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Honorary Award to Evelyn Scott

Australian Catholic University awarded the degree of Honorary Doctor of the University to Ms Evelyn Scott, Chair of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation, at the graduation ceremony for conferring of postgraduate awards in the Faculty of Education in Sydney on Thursday evening, 27 April.

The ceremony, at St Joseph's College, Hunter's Hill, Sydney, was one of nine graduation ceremonies, held in April, May and June, for graduates from Aquinas, St Patrick's, Signadou, Mount Saint Mary, MacKillop and McAuley Campuses.

A total of 2847 graduates received awards – 779 from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, 1406 from the Faculty of Education, and 662 from the Faculty of Health Sciences. There was a total of 1184 awards conferred to postgraduate students and 1663 undergraduates received awards. Among the postgraduate awards were five Doctors of Philosophy, three Doctors of Education, and a Master of Philosophy.

The 1999 University Medal winner, Fiona Lloyd, who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts with First Class Honours from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, received her award at the McAuley Campus graduation ceremony on 13 April.

Faculty Medals, in recognition of academic excellence in courses at Bachelor level, were awarded to Gillian Rosemary Kehoul (Faculty of Arts and Sciences Pass Medal), Rachel Jean Burke (Faculty of Arts and Sciences Honours Medal), Rosa Laria (Faculty of Education Pass Medal) and Bernadette Beyer, (Faculty of Health Sciences Pass Medal).

The recipients of the 1999 Excellence in Teaching Awards, Mrs Evelyn Anderson, Faculty of Arts and Sciences (McAuley Campus), Associate Professor Denis McLaughlin (McAuley Campus) and Dr Helga Neidhart (St Patrick's Campus), School of Educational Leadership, were presented with their awards at graduation ceremonies in Brisbane and Melbourne.

The award to Ms Scott was in recognition of her outstanding contribution to Indigenous affairs and to reconciliation in Australia as well as her role in various



Professor Judith Chapman, Dean, Faculty of Education, Senator John Herron, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, Professor Peter Sheehan, Vice-Chancellor, Professor John Coll, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs) and Sr Rosemary Lewins, OP, Dean of Students with Dr Evelyn Scott (second from left) who received an Honorary Doctorate of the University.

government advisory bodies. The Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, Senator John Herron, attended the graduation ceremony congratulating Ms Scott on her award.

Ms Scott delivered the Occasional Address at the ceremony.

Honorary Doctorates were also awarded to Br Charles Howard, fms, Mrs Leneen Forde and Sr Gabrielle Jennings, rsm. An Honorary Masters was awarded to Fr Valentine Patterson, msc.

Br Charles Howard received his Doctor of the University at the ceremony on 27 April. The award recognised Br Howard's outstanding leadership of an international teaching order of the Catholic Church, his commitment to social justice issues worldwide, and his involvement and support in the development of the Catholic colleges of teacher education which formed part of the foundation of ACU. Br Howard was the Occasional Speaker at this ceremony.

Mrs Leneen Forde AC, past Governor of Queensland, received her award and delivered the Occasional Address at the McAuley Campus graduation ceremony on 13 April. The award recognised Mrs Forde's outstanding contribution in the area of law and governance in Queensland and Australia and for universally and significantly improving the status of women.

The award to Sr Gabrielle Jennings, rsm, was in recognition of her outstanding contribution to Catholic education and healthcare in Australia and her initiating, setting up and sustaining of Notre Dame Institute of Education in Karachi. Sr Jennings received her Honorary Doctorate and was the Occasional Speaker at the ceremony on 2 June.

Sir Gustav Nossal, AC, Australian of the Year and Deputy Chair of the Council for Reconciliation, delivered the Occasional Address to graduates in the Faculties of Arts and Sciences and Health Sciences at the afternoon ceremony in Melbourne on 2 June.

Other Occasional Speakers were: Professor Don Aitkin AO, University of Canberra President and Vice-Chancellor, at the Signadou Campus ceremony on 7 April; Dr Bernadette Tobin, Director, Plunkett Centre for Ethics at the ceremony for graduates in the Faculty of Health Sciences on 28 April; Br Athanasius McGlade, cfc, spoke to graduates in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences on 28 April; and the Honourable Michael Ronaldson, MP, spoke at the ceremony for Aquinas Campus graduates on 3 June.

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Vice-Chancellor's Column



Professor Peter Sheehan.

There were two significant events that I wrote about in the last issue. These were the selection of the Flagships of the University, and St Patrick's. Both these events have now matured. The Flagships in Early Christian Studies, Educational Leadership, Life Long Learning, Palliative Care, Spiritual, Moral and Religious Education, and Youth Studies are up and running and I have matched Faculty's financial commitment with my own support to help kickstart them. Senate has endorsed all of the Flagships strongly.

St Patrick's is well and truly functioning and 28 July is the date that has been set for its official opening. The Hon. Steve Bracks will formally declare the campus open and Archbishop George Pell will bless the building following a Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral celebrated by our Chancellor, Cardinal Clancy.

The building is a superb one and blends the aesthetic and spiritual aspects of our University magnificently. The projection of a special spirituality, for instance, is visibly evident in the fabric and ambience of the entire building. Traditions are reinforced by contemporary images throughout the building. We have a centre piece mosaic-design by the Aboriginal artist, Glenn Romanis, beneath the atrium on the main entrance floor. The Stations of the Cross and the Crucifix in the Chapel are by the glass sculptors, Janet Lawrence and Julie Rrap, and shortly a Tabernacle

will be put in place to capture and enhance the Chapel's aesthetic design. The University has commissioned a Mother and Child marble statue by the Melbourne sculptor, Peter Schipperheyn, which draws us across immediately to his exceptional works at Notre Dame University, Fremantle. The signage on our floors include scriptural messages in vividly different colours which vary floor by floor. The side front wall of the building has a massive backlit cross sculpture by Melbourne artist, Anthony Russo. We have a wonderful donated Guy Boyd sculpture (*The Deposition*) in the front foyer of our two main lecture theatres which now carries bold recognition of the significance of Christ and Mercy and the religious communities that were part of their history. Finally, the wonders of Central Hall continue to unfold. We have a heritage site there that has one of the best acoustic facilities (and dance floors) the city of Melbourne has to offer, and the hall itself is a national monument to the times past that we must make sure will come again. Central Hall, in the past, was the site of special Gilbert and Sullivan theatrical performances and those of the Mary Downes Dance Academy. It was a major site for the Eucharistic Congress (held in 1934) and the second Australasian Catholic Congress which took place in 1904 (the Hall's opening year). Previously not known to us, we found underneath the floorboards of the hall a space that was used in the distant past to house 32 performing musicians.

It is a "signature" campus and I want that signature to have community relevance, intellectual excitement, and express a core identity artistically. It aims to offer an alternative face to Tertiary Education in the City of Melbourne and gives us a dynamic, ethically focused and culturally and spiritually relevant institution to provide Melbourne with an active and creative campus at the start of the new millennium.

Again, I thank all those who have contributed to the magnificence of the achievement. I wish to pay special tribute to our very distinguished list of professionals, including Woods Bagot and Hooker Cockram. I would also like to thank John Ralph (recently honoured with the award of AC in the Queen's Birthday list) for heading our campaign appeal, John Peyton as Chair of the Building Committee, and the many donors and friends who have contributed generously. My special and personal thanks go to the staff of the University

and the members of my executive who have worked so hard. The commitment and selfless efforts of all staff have really made the vision possible.

In August, the International Federation of Catholic Universities will meet in Perth. At that meeting we will be exposed to international ideas about many of the matters we ourselves have debated and been concerned about as a Catholic University and I hope to report more fully on the outcome of this conference later. Shortly afterwards, we are having our own Satellite meeting in Sydney which will focus more pointedly on issues in Australia. Many of those in Perth will be coming across to participate in the Satellite Conference and learn more about our University. Importantly, we will be exposing our visitors to staff and student input.

Our Profile visit has been scheduled for October, this year. It signals to Government that Australian Catholic University has undergone many major changes in the last three years and many of them are reflected in our achievements. It is not just the fact that two of our campuses have been consolidated and a new campus has opened. There is one yet to do so at Banyo in 2003. We are known in the sector for the outstanding nature of the learning experience we offer, the very high level of our achievements in Indigenous education, the articulation of a challenging plan for the next decade with strategies in place to implement it, the exposure of many aspects of our University to external review, and the beginnings of a movement to offer fee paying courses to attract additional income.

The future is an era not only when we will enhance the importance of professional training, but also reinforce the growth that has occurred in research across the institution. For this last achievement, I owe a special debt of gratitude to Emeritus Professor Wolfgang Grichting who has contributed tirelessly to the cause of research and the welfare of ACU as a place of scholarly learning. He has been a loyal and excellent servant to our University and all that it stands for, and I wish him and his family the very best for the future.

I cannot end without paying special tribute to Sr Helen Lombard, SGS, whose tragic death has taken an exceptional person from our midst. With Fr Michael Casey's extraordinarily moving homily at her funeral still in my mind, I know she will be sorely missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Peter Sheehan AO
Vice-Chancellor

New telephony solution for ACU

Cisco Systems, the worldwide leader in networking for the Internet, will supply ACU with the first end-to-end Voice over IP (VoIP) telephony solution in the Asia Pacific. The Internet-based communications network will allow the University to cost-effectively deliver voice, data and multimedia applications to students and staff on all six campuses.

Cisco will design an IP (Internet Protocol) telephony solution for ACU using Cisco's New World Architecture for Voice, Video and Integrated Data (AVVID).

Cisco will design and implement a network solution for ACU's Local Area Networks (LAN) and its Wide Area Networks (WAN) and provide value added facilities such as access, firewall and IP Telephony for all campuses.

"We are pleased to partner with Cisco as the leading provider of IP telephony solutions," said Professor Peter Sheehan, Vice-Chancellor. "Cisco's commitment to e-learning and support of educational institutions around the globe makes this a strategic partnership."

"This new infrastructure will not only provide cheaper communication between our campuses, but will lay the foundation to further applications including video streaming, digital library, enhance CathLINK access and distance education initiatives.

"These applications will make use of ACU's leading edge infrastructure to continue to deliver high quality learning and to enhance the learning experiences regardless of the location of our students," said Professor Sheehan.

Cisco Systems Managing Director, Australia / New Zealand, Terry Walch, said, "This Internet-based network will enable ACU to apply new technologies to assist the learning process and to reduce operating costs significantly.

"Using this New World architecture, ACU's 'long distance' calls will operate over the AARnet backbone, which interconnects the University's six campuses on the East Coast of Australia. ACU's new voice network will allow long distance intercampus calls to be made at untimed rates. The new network will feature enhanced data storage and delivery capabilities, allowing ACU to deliver 'New World' IP services such as video-on-demand and streaming video to over 10,000 students.

"ACU is generating keen interest in the region as the first tertiary institution in Australasia to embrace a comprehensive IP infrastructure at this level. Cisco applauds ACU for its vision in adopting this technology that will enrich student development while delivering enterprise cost savings."

Mr Gordon Howell, Acting Director of Information and Communications Services, said the University spends approximately \$1.8 million on existing telecommunication products and services annually. ACU expects to reduce this annual expenditure by more than 50% by migrating to an IP telephony system.

"Cost savings generated by the new system will be reinvested in teaching and training programs that prepare our students to succeed in the Internet economy," said Mr Howell said.



Professor Peter Sheehan tests the new system.

Death of Sr Lombard

It is with a deep sense of sadness the community of Australian Catholic University notes the tragic passing of Sr Helen Lombard, SGS. Sr Lombard died in a three-vehicle car accident north of Perth, Western Australia on 5 June.

Sr Lombard was a member of the General Council of Catholic College of Education Sydney and a staunch advocate for the formation of Australian Catholic University.

Following the establishment of the University, Sr Lombard was a Member of the University Company during the first three years and a Member of the Senate until late 1998. Those who served with her on the Senate will remember how committed she was to the growth and development of Australian Catholic University.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St Mary's Cathedral on 13 June.



Sr Helen Lombard, SGS. (Photo supplied by The Catholic Weekly.)

Catholic higher education explored

Representatives from Catholic universities throughout the world will meet in Fremantle at the University of Notre Dame for the 20th General Assembly of the International Federation of Catholic Universities on 1 to 5 August. A satellite meeting, *Catholic Higher Education in Australia: Into the New Millennium*, will be held in conjunction with the General Assembly at ACU's MacKillop Campus on 6 and 7 August.

The meeting will explore Catholic higher education in Australia, looking particularly at the roles of the two Catholic universities and the Catholic theological colleges.

His Excellency Archbishop Giuseppe Pittau, SJ, Secretary of the Congregation for Catholic Education, will present a public lecture on 6 August. Professor

Peter Sheehan, Vice-Chancellor, will Chair the meeting and present the Opening Statement on 7 August.

Other presentations include:

The Roles of Philosophy and Theology at Australian Catholic University, Associate Professor Robert Gascoigne, School of Theology (NSW), ACU.

The Interface between theology in the University and in the Theological Colleges, Reverend Dr Gerald Gleeson, Catholic Institute of Sydney.

The Pastoral and Liturgical Life of Australian Catholic University, Sr Rosemary Lewins OP, Dean of Students and Director of Ministry, ACU.

The Role of a Catholic University in Educational Leadership, Professor Patrick Duignan, Chair of Educational Leadership, ACU.

Premier to open new ACU Campus

The official opening of Australian Catholic University's newest campus, St Patrick's Campus, will be held on 28 July 2000.

The Honourable Stephen Bracks, MP, Premier of Victoria, will officially open St Patrick's Campus and the Most Reverend George Pell, DD, will bless the Campus. More than 1000 guests are expected to attend the Opening ceremony.

To commemorate the opening of St Patrick's Campus, Solemn High Mass will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral. Mass will be celebrated by the University Chancellor, Cardinal Edward Clancy, AC, and concelebrated by Archbishop George Pell, DD, Archbishop of Melbourne, Victorian Bishops and priest academics from ACU.

At the conclusion of Mass the



The new St Patrick's Campus. A full report on the Opening and Blessing ceremonies will be in the next issue of "The Chronicle".

Academic Procession will proceed from the Cathedral grounds to St Patrick's

Campus for the Opening and Blessing Ceremonies.

ACU farewells Professor Grichting

Staff from ACU farewelled Professor Wolfgang Grichting, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research) at a special Mass held in the chapel at St Patrick's Campus on 23 June.

The Mass was celebrated by Fr Steven Rigo, St Patrick's Campus Ministry. Sr Madeline Duckett liaised with Professor Grichting in selecting the Readings and Hymns for the Mass.

After the Mass, a cocktail party was held for Professor Grichting at which Professor Peter Sheehan, Vice-Chancellor, thanked Professor Grichting for his services to Australian Catholic University, wishing him well in his future endeavours.



Professor & Mrs Grichting at the farewell Mass.

Lutheran agreement

Australian Catholic University signed an agreement with the Lutheran Church of Australia and Luther Seminary on 4 May at Aquinas Campus for the preparation of primary and secondary teachers for the Lutheran Schools system.

Through the agreement Lutheran students wishing to teach in the Lutheran Schools system, who undertake their studies at Aquinas Campus, will have some of their units in theology and religious education taught by Lutheran theologians and educators. All other units will be taught by ACU lecturers.

Professor Peter Sheehan, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Judith Chapman, Dean, Faculty of Education, and Professor Gabrielle McMullen, Rector,

Aquinas Campus, attended the function on 4 May. The Lutheran representatives attending were Dr John Koch, Principal of Luther Seminary in Adelaide, and Dr David Stolz, Lutheran Church of Australia, Victorian district President and Chair of Luther Seminary Council.

Professor McMullen said she welcomed the agreement. "The vision of the Faculty of Education and, in particular, the School of Education (VIC), and their Lutheran counterparts in arriving at this agreement is to be applauded. In light of the formal links recently established by the Catholic and Lutheran Churches internationally, this agreement represents a significant ecumenical initiative for Victoria," Professor McMullen said.

The agreement builds on an existing collaboration, through ACU's McAuley Campus in Brisbane.

Record international students

ACU's International Office is celebrating with the highest number of international students enrolled in programs in the history of the University.

At the time of publishing there were 255 international students enrolled in courses at ACU and more are expected to enrol in second semester programs, according to Mr Tony McKittrick, Director, International Education.

"Students are enrolled in a wide range of programs in all Faculties, including Information Systems, Business, Nursing and Education. The Master of Information Systems course is the largest single enrolment, with about 40 newly enrolled students, mainly from India," he said.

"We also have a lot of study abroad students from the United States, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Taiwan, England, France, Germany and Sweden.

"The International Education office has identified countries and focussed marketing activities in these countries over the last twelve months."

Mr McKittrick said the successful partnership in marketing with International Student Services and the easing of the Asian economic crisis has contributed to the rise in international student numbers.

"The success of marketing the Master of Information Systems program in India and the success of ACU's internship programs in the United States with Marist College and Beaver College have also had a marked effect on the number of international students," said Mr McKittrick.

Ecumenical conference at St Patrick's

The inaugural *Oriente Lumen Australasia & Oceania* conference, held at St Patrick's Campus, 9 to 12 July was an outstanding success said conference organiser, Reverend Dr Lawrence Cross, Senior Lecturer, School of Theology (VIC).

"More than 150 delegates from around the world attended the event," said Rev Dr Cross, who was extremely pleased with the enthusiasm shown by those attending.

The *Oriente Lumen* conference originated in Washington, DC, United States, in 1997. Rev Dr Cross said these conferences are an on-going dialogue between separated Christians, mostly from the ancient families of churches, finding their unity once again through dialogue and grass roots ecumenism.

"We felt it was time something similar was done in our region. The conference in Australia gave Australian academics, philosophers, theologians and others the opportunity to meet with their interna-

tional colleagues on 'home ground' as well as the opportunity to hear scholars outstanding in their field," he said.

"*Oriente Lumen Australasia & Oceania* has been a truly international conference of world-recognised scholars and Church people from diverse cultural, religious and linguistic experiences. Issues explored at the conference related to the reconciliation of the Roman Catholic, Eastern Catholic, Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox Churches. The conference provided an almost instant ecumenical education in the traditions of the ancient Apostolic Church of the East."

The conference was organised by ACU's Centre for Early Christian Studies with the support of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, the Melkite Catholic Eparchy of St Michael, the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Sts Peter and Paul, the Coptic Orthodox Church, and the Centre for Christian Spirituality, Randwick, NSW.

Firm links made with US university

ACU's International Education office hosted the visit of Ms Holly Dobbins, Senior Study Abroad Adviser at the State University of New York (SUNY), Oswego, in June.

Ms Dobbins, who coordinates marketing and recruitment, study abroad programs, international education and exchange programs, visited ACU to cement links already established with the University. ACU has had an exchange agreement with the State University of New York, Oswego, since 1998.

"The trip has helped me facilitate a better understanding of each of the School's activities at ACU and I've been able to identify specific areas of interest for US students," Ms Dobbins said.

"ACU has a similar philosophy and attitude towards personal attention as that held by SUNY, Oswego. It provides students with a means to reach their goals and their success, and it's nice to come across an institution that still believes in principles," she said.



Ms Holly Dobbins, Mr Tony McKittrick, Director, International Education, and Ms Jane Barton.

Whilst visiting the International Education Office in Sydney, Ms Dobbins met with Jane Barton, a Bachelor of Business graduate from ACU. Ms Barton has accepted an offer of employment from SUNY, Oswego. From 3 July she commenced work with Ms Dobbins as Study Abroad Adviser for Australia and New Zealand.

Ms Barton, whose major was in marketing, said she was extremely excited with the appointment and is looking forward to catching up with friends she made when on exchange at West Virginia University, Morgantown in 1997. (ACU and West Virginia University have been exchange partners since 1995.)

Sculpture blessed

Cardinal Francis George, OMI, of Chicago, visited St Patrick's Campus on 24 May for the blessing of the Guy Boyd sculpture, *The Deposition*, which is located in the foyer of the Christ and Mercy Lecture Theatre complex.

At the ceremony the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Sheehan, unveiled the sculpture, which was donated by Mrs Phyllis Boyd, widow of Guy Boyd.

Cardinal George spoke on the topic *The Crucifixion, Religious Icons and Spirituality*, followed by Mrs Phyllis Boyd who spoke about her husband's

work and its place at ACU.

The Deposition was sculptured in 1987 by Guy Boyd (1923-1988) and donated to Australian Catholic University in 2000 by his widow Phyllis Boyd to mark the opening of St Patrick's Campus.

Cardinal George visited Australia in May and June to deliver a Helder Camara lecture in Sydney and Melbourne on the topic of Jubilee and Globalization. He also participated in a special seminar jointly hosted by the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference and the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace.



Phyllis Boyd and Cardinal Francis George, OMI.



"The Deposition".

ACU identifies its Flagships

Professor Peter Sheehan, Vice-Chancellor, has announced that the University has selected its Flagships. The Flagships are: Early Christian Studies; Educational Leadership; Life Long Learning; Palliative Care; Spiritual, Moral and Religious Education and Youth Studies.

All six Flagships are consistent with the Mission of Australian Catholic University and are in areas that significantly contribute to the University's profile. Centres for most of these areas are already established within the University.

The Catholic intellectual tradition is the prime focus for early Christian Studies. The New Testament and Patristic writings are the fundamentals of the teaching, research and research-related activities in this discipline.

The Centre for Early Christian Studies, established three years ago, has acquired a high profile both internationally and nationally, and it has successfully organised two international conferences on Prayer and Spirituality in the Early Church. It also hosted the 2000 *Oriental Lumen* conference. Early Christian Studies profiles the University's special research strengths and its Mission. It has multidisciplinary connections and has become a focal point for Byzantine studies and has assumed a leadership role internationally in Patristic studies.

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The aim of the Flagship of Educational Leadership is to serve the needs of Catholic education systems and institutions in all Catholic dioceses in Australia by providing them with a distinctive approach to the study and practice of Catholic educational leadership.

Professor Patrick Duignan, Professor of Educational Leadership said "This approach is shaped by a Catholic philosophy and framework that will assist leaders in Catholic systems and schools to develop an authentic approach to leadership characterised by a commitment to ethics, morality, service, stewardship, spirituality, equity and compassion."

The mission of the Flagship is to contribute to the achievement of the overall mission of the University through initiatives and activities that assist in the development of responsible Catholic educational leaders who demonstrate a deep sense of commitment to a set of core values that are, themselves, derived from the Scriptures and are sacred to the Catholic life-world.

The School of Educational Leadership has already established itself as a leader in the field, successfully running courses

in educational leadership and promoting the special role of educational leadership in Catholic institutions.

LIFE LONG LEARNING

In February 2000 ACU established a Centre for Life Long Learning to advance the Mission of the University and to contribute to the realisation of lifelong learning for all.

Under the Flagship, the Centre will provide a basis for research and scholarship, teaching and learning, policy advice, and community service and outreach in the area of lifelong learning. It will further the University's capacity to promote reflection upon personal and spiritual values in the context of local, national and international communities.

The Centre will also provide ACU with a strategic capacity to offer flexible learning opportunities to individuals, communities and groups from the broader society committed to learning across the lifespan.

GROWTH AREA IN HEALTHCARE

ACU is at the forefront of postgraduate education for nurses in palliative care and has a profile in palliative care research.

"Palliative care philosophy is committed to social justice, equity of access, maintaining human dignity and valuing human life. Key principles that guide palliative care practice are improving the quality of life and human caring," said Professor Elizabeth Cameron-Traub, Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences.

"The Flagship in Palliative Care is in keeping with the University's Mission in fostering education, research and increasing knowledge in an area of healthcare that has significant benefits to individuals and society.

"As stated in ACU's Mission, the University aims to promote graduates 'who are ethical in their behaviour [have]...an appreciation of the sacred in life, and a commitment to serving the common good.'

"The Flagship in Palliative Care will play a significant role in relieving suffering associated with the final stages of life, for the individual, families and the community," said Professor Cameron-Traub.

Palliative care is a growth area in the healthcare sector. The Flagship for the Advancement of Palliative Care will help identify and address the needs to improve education and training at undergraduate, postgraduate and specialist levels, and research into all aspects of palliative care practice.

Consumers, industry, government and academic institutions will benefit from the Flagship through collaborations with

ACU in its establishment of a resource centre for palliative care research, education resources and scholarly works.

Religious Education is a field where ACU makes a unique contribution to Australian tertiary education. The Flagship of Spiritual, Moral and Religious Education makes a distinctive contribution to the teaching, research and community service at ACU.

ACU is the principal Australian provider of academic courses in the service of teacher professional development in Religious Education at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels and has the largest number of students studying Religious Education at tertiary level in the country. The University is a leader in Spiritual, Moral and Religious Education with the largest concentration of academics in that field in Australia. It is well networked with academics interested in this field in other Australian universities and in international institutions.

The School of Religious Education has established a research centre, the Cardinal Clancy Centre for Research in the Spiritual, Moral Religious and Pastoral Dimensions of Education. Its leadership and infrastructure support roles enhance the quantity and quality of religious education research at ACU, as well as extending the networking of moral and religious education researchers in Australia and overseas.

YOUTH STUDIES

The Youth Studies Flagship is based on the principle, which underlies the University's degree offerings in Youth Studies, that young people are individuals of inestimable worth and dignity.

Three years ago ACU established the Social Policy and Advocacy Research Centre for Youth Studies, with a focus on young people and employment policy and the preparation of professionals who will work in the youth sector.

The defining mark of Youth Studies as a Flagship area is its formally declared commitment to social justice. The Flagship in Youth Studies does not concentrate solely upon academic research but focuses on social change within a Catholic social justice framework.

Youth Studies at ACU has developed and continues to develop a program of research and theory formation that focuses on social policy and social justice within an Australian context.

It is expected that the Youth Studies Flagship and its associated Centre will become a leading national force for professional preparation, research, consultancy and advocacy on social policy affecting young people in Australia.

Reconciliation – you can make a difference

Australian Catholic University has done good work for Indigenous students, according to Ms Evelyn Scott, Chairperson of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation.

Ms Scott was delivering the Occasional Address on 27 April at the conferring of awards to postgraduates in the Faculty of Education at St Joseph's College, Hunter's Hill.

Ms Scott received an Honorary Doctorate of the University in recognition of a lifetime's work devoted to social justice, women's rights and reconciliation.

Australian Catholic University has provided a support program for Indigenous students for more than ten years, Ms Scott said.



Dr Evelyn Scott.

Ms Scott pointed out that all students graduating as primary and secondary teachers must complete a compulsory unit in Aboriginal studies.

"Compulsory Aboriginal studies for all Australians is one of the many strategies for reconciliation," she said.

Ms Scott told the graduates she wanted them to take away the message: 'Reconciliation – You can make a difference!'

Ms Scott said, "If I have managed to go as far as I have with my very basic education, how much more effective can you be, with your degrees and your careers, in contributing to our social justice and human rights struggle?"

"Our struggle for human rights as Indigenous Australians is bound up inextricably with you. Our freedom is your freedom!"

"Reconciliation is not an isolated event, but part of the fabric of this nation."

Ms Scott expressed deep concerns about mandatory sentencing and its effect on Aborigines.

"It is wrong! It must stop!" Ms Scott

Graduates advised: Respect human dignity

A tremendous level of integrity and decency exists in Australia, Mrs Leneen Forde said at the McAuley Campus graduation ceremony on 13 April.

Mrs Forde, Governor of Queensland from 1992 to 1997, was delivering the Occasional Address at the conferring of awards in the Faculties of Arts and Sciences, Education, and Health Sciences.

The honorary degree of Doctor of the University was conferred on Mrs Forde at the ceremony.

Mrs Forde said it was the responsibility of all citizens to respect the human dignity of every Australian.

"I am a firm advocate of the golden rule of treating everyone as we ourselves want to be treated, and I hope it will always be important in your lives," Mrs Forde told the graduates.

She said they possessed influence which they should employ to motivate people.

She appealed to them to look for qualities in people that are not always visible, to see others not as they might appear, but to see their potential.

Mrs Forde said: "The diversity in cultural heritage, in educational backgrounds, in gender, in colour, and the personal experiences that all of us possess, are part of the mix that makes Australia one of the most creative and often envied countries on earth.

"By learning to draw on that diversity, we begin to fill in the gaps of ignorance.

"As a consequence of our university education, we have skills and analytical abilities which enable us to participate effectively in the work place and in the life of our state and our nation.

"This places on us a particular responsibility to work for a better world, to be sensitive and active on issues of social justice, and to be competent, ethical and hard-working professionals.

"I have no doubt the Christian principles which are encouraged to permeate throughout this university community and its activities add that important dimension which will set its graduates apart.

"Faith and trust, and the strength drawn from relationship with God, would sustain all of us and give real meaning to life," Mrs Forde said.

said. These laws have a discriminatory impact on Aboriginal people."

She said that Reconciliation was good for Australia to aspire to, and needed all to contribute in some small way – with mutual respect and understanding – to make it happen.

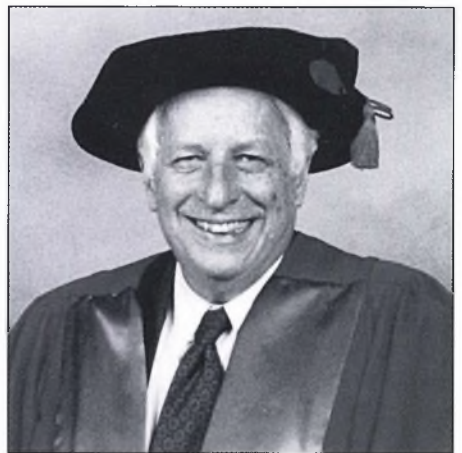


Dr Leneen Forde.

Use education wisely

Education used constructively would give value and meaning to life, Emeritus Professor Sir Gustav Nossal, AC, told graduates at a ceremony on 2 June.

Sir Gustav was delivering the Occasional Address at the graduation ceremony for the Faculties of Arts and Sciences and Health Sciences. The venue was the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.



Sir Gustav Nossal.

Sir Gustav urged the graduates to think constructively about those less fortunate than themselves. If that analysis led to positive action their lives would have value and meaning.

"People do make a difference," he said.

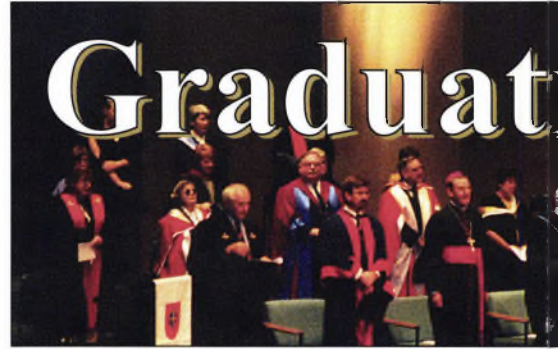
"People can act as individuals or collectives.

"People power does persuade governments, in fact, more than anything else," Sir Gustav said.

He urged the graduates to become concerned, aware, citizens; to participate in our democracy, and not to hide away in their chosen profession.



Above: Social Work graduates at the Signadou Campus graduation ceremony.



*Above: The first cohort of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Below: Rosa Laria, Faculty of Education Medal winner, Dr H Excellence in Teaching Award recipient, Professor Peter Sheeh (Religious Education), and (front) Dr Gabrielle Jennings, rsm.*

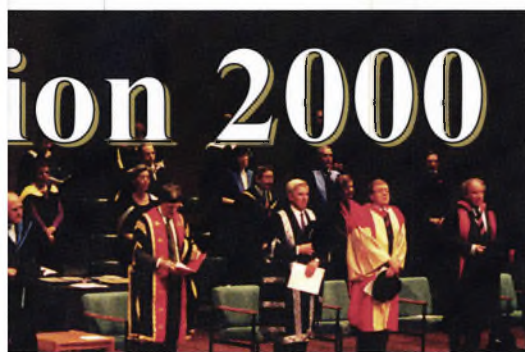


Above: Associate Professor Denis McLaughlin, School of Educational Leadership and recipient of 1999 Excellence in Teaching Award, is congratulated by Br Julian McDonald, cfc.

Left: Ms Fiona Lloyd receives the University Medal from Br Julian McDonald, cfc, Pro-Chancellor.

Below: Dr Peter Rendell, Senior Lecturer, School of Psychology (VIC), Associate Professor Michael MacKay, Head of the School of Psychology (VIC), Kylie Gallop and Richard Te Kanawa Kaa, Master of Psychology graduates, and Associate Professor Marie Joyce, School of Psychology (VIC).





graduates for McAuley Campus.

Alga Neidhart, School of Educational Leadership and 1999
in, Vice-Chancellor, Maria de Souza, Doctor of Philosophy
in Melbourne.



Above: At the Aquinas Campus graduation ceremony: Associate Professor Rod Lacey, Profesor Peter Carpenter; Dean, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Sr Noela Fox, pbvm, Doctor of Philosophy graduate, Professor Peter Sheehan, Vice-Chancellor, and Professor Gabrielle McMullen, Rector, Aquinas Campus.



Above: Mr Ken Ralph, Director, Yalbalinga, ACU, and Dr Evelyn Scott.



Right: Dr Kerrie Hide, Lecturer, School of Theology (ACT) received her PhD at the Signadou Campus graduation ceremony.

Below: Mr Peter Wiebe, Head of the School of Human Movement (NSW) with Honours graduates James Banks, Lisa Bridgett, Anthony Burling and Damian Marsh.



Your ethics will be challenged

Graduates in Health Sciences were told of ethical challenges to their vocation at the awards ceremony on 28 April at St Joseph's College, Hunter's Hill.

Ethical challenges were highlighted in the Occasional Address by Dr Bernadette Tobin, Director, Plunkett Centre for Ethics.

Dr Tobin said there always would be a difference between thinking of one's responsibilities in a shallow and legalistic way, and thinking about whether there were responsibilities beyond those the law required.

"We will have to dig deeper than what is offered to us in contemporary legal and professional standards," Dr Tobin said.

"We will have to ask: Are the relevant legal requirements and professional standards as they ought to be?"

"Is the proposed activity a good way of being a doctor or a nurse?"

"Is the proposed activity the kind of thing a good nurse (or a good doctor) would do?"

Dr Tobin said nurses and doctors need-



Dr Bernadette Tobin.

ed to be able to judge whether their actions were expressions of their professional skill, or perversions of that skill.

"We each need to live up to the trust which is placed in us as we acquire the knowledge and skill which mark us out as graduates in a health care profession.

"That requires a kind of thoughtfulness which genuinely is an example of the life of the mind," Dr Tobin said.

High priority needed for higher education

Higher education is in a mess, despite the fact that some universities are doing well.

Professor Don Aitkin, AO, Vice-Chancellor, University of Canberra, made this claim on 7 April at the Canberra School of Music.

He was delivering the Occasional Address at the graduation ceremony for the Faculties of Arts and Sciences, and Education, Signadou Campus.

Professor Aitkin said Governments no longer seemed to know what higher education was for, or what to do with it.

"And so they sideline it, hoping no-one will notice, or that other matters will take more public attention," Professor Aitkin said.

Public funding of university students was now lower, on a per-head basis, than the public funding of students in private schools.

It was hard to escape the feeling that the Commonwealth Government now saw universities as somehow 'established', like a bridge or building, that only needed to be maintained, and cheaply.

Paradoxically, in some respects, universities were thriving, having found ways to find more revenue to replace the diminishing amounts from public funds.

"It is possible for universities to be successful business organisations and yet fail to produce collectively an excellent

system of higher education," he said.

A successful business was driven by profit and the interests of the shareholders.

A successful university was driven by the desire to educate, to solve problems and to achieve understanding.

A successful country was driven by the need to shape its own future and leave a heritage to its young people.

"What drives us, is, and ought to be, social good, as we interpret it through our work. And I doubt that our Government has this at the forefront of its policies for higher education," Professor Aitkin said.

"Our universities were an essential part of the building of the 21st century.

"It is important that 21st century Australia is a land where everyone is educated well, because such a society can make good and well-informed decisions," Professor Aitkin said.

"It is important that our governments see higher education as part of the continuing business of shaping a society, or 'nation-building'.

"If it does that, then the public funding of universities ought to follow a wide debate about the kind of society we want.

"Without that debate, universities can slide into being a kind of intellectual supermarket, effective entry into which depends on how much money you have," Professor Aitkin said.

Dr Gabrielle Jennings, rsm at Melbourne ceremony

An honorary degree of Doctor of the University was conferred on Sister Gabrielle Jennings, rsm, on 2 June at a graduation ceremony in the Melbourne Convention Centre.

Sr Jennings, rsm, delivered the Occasional Address at the ceremony for graduates in the Faculty of Education.

Sr Jennings has been a member of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy for more than forty years and she is one of the pioneers in the establishment of Notre Dame Institute of Education in Karachi, Pakistan.

In her Occasional Address Sr Jennings, rsm, told graduates of the many hurdles that needed to be crossed in the establishment of Notre Dame Institute of Education.

Notre Dame Institute of Education was initially a teacher-training institute and is now a fully accredited degree-granting tertiary institution.

"In August 1991 we set up our Institute in six classrooms on the roof of an existing school - reached by rickety wooden steps through a hole in the roof - which had to be widened to fit the furniture through," she said.

The Institute was officially opened on 1 October 1991 and students commenced classes the next day.

Australian Catholic University has close ties with the Notre Dame Institute of Education. Since 1995, ACU's International Graduate Certificate of Education has been available to Notre Dame candidates. In 1996, the Institute won the accreditation by the University of its Master of Education (Primary) degree.

Sr Jennings, rsm, told graduates to "forge your vision of education in the years ahead, believe in the power of your dream to serve humanity. Go forward with courage and hope. There is nothing that cannot be achieved!"



Mr Chris Riley, Assistant Registrar, Student Administration, Sr Gabrielle Jennings, rsm, receiving her Honorary Doctorate from Professor Peter Sheehan, Vice-Chancellor.

ACU – the fruition of a 50 year dream

The genesis of Australian Catholic University was outlined by Brother James Athanasius McGlade, cfc, in his Occasional Address at the conferring of awards in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. The ceremony was at St Joseph's College, Hunter's Hill on 28 April.

Br McGlade joined the Christian Brothers at Strathfield in 1929, commencing his teaching at St Patrick's College in 1933. Today he is a member of the Christian Brothers community at Strathfield and regularly lectures to students on Mount Saint Mary Campus.

Br McGlade said that in the seventies and eighties there was an amalgamation of several Catholic teacher colleges conducted by religious orders at North Sydney, Strathfield, Glebe, Castle Hill and Dundas. This created Catholic College of Education, Sydney.

It was a successful degree-conferring, multi-campus, government funded College of Advanced Education.

In 1988, Mr John Dawkins, Minister for Education in the Hawke government, announced the end of the binary system of tertiary education.

It became a requirement for the colleges to become part of universities.

Catholic College of Education, Sydney was to become part of Macquarie University.

The decision was for reasons of economy, not education. The proposal was considered unacceptable.

Catholic College of Education, Sydney was committed to a Catholic philosophy of education and of bioethics at variance with that of a secular state university.

Then, a proposal was made to amalga-



Br Athanasius McGlade, cfc.

mate the Catholic teacher colleges of Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Canberra and Ballarat, to create an Australian Catholic University.

Archbishop James Carroll, Auxiliary Archbishop to Cardinal Gilroy, led a deputation to Canberra and submitted the proposal for a multi-campus Australian Catholic University to Mr Dawkins.

The proposal was rejected.

After a year of political lobbying, the proposal was re-submitted, and was successful.

Legislation was passed, and on 1 January, 1991 Australian Catholic University was born. On 22 April, 1992, there was a grand ceremonial inauguration of the University in Sydney Town Hall.

Br McGlade also outlined a move made 56 years ago to establish an Australian Catholic University.

In 1944, a lecturer in classics at New England University, Dr Francis Letters, made the proposal in a letter to Archbishop Gilroy.

Led by Archbishop Eris O'Brien, a group began work on the project.

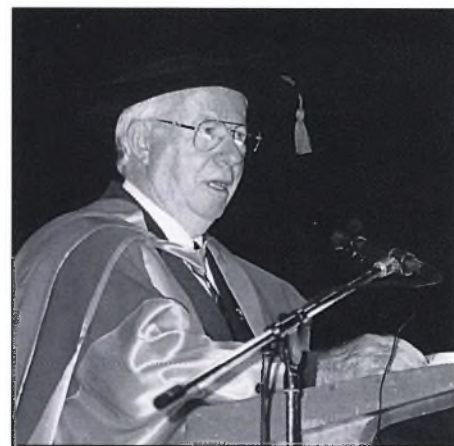
Land was bought at Terrey Hills and a charter was drawn up to present to the New South Parliament.

However, by then – it was 1953 – there was political division, and the Bill for establishment of a Catholic University was never tabled.

The failure was providential. The proposed site was too remote, and the Church did not have the resources to fund a private university.

Ironically, politics that once killed the issue of a Catholic University brought it into reality 50 years later.

Honorary Award for Br Charles Howard, fms



Br Charles Howard, fms.

An honorary degree of Doctor of the University was conferred on Brother Charles Howard, fms, on 27 April, at the presentation of awards to undergraduates in the Faculty of Education (NSW) at St Joseph's College, Hunter's Hill.

Br Howard has been a member of the Marist Community for almost 63 years.

Br Howard has a strong commitment to social justice issues, and was a keen supporter in development of the Catholic Colleges of Education, predecessors of Australian Catholic University.

Br Howard delivered the Occasional Address at the conferring of awards. He congratulated the graduates on their choice of vocation, and told them, "You have chosen a noble profession and you can make a great difference in the lives of those you teach. Society is indebted to you."

Br Howard said he believed teachers were called to a special nobility of heart.

Aquinas graduation ceremony

The Honourable Michael Ronaldson, MP, Federal Member for Ballarat and Chief Government Whip, was the Occasional Speaker at the Aquinas Campus graduation ceremony on 3 June at Her Majesty's Theatre, Ballarat.

In his address Mr Ronaldson paid tribute to Aquinas Campus' role in regional Victoria. "They are actually a very important part of providing educational opportunities for country people and those people will then, upon graduation, go back into the country towns and strengthen them from there," he said.

More than 200 graduands in the Faculties of Arts and Sciences, Education, and Health Sciences graduated with more than 130 of these graduates receiving their awards at the ceremony.

Sr Noela Fox, pbvm, the oldest

Aquinas Campus student to graduate, was presented with the award of Doctor of Philosophy from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

Mass was concelebrated by Bishop Peter Connors at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat before the graduation ceremony.



The Hon Michael Ronaldson, MP.

Inaugural concert and art exhibition

St Patrick's Campus hosted its first musical event, *Concert 2000*, and art exhibition, *Exploring the Landscape and other Journeys*, on 26 May.

Professor Wolfgang Grichting, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research), officiated at the concert, which was held in the University's historic Central Hall.

Featured in the program of Concert 2000 was a performance of Charpentier's *Te Deum* by the University Choir under the direction of Roger Heagney, with brass and harpsichord accompaniment. The Choir comprises students from the Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Arts courses.

Highlights of the evening included a trumpet performance by guest artist John Schmidli and vocal and keyboard works, including the *Petite Suite* (1947) by Luciano Berio, performed by Bachelor of Music (Honours) student, Victor Rischitelli.

In the adjacent art gallery, St Patrick's Campus' inaugural art exhibition, *Exploring the Landscape and Other Journeys*, was on display. The exhibition is the first in an anticipated series of annual staff exhibitions to be held in the Visual Arts gallery.

The exhibition brought together retrospective and current works of selected

past and present ACU staff working in the University's Visual Arts program, who are also exhibiting artists with a significant profile in visual arts.

Thirty-three works were on display for the week and reflected both the use of traditional and new mediums in the visual arts. The subject matter of these works ranged from studies of the landscape to a number of different statements about contemporary issues.

Mr Craig Harrison, Senior Lecturer, School of Arts and Sciences (VIC), curated and exhibited in the exhibition.



Mr Craig Harrison, curator and exhibitor at the art exhibition.

Music conference

Australian Catholic University will host the first major conference of the Victorian Association of Music Educators (*aMuse*), at St Patrick's Campus on 28 July.

The conference titled *Harmony in our heritage: New directions in Australian music education*, is expected to be one of the largest gatherings of music educators in Victoria. It will provide an opportunity for all music educators from Prep to Year 12 to be informed of the changes that are occurring in music curriculum.

At the conference, a diverse range of speakers, workshops, performances and trade exhibitors will give participants the opportunity to explore new ideas, reflect on different points of view, renew skills, refresh the senses, peruse the latest music education resources and network with a large cross-section of the music education community.

Mr Christoph Maubach, Institute for Orff Schulwerk Studies at ACU, said it was fitting the conference should be held at St Patrick's Campus. "Music and music education feature highly in this institution and I welcome the opportunity to work hand in hand with support associations for the advancement of music in schools, communities and families."

Honorary Masters awarded

An honorary degree of Master of Australian Catholic University was conferred on Father Valentine Patterson, msc, at the Signadou graduation ceremony.

Fr Patterson is the first recipient of the honour at Signadou Campus, Canberra, where he is Chaplain.

Fr Patterson has been a priest for nearly 45 years, and spent 31 years teaching as a member of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. He is founder and director of the New Visions Spiritual Formation Program for staff of Archdiocesan schools in Canberra and Goulburn.

USA and UK education visitors

Australian Catholic University's School of Educational Leadership hosted the visit by Dr Claire Helm, Vice President of Operations and Director of the Office of Leadership Development at the National Catholic Educational Association Washington DC in May. Dr Helm presented a public lecture titled *Catholic Culture and Identity: Maintaining the Focus*, at Mount Saint Mary Campus.

Oona Stannard, Director of Catholic Education Service, England and Wales, attended a morning tea hosted by Professor Patrick Duignan, Head of the School of Educational Leadership, at Mount Saint Mary Campus on 5 May. Ms Stannard said she was delighted to be visiting Australia and looks forward to maintaining the contacts she has made during her visit.



Professor Patrick Duignan, Head of the School of Educational Leadership, Dr Claire Helm, Vice-President of Operations and Director of the Office of Leadership Development, National Catholic Educational Association, Washington DC, and Associate Professor Tim O'Hearn, Acting Public Affairs Director.



Ms Oona Stannard (second from left) with staff from the School of Educational Leadership Mrs Linda Van Der Klooster, Dr Victoria Collins, Professor Patrick Duignan, Professor Tony d'Arbon, Sr Kim-Maree Goodwin (School of Education), and Associate Professor Deirdre Duncan.

NSW Scholarships and Awards ceremony

The Auditorium at Mount Saint Mary Campus was the venue at which a large crowd of proud parents and friends, prize donors and ACU staff gathered to congratulate winners of ACU NSW Scholarships and Prizes at a ceremony held on 19 May.

Professor John Coll, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs), said the ceremony was a recognition of the achievement and excellence in ACU's students. "We are here to honour these students in their achievements," he said.

"We are also here to thank the sponsors of the scholarships and prizes, to say thank you to our student support groups and to ACU staff."

Associate Professor Tim O'Hearn, Acting Director of the University Foundation, officiated at the ceremony at which thirty-five undergraduate students received awards, with three unable to attend.

Each year ACU NSW has a



Br Kelvin Canavan (fourth from left) presented awards to the winners of the James Carroll Scholarships, from left, Lee Squires, Rebecca Mabon, Josilin Kalifa, Stephen Toohey and Rebecca Williams at the NSW Scholarships and Awards Ceremony.

Scholarship and Prizes ceremony where recipients are awarded scholarships and

prizes funded by Australian Catholic University Foundation and donors.

Japanese books for ACU

Shohoku College, Japan, recently donated a collection of Japanese language dictionaries and commentaries to ACU.



Mr James Cook and Professor Peter Sheehan.

Over the last six years ACU staff and students have visited Shohoku's Atsugi Campus, near Tokyo to participate in a program which includes cultural and language classes, student exchanges, visits to historical sites, and a homestay.

Mr James Cook, lecturer in Japanese Studies at ACU's North Sydney and Strathfield campuses, accompanied ACU students on the most recent study tour. During the tour Mr Cook was a judge in a Prefectural-wide English language speaking contest where he presented divisional winners with ACU memorabilia.

The donated Japanese language books are housed in the library on Mount Saint Mary Campus.

Ambassador visits MacKillop Campus

Mr Masaji Takahashi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan visited MacKillop Campus on 21 July to deliver an address to ACU staff and students.

In his address, Mr Takahashi presented his thoughts on Japanese-Australian relationships, today and in the future.

Mr Takahashi has held the post of Ambassador of Japan to Australia since 1998.

Aquinas Campus co-sponsors Jubilee conference

Aquinas Campus was a co-sponsor with the Ballarat Catholic Education and Religious Education Offices of the Ballarat Diocesan Jubilee Conference, which was held at the University of Ballarat from 9 to 11 July.

More than 700 participants attended the conference titled *Proclaim Good News*.

Bishop Peter Connors, Bishop of Ballarat, said: "The theme of the Conference and the program it offered, strengthened by the presence of keynote speakers, ensured we had a wonderful opportunity to renew our response to the final command of Jesus Christ, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the Good News to the whole creation'".

McAuley hosts Japanese visitor

Sr Yoshiko Nagata (Sr M. Margrit), President of Fuji Women's College, Sapporo, Japan, visited McAuley Campus recently and met with Professor Muredach Dynan, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Quality and Outreach) to discuss the opportunities for Japanese students to undertake studies at ACU as part of the College's study abroad program.

Sr Margrit, a member of the Sisters of St Francis of the Martyr St George, expressed the hope that in the future some ACU students who are learning Japanese will visit the Fuji Women's College.



Professor Muredach Dynan, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Quality and Outreach) and Sr Yoshiko Nagata.

ACU at the Olympics

ACU students and staff have embraced the Olympic spirit with their involvement in the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games and the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games.

Fifteen second and third year students from the School of Human Movement (NSW) are participating in field experience work at the Games.

Ten of these students will be involved with rules and regulations of the Olympic Games as Technical Support Staff.

The other five students from the School of Human Movement (NSW) will be performing a similar role at the Paralympic Games.

Ms Imke Fischer, Senior Lecturer in the School of Human Movement (NSW) will be actively involved in the Games with her role as a liaison officer for the Korean team and Sydney Paralympic Games Organising Committee, acting as the team's event manager. She will also be providing a consultancy role for supervising staff in the sport of Volley Ball at the Paralympic Games.

Ms Fischer will be an Olympic Torch Bearer for the Sydney Paralympics.

Three students from the School of Human Movement (VIC) have been in rigorous training for the Sydney 2000 Games.

Simone Ingham, a second year student, won Gold for weight-lifting in the Pan Pacific Games held earlier this year. She is awaiting selection for the Australian team.

Honours student and Faculty Medal winner in 1998, Mark Moresi, has deferred his studies at ACU to concentrate on training for the Sydney 2000 Games. Mark has been training in Darwin and Brisbane for the 400 metres race and

is strong contender for selection in the Australian team.

Kris McCarthy, a second year student in the School of Human Movement (VIC) has been in training for the 800 metres race, with a strong possibility of selection for the Australian team.

A group of first, second and third year students in the Bachelor of Information Systems and Bachelor of Business (Information Systems Major) are Technical Specialist Volunteers in the Sydney 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The students have been training since late last year and have been involved in test events in 2000. Their involvement in the test events and the Sydney 2000 Games will be included as Field Experience in their courses. Mrs Alanah Kazlauskas, Business Information Systems course coordinator has been liaising with SOCOG and organising students for the program.



Simone Ingham at the Pan Pacific Games.

Students' study group



Students from NSW's south coast were pleased when Signadou Campus established a study venue in their local area. The first unit, Biblical Studies, was offered at the Pines Conference Centre at Turross Head in March. Pictured is the first group of students with School of Theology lecturer, Ms Denise Sullivan.

Hansen gains PhD

Dr Paul Hansen, (below) Assistant Head of the School of Education (Queensland) has recently been awarded a PhD from the University of Queensland.

Dr Hansen, who joined the staff at ACU in Brisbane in 1992, conducted qualitative research for his PhD with nine currently serving Catholic primary school lay principals. His doctoral thesis, entitled *Neonarratives of Catholic Primary School Lay Principalship: Towards a Reshaping of the Role*, explored the new life realities of contemporary lay principals in order to better understand how Catholic primary school principalship needs to be reshaped for its predominantly lay incumbency.



Dr Paul Hansen.

Music Professor at St Patrick's Cathedral

Associate Professor Geoffrey Cox, Music Course Coordinator, School of Arts and Sciences (VIC), has been seconded on a half-time basis as Organist and Director of Music at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne.

He has been Assistant Organist/Choirmaster at the Cathedral since 1995, and a staff member of the University and its predecessor colleges since 1985.

Mary Ward Grant

Ms Jeanette Morris, an Indigenous student undertaking the Master of Arts (Theological Studies) degree at Aquinas Campus, recently won one of the inaugural Grants awarded by the Mary Ward Grant Committee.

Ms Morris, who is descended from the Buanditj Language Group, commenced full time study for the Master of Arts degree this year, and is highly appreciative of the grant, which will assist her in her studies. She completed her Bachelor of Arts at Aquinas Campus in 1999 and graduated at the ceremony in Ballarat on 3 June.

Keen interest in corporate breakfasts

ACUcom hosted four highly successful corporate breakfasts in May. The breakfasts, which were held at MacKillop Campus, were organised to promote ACUcom's Customised Training Program.

Key speakers at the breakfasts were Mr Narayan van der Graaf, ACU consultant, who spoke on Change Management and Mr John Hughes, ACU consultant, spoke on how to improve presentation and performance skills.

Ms Valerie Hoogstad, Director, ACUcom said she was extremely pleased with the interest shown at the breakfasts.

Annual Fabiola Oration

The School of Health Sciences (QLD) held the annual Fabiola Oration on 11 April in McAuley Campus' Auditorium.

Ms Caroline Weaver, Vice-President, International Confederation of Midwives presented the Oration, which was titled *Celebrating "New Life"* to ACU staff and students.

The annual event is held to welcome ACU's new graduates to the profession and to recognise the continuing achievements of practising nurses who have undertaken studies at ACU. The evening is named in honour of Fabiola, one of the first people to be identified as a nurse in the history of nursing.

After the Oration, badges and prizes were presented to recipients by members of ACU's School of Nursing (QLD).

Prizes and awards were sponsored by the Queensland Orthopaedic Nurses Special Interest Group, Palliative Care Association of Queensland, Australian Confederation of Paediatrics and Child Health Nurses, the Australian College of Midwives, (Queensland Branch), Royal College of Nursing, Australia, Centaur Memorial Fund for Nurses, and the Institute of Practising Nurses.

Vale Joan Blood

On 8 May 2000 students and staff of Aquinas Campus held a memorial service for Mrs Joan Blood, who died on 2 May after a long illness. Mrs Blood was a valued member of the staff in the Callinan Library on Aquinas Campus.

During her ten years with ACU she personified the Mission of the University in the service she provided to students and staff; she is greatly missed. Her Requiem Mass was held in a packed St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat on 5 May with her former parish priest and former ACU staff member, Archbishop George Pell, as chief celebrant.

RE web site for Asia/Australia

Associate Professor Patricia Malone, rsj, represented the School of Religious Education (NSW) at an inaugural meeting of key religious educators that was held in Singapore and chaired by Professor Herman Lombaerts, fsc, of the Catholic University of Leuven from 12 to 14 April.

The coordinating committee met to explore the feasibility of developing a web site, *RE-QUEST*, that could act as a

resource for secondary religious educators in the Asian/Australian area.

At the meeting, criteria for inclusion of material on the web site and themes for the initial phase were developed. The first theme, *Life - So What?*, was established.

A second meeting of the coordinating committee will be held in Singapore in April 2001 to evaluate the initial use of the site and to plan for the future.



Associate Professor Patricia Malone, rsj, (third from left, seated) with colleagues in Singapore.

Aquinas Memorial Lecture

Pastor John Vitale, President of the Lutheran Church of Australia (Queensland District) presented the Australian Catholic University 2000 Aquinas Memorial Lecture in the Auditorium, McAuley Campus, on 29 May.

In his address, *Towards Christian Unity - Love Lights The Way*, Pastor Vitale explored the convergence between the Roman Catholic and Lutheran Churches

that has occurred in recent decades.

The first Aquinas Memorial Lecture was held in 1944, eleven years after the opening of the Aquinas Library and was presented as an annual lecture until 1950. The new series of Aquinas Memorial Lectures was established in 1979 by the Aquinas Library and Australian Catholic University's McAuley Campus, where the library is located, continues the tradition.

World Youth Day

ACU has sponsored 10 students to go to World Youth Day, a Year of the Jubilee activity, to be held in Rome in August. Each student receives \$500 towards expenses.

The students are Michael J Casanova and Stacey Atkins from Aquinas Campus, Kelly Rafferty, Matthew Bushe and Megan Belcher from Signadou Campus, Katherine Walter from St

Patrick's Campus, Daniel Cody and Emma Jane Scott, from Mount Saint Mary Campus, and Narelle Waverley Smith and Shiralee Schneider from McAuley Campus.

Mr Michael Whiteway, Librarian (Information Services), McAuley Campus, is also attending the World Youth Day, sponsored by his parish, St William's at Grovely.

Fr Morgan Batt, McAuley Campus Chaplain, will be travelling to Rome with Archbishop John Bathersby.

25 Years celebrations at ACU

Celebrations for 25 years of employment with Australian Catholic University and its predecessor colleges have been held on Mount Saint Mary Campus and Aquinas Campus over the last few months.

Mr Peter Blakey celebrated his 25 years with colleagues and friends at a function at Mount Saint Mary Campus on 31 March.

A combined function to celebrate 25 years for Mr Stephen Davidson, Mr Blake Gordon and Mr John McCarty was held at Aquinas Campus on 4 May. Mr Gordon, Senior Lecturer, School of Education (VIC), has taught Science, Computing and Integrated Studies during his time at ACU. Mr Davidson, Senior Lecturer, School of Arts and Sciences (VIC), has built up the Art Department from nothing (two broken secondhand tables) to what it is today.

Mr McCarty, Manager Campus Operations, has overseen the renovation and restoration of Aquinas Campus buildings and the erection of new buildings, as well as the restoration of grounds and gardens during his time at Aquinas.

On 10 May two functions were held on Mount Saint Mary Campus for staff cele-



Associate Professor John Murray, Dr Gail Crossley, Head of School of Arts and Sciences (NSW), Associate Professor Malcolm Prentis and Professor Peter Carpenter, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

brating 25 years of service at ACU.

The School of Education (NSW) held a lunch in the Atrium to celebrate the 25 years of service by Mr Paul Crealy, Ms Maya Cranitch and Dr Valda Dickinson, rsm. Mr Crealy, Senior Lecturer, School of Education (NSW) joined the Catholic College of Education, Castle Hill, as a lecturer in Science Education. Ms Cranitch, Lecturer in the School of Education (NSW) joined Catholic Teacher's College, North Sydney, twenty-five years ago as a lecturer in Literature and Communications. Dr Valda Dickinson, rsm, Principal Lecturer, School of Education (NSW) started her association with Catholic College of Education, Castle Hill as a tutor in psychology.

A second function was held in the afternoon of 10 May by the School of Arts and Sciences (NSW), to acknowledge the 25 years of service by Associate Professors Malcolm Prentis and John Murray.



Mr Peter Blakey, Professor John Coll, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs) and Mr Richard Doyle, University Secretary.



Mr Blake Gordon, Professor Peter Carpenter, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Professor Gabrielle McMullen, Rector, Aquinas Campus, Mr John McCarty, Professor Peter Sheehan, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Judith Chapman, Dean, Faculty of Education, and Mr Steve Davidson.



Mr Paul Crealy, Dr Valda Dickinson, rsm, and Ms Maya Cranitch.

Associate Professor Prentis joined the Catholic College of Education as Lecturer in Australian/Asian History. In 1990 he became Senior Lecturer and was assigned Acting Head of the Department of Social Sciences from August to December 1994. Associate Professor Murray, Assistant Head of the School of Arts and Sciences (NSW) joined the Catholic Teacher's College as Senior Lecturer in Language and Literature. He was Head of the Department of Language and Literature in 1976 and later Head of the English and Communication Studies (1986).

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