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Off-shore program expands to Singapore

The off-shore program will expand next year to Singapore where the University has received approval from the Singapore Government to deliver postgraduate courses in Religion Studies in 1996.

The University will provide two courses: the Graduate Certificate in Arts (Religion Studies) and the Graduate Diploma in Arts (Religion Studies), by a mixed mode of face-to-face and distance education, using in Singapore skills already developed in the Hong Kong program.

The former Director of the McAuley Campus in Brisbane, Dr Peter Meere, will have overall responsibility for the new off-shore program as Director of Postgraduate Studies, Singapore.

The University's Foundation Professor of Theology, Professor Francis Moloney, is responsible for the academic development of the program, which will be conducted in Singapore with the cooperation of the Singapore Pastoral Institute.

The Singapore project is an example of the University's growth in International Education according to the Director of International Education, Mr Tony McKittrick, who has overall responsibility for the administration of all the University's overseas activities. He said that this growth is seen, not only in off-shore programs but also in the number of overseas students now enrolled in award courses as well as in Exchange and Study Abroad programs.

Currently the University operates off-shore programs in Hong Kong in Nursing, Teaching and Administration by cooperation with Caritas, which provides local facilities and administration. Since 1992 total student numbers have increased from 86 to 182 in 1995.

University Diploma and Master's courses in Religion Studies are also being taught in New Zealand under a licensing arrangement. In Semester 1 1995 there were 13 Diploma and 12 Master of Education students.

A similar licensing arrangement is being negotiated with Notre Dame Institute of Education in Karachi, Pakistan, to teach a Graduate Certificate in

Education course of the University.

Negotiations are being held with two major teaching hospitals in Jakarta, Indonesia, about the possibility of an off-shore Bachelor of Nursing award, similar to the upgrading program being run in Hong Kong.

Full Fee-paying Overseas Students

Although the University has more than doubled the number of full fee-paying international students since 1992 the proportion of these students in the student population is still less than national standards.

To assist in the promotion of the University to overseas students the

International Education Office has published a 20-page International Student Guide with comprehensive information about all the campuses, courses, admission/enrolment procedures, student facilities and local living conditions.

The Office has also produced a modified version of the University's corporate video especially for international students with copies in Mandarin, Thai and Indonesian. These, together with special NTSC transcriptions for the United States and North Asia, have been distributed through Asia and North America.

The strategy adopted to recruit overseas students has been to use Catholic networks both at home and overseas.

The Office reports that interest is emerging in Vietnam and the Philippines and a mission will explore opportunities in the Philippines in early 1996.

Study Abroad Students

In recent years there has been considerable growth in the number of Study Abroad students coming to Australia from developed countries such as the United States, Japan and Europe. These students pay fees to study in Australia for up to a year and their studies are accredited towards their courses at home.

The University is negotiating with the College of Notre Dame, Baltimore, Maryland (a small, liberal arts, Catholic institution), to establish a sponsored program for American students, particularly those from Catholic institutions.

Approximately 25 College of Notre Dame Study Abroad students will be coming to Australian Catholic University in January 1996 as part of a pilot scheme.

Exchange Students

One exchange operation is now in place and that is between the Aquinas Campus in Ballarat and the Lakeland Campus (formerly Charlotte Mason College) of the University of Lancaster, UK.

Exchanges are being considered with universities in Japan, Fiji, The United Kingdom, The United States, Korea and Indonesia.

Student champion



Debbie Watson, captain of Australia's World Cup Champion Women's Water Polo team and final year student at MacKillop Campus, North Sydney, receives a bouquet of flowers from her teachers and fellow students on Wednesday, 25 October. The presentation, in honour of the thrilling 8-6 victory over the Netherlands on 15 October, was made by Brian Matthews, Head, Department of Human Movement Studies. (See Report Page 6)

Vice-Chancellor's Column



Professor Peter Drake

We have abiding problems with time, from an early age. Parents have been known to become impatient with their children's inability to grasp the concept of "in a little while", just as children often fail to understand an adult's inability (especially in holiday traffic) to answer the question "when will we get there?" Many philosophers have struggled with the abstract concept, and it required an Einstein to make it intelligible (at least for those who understand his theory).

For most of us, the main concern is dividing it into manageable bits: days, hours, minutes, and weeks, months, years, generally suffice. When we want to take a longer view, we go to decades, centuries and millennia. For Australian Catholic University, although we draw on the history of the predecessor institutions, we have not yet a decade on which to look back. However, we might use the approaching end of our fifth year of operation as a member of the Australian public university system, as a time to look back on what has been achieved and to look forward to our first decade.

Every so often I, and I am sure others involved in the activities of the last five years, realise the enormity of what faced us at the beginning of the 1990s. We were caught up in the

greatest restructuring of the tertiary education system in Australian history. In our case, there were four independent institutions spread across the state and territory jurisdictions, with a total of eight campuses to be united. They had their own traditions and history, their own courses and staff, and they were to become one university. It was like a great jigsaw puzzle that had been made by different designers.

Think of what had to be done. There would have to be rationalisation of courses and subjects. In the case of professional qualifications, there was a further complication of varying registration requirements in the various states. State variations also existed in the case of awards and work regulations. A building program was needed on nearly all campuses, with the need to meet not one but many sets of building regulations.

On the day the University began operations there was not one member of staff who had not been employed by a predecessor institution (I arrived a month later). Naturally, most continued in their settled tasks and ways.

Only gradually did the pieces come together to form an academic organisation appropriate to a single university, and provide it with suitable infrastructure and administrative support. As everyone knows and appreciates, some elements of these developments are still incomplete. Nevertheless, the basic faculties, schools, departments, together with a research institute and centres, are well in place. These units are complemented and assisted by university-wide structures and staff for student administration, student care, personnel, finance, research management, quality assurance, fund raising, international education, informational technology and communication systems.

The establishment of an efficient and effective communication system for eight campuses and a Vice-Chancellery was a major challenge; it was met in the beginning with internal telephone network and facsimile transmission and has proceeded to

include the present sophistication of audio-visual conferencing.

We have been the subject of three quality audits, with creditable improvement, and we can boast about our gender balance and our staff/student ratio. The University has implemented strong policies in Equal Employment Opportunity, Equity and Access, and disability provisions. There has been a steady increase in the number of our staff with doctorates, and in the number pursuing research and obtaining research grants. Our graduates have a high rate of employment (confirmed, as I write this, by the latest report of the Graduate Careers Council of Australia), and we hear good reports of them.

I don't want to be accused of complacency, because I know there is still much to be done, but I do think we can all take justifiable pride in what has been achieved in our first five years. Especially can the staff, all of them, take pride in our achievements, and I hasten to take this opportunity to pay tribute to them for their sustained efforts, sometimes to the point of physical exhaustion.

Next year we will see our first set of faculty handbooks, a sign of our integration from four divisions to a single institution. I hope that all staff and students will regard the coming year as a time for continuing our efforts to build, on a firm base, what is, in the Australian system, a unique university, with the word "unique" correctly used. As I said in a public lecture some years ago, we are Australian, we are Catholic (in both the particular and the wide senses of the word) and we are a University.

This is the last issue of *The Chronicle* for 1995, and it is my opportunity to wish to every member of the University, and our friends and supporters

a Happy and Holy
Christmas
and a
Peaceful and Prosperous
New Year

Teaching Awards

The 1995 Awards for Excellence in Teaching have been awarded to:

Mrs Sandra Pirozzo, McAuley Campus
Miss Marianne Wallis, MacKillop Campus

Sr Louise Welbourne OP, Signadou Campus.

Dublin launch by Irish PM



The Prime Minister of Ireland Mr John Bruton, (standing) with (on his left) the Provost of Trinity College, Dublin, Professor Mitchell and Professor Molony.

The Prime Minister of Ireland, Mr John Bruton, launched at Trinity College, Dublin, on 12 October *A Soul Came Into Ireland, Thomas Davis 1814-1845: a biography* by Professor John Molony.

Professor Molony, who is based at Signadou Campus, said that Davis was a Protestant Irish patriot and writer who helped to bring again to life the national spirit in Irish culture.

With Charles Gavan Duffy, later Premier of Victoria, Davis founded *The Nation*, which had as its message the importance of being Irish in art, literature, architecture and all culture.

One of Davis' ballads, *A Nation Once Again*, became the unofficial national anthem and is still sung in Ireland.

Professor Molony said that the only previous biography of Davis was written by Duffy and published in 1890.

Study of single mothers

The latest book by Aquinas Campus History Lecturer, Dr Shurlee Swain with Renata Howe, entitled, *Single Mothers and their Children*, was published in October.

The book is described as a "powerful and moving history of the treatment of single mothers and their children".

It combines her two areas of expertise: Australian women's and social history, and social work. She originally trained as a social worker.

Dr Swain is the author of several books, mostly commissioned. *Single Mothers and Their Children* is her first non-commissioned work, written with the aid of an Australian Research Council grant.

The book is the result of two years writ-

Three new publications

On this page we report on three new publications by staff members: Professor John Molony of the Institute of Advanced Research, Denise Sullivan of Signadou Campus, and Dr Shurlee Swain of Aquinas Campus.

Book on ecumenism

Living Ecumenism: Christian Unity for a New Millennium, a collection of essays on ecumenism, was launched at Signadou Campus on Wednesday, 25 October.

The book is edited by Signadou Lecturer in Religion Studies, Denise Sullivan.

Professor David Parker, the Rector of Signadou Campus, hosted the launch which was attended by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Drake.

The book was formally launched jointly by:

Archbishop Francis Carroll of Canberra/Goulburn;

Dr Colin Dundon, Director of St Mark's National Theological Centre;

Dr D'Arcy Wood, a former President of the Australian Council of Churches and also a National President of the Uniting

Church in Australia; and

Associate Professor Raymond Canning, Head of the School of Religion and Philosophy at Signadou.

All praised Denise Sullivan for the contribution of her book to the ecumenical movement in Australia.

Archbishop Carroll said that it was good to have the launch of a book on ecumenism at Signadou Campus of Australian Catholic University.

"The university has a place, I am sure, in the ecumenical discussions and life of this nation", he said.

"In almost one way it is itself a little like the ecumenical movement, beginning with many disparate groups, in many different States and Territories, yet called to a unity by one vision of that greater unity".



At the book launch were (L to R): Associate Professor Raymond Canning; Archbishop Francis Carroll; Professor David Parker; Denise Sullivan; Dr D'Arcy Wood; Dr Colin Dundon; Professor Peter Drake.

ing, but the project goes back a number of years, originating in research Shurlee Swain and Renate Howe carried out on the history of social welfare institutions in Victoria.

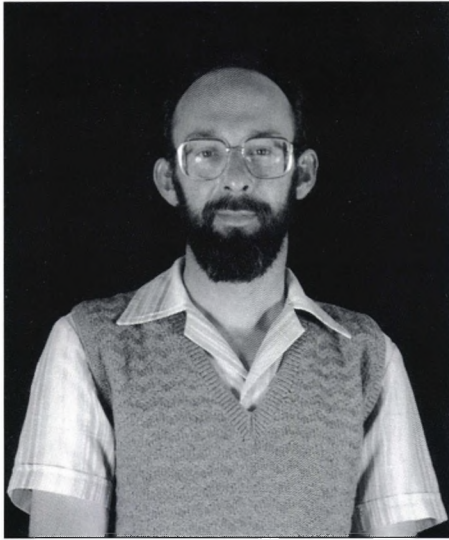
Dr Swain says single mothers and their children are among the most disadvantaged of the clients of welfare institutions, their presence seldom acknowledged without echoes of derision.

This book examines the lives of single mothers and their children, living and

dead, and aims to place them in a historical context.

"It gives single motherhood in Australia a history; a story of survival in a harsh and unforgiving environment", she says.

Data in the book mainly comes from Victoria. The history begins in 1850, the year the colony separated from NSW, and ends in 1975 when the legal status of illegitimacy was abolished and supporting parents' benefit was made available to mothers who had never married.



New play by Aquinas lecturer

Victims, a full-length play by Karl Hatton (above), Senior Lecturer in Drama at Aquinas Campus, received its premiere performance in Ballarat in October.

The production was staged by "Theatre Movement", a group which Karl Hatton helped to form in 1994 as a cooperative venture between the Ballarat community and Aquinas Campus.

Directed by Karl, the play had a successful four-night season in Ballarat followed by one performance at the Alexander Theatre, Monash University, as part of the annual Waverley Festival of Theatre.

The cast and production crew consisted of members of the Ballarat community, plus students from Aquinas Campus and the other two tertiary institutions in Ballarat.

Malaysian trainers

Three staff members from the Institute Ammuddin Baki, Kuala Lumpur, undertook an intensive Leadership and Management course for two weeks at Mount St Mary Campus, Strathfield. The course was sponsored by IDP Education Australia.

The course was conducted by the Foundation Professor in Educational Leadership, Professor Patrick Duignan. Guest lecturers included Dr Narottam Bhindi, University of New England; and Dr Denis McLoughlin and Dr Ross Keane of Australian Catholic University.

The Malaysian visitors were Ms Woo Tai Kwan, Mr Ahmad Bin Sabu and Mr Samsudin Bin Mohomed Said. They are staff members at the Kuala Lumpur Institute specialising in education management training.

Professor Moloney delive

The UN Year for Tolerance in 1995, the first Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians, and reflections on the role of a Catholic theologian were brought together in the annual Victor Couch Lecture by Professor Francis J Moloney SDB AM FAHA, the University's Foundation Professor of Theology.

Entitled *Eucharist in the Year of Tolerance. What are we doing in memory of Jesus?* Professor Moloney delivered the Lecture at MacKillop Campus, North Sydney, on September.

Professor Moloney noted at the outset that the UN Declaration on Tolerance stated that "A new approach must be introduced to the ethics and values embodied by the various religions."

"The following paper, which will look closely at the earliest written witness to the sharing which takes place at the Table of the Lord in 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 will pose two questions. First does the Year of Tolerance question some of the 'ethics and values' which surround our present practice of the Lord's Supper. Secondly, do we have a need to introduce 'a new approach'. I will suggest that what is urgently needed is not a new approach, but that the Christian Church look attentively and critically at its foundational Scriptures, to rediscover what was the most primitive approach possible within the Christian tradition: the approach of Jesus of Nazareth, as it has been recorded and interpreted for us by the apostle Paul.

"To honour Victor Couch, who gave so much of himself to make Australian Catholic University possible, and publicly to address the challenge of the Year of Tolerance from within the world of Catholic scholarly reflection upon the Christian tradition, I am anxious to focus your attention upon this earliest written reference to the Early Church's celebration of the Lord's Table.

"Unlike the Gospels, where the report of Jesus' final meal with his disciples is set within a broader narrative of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, Paul's only reference to Jesus' own words on that night is found in his reported words: 'This is my body broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me' (11.24) and 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me' (11.25).

"Why pick on this issue in the year of tolerance? Because, for centuries, a later section of Paul's reflection on the Lord's Table, 1 Cor 11:27-28 has been a fundamental proof text for the Christian practice of excluding certain people from the eucharistic table. Indeed the passage, lifted



Professor Moloney

from its historical and literary context within Paul's argument in 1 Corinthians, reads strongly:

'Whoever therefore eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup'.

"Over the centuries this passage alone has been the cause of the gradual 'distortion' of the New Testament message on the presence of the eucharistic Jesus to the broken.

"For an increasing number of people this text has become a word which leads to exclusion, separation from the Christian community, and the death of their Christian lives."

Overall argument

"The passage must be read as part of the overall argument of 1 Corinthians, and then within the context of chapters 8-14 which are dedicated to the protection and affirmation of the importance of the 'weaker' members of the community. Only when the 'context' has been considered can we analyse the harsh words of vv. 27-28.

"The Lord's Supper was supposed to be a common meal, but Paul has heard that this has become impossible at Corinth because such divisions between the wealthy and the humble had arisen that no one was concerned about the other.

"This is the 'unworthy manner' of participating in the Eucharist chastised by Paul in the much-abused passage in v.27, and the reason for the request that a man

rs Victor Couch Lecture

should 'examine himself' expressed in v.28.

"Unfortunately, the traditional use of 1 Corinthians 11:27-28 has tended to ignore the overall context, both literary and historical, which has produced this passage.

"My analysis of the content of the Pauline teaching on the Eucharist which surrounds 1 Cor 11:27-28 shows that this passage was originally written to accuse the Corinthian Christians of their sinfulness in so celebrating their eucharistic meals that some were excluded.

"The Church is called to recognise that it finds its very reason for existence in the needs of all who look to the Lord's table for oneness with him, and for oneness in the community itself.

"Only then will it meet the Pauline requirements for a Christian Eucharist.

"Circumstances and legislation which canonise division and exclusion need to come under scrutiny."

Deep awareness

"If we are following in the footsteps of Jesus we are to lead lives that are marked by a deep awareness that we are united to Jesus, to God and to the rest of humankind. Like Jesus, we too live eucharistic lives which both recall the saving events which took place in the life and death of Jesus, and which indicate that we too are prepared to be victims, breaking our bodies and spilling our blood for others.

"The Second Vatican Council instructs that the eucharistic liturgy is the source and summit of a eucharistic life given without limit. Such was the quality of the life of Jesus: it must mark the lives of all his disciples, as they live henceforth by and in him.

"Critical scholarship produces the same challenge. The theologian working within a community of disciples of Jesus must look back across the Christian tradition, and take a critical stance at the frontiers of that tradition.

"There are some who would argue that the Catholic theologian should never push at those frontiers, but only reflect upon the present data of the Church's Magisterium making it as eloquent and helpful to the Catholic community as possible.

"I do not share this view, as it would bring the Christian tradition to a shuddering halt within the Catholic "handing on" (*traditio*) of that tradition.

"I am deeply committed to my responsibility to teach within the richness of Catholic tradition. Such activity is my duty as a teacher of Theology within Australian Catholic University.

"My reflections with you this evening,

however, indicate the equally important role of the Catholic theologian as a scholar.

"The theologian has an important responsibility for a critical and creative reflection upon our tradition, in the light of the needs and difficulties of our own time.

"With my feet firmly planted in the Catholic tradition, I have shared with you some of the results of my service to the Christian tradition, and to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church. We are involved in a never-ending reflection upon, and expansion of, our understanding and practice of the Christian tradition. That such reflection may sometimes suggest the need to look again at some of the disciplines currently in place in the Catholic Church will do no harm.

"The Pontifical Biblical Commission's recent document, *The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church*, has addressed this issue realistically:

'False paths will be avoided if actualisation of the biblical message begins with a correct interpretation of the text and continues within the stream of the living Tradition, under the guidance of the Church's Magisterium.

'In any case, the risk of error does not constitute a valid objection against performing what is a necessary task: that of bringing the message of the Bible to the ears and hearts of the people of our time.' "

Exhibition by art students

Fifteen students – 13 women and 2 men – graduating from the Bachelor of Education – Secondary (Visual Arts) course located at the Castle Hill campus are staging an exhibition of art at the Westpac Museum at The Rocks in Sydney from 9 December 1995 to 20 January 1996.

The exhibition, *Fragments Past* consists of innovative art works which reflect a wide range of values and attitudes "fragmented" from past and present experiences. Media areas include painting, photography, drawing, sculpture and fibre.

Among the themes for the works are the classical Greek era, the sociological position of women, and the way in which women experience and deal with breast cancer.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Drake, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Professor Peter Carpenter, and the Group Executive, Retail Banking Group, Westpac Banking Corporation, Mr Owen van der Wall, attended the opening on 8 December.

Alumni awards

For the second successive year the McAuley Alumni Association has presented awards to students for academic excellence as judged by staff from the respective Schools within the University at McAuley Campus.

The annual function is now known as the Sr Mary Julius Oration, in honour of the first principal of McAuley College, one of the founding institutions of the University.

This year the Oration was delivered by Sr Kath Burke, RSM, former staff member of the College and former Congregational Leader of the Sisters of Mercy.

The 1995 Sr Mary Julius Award, which is given for Christian Leadership and Outstanding Contribution to the University, was presented to Ms Catherine Spencer.

The recipient of the Award must be a student nominated by fellow students and selected by a panel of staff, alumni representatives and a Chapter member.

Catherine Spencer is one of the two members of the Senate elected by the students. She is a former secretary to the Director of the University Foundation and is completing this year her Bachelor of Arts course.

The Award in Education was given posthumously to Denise Manning, who died recently of cancer. Her award was accepted by her husband, David.

Other recipients of awards were:

Glen Cochrane, Arts and Science

Bernadette Williams, Religion and Philosophy

Penelope Paliadelis, Nursing.

Mrs Jean Potter was made a Life Member of the McAuley Alumni Association for her tireless volunteer work since the Association was established.



The President of McAuley Alumni Association, Mr Andrew Oberthur, Ms Catherine Spencer, recipient of the Sr Mary Julius Award 1995, and the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Professor Muredach Dynan.

Sports stars

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Debbie Watson who led Australia to its World Cup triumph in women's water polo in October is one of two Human Movement Studies students at MacKillop Campus, North Sydney who starred for Australia in international sport this year.

The other is Matthew Burke who toured as fullback with the Australian Rugby Union World Cup team to South Africa. Matthew is a Year Three Human Movement student.

Debbie Watson joined Australian Catholic University in 1992 as a mature age student. Her primary goal has always been to pursue interests in education and sports coaching.

Despite her outstanding success in water polo Debbie has tried to maintain a low profile even though she has competed in three World Championships and four National Championships since commencing her studies. As an example of her approach Robbie Parker, Senior Lecturer in Human Movement, recalls the following incident.

"In 1993, the Department of Human Movement in Sydney was contacted by the Head Coach of the Australian Water Polo team to ask why Debbie, as Australian captain, could not travel with the National squad to compete in the World Final Championships in Catania. Puzzled by this telephone call, staff asked Debbie to discuss the issue. They were surprised to hear that Debbie had withdrawn from the tour because she did not want to receive any special consideration in terms of missing lectures. As it turned out Debbie was asked by the Department to reconsider her withdrawal. Debbie led the national team to fourth place in the Championships".

In 1993 she won the International Women's Water Polo "Player of the Year" Award and, also in 1993 the prestigious Prime Ministerial Woman and Sport Scholarship.

Matthew Burke

Matthew Burke began his studies at the University in 1991. He has always intended to pursue interests in coaching and sports administration.

He is currently working part time as the Rugby Development Officer for Sydney's Eastwood Rugby Club.

Since 1993 Matthew has played 11 Test matches for Australia including games against South Africa, France, Italy, Ireland and New Zealand and has also represented Australia in the Rugby 7's Tournaments in Hong Kong and Scotland.

With the advent of professionalism in Rugby Matthew is likely to play full-time football for the next few years.



The Managing Director of Allowah Babies Hospital, Mr Ellis Hopper, with Nicole Cluff and her Award.

Habilitation graduate receives Rotary award

Nicole Cluff, a graduate of the Habilitation course at MacKillop Campus, North Sydney, has received a Rotary International Pride of Workmanship Award from the Rotary Club of Hunters Hill in Sydney.

She received the Award for her work as an Early Education Teacher/Habilitator at the Allowah Babies Hospital in the north-western Sydney suburb of Dundas.

The Hospital serves children with severe physical and intellectual disabilities.

Nicole Cluff said that her primary role is to enhance the quality of each child's life and to work towards reaching each child's maximum potential in all areas of development. She is responsible for preparing the children socially and cognitively for schooling facilities and assisting the child and its family in the transition to school process.



Some of the 17 third-year students in the Bachelor of Human Movements Studies course at MacKillop Campus, North Sydney, who organised a sporting event as part of their course. The event was their main project in the unit Administration and Politics of Sport and Leisure II which required a "real-life" management experience. After the theoretical input from the Lecturer, Imke Fischer, every aspect of the event management was left to the students. They combined the project with fund-raising and collected \$666.65 for Ronald McDonald Children's House. Several sponsors gave donations including t-shirts for the organisers (Telstra) and giveaways for the complimentary bags given to competitors (McDonald's, Smith's Chips). The event was held in the campus gymnasium on October 25 where several teams of students competed before an enthusiastic crowd. With the students are the lecturers Cindy Leigh and Imke Fischer (third and second from right in middle row) who developed the course project for which a University Teaching Development Grant was received.

Reunion of teachers college graduates



Graduates from the Catholic Teachers College, Sydney, of the late 1950s and 1960s who attended a reunion at MacKillop Campus, North Sydney, on Sunday, 5 November. The guest of honour was Sr Mary Cresp RSM, Congregational Leader of the Sisters of St Joseph and herself a graduate of the Class of 1960. Dr Victor Couch spoke about the development of the College with which he was closely associated as a Lecturer and then member of the Council.

Music prize for Mercy student

John Byrne, a Master of Music student at Mercy Campus in Melbourne, has won the 1995 Musicology Prize, awarded at the Victorian Chapter Conference of the Musicological Society of Australia.

The Prize is awarded annually for the best paper presented at the Conference which attracts postgraduate students from Monash and La Trobe universities, the University of Melbourne and Australian Catholic University.

This is the second time the Prize has gone to a Mercy student, the 1993 Prize having been won by Master of Music student Christopher Mason.

Australian Catholic University students have presented papers at the Conference only in the past three years.

John Byrne's paper was entitled "Reform and Ruin: The effect of Vatican Music reforms of 1903-1955 on St Francis' Choir, Melbourne".

Mr Byrne has also recently completed a book *Echoes of Home, Music at St Francis 1845-1995* (Spectrum Press) which was launched on Tuesday, 17 October, at St Francis' Church, where he has been a member of the choir for many years. The book marks 150 years of music-making at this prominent Melbourne city church, originally the Cathedral of the Diocese.

Another Mercy postgraduate student, Jodi Clark, also presented a paper at the Victorian Conference on "The Songs of

Henry Handel Richardson" which attracted considerable interest.

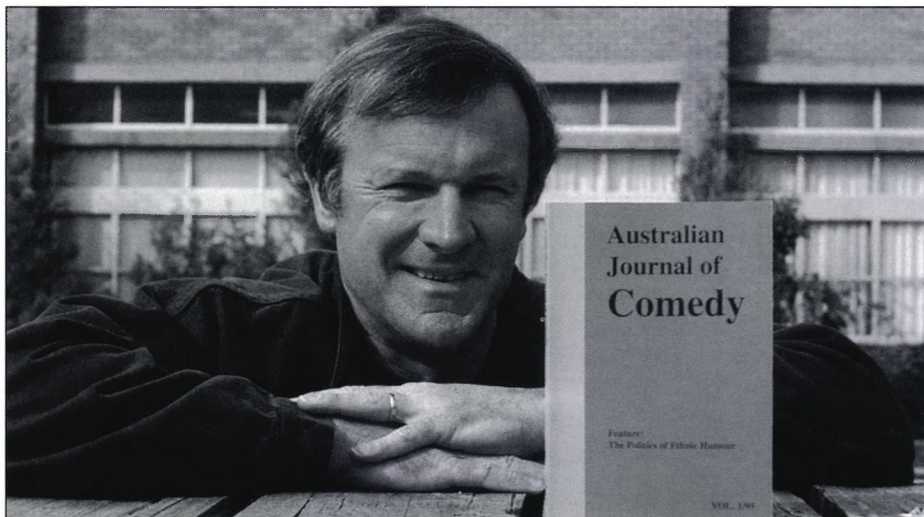
There are currently eight students enrolled in the Master of Music course at Mercy Campus. Most of them include coursework in performance as part of their studies, as well as writing a minor thesis, but the two students who have won the

Musicology Prize have both undertaken to write a major thesis.

Associate Professor Geoffrey Cox and Dr Dianne Gome are developing a particular research emphasis in the area of Australian Church Music and a number of postgraduate students have conducted research in this field.



Mercy Campus Graduate Diploma students in Midwifery and Palliative Care visited the Brambuk Aboriginal Centre at Halls Gap in country Victoria in late November as part of "Transcultural Nursing", an elective unit in their course. During the visit Midwifery students Paul Forde (left centre) and Peter Askey Doran (right centre) received some instruction from their hosts on how to play the didgeridoo.



Doctorates for staff members

Two staff members recently completed the programs for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. They are:

Associate Professor Lerma Ung, Head, Department of Professional Nursing Development, Mercy Campus, Melbourne; and

Sr Louise Welbourne, Lecturer, Signadou Campus, Canberra.

Dr Ung received her degree on 4 October from the University of Melbourne where she undertook her studies within the Faculty of Medicine, Department of Public Health and Community Medicine.

She investigated the impact of education and experience on how nurses use information in making decisions about patient management. University and hospital trained nurses were compared as were experienced and recent graduates.

Dr Ung found that education and experience affected particular aspects of nurses' reasoning and emphasised the importance of integrating undergraduate education to postgraduate training.

Dr Welbourne, who undertook her degree through the University of New England, received advice in late October of the acceptance of her thesis *Critical Religious Educators: The Impact of Graduate Studies on their Professional Development*. She will receive her degree in March 1996.

The Signadou Staff Bulletin notes that the thesis won high praise from her international examiners, being variously described as "an outstanding piece of work;" "one of the finest I have had the pleasure to read"; and "a significant contribution".

Lecturer edits Journal of Comedy

Christ Campus Lecturer in Drama and Politics in the Faculty of Arts & Sciences, Gerry Matte (above), is editor of the new Australian Journal of Comedy.

The Journal's first edition was published in August.

Mr Matte is uniquely qualified to produce Australia's first academic Journal on comedy. He was an actor and occasional stand-up comedian before joining Christ College 18 years ago and has written comedy for both radio and television, including The Comedy Company.

As far as he is aware, his unit on Comedy in the Drama Major he teaches in the Bachelor of Arts degree is the only unit offered at any Australian university specifically examining comedy.

His intention is to produce two editions a year of the Australian Journal of Comedy — in May and October.

He entered this unusual publishing enterprise after much thought about what comedy means to Australians.

"Comedy carries a lot of social, political and cultural messages in a very particular way. This makes it a legitimate area of study and concern", he said.

"The Australian Journal of Comedy is not a funny magazine. It is there to explore 'funniness' as a concept.

"The Journal invites editorial contributions on such subjects as Gender and Comedy, Comedy on Screen or Stage, Different Forms of Comedy, Comedy Icons (eg Barry Humphries), the effects of comedy on people (eg the effect of a Leunig poem on women).

"Over the last 25 years, comedy in Australia has become a dominant form of literature, entertainment and general communication.

"Because comedy plays such a part in our lives, it is inevitable, in fact it is very necessary, that there be serious analysis and discussion of this form of communication.

"Comedy in the form of sitcoms carries many messages and relates significantly to our everyday lives, for instance the family situations that arise in The Simpsons", Mr Matte said.

The first edition of The Australian Journal of Comedy carries an editorial by him entitled: *How Do We Talk About Comedy?*

There are three feature articles on the Politics of Ethnic Humour. They are entitled The Sociability of Ethnic Jokes, by Charles Schutz; Jewish Jokes and Anti-Semitism, by Bernard Saper; and Cultural War and the Fate of Multicultural Comedy, which Mr Matte wrote himself.

The Australian Journal of Comedy is published within the University's Visual and Performing Arts Department at Christ Campus. Layout and production are by Erik North of the Christ Campus Technology Unit.

John Hillel, Head of the VPA Department, is one of the four members of the Editorial Board.

Alumnus ordained priest

Tony Worner, a graduate of the Catholic College of Education, Sydney, one of the University's predecessor institutions, was ordained a priest on 29 September 1995.

Born in Melbourne in 1960, the eldest of six children of Marea and John Worner, he completed his schooling at St John's College, Woodlawn, near Lismore in northern New South Wales, in 1977.

He entered St Patrick's College Seminary in Manly, NSW, in 1978 and left the seminary in 1983.

From 1984 to 1986 he was a student at the Catholic College of Education, Sydney, at its North Sydney campus. He

was President of the Student Union in 1986 and Treasurer in 1985.

On graduation he taught at St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour, 1987-89, and St Agnes', Port Macquarie, 1990-91.

He returned to the Manly seminary in 1992 and completed his B Th in 1994. He was ordained Deacon in January for the Lismore Diocese. He worked in the Waitara Parish on Sydney's North Shore for eight months in 1995 before his ordination at the end of September.

Fr Worner has been appointed as one of two assistant priests to Coffs Harbour, a coastal resort and rural service centre, 540 kilometres north of Sydney.

Old Glory flies high at Aquinas



Above are seven Aquinas Campus staff members from the United States. Rear: Ron Finkel, Bob Thurman, Steven Davidson, Tom Hipke. Front: Ruth Larkin, BJ Hamilton, Blake Gordon.

Aquinas Campus has a quality that attracts and retains Americans. Seven of the 63 staff members hail from the United States.

Their combined length of service at Aquinas is more than 80 years, with several among the longest serving staff members.

The seven are Senior Lecturer in Science Education, Mr Blake Gordon; Senior Lecturer in Microbiology, Dr Bob Thurman; Senior Lecturer in Biology, Mrs B.J. Hamilton; Lecturer in Visual Art and Art Education, Mr Stephen Davidson; Educational Technology Officer, Mr Tom Hipke; Study Skills Officer, Ms Ruth Larkin; and Mr Ron Finkel of Printing Services.

Several, because of sporting, cultural or research activities, have become well known local figures.

Bob Thurman, who has been at Aquinas since 1989, received his PhD in microbiology, with special emphasis on molecular environmental virology, at the University of Arizona, Tucson.

He is well known in Ballarat, not only for his expertise in microbiology but also for his ability as an author.

Bob has conducted research projects for local authorities and his findings have attracted local media attention. In one well publicised project, Bob investigated the presence of potential disease-causing parasites in the Ballarat region.

His recent science fiction children's novel, *Frankenworm*, published by Hodder & Stoughton, sold well and has been developed into a musical play.

Science Education Senior Lecturer and Coordinator of the Graduate Diploma of Education (Secondary) course, Blake

Gordon, is well known in local sporting circles. Last year he was Deputy Director and Media Liaison for the World Cup Orienteering Carnival held in goldfields terrain around Ballarat.

Originally from New York State, Blake and his wife, Dale Anne, were recruited to teach in Victorian Schools during the secondary teacher shortage of the early 1970s.

Orienteering

Blake became involved in orienteering in 1975, a fortnight after being appointed as a science lecturer at Aquinas. He was chief organiser of major Australian events in 1981 and 1985, before serving as Vice-President and President of the Victorian Orienteering Association from 1989 to 1994.

Dale Anne Gordon, a Senior Lecturer at the University of Ballarat, is a former multiple Australian and Victorian Orienteering champion and served as co-manager with Blake of the 1989 Australian team at the World Orienteering Championships in Sweden.

Yet another well known figure in Ballarat is Art Lecturer, Stephen Davidson. Recently his solo exhibition of paintings, mixed media and monotypes at the Ballarat Fine Art Gallery received critical acclaim. (See Report in October issue.)

Stephen, who has lectured in Visual Arts and Art Education at Aquinas since 1975, came from Washington State to Australia originally in 1972 as a teacher with the Victorian Department of Education. He returned to the States for a brief stay before deciding that Australia provided better career opportunities and

lifestyle options.

Ms B.J. Hamilton (the BJ, which she likes to be called, is for her maiden name, Beatrice Johnson) came to Australia in 1972 as a teacher with the NSW Education Department.

She returned home after her teaching appointment, spent six months touring South America, and then returned to Australia to begin a 10-year stint in Educational Development, firstly with what is now the University of Southern Queensland and then with what is now the University of Tasmania in Launceston.

By then married with two children, she came to Ballarat in 1985 and worked part time with the University of Ballarat and the School of Mines and Industries. She joined Aquinas as a Lecturer in Biology when the Nursing course started in 1988.

Prominent role

Educational Technology Officer, Tom Hipke, who played a prominent role in the introduction recently of the University's video conferencing facility, has been at Aquinas since 1978.

His wife, Susie, then his fiancée, came to Victoria as a secondary teacher in 1975. Susie returned home for the Christmas holidays in 1976. Tom and Susie were married during those holidays and Tom accompanied his new wife back to Australia.

Susie worked at the same secondary school as Dale Anne Gordon and through this connection Tom heard about an Educational Technology job going at Aquinas. He applied for it and was appointed.

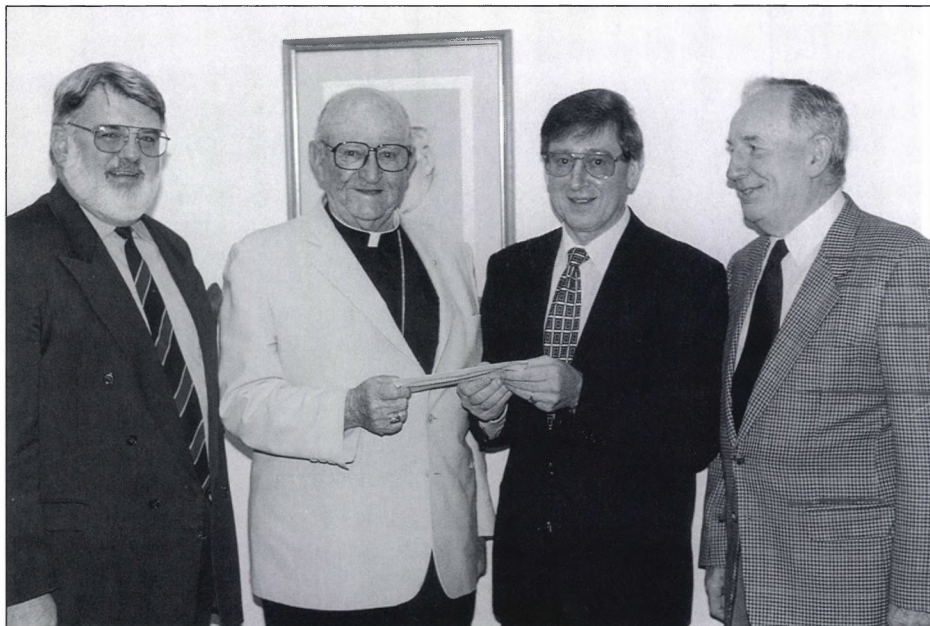
Ron Finkel has been at Aquinas for 12 years, the last 10 in Printing Services. Born in Kirksville, Missouri, he came to Australia in 1972 as a nine-year-old with his parents. After spending 16 months in Busselton, WA, the family moved to Melbourne where both parents took teaching jobs at Mercy Campus.

Then followed a sojourn at Bendigo, and in 1982 Ron's mother took up a teaching post at Aquinas. Ron joined Aquinas in 1983, working part-time in the library and part-time in printing for the first two years.

Study Skills Officer, Ms Ruth Larkin, first came to Australia as a tourist in 1985. While here she met her husband-to-be, David Agnew, and returned to Australia to be married in 1988.

Originally from Philadelphia, where she obtained Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Arts from Temple University, Ruth joined Aquinas in April, 1994 and is on Campus three days a week.

Ruth, who also has a Diploma of Education from The University of Melbourne, did some sessional teaching at Aquinas in Language Studies last year.



Bishop Murray of the Diocese of Wollongong in NSW recently presented the University Foundation with the next instalment of the Diocese's gift to help establish the University's Chair in Education Leadership. Above (L to R): The Director of the Foundation, Mr Peter Castleton; Bishop Murray; the Foundation Professor in Educational Leadership, Professor Patrick Duignan; and the Director of the Wollongong CEO, Mr Terry White.

University promotes International Conference in Sydney in January

The Third International Conference on Religion Literature and the Arts will be held at Sancta Sophia College, Sydney University, from 18 to 21 January 1996.

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

The Conference will be taking as its focus an exploration of the ways in which the religious search, inside and outside established traditions, expresses itself in literature and the arts.

Among those participating will be: Karen Armstrong, UK broadcaster and author of *The Gospel According to Woman*, *Tongues of Fire*, *A History of God*;

Nigel Butterly, contemporary Australian composer and teacher;

Professor Peter Steele SJ, Professor of English, University of Melbourne;

Professor Elizabeth Isichei, Professor of Religion Studies, University of Otago, NZ broadcaster on religious poetry and art and author of 15 books including *A History of Christianity in Africa*, 1994;

Professor David Parker, Rector of Signadou Campus in Canberra, novelist and theorist, author of *Ethics, Theory and the Novel*, Cambridge, 1995;

Al Zolynas, Poet and academic from San Diego, co-author of *Men of Our Time*,

an Anthology of Male Poetry in Contemporary America.

The Conference will also feature a Colloquium on Contemporary Women Artists, a Writers' Forum and the WING-IT Performance Ensemble from San Francisco.

Further details and Conference brochures are available from Associate Professor Michael Griffith, Australian Catholic University, 179 Albert Rd, Strathfield, NSW 2135. Tel: (02) 739 2192; Fax: (02) 739 2105.

Presentation

The Director of the Sydney campuses, Associate Professor Tim O'Hearn, presented a *testamur* to the parents of deceased graduate Victoria Best at a small ceremony at Mount Saint Mary Campus, Strathfield, on Tuesday 21 November. Victoria graduated Bachelor of Teaching in April 1995 and was teaching at Blacktown South in Sydney's west. She was tragically killed in July. Her *testamur* was destroyed in the car accident and the University Secretary, Mr Richard Doyle, arranged for a duplicate to be made available. At the ceremony Mr and Mrs Best thanked the University for its kindness in their continuing grief and spoke of their appreciation of the many university staff who had helped make their tragedy a little easier to bear.

Roundup

Eureka!

Aquinas Campus has developed an innovative four-week, fee-paying course entitled EUREKA!, complementing the City of Ballarat's major Eureka initiative. The multi-disciplinary course is designed as a summer program for American students wishing to study in Australia. By means of lectures on History, Literature and Visual Arts, and exploration of Ballarat and other Victorian goldfields, the course considers the reasons why the Eureka rebellion occurred at Ballarat and the significance of the uprising for Australia.

Directory information

The three Victorian campuses of the University now form a single page display in the "Melways" Street Directory on Page 243. The names of most buildings are noted and the reference should prove useful to interstate colleagues and visitors to the campuses.

Repeat of Latin Summer school

The Classics Department of the University of Sydney and Australian Catholic University are again sponsoring the Latin Summer School in January 1996.

The first School proved to be a great success in January this year.

The School, "Living Latin II", will run from 22 to 26 January (9am — 5.00pm daily) at Mount Saint Mary Campus, 179 Albert Rd, Strathfield.

The cost, including course materials, tuition, and refreshments, is \$100 (\$60 for students/concessions).

All levels of ability, including beginners with no linguistic experience, will be catered for by the School which will also offer lectures by guest speakers on a wide variety of topics related to classical civilisation.

Special interest groups will afford students the opportunity to explore the development of the language in different periods and genres.

Enquiries should be directed to: The Secretary, Classics Department, University of Sydney, NSW 2006. Tel: (02)351 2368.

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Community Centre visit

Staff and students at the University's Castle Hill Campus in Sydney have welcomed 50 people from the Holy Family Tutoring Centre at Mt Druitt for a day of hands-on experience of university life.

The Centre services some of the most socially and economically disadvantaged people in the west of Sydney.

Some of the visitors experienced the computer and science labs while others engaged in a visual arts program.

The Director of the Centre, Ms Coral McLean, told the organising lecturer Joyce Martin that the day was important because of the message they would take back to the Mt Druitt community about education and the University's commitment to making opportunities available to those formerly left out of the educational mainstream.

Students made a video of the visit and will provide a copy to the Centre.

Janine Webb at convention

Senior Lecturer Janine Webb of the Department of Humanities at Christ Campus will be one of four special guests at a Print and Media Convention at the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney from 3 to 6 January 1996. The Convention celebrates the Museum's acquisition of Charles Babbage's famed 19th century computer — the Analytical Engine.

Death of Fr Kenny

Dr Anthony Kenny, Senior Lecturer in Theology at both Christ and Aquinas Campuses, who was ordained a priest on 3 June 1995, died recently after a brief illness.

His funeral was held on Thursday, 30 November, with a Requiem Mass at St Patrick's Church, Mentone.

The first married man to be ordained a Catholic priest in Victoria, Dr Kenny, who was formerly an Anglican priest, received a special dispensation to allow his ordination.



The Campus Ministry Team at McAuley Campus co-ordinated a Multicultural Day celebration for staff and students. Pictured prior to the cutting of the "Multicultural Cake" are Fr Joseph Sardie, Maria Wagner and Tony Robertson.

Cairns link opened

Two McAuley Campus Master of Education course students on 29 November took part in the first lecture given over the University's videoconference link within Queensland.

The students, one a Catholic school principal and the other a senior staff member, were in Cairns and the lecturer in Brisbane.

The link with Cairns was formally opened by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Professor Muredach Dynan, in Brisbane, and the Director of the Catholic Education Office in Cairns, Ms Terri Creagh.



The McAuley Campus Student Chapter of the Australian Institute of Management (AIM) has completed its first year, which recorded a variety of activities, including increased membership among business students, attracting sponsors and guest lecturers. Above is the inaugural Committee (L to R): Damien Duncan, Treasurer; Terri Hallinan, Promotions Officer; Tracey Pickles, AIM representative; Peter Gabauer, President; Julie Donaldson, Secretary; with Rob Bauer, Partner, Parnell Kerr Foster.

Company appointments

The members of Australian Catholic University Limited elected on 31 October the following persons to office for a five-year period from 5 November 1995 to 4 November 2000.

President: The Most Reverend Francis Little KBE, Archbishop of Melbourne;

Chancellor: His Eminence Cardinal Edward Clancy AC, Archbishop of Sydney;

Pro-Chancellor: Br Julian McDonald CFC, Christian Brothers Provincial of St Mary's Province, Australia.

The Members recorded their deep appreciation for the very significant and valuable contributions which His Lordship Bishop George Pell made to the University in the office of first Pro-Chancellor, in his role as Chairman of the Amalgamation Implementation Committee during 1989-1990 and in earlier roles with the former Institute of Catholic Education in Victoria.

Artist in residence

More than 100 students at McAuley Campus gained studio experience with sculptor Stephen Newton during his period as the 1995 Artist in Residence.

The Campus now has a major piece of sculpture as a permanent installation and part of the University art collection.

The project director, Mr Lindsay Farrell, said that the Program helped the students to develop their own artistic, aesthetic and cultural understandings.

Vice-Chancellor is new AEO Chair Graduate employment



Rear: (L to R) John Hatton of American-Australian Studies Foundation; the Vice-Chancellor, Australian Catholic University, and new AEO Chair, Professor Peter Drake; the Vice-Chancellor, Charles Sturt University and former AEO Chair, Professor Cliff Blake; the Vice-Chancellor, UTS, Professor Gus Guthrie; the Vice-Chancellor, RMIT, Professor David Beanland and the Minister (Congressional Liaison), Australian Embassy, Washington, Mr Robert Tyson. Front: The Executive Director, Australian Education Office, Washington DC, Professor Bob Smith, and Mr Roger Peacock, AIEF/DEET.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Drake, was elected as the new Chair of the Board of the Australian Education Office (AEO) in Washington DC at a Board meeting in Brisbane in October.

He succeeded Professor Cliff Blake, Vice-Chancellor of Charles Sturt University.

The AEO, which is located in the Australian Embassy in Washington, promotes and facilitates study in Australian universities by US students. In 1994 the Embassy issued 3000 student visas, an increase of 20 per cent on 1993.

At the October AEO Board meeting in Brisbane the Australian International Education Foundation (AIEF) of DEET signed an agreement with the AEO under which the AIEF is formally committed to providing a \$2.00 subsidy for each \$1.00 contributed by the Australian universities.

The agreement was signed by Professor Bob Smith, Executive Director of the AEO in Washington, and Mr Roger Peacock of DEET for the AIEF.

Commenting on the agreement the new AEO Chair, Professor Drake, said:

"The support of the AIEF for the representation and marketing of Australian education overseas is real recognition of the work of Professors Blake and Smith and the AEO team.

"Considerable success has already been achieved from a standing start. I look forward to continuing the momentum in this important initiative in funding links, staff exchanges and student mobility between Australia and North America".

Conference on early Christian church

Australian Catholic University is sponsoring next year one of the most important conferences ever held in Australia on the Christian spiritual heritage.

Entitled Prayer and Spirituality in the Early Church, the Conference will take place in Melbourne from 5 to 8 July 1996.

Supported by a number of religious denominations and organisations, has a unique ecumenical structure and it has attracted leading speakers, many from overseas, from a number of denominations.

Conference Convenor is Father Lawrence Cross, a Deacon of the Melkite Greek-Catholic Church of Antioch and a Senior Lecturer in Theology at Christ Campus. He is an authority on the ecumenical relationship of the Eastern and Western Churches.

The Conference will feature two major exhibitions, one entitled 'The Art of the Icon Writer in Australia', the other a specialist trade exhibition by publishers and other companies working in the fields of spirituality, Early Christian literature, history and culture.

On each of the conference days delegates will celebrate the office of evening prayer from some of the most ancient traditions of the Christian Church such as Old Roman, Armenian and Coptic.

Dr Cross says the Conference is part of

the ongoing study of the development of the spiritual heritage of Christianity.

Oxford Conference

Dr Cross was one of four staff members of Australian Catholic University who attended and presented papers to the 12th International Patristics Conference which was held at Oxford in August 1995.

The other staff members were Associate Professor Pauline Allen of McAuley Campus, and Associate Professor Raymond Canning and Senior Lecturer Sr Margaret Malone of Signadou Campus.

Approximately 700 attended the Conference which has been held at Oxford every four years since 1951 and brings together Patristics scholars from all over the world.

The University's four staff representatives distributed a brochure to all members of the Oxford Conference about the July 1996 Conference in Melbourne.

Associate Professor Pauline Allen was elected in Oxford as one of the two Vice-Presidents of the International Patristics Association.

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Art exhibition at Washington Embassy



From left: Artist Lindsay Farrell, Australian Ambassador John McCarthy, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Drake, the Executive Director, Australian Education Office in Washington, Professor Bob Smith, and artist Steve Davidson at the opening of the Washington Exhibition.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Drake, opened an exhibition of art works by two staff members at the Australian Embassy in Washington DC, on Monday, 5 February.

The exhibition featured the work of two of the University's visual art lecturers, Stephen Davidson of Aquinas Campus, Ballarat, and Lindsay Farrell of McAuley Campus, Brisbane.

It was held as part of the annual conference in Washington from 5 to 7 February of the American Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities.

Professor Drake attended the conference as well as chairing on 4 February a Board meeting of the Australian Education Office (AEO).

The AEO, which is located in the Washington Embassy, provided support to

the art exhibition through its Executive Director, Professor Bob Smith. The Australian Embassy and Arts Queensland also assisted the Exhibition.

The Australian Ambassador to the United States, Mr John McCarthy, attended the opening of the Exhibition which was entitled *Journeys in the Scape — Carnarvon to Flinders Ranges*.

The 20 works in the Exhibition were a response to the environments of Carnarvon Gorge in Queensland and the Flinders Ranges in South Australia.

Stephen Davidson is a recently naturalised Australian citizen who immigrated to Australia from the United States in 1972 and has travelled extensively through the remote regions of Australia. He has exhibited solo and jointly in Australia and the United States since 1978. His works are represented in public and private collections in Australia, the United States and Canada.

Lindsay Farrell is a fourth generation Australian whose landscapes show a sensitive awareness of the land and its message. His works have received numerous awards and are represented in public and corporate collections both in Australia and the United Kingdom. He has exhibited solo and jointly in Australia, the United Kingdom and Canada.

International student teacher exchange

In November, 1995 seven students from the Faculty of Education took part in an International Student Teacher Exchange Program.

The program allows for the invaluable exchange of experiences — both academic and cultural — between Australian Catholic University student teachers and the Satya Wacana Christian University on the island of Java.

Four of the students were from Christ Campus, one from Mercy Campus, and two from McAuley Campus. They are: Rachael Carmichael, Simon Van Dinter, Nikki Haynes, Leo Mifsud, Damien Butler, Melissa Berrick and Rennaigh Bull.

International Exchange coordinator at the Satya Wacana Christian University, Bapak Sunu, assisted the students in translations and explaining Javanese and Indonesian customs and rituals.

The student teachers stayed in homestay situations in the town of Salatiga, in the centre of the Java.

During their stay the student teachers taught school children about different aspects of Australian culture, including food, Aborigines, football, clothing, geographical features, the animals, the family



From left: Rachael Carmichael, Dwi Sunu, Simon Van Dinter, Nikki Haynes, Leo Mifsud, Damien Butler, Melissa Berwick and Rennaigh Bull at the Van Lith Catholic boarding school in Semilang.

structure and everyday life.

In return the student teachers were taught about the Javanese culture, family structure, the food, and also became conversant with the Indonesian people after daily lessons of Indonesian.

Every spare day the student teachers were escorted on tours around the area including Borobudur Temple, the Merapi and Merbabu volcanoes, shopping in Yogyakarta and Semarang, the Sultan's Palace at Kraton and a seven hour mountain trek through wilderness.

The student teachers taught at the local Christian primary school, a Catholic Secondary College at Muntilan and also at the Catholic Boys Seminary at Mertoyudan. They also visited the Muslim school at Magelang.

Many of the student teachers plan to return to their host families to visit and gain more experience of the cultures and traditions of Indonesia.

For further information contact Peter Sullivan regarding the 1996 Indonesian Student Exchange Program.



Frauke Kesting teaches young students how to tell the time in German at Mount Waverley North Primary School.

Teaching rounds for German

The Mathematics Teaching and Learning Centre's international network has resulted in a young German teacher undergoing teaching rounds in Australia.

Frauke Kesting, 22, studying for a teaching degree course at Muenster University, was in Australia as a result of her Professor's connection with the Centre.

In 1990/91, Dr Andrea Peter, now an Associate Professor at Muenster University, collected material for her PhD in Australia. Her thesis was on the *Professional Growth of Mathematics Teachers*.

She was based at the Mathematics Teaching and Learning Centre and in 1995 contacted the Centre's current Director, Dr Doug Clarke, seeking his help to arrange a field placement in Melbourne for her pupil, Frauke Kesting.

As a result Ms Kesting arrived in Melbourne in early March to spend about a month at Mount Waverley North Primary, near Christ Campus, where the children learn German language and culture from the earliest grades. She also made arrangements for the school to link up with a "sister school" in Germany.

Historic meeting of Theology Board



On 31 January, 1996, history was made at the first meeting of the Sub-Faculty of Theology Board, chaired by Professor Francis J. Moloney, SDB, in the presence of the Dean of Arts and Sciences, Professor Peter Carpenter.

The newly established board initiated the presence of Theology as a formal part of the University's academic profile.

Pictured at the meeting (from left): Associate Professor Gideon Goosen, Professor Francis Moloney, Associate Professor Raymond Canning, Ms Joan

Manshon (Personal Assistant to the Professor of Theology), Professor Peter Carpenter, Reverend Doctor Terence Curtin, Doctor Robert Gascoigne, Doctor John Ozolins, Sister Margaret Hannan, Dr Mary Sheather and Doctor Mary Macdonald (co-opted from the Religious Education Department in the Education Faculty).

The Board will have an important function as the University develops a theological curriculum. It plans to establish two new degrees: a Bachelor of Arts in Theology and a Master of Arts in Theology.

Roundup

Receptionist wins award

Ms Lynette Tully, receptionist for MacKillop Campus, has won a "Pride of Workmanship" award.

Nominated by Mr Anthony Steel, Acting Campus Administration Officer, Ms Tully received her award at a special ceremony at North Sydney Leagues Club on 7 November, 1995.

Conducted by the Rotary Club of North Sydney the Pride of Workmanship Award Scheme encourages the sense of responsibility to do a job well.

In his nomination Mr Steel described Ms Tully as a person with "an infectious laugh" who is "unfailingly helpful and courteous" despite her extremely busy workload.

New role

Professor Tony d'Arbon has joined the Educational Leadership team of Australian Catholic University.

Commencing his assignment on 1 January, Professor d'Arbon has considerable background in the discipline. He will be working under the direction of Professor Patrick Duignan, the Foundation Professor in Educational Leadership.

In recent years Professor d'Arbon has been involved in the development of the University Foundation, particularly the funding package for the Chair in Educational Leadership.

Summer School

A doctoral student from McAuley Campus taught for the first time at the second Latin Summer School held at Mount Saint Mary Campus from 22 January to 26 January.

Conducted by the Classics Department of the University of Sydney and the School of Arts and Sciences in Sydney, the course attracted 120 students.

During the course beginners, intermediate and advanced students enjoyed learning Latin language and literature, and discovering some of its many uses in music and art.

Trevor Evans, of the Classics Department at the University of Sydney, said the course was quickly filled and he is looking forward to an even bigger course next summer.

of events

Koori poet as 'Writer in Residence'

Well known Koori poet, writer and visual artist, Lisa Bellear (Noonuccal), will be 'Writer in Residence' at Aquinas Campus from 14 July to 9 October, 1996.

Ms Bellear received one of the 14 Writer in Residence grants from the Literature Committee of the Australia Council for the second semester of 1996.

Although her program at Aquinas is not yet finalised, it is expected Ms Bellear will assist literature students and also be involved with developing Koori perspectives in courses in all faculties.

She will also be part of activities at the Ballarat & District Aboriginal Co-Operative. Before going to Ballarat she will have completed readings of her poetry and exhibitions of her art at the Adelaide Festival and the Benalla Festival.

Born in Melbourne, Ms Bellear has a Bachelor of Social Work from The University of Melbourne and is currently studying for her Master of Arts degree in Women's Studies at the same University.

Ms Bellear has been writing poetry for two decades. Among publications which have published her work are *Southerly*, the *ASA's Australian Author*, *Australian Short Stories* and *The Australian Multicultural Review*.

Queensland University Press is scheduled to publish her first book of poetry, entitled *From Land Rights to Love*, later this year.

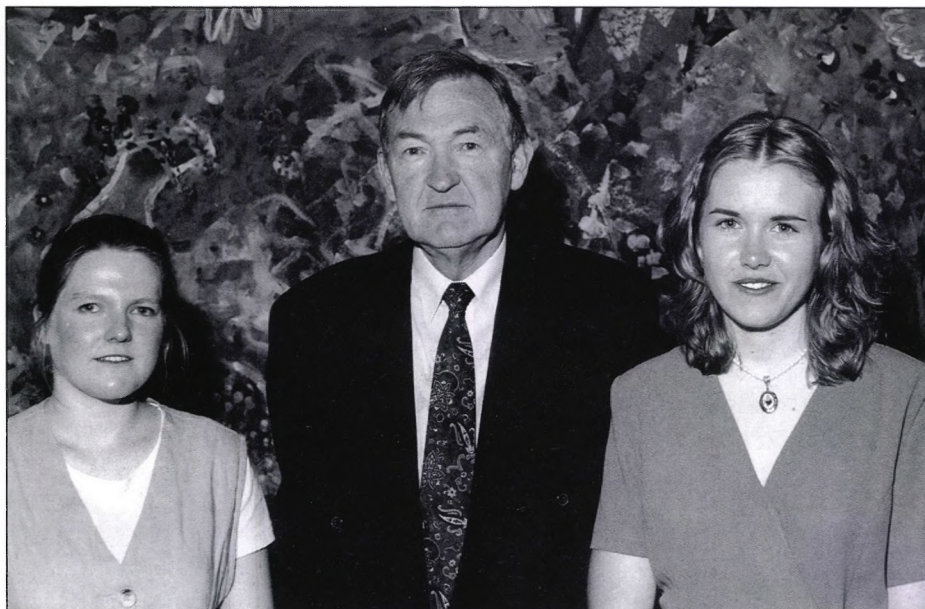
Best six months

Caroline Lloyd and Liz Bennett of Charlotte Mason College, University of Lancaster, have told their fellow students that their exchange with Aquinas Campus in the second semester of 1995 was "the best six months" of their college experience.

Writing in the College's *International News* in February they report that they were given much choice and flexibility academically.

"This provided the opportunity to research and write about subjects of personal interest.

"Again the course at Aquinas deserves the highest praise — they must be doing something right when students find themselves looking forward to lectures".



(Left to right) : Kylie McCarthy, Don Laird, and Claire Fraser.

Students win College of Education membership

Two Australian Catholic University students have won Associate membership of the Victorian Chapter of the Australian College of Education.

Associate membership is awarded to outstanding students in the undergraduate teacher education program and the pre-service secondary program.

The undergraduate award winner was Claire Fraser (Aquinas Campus,

Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Teaching program), and the pre-service secondary award winner was Kylie McCarthy (Mercy Campus, Graduate Diploma of Education, Secondary program).

They received their awards from the Chairman of the Standards Council of the Teaching Profession, Mr Don Laird, at a recent special presentation evening.

Success for RLA Conference

The third International Conference On Religion, Literature and the Arts (RLA) held in Sydney from 18 to 21 January 1996 attracted about 150 full-time registrations with some lectures drawing as many as 300.

At least 20 participants came from overseas — India, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Japan, the United States and the United Kingdom.

Thirteen presenters were from Australian Catholic University, representing all eight campuses.

The Rector of Signadou Campus, Professor David Parker, was one of the keynote presenters speaking on the place and importance of ethics in literary and cultural debate.

The Professor of Theology, Professor Francis Moloney, launched the Conference which was held at Sancta Sophia College, University of Sydney.

The annual RLA Conference is organised by the RLA Project which is also the centre in Australia for the national and international network in the field of Religion, Literature and the Arts.

The Project is jointly sponsored and run by Associate Professor Michael Griffith of the University's Department of Literature and Languages and Professor James Tulip, Head of the School of Studies in Religion, University of Sydney.

Speakers' Bureau

The University's Victorian Campuses have established a Speakers' Bureau from which club and organisations are able to select qualified speakers on specific topics.

The Bureau is an initiative of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor in Melbourne, Professor Wolfgang Grichting.

More than 100 topics are listed in the Bureau's booklet, ranging alphabetically from Australian Catholic University (Professor Gabrielle McMullen) to Youth unemployment and depression (Professor Grichting).

Details of 36 staff are given as available at short notice to present on their topic as "our way of bridging the gap between town and gown".

Australian Adventure for Maryland Students

Between 6 and 21 January 1996 a group of 21 students and staff from the College of Notre Dame, Maryland, USA, completed an intensive "Australian Adventure" at the Australian Catholic University.

They studied Australian landforms, history, politics and culture with a group of lecturers from the University's School of Arts and Sciences in Sydney.

They travelled through New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, home of the national capital, Canberra.

The first week of the program in Sydney consisted of morning lectures and workshops followed by visits to matching locations in and around the city, such as the Opera House and the State Parliament House.

In the second week they visited Canberra and the University's Signadou Campus. They also travelled through many interesting historic and scenic areas.

The "Australian Adventure" began in 1993 in the minds of Sr Kathleen Feely, former President of the College of Notre Dame, and John Murray of the School of Arts and Sciences.

Australian Catholic University's



Associate Professor John Murray (third row left) and Mark Leary (back row left), with the group of 21 students and staff from the College of Notre Dame, Maryland

Director of International Education, Tony McKittrick, and the then Vice-Chancellery Executive Officer, Mark Leary, helped in the planning and organisation in 1995.

All agreed that the venture was a great

success with much learning and enjoyment on both sides.

"This group was the First Fleet. We'll be back", said Sr Trinitas Bochini of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

Technical education training program

The University is providing a number of Jobskill Programs at various campuses which have been initiated by Mr Tony Smith, Director of the Office of International & Community Education.

Aquinas Campus has been chosen to administer and implement the Information Technology Training program for rural Victoria.

Participants undertake formal theoretical and practical instruction at Aquinas Campus during the 26 weeks of the course, together with work experience and on-the-job training in various schools and institutions in the region.

The program is also being delivered to two groups at the Mercy Campus in Melbourne and two groups at McAuley Campus in Brisbane.

In 1996 the program will be delivered to two groups at Christ Campus in Melbourne and another group at Shepparton in Victoria, in conjunction with the Sandhurst Diocese.

The program is funded by the Department of Employment, Education and Training through Jobskills, a labour market program, as part of Working Nation, and is an initiative of the

Australian Education Union and the Independent Education Union of Australia.

The curriculum has been developed so that it can be used for a variety of training purposes. Successful completion of the nationally accredited learning modules provides participants with a formal Jobskills Certificate and a Recognition for Prior Learning (RPL) for many TAFE based courses.

Information Systems degree accredited

The Bachelor of Information Systems degree offered by the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Castle Hill Campus has been granted Level 2 Accreditation by the Membership Board of the Australian Computer Society.

Director of the Membership Board, Dr Maynard, reported that "the ACS Panel was impressed by the sense of purpose and cohesiveness of the academic staff, and the degree of satisfaction expressed by the students. This no doubt reflects on the quality of leadership provided by Dr Pam Gibbons. The Panel further notes that the documentation provided to the Panel was excellent. It was thorough and comprehensive..."

Manager (Study Abroad)

The former Executive Officer, Vice-Chancellery, Mr Mark Leary, has taken up the new position of Manager (Study Abroad) to develop and manage the delivery of study abroad programs for fee-paying students from the United States.

Mr Leary will also be involved in the management of agreements that the University is developing with a number of tertiary institutions in Asia, the Americas, Europe and the United Kingdom.

As part of that activity he will be seeking government funding for student exchanges at the University under the University Mobility Asia-Pacific (UMAP) scheme.

Last year he spent several months on secondment to the Australian Education Office (AEO) at the Australian Embassy, Washington DC, assisting the AEO in its program of promoting and facilitating study in Australian universities by US students.

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