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Total enrolment now exceeds 9000

Australian Catholic University has begun its fifth year of operation with a total enrolment of more than 9000, an upgrade in its Quality Review assessment, and new appointments in senior positions.

Total enrolments on the eight campuses in 1995 are:

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| Aquinas, Ballarat | 738 |
| McCauley, Brisbane | 1883 |
| Signadou, Canberra | 578 |
| Melbourne | |
| Christ | 1270 |
| Mercy | 1082 |
| Sydney | |
| Castle Hill | 628 |
| MacKillop | 1249 |
| Mount Saint Mary | 1448 |
| Other Examination Centres | 267 |

Total = 9143

New enrolments this year are 4246, and 2906 will graduate in 1995.

Quality Review

The second annual Quality Assurance Review of Australian universities has resulted in an improved assessment of the University.

In the first Review last year the University was placed within the lowest band — the sixth — as was to be expected of a new University which is only now entering its fifth year.

This year the universities were listed in three groups and Australian Catholic University was promoted into the middle group — Group 2. As a result of the Review the University will receive \$917,000 from the Quality Review grant.

The latest Review concentrated on the teaching and learning performance of the universities and reported that Australian Catholic University "is achieving positive outcomes in undergraduate education, developing a postgraduate profile and working systematically to build on strong commitment to teaching expressed in its mission.

"ACU is developing in its own way, reflecting its distinctive ethos and its unique national structure.

"It has made rapid progress since the 1993 visit in achieving integration of facilities and thus of academic planning

and course delivery across campuses.

"University-wide degree programs are offered, and the common primary teaching degree offered meets the needs of the several State professional or employer bodies concerned".

New Appointments

Since February the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Drake, has announced the following major appointments:

Professor Patrick Duignan of the University of New England as the Foundation Professor in Educational Leadership

Professor Muredach Dynan, formerly Principal NSW, as the Pro Vice-Chancellor located in Brisbane

The Professor of Social Science at the University of Tasmania, *Dr Wolfgang Grichting*, as the Pro Vice-Chancellor located in Melbourne

Professor David Parker formerly of the Australian National University as the first Rector of Signadou Campus in Canberra

Dr Gabrielle McMullen of Monash University as the first Rector of Aquinas Campus in Ballarat.

Commenting on the new positions, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Drake, said that the management restructure represented a move away from the former emphasis on geographic division to a new emphasis on overall academic development.

Graduation ceremonies in Ballarat and Brisbane

Aquinas Campus, Ballarat, and McCauley Campus, Brisbane, began the University's 1995 graduation ceremonies. More than 200 graduates were awarded degrees, diplomas and certificates at the Aquinas Campus Graduation Ceremony at Her Majesty's Theatre in Ballarat on Saturday, 25 March. A record number of 580 graduated from McCauley Campus at two Graduation Ceremonies on Saturday, 8 April. Another two students from other campuses also graduated.

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The Chancellor, The Flinders University of South Australia, Sister Deirdre Jordan, delivering the Occasional Address at the Aquinas Campus Graduation Ceremony in Ballarat with (from right): the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Drake, Bishop Ronald Mulken of Ballarat, Professor Bernard Daffey, Principal, Victoria, and the University Secretary, Mr Richard Doyle.

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Vice-Chancellor's Column



Professor Peter Drake

A year ago I wrote in *The Chronicle* about the results of the first Quality Assurance review, which awarded us \$300,000 and placed us in the Sixth Band. Some were disappointed, but I pointed out that we obtained the highest proportional grant in that Band and that it was unrealistic to expect "that we would be ranked with universities two and three times our size, with international research programs, and the benefits of many years of experience and reputation".

This year we are in Group 2, and have been allocated \$917,000.

There have been many reactions to the Quality Review process this year, just as there were last year. There are those who are opposed to the whole exercise, on principle. There are those who accept it in principle but find fault with this or that aspect of the methodology. Some object not to the process or the methods but to the way in which the money is distributed, on the grounds that it is very much a case of "to them that hath shall be given". I continue to take the attitude that I took a year ago. The recent review, like the first one, was a valuable exercise for us. As I wrote then, "We examined our academic conscience; we identified areas with need for improvement and will address them; we found pride in what we have achieved..."

The ancient Greek world was much occupied by the concept of hubris, an

excess of pride or ambition, ultimately leading to ruin (as seen so often in classical drama). Notwithstanding this risk, I believe we can take quiet pride in our achievement. The report itself says that "...there has been a marked improvement in quality assurance policies and practice in teaching and learning", the areas on which the review focused. About this University, the review made the following points:

- has begun to capitalise on opportunities for nationally consistent programs to facilitate student transfer between our eight campuses
- priorities set for improving professional development, teaching and learning policy, co-ordination of student support, and library services
- increased systematic approach to monitoring outcomes and using feedback to improve performance
- rapid progress in integrating facilities, academic planning and course delivery
- positive outcomes achieved in undergraduate education, developing a post-graduate profile, and commitment to teaching

That commitment to teaching has been, and will continue to be, one of our strengths, based as it is on the nature of the historical entities that have contributed to the emergence of the University. I believe it is appropriate, as we reflect on the public recognition of our achievement in teaching, to remember our heritage, which comes from the religious orders and institutes, more than twenty in number and some of them having histories that go back to the mid-1800s. We should never forget our proud past.

Conscious of the danger of hubris, I stop there, assuring all, staff and students, of our determination to continue on the path of quality assurance in all our activities.

Our efforts in both quality assurance reviews were co-ordinated by Professor Muredach Dynan. I know that many others in the University made valuable contributions and he would be quick to acknowledge their efforts, but I am sure that they would all join me in acknowledging his painstaking and effective production of our case. The outcome must gratify him as he proceeds to the new position of Pro-Vice-Chancellor, based at McAuley Campus, with responsibility for Quality Assurance. I offer him the University's congratulations on both counts.

Publishing contract for senior lecturer

Dr Janeen Webb, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Humanities at Christ Campus, has contracted with Borgo Press of Berkeley, California, to write three books for the Modern Authors series.

The three volumes will be on the works of Australian novelist, Thomas Keneally, Canadian science fiction author, William Gibson, and British feminist writer and critic, Angela Carter.

Each book will consist of a bibliography of the author's work and of written material about them, plus an in-depth profile and critical commentary.

Borgo Press specialises in academic publications in the field of literature and the Modern Authors series comprises scholarly annotated critical bibliographies of major authors.

The company has also taken options for Dr Webb to write a further three volumes on the works of Madeline L'Engle, Dorothy Dunnett and Mary Wesley.

Dr Webb is a world authority on speculative fiction which encompasses science fiction, fantasy, magical realism and mythopoeic literature.

She negotiated her book contract while overseas in 1994 on Outside Study Program leave when she visited Canada and the United States participating in a number of international conferences.

Diplomat's talk

The Consul-General of Japan, Mr Saburo Tanaka, gave an address on "Travels of a Japanese Diplomat: A Cultural Odyssey" at Mount Saint Mary Campus, Strathfield.

Mr Tanaka, who arrived in Sydney in August 1994, has served also in the United Kingdom, Rumania, South Africa, Hungary and Tanzania.

In his address he discussed major cultural influences in these countries as well as the cultural relationship between Japan and Australia

Michael Rohl

Michael Rohl, a lecturer in the School of Nursing at MacKillop Campus, died suddenly at the end of April. His colleagues and students, many of whom attended his funeral at Mary Immaculate Church, Manly, are deeply saddened by the untimely loss of a caring and thoughtful member of the University.

Our community extends its profound sympathy to his parents and brother.

Social Work course begins in Canberra



Social Work students Dorrit Schultz and Justin McEvoy with Associate Professor Margarita Frederico and Joanna Zubrzycki.

The Social Work professional degree course has begun its first year at Signadou Campus in Canberra with 24 students enrolled, very close to the initial objective.

The Head of the Department of Social Work, Associate Professor Margarita Frederico, said that she was delighted by the response to the new course, seeing that the course was not well known yet.

Formerly Director of the Human Resource Centre, Graduate School of Social Work at La Trobe University, she said that she was actually quite pleased with the first year enrolment.

"We had quite stringent selection criteria in terms of the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) requirements and also our own expectations for the course.

"The standard of applicants was very good. We are very happy with the students who are in the program.

"All the students are graduates. Some are already working in social work or related areas, some have come from Family services, some have been involved in counselling. The majority are women but about one-fifth are men".

The Bachelor of Social Work course is designed for students who already have a three-year degree or its equivalent, or who

have successfully completed at least two-thirds of a recognised degree.

It was developed after extensive consultation with the AASW, social workers in Canberra, and departments and agencies employing social workers.

Professor Frederico said that the course was launched at an orientation seminar called "Looking Back and Looking Forward".

Speakers included professional social workers from the community (some practising in the ACT), as well as some major social work employers, such as agencies and departments in the health and welfare fields and Woden Hospital. The employers said that they were looking forward to a crop of graduates and made no secret of their interest in them as future employees.

Emeritus Professor Maev O'Collins of the University of Papua New Guinea presented a paper to the seminar.

Social workers from the community expressed their interest and support for the course.

Professor Frederico said that her transfer from Australian Catholic University had been exciting.

"I think we have the opportunity to build a course of excellence. There is a lot

of work to do and a long way to go in terms of building our course," she said.

"I have already noticed that on a small campus you have the opportunity to get to know all staff, and that students receive individual attention.

Academic staff assisting Professor Frederico are Lecturer, Cathy Davies from Flinders University in South Australia and Joanna Zubrzycki, Co-ordinator of Social Work Field Studies, who has come from the University of Sydney. The course will be using professionals from the field as sessional lecturers.

Presentation of \$10000

As an additional encouragement for the course the Southern Cross Club in Canberra made a presentation of \$10000 to support the course on 16 March.

The funds will be used for a student place within the program by helping to provide tuition costs and library courses.

The presentation was made by the Vice-President of the Southern Cross Club, Mrs Joan O'Neil, who said that the Club saw the new Social Work program at Signadou "as an essential and overdue initiative for our community. The need for locally trained social workers is well known to us".

The chairperson of the Canberra Chapter of Australian Catholic University Foundation, ACT Attorney-General, Mr Gary Humphries, said that there was a great need for locally trained social workers in the community. "Support like this from a Canberra community group such as the Southern Cross Club will be a great encouragement for the University, the staff and the students".



Sister Rosemary Lewins, who was Principal of Signadou Campus during the development of the Social Work course, with Mrs Joan O'Neil.

First international student for Signadou

Ms Sanuphong Chawpradith from Bangkok, Thailand, is the first international student to enrol at Signadou Campus in Canberra.

Sanuphong, or "Jip" as she is known, completed her secondary study from Years 9-12 in Sydney before moving to Canberra.

"I particularly wanted to study in Canberra and Australian Catholic University had the course I was looking for," she said.

"I have only been here a short time and I have already discovered how friendly it is. I suppose it's a lot easier to make friends here as it is a smaller campus.

"I feel special being the first International student because I'm getting lots of attention".

Jip is undertaking the Bachelor of Education (Primary) course with a major in mathematics and computing. She also plans to stay on at the University to undertake postgraduate studies in mathematics.

The Director of International Education, Mr Tony McKittrick, said that although the International Education Office serviced the entire University — not just Signadou — it was a nice "rounding off" to have an International student enrol at the campus where the Office was based.

"We now have International students at every campus. We had over 90 new students enrol this year which is a significant increase on previous years and gives a total of more than 150", he said.



Sanuphong Chawpradith

Aquinas staff produce children's musical play



Bob Thurman, Karl Hatton and Roger Hillman with the original novel and a draft of the musical play.

Three Aquinas academic staff members have combined their talents to produce a children's musical play with a message.

Dr Bob Thurman (Senior Lecturer in Microbiology), Roger Hillman (Lecturer in Music) and Karl Hatton (Senior Lecturer in Drama) hope their production of the musical play, *Frankenworm*, will be published and performed this year.

The musical is a comedy but carries two serious messages: that environmental pollution is evil and that science — an interesting and everyday pursuit — must be handled responsibly.

The three combined their talents following publication last year of a children's novel written by Bob Thurman called *Frankenworm*. Published by Hodder & Stoughton, *Frankenworm* sold its first print run of 3500 in three months. The second print run of 3000 is now on sale.

Frankenworm is the story, both serious and comic, about a boy called Blue who meddles with science with the result that he unwittingly creates a monster worm. In a concurrent theme, Blue lives in an environment polluted by a chemical company.

The idea to develop the novel into a musical play resulted from the innovative way in which the book was launched. Bob Thurman and Roger Hillman composed some songs and with a group of students from a nearby primary school sang them at launches of the book in Melbourne and Ballarat.

These launches were so successful that they approached Karl Hatton to help to turn the book into a musical play which is currently being workshopped by students of a Theatre Performance unit at Aquinas.

All three authors have experience in producing and performing in the theatre.

In February Karl Hatton received the "Encore" Award for Best Male Actor of the Year from the theatre community of Ballarat for his performance in the Ballarat National Theatre's production of Neil Simon's New York comedy, "Plaza Suite".

Last year he won the Best Male Supporting Actor Award for his performance in the same company's production of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest".

Bob Thurman has also won an award from the same group for Best Male Supporting Actor in "The Odd Couple".

AIM Student Chapter

McAuley Campus business students have formed a Student Chapter of the Australian Institute of Management (AIM).

The Chapter, which consists of about 30 students, was formally launched at McAuley Campus on 10 April.

Parnell Kerr Foster, a leading accountancy firm, has sponsored the Chapter with a donation of \$1000.

Membership of the Chapter allows access to AIM facilities and Business graduates will be accepted as full members of the Institute on attaining their degrees.

DEET grant for Aboriginal education project

Australian Catholic University has received a grant of \$87,300 from the Department of Employment, Education and Training (DEET) for a curriculum project to be administered through Yalbalunga Aboriginal Education and Support Unit.

The Chairperson of the project's management committee, Associate Professor Doug Hewitt, said that it would have two strands which would be developed independently:

- an expansion of the existing part-time diploma and bachelor courses in Aboriginal Education to a new centre to serve the needs of communities in far western New South Wales; and
- the development of a new Diploma in Administration course focused on the needs of Aboriginal people working in business or organisations where administrative skills are a high priority. This course would be available both on-campus and at regional centres.

Each strand will involve the employment of an officer who will guide the planning process and report to the project management committee.

The project will occupy most of 1995 with the two project officers expected to be employed for nine months commencing in May.

Liaison with local communities in the far west of New South Wales will determine the choice of a centre and possible amendments to the existing course presentation.

Contact with communities began in March with visits to Wilcannia and Bourke to meet with prospective students. Associate Professor Doug Hewitt said that in both centres the possibility of studying with Australian Catholic University was received with great enthusiasm by Aboriginal people, many of whom already work in local schools as teachers aides or clerical assistants.

The development of a new course leading to the award of Diploma in Administration will be the responsibility of the School of Business and will draw on the experience of the current off-campus model.

Two-week Residential

Sixty-eight Aboriginal students attended the two-week residential course at Mount Saint Mary Campus, Strathfield, in March/April.

For 23 first-year students in the Associate Diploma in Aboriginal Education it was their first residential



Staff from the three Victorian Campuses and many Aboriginal people were among more than 500 who attended in late October an unusual Aboriginal Christian service on the shores of Lake Victoria, near Wentworth in south-west New South Wales. The service was to mourn and farewell Aboriginal ancestors and specifically a number of Aborigines killed at nearby Rufus River in a punitive expedition almost 150 years ago. Recently an estimated 10000 skeletal remains were discovered at Lake Victoria, some going back many thousands of years. The service was organised by the Koori Communities Liaison Officer, Mrs Joyce Smith, of Christ Campus.

school and they travelled from all parts of New South Wales to commence their part-time studies.

The remaining students are enrolled in the later years of the three-year Diploma course and the final two years of part-time study which culminate in the award of Bachelor of Teaching.

More than 40 students have completed the Associate Diploma stage of the course and 11 graduates with the Bachelor of Teaching are now working in Catholic and State schools in various parts of NSW.

Under the program weekend schools are conducted in regional centres when teaching staff travel to the students' home communities and twice a year residenceals are held in Sydney, Canberra and Brisbane. Students are also enrolled through the Signadou and McAuley campuses.

Seminar to assist Koori students

A group of 30 academic and general staff from the three Victorian campuses attended a two-day seminar on "Preparing an Academic Community for Cross-Cultural Teaching and Learning" in December.

Primarily designed to prepare the way for Koori students at the campuses, the seminar took place at the Koori Student

and Liaison Unit at the University of Melbourne.

Organised by Australian Catholic University's Koori Education Consultative Group the seminar was funded by a grant from the University's Access and Equity Committee.

The seminar heard from a number of Aboriginal speakers including PhD student Tony Birch; Margaret Browne of McAuley Campus; Peter Clarke, Koori Education Program Officer with the Catholic Education Office, Melbourne; and Richard Jameson, Director of the Koori Student and Liaison Unit, University of Melbourne.

The Koori speakers provided insights into the effects of overt and covert racism and lack of understanding or appreciation of Koori culture and attitudes by non-Aboriginal Australians.

They discussed the kind of environment and study conditions Koori students needed to succeed academically.

Associate Professor Doug Hewitt of Mount Saint Mary campus related experiences of the off-campus Diploma in Aboriginal Education and Bachelor of Teaching courses in regional centres in New South Wales conducted by staff from NSW campuses. Since its commencement at the Moree centre in 1989 the course has expanded in other centres, and is now taught by staff from Signadou and McAuley campuses as well as from Sydney.

Ideal context to pursue research

The Foundation Professor in Educational Leadership, Professor Patrick Duignan, is convinced that Australian Catholic University will provide the ideal context for him to pursue his research into the level of honesty and integrity in many of our organisations.

Professor Duignan, who will take up his appointment on 1 June and be located at Mount Saint Mary Campus in Strathfield, is currently Head, Department of Administrative, Higher and Adult Education Studies, Faculty of Education, University of New England, Armidale, NSW.

"We do not have to look too far to find examples of leaders who can be questioned in terms of honesty and integrity," he said.

"I am presently pursuing notions of authenticity in leadership. Why can't we have openness, honesty and integrity in our organisations? I am not being naive. We all know there are constraints and pressures. People say you have to face up to reality.

"I am absolutely convinced that the time is right for at least some people to be pushing strongly for integrity and authenticity in our leadership.

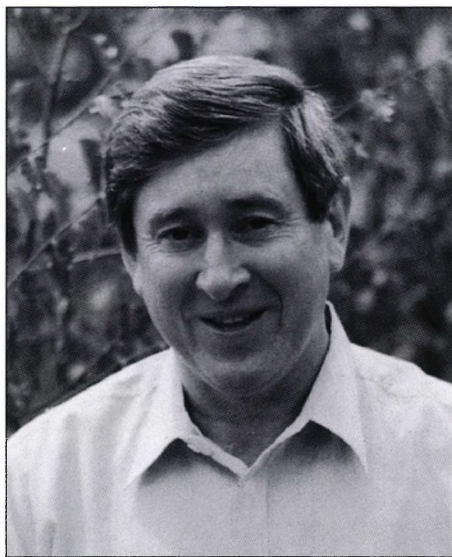
New Paradigm

"I am a strong believer that we do not have to be in our present circumstances in relation to these issues of honesty. There is emerging a new paradigm and a new view of what constitutes proper leadership and it has to do with ethics and morality. Not just righteousness and taking the high moral ground but being honest and decent in how we deal with other people.

"The Chair at Australian Catholic University attracts me because within that kind of context I can really pursue these issues quite openly and quite easily because it should fit very well into the values and belief systems of the University.

"I feel that I will be associating with people who can help me especially in the areas of philosophy and theology, people who have valid viewpoints on these issues".

Professor Duignan said that he was aware there were several people already in the area of teacher education in the University who were well known nationally for the contribution they had



Professor Patrick Duignan

made on these issues.

"I see myself working with a team of people to explore some of these issues to see how we can translate them into meaningful practice for administrators in the schools and other organisations.

"I believe that the Chair should have an influence on leadership particularly in the educational system but even wider than that. I think we should think more holistically about organisations in general."

Lot to offer

"We in educational organisations have a lot to offer to the business world and to public sector organisations in general. Catholic educational organisations grounded in solid value and belief systems can play a unique role in all of that".

Professor Duignan said that in joining Australian Catholic University he felt he was coming home, being a product of the Irish Catholic school system and having worked in his earlier career in Canadian Catholic schools.

He joined the staff of the University of New England in 1979 and from 1982 to 1988 was Senior Lecturer, Department of Administrative and Higher Education Studies. In 1988 he accepted an invitation from the University of Brunei, Darussalam, to develop academic programs in educational management. He served there as Associate Professor. From 1991 he was Dean of the Faculty of Education before returning to the University of New England in 1993.

Major achievement for Foundation

The appointment of Professor Patrick Duignan as the Foundation Professor in Educational Leadership was the first major fundraising success of Australian Catholic University Foundation, according to the Foundation's Director, Peter Castleton.

Since September 1993 the Foundation has raised \$1.5 million to endow the Chair in Educational Leadership with more funds expected to be committed this year.

"This success is the culmination of a well planned campaign matching a recognised strength of the University with the needs of donors. Professor Tony d'Arbon played an important role in this process", Mr Castleton said.

"The credibility of the Education Faculty of the University, the expectation of the role the Chair will play in developing the future leadership in Catholic education, and the support of the religious orders and diocesan education systems all combined to provide a focus for fund-raising and access to a constituency with the interest and financial ability to support the project".

Mr Castleton said that a recent visit to universities, including several leading Catholic universities, in the United States reinforced his conviction that there was no substitute for planning and preparation in successful fundraising.

"While in any comparison with Australian Catholic University the scale of their endowments was larger and the awareness of the need for philanthropy was higher the principles of effective fundraising were the same.

"Gaining the donor's initial interest, nurturing and developing that interest, and the ongoing degree of satisfaction provided by appropriate accountability are essential for a long-term relationship."

Mr Castleton said that the Foundation's structure would be strengthened in 1995. Professor d'Arbon had assumed University-wide responsibility for Alumni development, organising the Annual Appeal and initiating a Planned Giving (Bequests) program.

The project list for 1995 included: two new Chairs — Family Studies and Nursing; the development of a scholarship fund; the provision of library resources; and the possibility of a capital "bricks and mortar" campaign to convert the Brookview Laundry complex adjacent to McAuley Campus into a major centre.

Separate but overlapping responsibilities

The new Pro Vice-Chancellor located in Brisbane, Professor Muredach Dynan, believes that his role involves two separate but overlapping responsibilities: to the University as a whole through his national portfolio and to McAuley Campus and the Queensland community as the Vice-Chancellor's representative.

Professor Dynan, who took up his appointment on 27 March, has been Principal in New South Wales since the University's foundation.

His national responsibility, which covers the whole university, is for quality assurance and quality management.

He said that McAuley Campus was going through a period of expansion and this would continue for the next five years. He would be concentrating for the first six months on exploring the needs of the campus and the Queensland community.

"I will take every chance to consult widely among my colleagues, with the Chapter, various community representatives, the Church, the hospitals and business about the ways in which the University as a whole can meet the needs of Queensland", he said.

Professor Dynan has been responsible for the production of the University's two Quality Review submissions and will bring that valuable experience to his widened portfolio.

Professor Dynan said that the recent Quality Review Report which placed Australian Catholic University in the second of the three bands was a testament

to the credibility of the University and to the work of the staff on the eight campuses.

"As a measure of the advances we have made as a university it is worth noting that one of the main thrusts in our portfolio last year was the emphasis on progress in the integration of the three faculties. That came through again and again through the submission in terms of the procedures for planning courses, for implementing courses, for evaluating students and for reviewing the courses themselves.

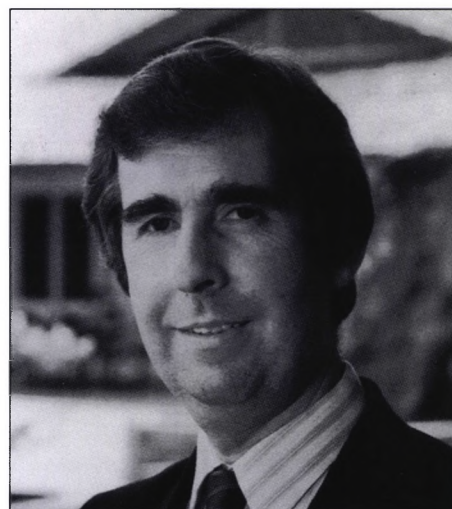
"I believe we were very successful in conveying that message not only in the written documentation but in the presentation on the day by more than 60 staff — academic and administrative — from all eight campuses of the University. In addition more than 30 students, including SRC representatives, again from all campuses, spoke of the relationships between the staff and the students. Despite limitations of resources on some of the campuses their common theme was of the high quality of the teaching and learning.

"We should now have special confidence in ourselves to move forward with our quality assurance procedures. That is going to take a considerable part of my energies."

Professor Dynan said that other exciting areas which must have high priority were distance education and using modern information technology.

The University had decided to locate the Distance Education Centre strategically at McAuley Campus. "I am looking forward to moving that part of my portfolio along with the assistance of staff right across the University," he said.

"Another area which is very challenging for the University is the provision of



Professor Muredach Dynan (above) at the McCauley Campus Graduation Ceremony on 8 April remarked: "My timing was exquisite. I took up my position on 27 March, the day before the euphoria following a certain cricket game here in Brisbane. I have taken pleasure in reminding my colleagues from Sydney and from even further south — some of whom are here today — that we Queenslanders won the Sheffield Shield."

resources both for teaching and research in our campuses. An example of this is of course the library facilities.

"The model which would be appropriate for a library on a single campus or even two campuses cannot be applied to eight campuses. That challenge requires some very imaginative solutions. I think that we are fortunate that we are seeking these solutions in the age of the information superhighway. We need to provide access to information through this new resource rather than seeking to replicate models of libraries which were appropriate in the pre-electronic era."

New sports science facility opened



The Campus Director, MacKillop Campus, Mrs Susan Gallagher, the Head, Department of Human Movement, Mr Brian J Matthews, and Human Movement Co-ordinator, Ms Imke Fischer, inspect the new Psycho-motor Laboratory at MacKillop Campus. Mr Matthews designed and drew up the plans for the multi-station facility which has transformed a lecture room into a modern and comfortable skill acquisition laboratory able to be used in normal lecture and practical laboratory sessions for the Bachelor of Human Movement Studies degree course. The next stage of development will be to equip the laboratory with more sophisticated equipment needed for research at Honours and Masters levels.



Rev. J B Tsang and Professor Drake at the Hong Kong Graduation Ceremony.

Hong Kong graduates in Nursing and Administration

At the graduation ceremony in Hong Kong last November, 40 students graduated in Nursing and 19 in Administration as part of the joint venture between Australian Catholic University and Caritas-Hong Kong.

The Chairperson of the Council of Caritas-Hong Kong, Rev. J B Tsang, noted in his Address that the networking between Australian Catholic University and Caritas-Hong Kong began in 1990 with the Graduate Diploma in Administration followed by the Degree course in Health Science in 1991.

"Based on the experiences we have gained over the past four years we are glad to underline that this mode of collaboration is feasible, cost-effective in terms of retention of personnel in the work force and leads to a minimisation of operational costs," he said.

The graduates of the Bachelor of Health Science (Nursing) were the second cohort of students who have successfully completed the degree at Caritas Medical Centre.

Among those representing Australian Catholic University at the Graduation Ceremony were the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Drake, the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, Professor Pam Joyce, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Professor Peter Carpenter, the co-ordinator of the Health Science program, Ms Mary Sawyer, and the co-ordinator of the Administration program, Dr Deirdre Duncan.

Collaboration between Caritas-Hong Kong and Australian Catholic University is planned to expand in the second half of the 1990s.

Conference to continue in 1996

The organisers of the International Conference on Religion, Literature and the Arts are already planning the third annual conference in Sydney to be held in January 1996.

The Second International Conference was held in January 1995 at MacKillop Campus, North Sydney.

The Conference was jointly sponsored by Australian Catholic University, the School of Studies in Religion, University of Sydney, and the Institute for Theology and the Arts, Sydney.

The chief organisers, from Mount Saint Mary Campus, Strathfield NSW, were Associate Professor Michael Griffith, Department of Literature and Languages, and Mr Ross Keating, School of Religion and Philosophy.

They report that the conference attracted about 250 registrations with visitors from South Africa, Canada, India and the United Kingdom. About 75 papers were given in five strands together with artistic, dramatic and musical performances.

The published papers from the first international conference held in 1994 (more than 450 pages) are now available from Associate Professor Michael Griffith, Australian Catholic University, 179 Albert Road, Strathfield, NSW 2135 at a cost of \$28 plus \$5 postage.

Roundup

Latin Summer School success

The success of the first Latin Summer School held at Mount Saint Mary Campus in Strathfield, NSW, in late January has encouraged the organisers to plan another Latin Summer School in 1996.

Seventy-five students, ranging in age from 12 to the 70s, attended the January Summer School, mounted as a co-operative venture by the Classics Department of the University of Sydney and Australian Catholic University's School of Arts and Sciences in Sydney.

The Summer School catered for three levels of students: beginners, intermediate and advanced.

Associate Professor John Murray, Head of Australian Catholic University's School of the Arts and Sciences in Sydney said the Summer School was the outcome of a year of planning and publicity conducted on a minimal budget, and of dedicated work by teaching staff and visiting lecturers who had offered their services for little or no financial recompense.



Christ Campus students try their hand at pancake tossing in Orientation Week activities on Shrove Tuesday. They are (L to R): Laine Alcock (Secretary), Donna Marshall (Pastoral Studies Representative), Ri Green (President) and Debbie Szabatura (Mature Age Students Representative).

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For those who follow golf

The University's Secretary, Richard Doyle, and Director of Finance, Des McCammon, have recently been distinguishing themselves on Sydney and Melbourne golf courses. They were members of the four hand Ambrose team which won the Ansett NSW Masters at the NSW Golf Club on the windswept ocean front at La Perouse. As a consequence of this win they were flown to Melbourne (courtesy of Ansett) to play in the Ansett National Masters at Kingston Heath in November. This time in a three hand Ambrose they tied with the Adelaide team only to be beaten on a count back.



Woman Graduate wins three prizes

Debra Eaton, above, who graduated Bachelor of Business from MacKillop Campus in April has won three senior prizes in the School of Business in Sydney in 1995.

Ms Eaton who majored in Accounting and took as an elective Human Resources Management won the following prizes:

Best Third Year Accounting Student presented by the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants;

Best Student in Management Accounting presented by the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants;

Best Student in Human Resources Management presented by the Australian Human Resources Institute.



Helen Grainger with Associate Professor, John Murray.

Irish Society prize for thesis

The Aisling Society, the major Irish cultural organisation in Australia, has awarded its inaugural prize for Australian Catholic University to Helen Grainger for her Master of Arts thesis on the work of "John O'Brien".

The President of the Aisling Society, Mr John Ryan, presented Mrs Grainger with her prize and received a copy of her thesis in return at a function at Mount Saint Mary Campus in Strathfield, NSW.

The presentation was attended by two of the University's leading personalities who were born and educated in Ireland, Professor Muredach Dynan, now Pro Vice-Chancellor in Brisbane, and Professor Oliver MacDonagh of the Institute of Advanced Research.

Also attending was Associate Professor John Murray, Head of the School of the Arts and Sciences at Mount Saint Mary Campus, where Mrs Grainger submitted her thesis on the work of "John O'Brien" for her postgraduate degree.

"John O'Brien", actually Monsignor Patrick Hartigan, had a large following in Australia, especially among those of Irish descent, for his collection *Around the Boree Log* and other poems.

Professor McDonagh said that his fame extended to Ireland where he had been introduced to "O'Brien's" work at school in the west of Ireland during the 1930s.

Donation of academic texts

Associate Professor Donna Merwick, who has retired from the University of Melbourne, has donated academic texts in American History from her library to Australian Catholic University.

The collection of several hundred titles will be housed in the library at Mount Saint Mary Campus in Sydney.

Associate Professor John Murray, Head of the School of Arts and Sciences in Sydney, has thanked Professor Merwick for her generous donation which would continue her great support to American history courses.

Advent Ceremony 1994

Massed choirs of St Anne's Anglican Church Strathfield, Holy Family Church Lindfield and The Trinity Singers, with the University Change Bellringers, the Salvation Army Brass and Australian Opera tenor, Michael Raymond Martin, combined for the second annual Advent Ceremony at Mount Saint Mary Campus on 23 November 1994.

In the large congregation, which was treble the number of the previous year, were members of the clergy and laity of various Christian communities surrounding the University.

The Advent Ceremony was organised by the Visual and Performing Arts Music Department, under the direction of Lecturer Anne Harvey, with the Head of the Department, James Forsyth, providing organ accompaniment.

Research/writing support group

Dr Josephine Ryan and Mrs Lois Lowe, both of the Schools of Education at Aquinas Campus in Ballarat, have formed a Research/Writing Support group to help their colleagues with projects.

Group members discuss progress on projects and contribute ideas on planning, meeting deadlines and problems such as "writers' block".

"Those doing supervised research or writing projects report regularly to their supervisors and thus have incentives to achieve deadlines and other goals," Dr Ryan said.

"It is not so easy for those on unsupervised projects. Some need that little bit of encouragement or assistance — and we hope the new group will help".

Rector no stranger to university



Dr Gabrielle McMullen (above), who took up the appointment of Rector of Aquinas Campus, Ballarat, in April has had a close involvement with Australian Catholic University since the University was founded.

Dr McMullen, who as Rector will be a Professor of the University, has been a member of the Senate since 1991. She has also served on a variety of committees, including Chairperson, Honorary Awards and Ceremonial Committee, and Member of the Goals Committee, the Victorian Chapter, and the Tenure Committee.

However, her interest and involvement in Catholic tertiary education extends further. "In the 1980s I had the opportunity to visit two of America's major Catholic universities, Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. and Fordham University in New York," she said.

"About this time I also became involved in the work of the Institute of Catholic Education. I was a member of its Council and a number of its committees until 1990."

Dr McMullen comes to Ballarat from Monash University, Victoria, where she has held the positions of Dean of Mannix College and Senior Lecturer, Department of Biochemistry.

She says that she is looking forward eagerly to working with staff and students at Aquinas.

"I have come to know and esteem Australian Catholic University during the time I have served as a member of the Senate and on Senate committees.

"I am delighted to be joining the University and I look forward to playing a

part in fostering the Catholic nature of Aquinas Campus and promoting its academic programs".

Dr McMullen who was born in Pakenham, Victoria, is also delighted that she will be moving to Ballarat.

"I am originally from the country and have always liked Ballarat. For years I have said that if my work did not keep me in Melbourne, I would wish to live in Ballarat".

After completing her secondary school education at Killester College, Springvale, Victoria, Dr McMullen graduated BSc (Hons) from Monash University in 1974 with a double major in Chemistry. She continued in research at Monash University gaining a PhD degree in Organic Chemistry in 1977.

From 1977 to 1981 she undertook research in Germany as an Alexander von Humboldt Fellow and a DFG postdoctoral Fellow.

On her return to Monash University in 1981 she combined administrative and academic roles. She was initially Sub-Dean and from 1984 Dean, Mannix College while teaching in the Department of Biochemistry as Senior Tutor, Lecturer and, since 1991, Senior Lecturer.

US managers visit McAuley

A group of senior managers responsible for International Education programs at leading US universities visited McAuley Campus on 7 April as part of a visit to Australian universities.

The tour was arranged by the Australian Education Office, Washington DC, a consortium of Australian universities and the Australian Government, created to promote educational opportunities in Australia.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Drake, is a member of the Board of Management of the Australian Education Office.

At McAuley Campus the group was welcomed by the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Professor Muredach Dynan.

The Director of the University's International Education Office, Mr Tony McKittrick, assisted in organising the program which involved meetings with McAuley Campus academic staff, students, the Campus ministry and Weemala, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Centre.

Access and Equity focus

Australian Catholic University's Disability Action Plan will focus in 1995 on students and staff with disabilities.

The plan will be developed under the aegis of the University's Access and Equity Committee in line with the Disability Discrimination Act (1992).

Chaired by the Dean of Students, Sr Rosemary Lewins, the committee administers funds allocated by the Department of Education and Training (DEET) and is concerned with access for students from disadvantaged groups and with meeting their special needs during their studies.

DEET identifies these disadvantaged groups as:

- women in non-traditional areas (including research)
- Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders
- people from non-English speaking backgrounds
- people of low socio-economic status
- people from rural and isolated backgrounds
- people with disabilities.

The Disability Action Plan will cover many areas of university life such as libraries, student administration, student services, curriculum, buildings and grounds, and human relations.

The Plan will identify objectives and strategies and establish priorities. Liz Anderson (Mercy Campus) and Di Paez (McAuley Campus) will co-ordinate the project which will require wide consultation across all campuses.

Liz Anderson said that the Plan might include, for example, the provision of staff development or teaching strategies covering a wide range of disabilities, the provision of technological assistance/support, the development of common procedures and guidelines, and increasing the proportion of students with disabilities who study at the University.

The Committee will also expand Learning Assistance initiatives this year. All campuses now participate in the English Skills Assessment, introduced last year to identify and target commencing students who may face difficulties in this area.

The Committee has allocated a greater part of its increased funds to the employment of Study Skills Officers.

Further staff development may also be funded in 1995, following a number of successful programs in 1994: teaching students with disabilities (NSW and Queensland); preparing to teach Koori students (Victoria).

PVC hopes to combine religion and science

Professor Wolfgang Grichting, who in March was named as the University's Pro Vice-Chancellor located in Melbourne, believes that the appointment will allow him to combine the two central interests of his professional career: religion and science.

Currently Professor of Social Science at the University of Tasmania, he will take up the position in mid-year as the representative of the Vice-Chancellor in Victoria and will also have responsibility for research management as part of his national University portfolio.

"Many people have asked me why I would leave Tasmania when I have a Chair and my wife is a Lecturer in the University," he said. "And Tasmania is beautiful. We love every bit of it and will miss its beauty, peace and quiet.

"When the position of Pro-Vice-Chancellor came up I knew that I should make it clear that I was interested in it because I would be able to work at one and the same place for both Church and University, that is, to express my religious commitment and to contribute to the scientific enterprise.

Church as leader

"The Church has greatly enhanced the quality and meaning of my life. It has always been anxious to ask important questions of both mind and heart. Even though we have had the Inquisition and Galileo Galilei, we have also had Vatican II. When all is said and told, I cannot think of another institution that has shown as genuine an interest as the Catholic Church in the holistic development of both individual and society. It has been the leader in many ways.

"If religion and science can be brought together it can happen at Australian Catholic University which is unique in this country. I hope that I can make a contribution along these lines."

Born in Switzerland, Professor Grichting, who is 59 and an Australian citizen, has had a distinguished career in several countries. He graduated in Switzerland summa cum laude in philosophy and magna cum laude in theology before moving to the United States where he received his MA (Sociology/Statistics) from St Louis University, Missouri in 1965 and his PhD (Sociology/Social Psychology) from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, in 1968.

Before taking up the appointment of

Professor of Social Science, University of Tasmania in 1991, he was Dean of Academic Services at the Tasmanian State Institute of Technology from 1989, Associate Professor, Department of Behavioural Sciences, James Cook University of North Queensland, 1976-89, and Dean of Social Sciences, Hong Kong Baptist College, Hong Kong, 1987-88. He has also held academic appointments in Germany, Taiwan and the United States.

Responsibility for research

Professor Grichting is particularly interested in his responsibility for research management across the University. He is anxious to draw attention to the difference between scholarship and research and believes that while all must be devoted to scholarship only some will pursue research as a major component of their professional career.

"In terms of research that is where I give weight in my academic career. I enjoy research. I have published widely and in different languages. I have been successful in attracting funds for research.

I have an inquisitive mind. That is my own orientation.

"My basic management orientation to research is that

No one must be forced to do it;

Some should actively pursue it;

All should have the opportunity to do it.

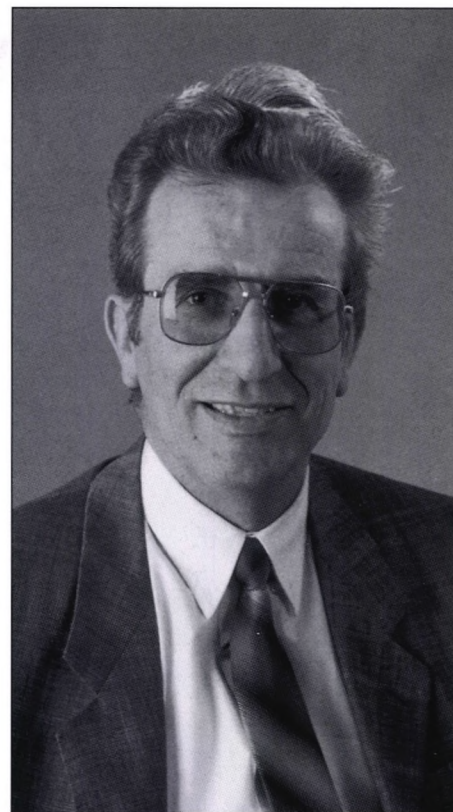
"People have different talents. I am aware that many staff were employed as teachers and may find it difficult to turn to research in a major way. However, those who would like to do research should be encouraged and helped to do so.

"I believe it is essential to maximise the native potential of people. This means we must meet them where they are and help them to move on to where they would like to be.

"Academic management is all about facilitating the opportunities for academics to excel. The pursuit of excellence is my agenda."

Professor Grichting is the Foundation President of the Australian Association for Social Research which came into being some three years ago. Now the Association has 220 members, about 80 per cent from academia and the rest from government and industry. It is publishing a Newsletter and a bi-annual Journal.

Professor Grichting stressed the importance of fostering ties and co-operation between social researchers in academic,



Professor Wolfgang Grichting

government and commercial organisations.

"Research does not thrive in confined areas. I encourage the development of social research methods and their use for both pure and applied social research issues.

"I believe researchers should be guided by the interests and concerns of the community in which they find themselves."

Graduate nurses serve in Rwanda

Two graduate nurses of Australian Catholic University have served with the Royal Australian Army's nursing unit in Rwanda.

They are Kylie Meagher and Belinda Ball (nee Ramspott). Both are Lieutenants in the Royal Australian Army's Nursing Corps.

Lieutenant Meagher was in the first nursing unit to go to Rwanda where it undertook the usual field hospital procedures, including surgery, intensive care and general ward work. While the unit was mainly responsible for the health maintenance of the UN troops, it assisted in a number of emergency procedures on local children and adults.

Lieutenant Meagher returned to Australia in February. Lieutenant Ball is in Rwanda serving in the replacement unit.



Management Workshop Success

A group of 38 administrative and library managers (above) from all parts of the University gathered at Vaughan College in the Sydney suburb of Marsfield in late March to participate in a five-day management development workshop which was facilitated by an external consultancy.

The workshop's aim was to focus on enhancing skills in planning, change and team management together with performance planning and the development of individual staff.

Participants agreed that much was gained from the workshop which was the first of its kind for the University's general staff.

The participants felt there was real value in the focus on the University as a national institution. The opportunity to meet and co-operate with colleagues over a wide range of administrative and pro-

fessional development issues has set the scene for closer partnership and problem solving arrangements to meet the challenge of managing change over the coming years.

One of the tangible results of the workshop will be follow-up meetings among the participants to continue networking and advance University-wide projects, particularly in the area of quality.

University Secretary, Richard Doyle, said that the only disappointing aspect of the workshop was the need to limit the size of the group, so that a small number of managers missed out on this particular opportunity. The workshop group is now anxious to widen the network of managers involved in projects and follow-up meetings and plans will be made to include others in future staff development activities.

Conference on Applied Ethics

The Department of Religion and Theology in Melbourne conducted an ethics seminar at Christ Campus on 30 November for more than 50 teachers from Victorian Catholic Secondary Schools.

The teachers, some of whom travelled long distances from country areas, teach a unit on Ethics in the subject Religion and Society.

Conference organiser and Lecturer, Dr John Ozlins, said the main purpose of the Conference was to give teachers insights

into recent thinking on some controversial topics in Applied Ethics.

Senior Lecturer and former Head of the Theology and Philosophy Department, Mr Peter Coghlan, gave the introductory lecture on Moral Absolutes and Veritatis Splendor. He discussed the nature of moral absolutes and examined the ethical claims contained in Veritatis Splendor.

Mr Coghlan also conducted sessions on Euthanasia and Homosexuality and Dr Ozlins sessions on Animal Rights and Environmental Ethics.

4000 attend students' visual art exhibition

About 4000 people are estimated to have attended an exhibition of art works by graduates from the Visual Arts program at the Castle Hill Campus in Sydney, held at the Westpac Museum, The Rocks, from 17 December to 20 January.

The 12 young women artists were completing their four years of study for the Bachelor of Education (Secondary — Visual Arts) course at the Castle Hill Campus.

The exhibition was varied in media, including handmade glass, cast sculptural forms, fibre, photography, steel and mixed media.

The Exhibition was opened by Ms Julie Ewington, a leading writer and broadcaster in the Visual Arts and currently the Principal Museum Educator at Sydney's Museum of Contemporary Art.

She spoke of the innovation, vigour, commitment and quality evident in the works of the artists, the place of the visual arts in the community and the quality of the University's program as demonstrated by the exhibition.

Among those at the exhibition opening were the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Drake, Professor Muredach Dynan, and the Group Executive, Retail Banking Group, Westpac Banking Corporation, Mr Owen van der Wall.

Westpac sponsored the Exhibition and will do so also in 1995-96.

The Lecturers responsible for the course and the exhibition, Judith Carroll and John Fischer, said that this was the most successful exhibition held in the five years that the course had been offered and the first to be held in such a prestigious public setting.



One of the student artists, Vicky Foggiano, with Mr Owen van der Wall of Westpac Banking Corporation, at the exhibition opening.

Addresses at Graduation Ceremonies

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Occasional Addresses at the Graduation Ceremonies at Aquinas Campus, Ballarat, and McAuley Campus, Brisbane were given by

The Chancellor of The Flinders University of South Australia, Sister Deirdre Jordan, rsm AC MBE, at Aquinas Campus;

The former Congregational Leader of the Sisters of Mercy, Sister Kath Burke, rsm, at the first ceremony at McAuley Campus; and

The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Queensland, Professor David Effkeny at the second ceremony.

Introducing Sister Jordan, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Drake, said that she had made an outstanding contribution to education and the community. He noted Sr Jordan's service as Headmistress at St Aloysius College, Adelaide, to the University of Adelaide, to The Flinders University, and to the Aboriginal community.

Sr Jordan congratulated the Vice-Chancellor for the outcome of the recent Quality Review of universities.

She said that most movements of our times were concerned with the construction of identity — whether of gender, race or ethnic background.

During their period of study the graduates had been constructing their personal identity as students.

"Your staff too have been interacting with you and with their peer groups to construct and maintain their identity as academics. We are all continually involved in this process," she said.

Sister Jordan recalled an experience when she was involved in an inquiry into juvenile delinquency in Aboriginal communities.

In talking to the parents and elders she found that they wanted their children to be "strong in the head". By this they meant that they wanted them to be able to understand their problems, to reach their own solutions and to be able to manage effectively their own lives.

She concluded her Address with a wish that all the Aquinas graduates should be "strong in the head".

Ecumenical climate

In her McAuley Address Sister Kath Burke praised Australian Catholic University for its genuine ecumenical climate.

"This is reflected in the courses taught and in the inter-congregational staff and

student membership," she said.

"Highly significant also is the offering of an enlightened and scholarly approach to other great religious traditions and schools of thought not derived from Christianity."

In his McAuley Address Professor Effkeny said that in receiving their Degree or Certificate graduates had reached a new decision mode in their lives.

"This represents not the closing of a

door but the opportunity to choose the path for further growth," he said.

"What you do must be fulfilling. It must be fun in the sense of keen anticipation and eagerness to get on with the business of life.

"Maintain, cherish and foster your creativity. Do not let it be stifled. I pray that you will not be afraid to dare and that you will always stand up for what you believe".



Rear (l to r): Mr Chris O'Malley, General Manager, CCI; Professor Bernard Daffey, Principal, Victoria. Front (l to r): Mrs Elizabeth Culican; Mrs Margot Hillel, Senior Lecturer.

Culican Collection now available

The Culican Collection of Early Children's Literature is now available nationally for research from Christ Campus, Oakleigh, Victoria.

The catalogue of the 1200 books in the Collection was completed in late 1994 with the assistance of a generous grant from Catholic Church Insurance (CCI) and is now logged into the Australian universities system.

Until the cataloguing was completed academic access to the Collection had to be limited.

Named for Mrs Dinny Culican who built it from the early 1970s the Collection ranges from the 18th Century to early Chum magazines and Biggles.

It includes authors such as Jane and Ann Taylor of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star fame and John Newbury, the first successful publisher for children, who began producing books in the 1740s.

Mrs Culican introduced children's literature into the English 1 course at Christ Campus and developed the Collection to allow the students access to books which would demonstrate changing library canons, values and characteristic features such as illustrations and typography.

She built the Collection from private donations and an appeal to Catholic schools for works they no longer required, with the majority being bought from a private collector, using English Department funds.

Mrs Margot Hillel, a Senior Lecturer in the School of Arts and Sciences at Christ Campus, has acted as "curator" of the Collection, which she uses in teaching, especially in the Diploma of Education (Children's Literature) course.

The Collection is housed in specially-made cases in the foyer of Christ Campus.

Senior Dance Lecturer in US

Senior Lecturer In Dance in New South Wales, Valda Craig, explored a rich vein of educational and artistic experience in the United States last year as Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence at The American University, Washington DC.

As a result several projects are being developed, including a possible Semester Abroad program at Australian Catholic University for a group of undergraduate students from The American University.

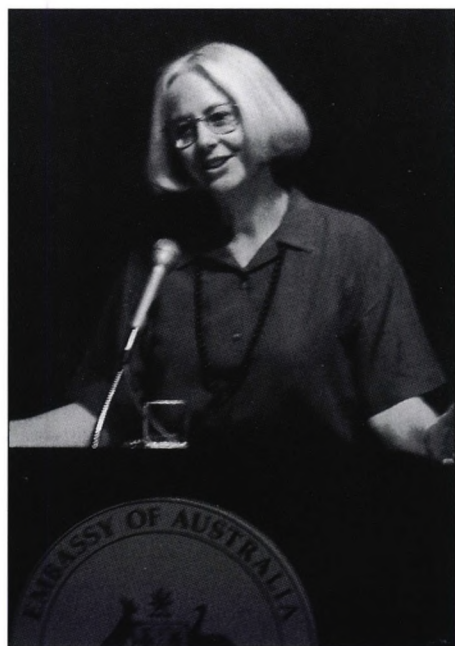
At The American University itself Valda Craig taught one full course, The Arts in Aboriginal Education, which was offered across schools and was fully subscribed, attracting both graduate and undergraduate students from fields as diverse as anthropology, visual arts, dance, social sciences, religion, and arts administration.

She also taught a graduate seminar course in Contemporary Dance History, in which the work of prominent American and Australian choreographers was viewed and discussed in context.

In February she gave presentations at the Society of Dance History Scholars Conference held at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

This led to a lecture tour encompassing the Institute of American Indian Art (IAIA), Santa Fe, New Mexico; Vanberbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee; the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis; and the University of Maryland in Baltimore.

The Australian Embassy in Washington invited her to give a public lecture followed by a reception.



Valda Craig speaking at the Australian Embassy in Washington.



Dr Gail Crossley with Bachelor of Science (Environmental Science) students, from left, Sarah Lunau, Carina Hanemann and Carl Fokkema.

Strong motivation of Environmental Science students

While they come from diverse backgrounds, the first students in the new degree course in Environmental Science at Sydney's Castle Hill Campus are all strongly motivated, according to their Course Co-ordinator, Dr Gail Crossley.

The degree is Bachelor of Science (Environmental Science), a three-year course with a fourth year honours program for outstanding students. It is the first Bachelor of Science course offered by the University.

Although the group is small Dr Crossley is very satisfied with the quality of the students.

"All have strong convictions and feelings about wanting to work in environmental science," she said. "All have some involvement in environmental matters. Some are in Greenpeace, some in The Wilderness Society and some have worked in National Parks".

"It is quite a diverse group, with mature-age students and HSC school leavers, and one international student, but all share a commitment to working in the environment area".

In the first year of the course the students will mainly be working towards

acquiring a basic knowledge in physics, chemistry, biology, and computer skills as well as beginning to focus on ecology and environmental issues.

Next year there will be a stronger focus on the environment, and the third year will be almost completely devoted to work in environmental impact assessment and applied environmental research.

Dr Crossley said that the course organisers would be examining closely where the students had come from, and targeting closely similar backgrounds to ensure that course publicity was accurately placed. They would also be making direct contact with careers advisers in schools to promote the course.

The new course is designed to provide a firm grounding in the basic sciences, field data collection and computerised data analysis, and water and land management, as well as training in the skills of speaking and writing about the environment and producing environmental reports.

The course also examines environmental legislation, and in keeping with the mission of the University, studies values and ethics as an important part of the degree program.

Signadou Rector welcomes new role

The Rector of Signadou Campus in Canberra, Professor David Parker, welcomes the opportunity his new role gives him to mix administration, management and oversight of research.

Professor Parker has come to Australian Catholic University from the Australian National University where he has served in the Department of English since 1974 as Lecturer, Senior Lecturer since 1993 and Reader. He has also acted as Head of Department.

"Some of the roles I most enjoyed at ANU have been pastoral, administrative and managerial," he said.

"When I was convener of a very active program in the Graduate School I was involved in fostering and nurturing the research of about 100 postgraduate students, including over 30 PhD students.

"I initiated and managed graduate courses in topics such as: thesis writing; role of computers in research; and problems of supervision.

"This responsibility had both pastoral and entrepreneurial aspects — in caring for the interests and concerns of the students and in putting together programs which used the resources of the university as well as inviting speakers from outside.

He had become interested in management over the last few years, particularly in the fact that some of the most modern management theories seem to be rooted deeply in Judaeo-Christian ethical traditions.

Modern management ideas were increasingly focused on the organisation's mission empowerment of staff respect for the individual team building the pursuit of quality.

These all boiled down to very familiar Christian concepts.

"I see no tension between a modern management role and a Christian apostolate," he said.

"My own research interests have been in the suppressed ethical assumptions underlying various types of literary criticism and literary theory.

"My interest in management has something of the same direction. I find good modern management itself underpinned by tacit ethical and spiritual values".

Professor Parker is originally from Adelaide where he graduated BA (1966) and Dip Ed (1968) from the University of Adelaide. He graduated BA (First Class

Honours) from the Flinders University of South Australia in 1969, winning the University Medal in the School of Language and Literature.

He also won the Vice-Chancellors' Conference Free Passage to England and an Overseas Scholarship from Flinders University which allowed him to study at Oxford where he was awarded his DPhil in 1973.

For Professor Parker one of the principal attractions of Australian Catholic University is that it offers the opportunity to reconcile the Catholic faith with intellectual and academic excellence.

"The University has a great opportunity to draw on the long traditions of academic endeavour that have taken place within Catholic universities in other countries," he said.

"Now Australian Catholic University can demonstrate that intellectual aspirations and Christian faith are capable of reconciliation".

In addition to his research as a literary scholar Professor Parker is a novelist and short story writer. His 1988 novel *Building on Sand* was shortlisted for the Miles Franklin Literary Award in 1989. His short stories have appeared in numerous Australian literary publications, including *Southerly*, *The Adelaide Review*, *Quadrant* and *The Australian Literary Quarterly*.

He has published widely in the fields of literature and ethics and his interests include British Literature in the Modern Period; Ethics and Literary Theory; Australian Fiction; and Autobiography.



Professor David Parker

Lecturer to be Catholic priest

Senior Lecturer in Theology, Dr Tony Kenny, will become the first married man to be ordained a Catholic priest in Victoria when he is ordained for the Ballarat Diocese on Sunday, 3 June.

Dr Kenny, who lectures at both Christ and Aquinas campuses and is also Director of Postgraduate Studies at the Melbourne College of Divinity, received special dispensation from Pope John Paul II to be ordained.

He was ordained an Anglican priest in 1967 but left the Church of England five years later and became a Catholic. He has been married for 29 years and he and his wife Carol have a 27-year-old son Matthew, whose wife Natalia is a Christ Campus graduate.

Last December Dr Kenny was ordained a Deacon by the Bishop of Ballarat, Dr Ronald Mulkearns.

Dr Kenny explained that the Holy See had decided to grant permission for the ordination of married former clergy of the Anglican Church.

He will say his first Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat, on Sunday, 4 June, and has invited his colleagues, students and friends to both the ordination and the Mass.

After his ordination, Dr Kenny will continue his academic career with the University at Aquinas Campus.

Visit from the oldest to the youngest

Australian Catholic University — the world's youngest Catholic university — has received a visit from a representative of the world's oldest Catholic university.

Ms Mirella Kimpen of the Press and Publicity Department of the Catholic University, Leuven, Belgium, made an official call at Christ Campus, Melbourne, on 15 March.

Ms Kimpen, a Leuven Law graduate who chose to pursue a career in university public relations, was a member of a Rotary International Group Study Exchange party spending two weeks in Australia.

The University at Leuven is Belgium's largest university, consisting of 14 faculties in which 25000 students are enrolled. Of these 1900 are foreign students from 100 countries. There are 2900 professors and assistants and 2500 administration and technical staff members.

Nine students receive Sydney CEO scholarships

The Catholic Education Office, Sydney, has awarded scholarships to nine students in the final year of their Education courses at the Mount Saint Mary and Castle Hill campuses in Sydney.

The scholarships are named the James Carroll Scholarships in recognition of the late Archbishop Carroll's great contribution to Catholic education in Australia.

In return for the scholarships which are worth \$4000.00 each the students have made a commitment to serve in schools in the Archdiocese of Sydney for a specified time.

The successful students are:

Primary: Ms Bronwyn Irwin, Mr Norman Mikhail, Ms Susan O'Neill and Ms Annette Wood.

Secondary: Mr Mark Roach, Mr Mark Sultana, Ms Karen Trotter, Ms Michelle Walker, Ms Jane Williamson.

The Executive Director of the Sydney CEO, Br Kelvin Canavan, presented the scholarships at Mount Saint Mary Campus, Strathfield on Friday, 3 March.

Attending the ceremony were the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Drake, the then Principal, NSW, Professor Muredach Dynan, senior staff of Australian Catholic University, Directors and staff of the CEO, and parents and friends of the scholarship winners.

In his remarks Professor Drake praised the parents of the students.

"You are deserving of great commendation for the achievement of having raised children to this point in their life where they are well on the way to getting a good university degree, where their achievement has received public



The Executive Director of the Sydney CEO, Br Kelvin Canavan (left) and Professor Peter Drake (rear) with some delighted scholarship winners.

recognition and where they are poised for what I hope will be a happy and rewarding career teaching in Catholic schools".

He thanked the parents for their great act of faith in allowing their children to enter Australian Catholic University, a fledgling university. Their faith was justified.

Professor Drake thanked the Sydney CEO for its generosity and support in providing the scholarships. The University was fortunate in the support it had received from the Sydney CEO as it had from other CEOs in Australia.

Parramatta Awards

The Parramatta Catholic Education Office has announced that the 1995 winners of the Religious Education Teaching (Secondary) Scholarships awarded by the Parramatta Diocesan Schools Board are:

John Riboldi (3rd year student);
Linda Hicks (3rd year student);
Claire Barbeau (2nd year student);
Marguerite Grima (1st year student).

The scholarships form a new program to attract Religious Education teachers to the Catholic schools of the Parramatta Diocese.

The Parramatta Diocesan Schools Board is awarding four university scholarships annually from 1995 for students studying for the Bachelor of Education (Secondary) degree with a Religious Education major at Australian Catholic University.

After the successful completion of their B.Ed course the scholarship holders will be required to teach in Catholic schools in the Parramatta Diocese for at least three years.

Each scholarship is valued at \$20,000 for the four years of the degree course with the holders receiving a \$5000 grant for each year of the course.



Pope John Paul II gives communion to MacKillop Campus Security Officer, Kevin Malone, at the Beatification Mass for Mary MacKillop in Sydney in January.

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