opportunities.

The Master of Nursing Leadership (MNLead) and Master of Nursing Practice (MNPrac) courses are offered by full-time

study for one year or the part-time equivalent.

National Course Coordinator, Mr Brian King, said the courses were proceeding well with students finding the flexible learning course delivery to be stimulating and exciting.

The courses are offered at the University's McAuley Campus, Brisbane, MacKillop Campus, Sydney, Mercy Campus, Melbourne, and Aquinas Campus, Ballarat.

Interactive learning

The courses are offered using campus-based learning and teaching as well as flexible learning course delivery. Cross-Campus teaching using interactive learning approaches assisted by technology, such as teleconference and videoconference, are proving popular with students.

The students also learn to use computerised interactive learning packages, and educational facilitators are assigned for each unit of study at each campus where students are enrolled.

"These are the Faculty's first courses to be offered and operated over the different campuses in unison and we have had pos-

itive results to date on the coordinated approach to teaching and learning," said Mr King.

The Master of Nursing Leadership course has four core units and four elective units of study which may be chosen from the three major areas: nursing management, nursing futures and nursing research.

The Master of Nursing Practice course also consists of four core units and four elective units of study.

One day seminar

A one-day seminar – "*Words & Pictures*" *Early Christian Art and Thought* – was presented by the Centre for Early Christian Studies at McAuley Campus from 9.15am to 3.30pm in the Fabiola Lecture Theatre on Saturday 11 July.

The seminar was part of a series designed to create further opportunities for discussion following the inaugural conference on *Prayers & Spirituality in the Early Church*, held in Melbourne in July 1996. The series is also preparing for the second international conference on the subject in Sydney 8-11 January 1999.

Mercy choir in baroque concert



The Mercy Campus Choir (above) ventured into new territory with its concert on 22 May under the direction of Associate Professor Geoffrey Cox, currently Head of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts in Victoria.

The choir was accompanied by a small professional baroque orchestra, playing in authentic style and in baroque pitch.

The concert was titled *Gloria in excelsis*, and the main work performed was Antonio Vivaldi's well-known *Gloria* (RV 489).

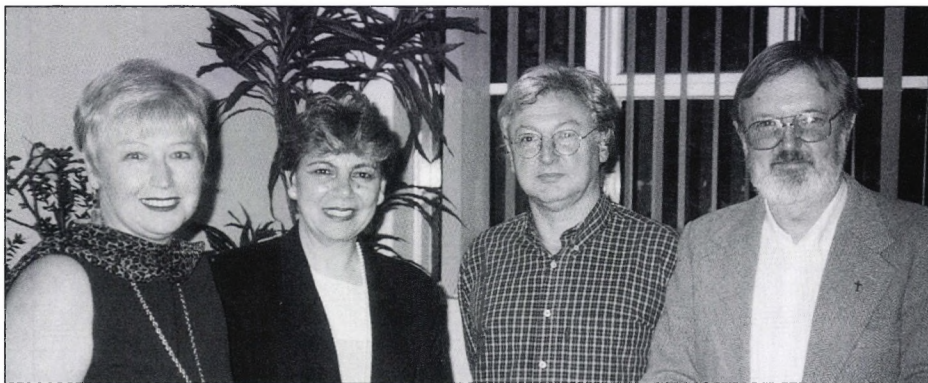
The instrumentalists included one

BMus graduate, Richard Droege, who played his own harpsichord.

All the vocal soloists were drawn from the choir, and the concert also included other items in which student soloists were able to perform with the visiting instrumentalists.

The concert was held at St Mary's Anglican Church, North Melbourne.

The Mercy Campus Choir was established in 1990 when it became a core activity within the Bachelor of Music course, but membership is also open by audition to students in other courses.



Ms Dianne Cullen, Miss Linda Salpietro, Professor Raimond Gaita and Brother Tim Lockwood

Funds raised for mission

Professor Raimond Gaita, author of "Romulus, My Father" was guest speaker at a literary supper at Mercy Campus on 20 March.

Professor Gaita, of the Institute of Advanced Research, shared some personal reflections and read from his best selling book.

Ms Dianne Cullen, of the School of Education at Mercy Campus, introduced her colleague to the 70 persons present.

Special guest was Brother Tim Lockwood, who spoke briefly about missionary work by Christian Brothers in Zambia, for whom the evening had been organised.

The venture raised \$600 for the missions, presented by Miss Linda Salpietro, of School of Education, Mercy Campus, to Brother Lockwood, who left the following week for work in Zambia.

Finance Director

Mr John Cameron will take up the position of ACU Director of Finance for a term of five years beginning on 3 August 1998, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Sheehan, has announced.

Mr Cameron has been the Director, Financial Services, at the University of Technology Sydney for the past seven years. He also has previous experience in financial administration at the University of New South Wales.

He holds a Master of Commerce (Honours) in Accounting from UNSW and is a member of the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants.

ACU links with Lecce

Professor John Coll, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs), signed an exchange agreement with Professor Oronzo Limone, University of Lecce, on 17 March allowing students from Lecce to study English at ACU and ACU students to study Italian in Lecce.

The venture was made possible by the efforts of Dr Terri Piccioli, Senior Lecturer, Mount Saint Mary Campus, and Professor Bernard Hickey, who teaches Australian literature at Lecce.

While in Australia, Professor Limone gave a public lecture at Mount Saint Mary Campus on the life of Frederick II, ruler of southern Italy during the thirteenth century.

Maths course

From 20 to 23 July 20 US teachers from elementary, middle and high schools attended a two-week course at Christ Campus, Contemporary Issues in Mathematics Education, led by Dr Doug Clarke and staff of the Mathematics Teaching and Learning Centre.

Roundup

Victorian Masters Games



Blake Gordon and B J Hamilton, two senior lecturers at Aquinas Campus, were involved in the State Autumn Masters Games held in Ballarat in April. Blake Gordon won a gold medal in orienteering and a bronze medal in mountain biking and B J Hamilton was an organiser of the orienteering event. 1500 athletes competed at the 10-day Games.

Japan Week at ACU



To celebrate Japan Week '98 (30 March to 3 April) the Japanese Consulate-General provided a display at Mount Saint Mary Campus highlighting a century of diplomatic and trade relations between Australia and Japan from 1897 until 1997.

The display was a keen attraction to students and staff on campus and students from nearby secondary schools.

Highlight of the week was a lecture by Mr Yuji Nakamura, Consul-General Japan, on "Relations between Australia

and Japan: Past, Present, and Future" which was held on 2 April.

Over 40 students also participated in a Japanese speech competition. The winners were Lisa Walsh (Beginners A Group), Yeong-Wook Kim (Beginners B Group), Donald Chan (Intermediate), Sheng-Wen Huang (Advanced), and Damien Benson (Open).

A questionnaire on the exhibition also prompted much competition, with the winner, S. Soo, receiving the prize of a trip to the Hunter Valley.

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Doctorate for nursing head

The Head of the School of Nursing in Queensland, Associate Professor Elizabeth Davies, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Queensland on 20 May 1998.

Her thesis was *Being a Nurse – Implications for Curriculum*, an examination of registered nurses in practice to determine what is important to the curriculum for beginning nurses.

Joint universities information kit

Australian Catholic University and the University of Ballarat have jointly produced a multi-media information kit for country students with disabilities.

The kit – called *Take Your Place* – seeks to answer all their questions about gaining a place at university and of the services to help them to succeed.

The Vice-Chancellors of the two universities – Professor Peter Sheehan and Professor David James – participated in the launch of the kit at Aquinas Campus, Ballarat, on 12 May.

They said that it was designed to allay the fears of students who could face the double disadvantage in entering university study of being from the country and having a disability.

The kit comprises an information booklet, which is also reproduced on a special Internet site for easy access, a poster which will be distributed soon to secondary students across the region, and a number of postcards with useful contact information.

The address of the website is <http://www.acu.edu.au/takeyourplace>

Italian Lecture

On 26 March Dr Giancarlo Scala, Representative of the Banca Nazionale del Lavoro and an expert on European economic reform, gave a public lecture at MacKillop Campus on Italy's economy and the economic provisions of the European Union.

Dr Scala's audience enjoyed his presentation of a brief history of the Italian banking system and the hopes for future growth that will flow from the European Union and a single European currency.

Moral Philosophy conference

A national conference on Moral Philosophy was held at Aquinas Campus in Ballarat from 16-19 April.

Entitled *More Things in Heaven and Earth: How thin can moral philosophy afford to be?* The conference was run jointly by ACU and the Australian Theological Forum, an ecumenical body promoting dialogue between Christian theology and other disciplines in order to address areas of social and cultural concern.

Conference convenors were Professor Raimond Gaita of ACU's Institute of Advanced Research, Professor Gabrielle McMullen, Rector of Aquinas Campus, and Mr Hilary Regan, Secretary of the Australian Theological Forum.

Opened by Archbishop George Pell of Melbourne, speakers at the conference included Jean Porter from the University of Notre Dame, Richard Schacht from the University of Illinois, Jonathan Dancy from the University of Reading, Raimond Gaita and John Quilter from ACU, Frank Jackson, Rae Langton and Michael Smith from ANU, and Chris Cordner from the University of Melbourne.



Award for top student

Amanada Bedford (above), a Bachelor of Nursing graduate from Mercy Campus, was presented with an Award for Excellence from the Mayor of Moonee Valley Council, Councillor Hedley Moffat (above), on 19 May.

She achieved top marks in the course, as well as performing at a very high standard in her clinical placements.

Amanada is now employed as a Registered Nurse at Mercy Private Hospital.

New work on youth studies

Dr Judith Bessant, Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Social Welfare and Administration, Christ Campus, is co-author of *Youth Studies an Australian perspective* launched in Melbourne in April by Rev Tim Costello.

The book was launched during the Public Spaces Public Voices Youth '98 Conference in the Foyer of the Economics and Commerce Building, University of Melbourne.

The other co-authors are Howard Sercombe, lecturer at Edith Cowan University – Joondalup, and Rob Watts, lecturer at RMIT-City. The publisher is Addison Wesley Longman of Lane Cove, NSW.

The book examines issues to do with young people, their place in society and the practices of human service professionals who work with them.

Irish nurses confer in Sydney



The Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, Professor Elizabeth Cameron-Traub, as Secretary to the Australian Council of Deans of Nursing, with the Chair of the Irish Commission on Nursing, Ms Justice Mella Carroll (front centre) and participants at a meeting on 17 March at MacKillop Campus. Justice Campbell and six members of the Irish Commission held discussions with nursing leaders from NSW, interstate and New Zealand to assist them in planning for the upgrading of nursing diploma courses to degree level. They were interested in how Australian nursing education had been transferred from the hospital sector to higher education.

Sydney awards and prizes



Claire Barbeau with Br Kieran Geaney (left) and Br Cyril Quinlan, Senior Lecturer at Strathfield, after the presentation to Claire of the Brother Kieran Geaney Award which is presented annually by the Marist Brothers in honour of Br Geaney's contribution to education.

Scholarships, awards and prizes for students of the Sydney campuses were presented at a special ceremony at MacKillop Campus, North Sydney, on Wednesday 29 April.

Among them were six James Carroll Scholarships presented by the Catholic Education Office (CEO) of the Archdiocese of Sydney.

The Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs), Professor John Coll, welcomed prizewinners, families, sponsors and staff to the ceremony.

Professor Coll said that the ceremony gave the opportunity to honour the achievement and excellence of those who received the awards and those who had supported them. He said the University was most appreciative of the donors' generous support.

The ACU Director of Public Affairs, Mr Peter Castleton, introduced the winners and the presenters.

Mr Peter Donnan presented the James Carroll Scholarships on behalf of the Executive Director, Sydney CEO, Br Kelvin Canavan.

Recipients of the James Carroll Scholarships, which are worth \$2500 each, are in the final year of their Education courses and have made a commitment to serve in schools in the Archdiocese of Sydney for a specified time. They are:

Caroline Barry, Stephen Robards, Leisa van Waard, Danielle Smith, Louise Michael and Joanna Lilpop.

Following are details of the other recipients of scholarships, prizes and awards, and the donors:

Vicki Bourbous

Joanne Kachel

Association of Catholic School Principals Inc. Award

Cheryl Brown

Australian College of Education Award (South Harbour Regional Group)

Sharon Brennan

Australian College of Education Award (Western Regional Group)

Brian Corben

Australian Computer Society Inc. (NSW Branch) Award

David Moore

Australian Council for Educational Administration (NSW) Award

Amanda Wunderlich

Zonta Club of Sydney North Award

Vladimir Kulish

Australian Council of Health, Physical Education & Recreation - NSW Award

Gabrielle Wilson

Australian Human Resources Institute Award for Excellence in the Study of Human Resource Management

Matthew Peters - Year 1

Yin Li - Year 2

Michael Galea - Year 3

Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants Award

Claire Barbeau

Brother Kieran Geaney Award
Marist Brothers

Donna Quinn

Catholic Women's League Australia
Sydney Archdiocesan Award for Educational Leadership

Prudence McPhail

Centacare Prize for Habilitation

Stephen McLoughlin

Dan Stewart Community Service Award

Margurite Grima

Rocky Biasi

Dean of Education Special Award

Michael Lane

Graham White Prize
Australian Catholic University

Rodney New

Debra Sfirse

Institute of Technology Education Award

Ruth Glover

Lesley Ann Gleeson Prize
Mr and Mrs Gary Gleeson

Irene Krejci

Lidcombe Catholic Workmen's Club Limited Scholarship

Collette Patteson

Mosby Award for Nursing

Maree White

Royal College of Nursing Australia High Achiever Award

Danielle Smith

Sister Isabel Menton Award
Catholic Education Office, Sydney

Michelle Driver

Sisters of the Good Samaritan Award for Commitment to Social Justice

Freda Lu Yu

St Vincent's Hospital Award

Andra Boyle

The Royal Life Saving Society Australia Award

Canberra Scholarships

Ten ACU students who are studying to be teachers have been awarded scholarships valued at \$3000 each.

The Chairman of the Catholic Education Commission, Dr Ray Storrier, said the scholarships were part of a package of support for the University by the Commission and the Catholic Education Office.

They recognised the important role the Signadou Campus and its predecessor Signadou College of Education had played in training teachers for Archdiocesan schools.

The 1998 awards were named in honour of Fr Frank Keogh, a parish priest with more than 50 years service to the Archdiocese.

The scholarship winners are: Gabrielle Bottom, Josephine Daly, Jane Graham, Catherine Guthrie, Yolanda Kojek, Stephanie Leonard, Katherine Lowing, Victor Quayle, Leah Wales and Catherine Young.

Three awards for graduate



Mr Fulvio Fattore, Chadstone Shopping Centre Management, and Ms Sharon Berenger, prize recipient.

Three prizes were awarded by Chadstone Shopping Centre Management for the 1998 graduating class in the Bachelor of Business at Christ Campus.

All three prizes - Best Student in Marketing, Best Student in Management Studies and Best Student Overall - were awarded to Miss Sharon Berenger in recognition of her distinguished performance over the three years of the program.

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