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Four new courses in 1995

New Bachelor degree and postgraduate courses will be introduced at Australian Catholic University in 1995.

They are:

- * Bachelor of Social Work, at Signadou Campus.
- * Bachelor of Science (Environmental Science), at Castle Hill Campus.
- * Master of Arts (Applied Ethics), at MacKillop Campus.
- * Master of Arts (Religion Studies), at Mount St Mary Campus.

The Social Work course is the first in that area offered by the University at any of its campuses.

It is designed for students who already have a three-year degree or its equivalent, or who have successfully completed two-thirds of a recognised degree.

The B Sc (Environmental Science) and the MA (Applied Ethics) are also new offerings. In 1996 Environmental Science also will be offered at Aquinas Campus.

The Master of Arts (Religion Studies) program currently is available at McAuley and Signadou campuses, and is to be offered in Sydney next year.

More details of these courses on page 3.

WIDE SUPPORT FOR SOCIAL WORK DEGREE

The Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) has given provisional approval to the new Bachelor of Social Work degree course to be introduced at Signadou Campus in 1995.

The approval is subject to the AASW's usual requirement of review before the first students graduate.

Graduates must meet AASW standards in professional practice and the requirements of the Association's Code of Ethics.

In developing the program, the University conducted extensive consultation with the AASW, social workers in Canberra, and departments and agencies employing social workers.

The University also was assisted by La Trobe University, which is recognised as having a model social work program.

The Head of the Department of Social Work will be Ms Margarita Frederico, currently Director, Human Resource Centre, Graduate School of Social Work, La Trobe University.

Australian Catholic University has made a grant of \$30,000 for the initial library stock.

The University's Foundation established a Special Purpose Fund Committee in Canberra to raise \$45,000 a

year for three years to help to establish the course, as suggested by the ACT Chapter.

The Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Professor Peter Carpenter, considers the new course has been developed through "the most rigorous course accreditation process I have ever experienced."

The AASW assessed the course against its stringent criteria with assessment by an independent expert consultant, Dr Richard Roberts, Senior Lecturer in Social Work, University of New South Wales.

The Principal of Signadou Campus, Sr Rosemary Lewins OP, said that the new degree was the first major move out of the field of education at Signadou Campus.

"A growing need for social workers has been identified in the Australian Capital Territory. Graduates of the program will be available for work in Canberra and the surrounding New South Wales district," she said.

"The ACT Government has indicated willingness to make available field practice training places and specialist library resources," Sr Lewins said.

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

This is my last opportunity for the year to extend warm wishes for Christmas to each member of the University community: may you, your family and friends enjoy a happy and blessed Christmas, and may 1995 be a year of blessings and accomplishments.

The staff of the Vice-Chancellery join me in those sentiments. We all are grateful for the co-operation that we receive from our widespread University.

Christmas is a great feast in our tradition, and as we approach it we must be aware how fortunate we are in this country.

There may be problems, especially, as I write this, of droughts and bushfires, but when we see the turmoil in some other countries, and realise how fragile peace is in many, it is indeed a time to reflect on our good fortune.

This would surely be an appropriate time for all of us to think seriously about what practical help we could give to our fellow Australians who are suffering from the ravages of drought.

Let us hope that whatever differences and anxieties all Australians do have will be healed by good will.

May God bless you all

Professor Peter Drake, Vice-Chancellor.

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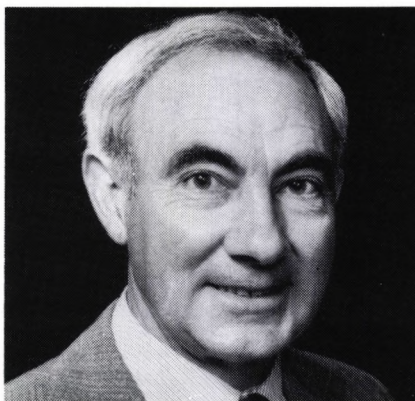
Vice-Chancellor's Column

"Free trade in ideas" is a good maxim; true scholars have always sought to disseminate their ideas and findings, and be receptive to those of others, without the motivation of recompense or the barrier of tariff. Scholars have also been given to travel — the early European universities fed off each other because they were all part of the Church and so academic interchange was a natural part of their life. In fact, "university" is usually taken to derive from its 'universal' nature, not limited by national boundaries.

In the Australian universities, since the first of them were founded in the middle of the nineteenth century, sabbatical leave has been a time-honoured privilege of an academic appointment. It was introduced here (and in the United States) to enable staff to travel to Europe to compensate for the relative isolation of our universities and the slowness of communications. Nowadays it is reduced in length and goes by names like study leave, professional experience program or outside studies program. And it is no longer necessarily international, because it is often sensible to undertake a refresher program or pursue a special interest in Australia. Nevertheless, the modern versions of sabbatical leave all trace to the universality of knowledge and still provide opportunities of international experience. Shorter opportunities to "mix it" with the world community of scholars come in the form of international conferences, participation in which this University encourages by means of travel grants.

Since the previous issue of *The Chronicle*, I have been twice overseas, for purposes which were palpable reminders of the inherently international nature of all universities. The first was to participate in the 18th General Assembly of the International Federation of Catholic Universities, which has more than 170 member institutions. The Assembly was held at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana. The Assembly provided a wonderful expression of the breadth, strength, quality and vitality of Catholic universities of all continents and was a most stimulating experience. As well as the plenary addresses and workshops, the Assembly featured splendid and inspirational liturgies on every day — the solemn Opening Mass will live forever in the memories of all who were present. Contacts made at the Assembly, and on subsequent visits to several institutions, promise well for lasting connections between Australian Catholic University and our sister institutions abroad.

More recently, I visited Indonesia as a member of the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee delegation to that country. The mission was to reciprocate the visit to Australia in 1993 of university leaders from Indonesia. The two missions have raised the understanding in each country of the other's higher education system and revealed that there is growing interest in schemes of bilateral co-operation such as joint research, staff and student exchanges, and information network connections. These and other forms of co-operation incur some costs and raise operational problems, to be sure; but there remains a real willingness to seek mutual benefits through university to university arrangements. AV-CC missions to other countries, and the scheme for University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific (UMAP), reveal



Prof. Peter Drake

the same desires. Our University should and will consider suitable opportunities as they are perceived, to add to the activities we presently pursue in Hong Kong and New Zealand.

In these and other overseas activities we are moving in step with trends in higher education, which are accelerating as a result of the proliferation and cheapening of international telecommunications and transport connections. No Australian university can afford to be backward in internationalisation, and any which did attempt to live solely within its own boundaries would soon find itself left well behind in research and scholarship, and ultimately in teaching. Therefore, we should encourage staff to be involved in the "international college" of their subjects, overseas development assistance projects, and consultancies; we should encourage Australian students to undertake study abroad as part of their course programs; and we should develop links with our alumni who are overseas.

We should also continue to seek and give the many benefits that flow from the introduction of overseas students into undergraduate and postgraduate courses on all our campuses. Australian students may draw academic stimulus, cultural exchange and international friendships from our overseas students; they, in turn, not only gain personal educational and social benefits but also contribute to the cultural and economic expansion of Australia, especially as non-government revenue for universities needs to increase as government money becomes tighter.

All these things will enhance the international reputation of Australian Catholic University and allow it to play a worthwhile part in international co-operation and understanding.

Whilst I shall be taking a close, and at times active, interest in all facets of the internationalisation of our University, Mr Tony McKittrick, as Director of International Education, will have overall responsibility for the generation and conduct of all the institution's overseas activities (other than the personal areas of international conference travel and overseas outside study programs). Mr McKittrick has endeavoured to meet staff on all campuses and has solicited their interest in international activity by means of a census. I hope that there will be wide and enthusiastic response to his efforts so that we may all increase the world-wide contribution and reputation of Australian Catholic University.

MULTI-USE BUILDING FOR McAULEY

An \$800,000 new building at McAuley Campus is due for completion in December.

The building will provide an 80-seat lecture theatre, three 20-seat tutorial rooms, a meeting office and first-aid facilities.

The Chancellor, Cardinal Edward Clancy, turned the first sod to begin work on the building in July.

The ceremony was attended by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Drake, and Associate Professor Peter Meere (Director, Queensland Division), and members of the University Senate.

The two-storey building is funded by the Federal Government, and is the third new construction on the campus since 1992.

It will house the School of Religion and Philosophy, as well as McAuley's Research Office. This relocation will enable expansion of existing library facilities.

Increasing demand for places at Australian Catholic University since its inauguration in 1991 has prompted the need for additional infrastructure.

Enrolment of nearly 9,000 is expected at the University's eight campuses in 1995.

WYNDHAM AWARD

The late Sir Harold Wyndham, a former Director-General of Education in New South Wales and the architect of the Wyndham Scheme (a major revision of secondary education in the state) has been honoured by the NSW Chapter of the Australian College of Education, which has instituted a Medal bearing his name.

The inaugural Sir Harold Wyndham medal 'recognising an outstanding contribution to the education of young people in the state' has been awarded to Brother Kelvin Canavan FMS, executive director of schools for the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Brother Canavan is a member of the NSW Chapter.

New Science Degree will meet job requirements

The University's new Bachelor degree specialising in Environmental Science was developed after study of employment opportunities and an analysis of job advertisements.

It was found that employers in environmental science require people with a good grounding in the basic sciences, field data collections, computerised data analysis, and water and land management.

The course includes all those components as well as training in the skills of speaking and writing about the environment, and producing environmental reports. These skills also are sought by employers.

The course examines current environmental legislation.

Environmental values and ethics are important components, as well as discussion of the attitudes of indigenous peoples to the environment, and the views of a wide range of writers and thinkers inside and outside the conservation movement.

The location of Castle Hill campus, near the Hawkesbury-Nepean catchment, will enable students to put theory into practice in examining the serious environmental problems of the area, as well as giving them a basis for examining environments in other parts of New South Wales.

Aquinas Campus was chosen for the second location because of its rural setting, and because of the University's commitment to providing courses aimed at meeting the needs of country students.

Aquinas is in the fortunate position of already having well qualified staff, with broad-based experience and capabilities in the area of environmental studies.

Most graduates of the new course will pursue careers in environment monitoring, auditing, and assessment.

Graduates who also complete a Graduate Diploma in Education would be eligible for employment as secondary school teachers of Chemistry or Biology, or in the field of Environmental Education.

Environmental scientists are employed by private consultancies and companies, and local and state government agencies, including the National Parks and Wildlife Services, the Department of Conservation and Land Management, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Water Board.

Associate Professor John Murray, Head of the Arts and Science School, told Sydney's Telegraph Mirror that more than 100 environmental science jobs advertised in the first three months of 1994 were analysed.

"We hope to have a science degree which gives people the opportunity to find employment readily, and one which would fit in with the mission of the University, that is, taking account of the ethical base of the course," he said.

MA PROGRAMS IN APPLIED ETHICS AND RELIGION

The two Master of Arts programs being offered in Sydney in 1995 are built around core units, with electives and the opportunities for individual research.

The Applied Ethics program is designed to allow health care professionals to examine how the various religious and other ethical traditions inform decision-making in a secular and pluralist society, with a particular emphasis on the Catholic contribution.

The course provides a framework to ethical decision-making and the opportunity to explore specific issues in depth.

Students will have access to the research and resources of The John Plunkett Centre for Ethics in Health Care, which was jointly established by the University and St Vincent's Hospital, where it is based.

The Religion Studies program allows for further study in the areas of theology, scripture and religion studies.

It emphasises Catholic theology in an ecumenical perspective, as well as including units relating to other aspects of religion studies.

It aims to give students a well-developed understanding of some of the principal subject areas and key debates in contemporary Catholic theology in the context of ecumenical and inter-faith dialogue.

The course provides a theoretical foundation and also allows for the exploration of specific areas through two core units, five electives, and an integrative project.

DEPARTMENT HEAD HAS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE

The Head of the new Department of Social Work at Signadou Campus, Ms Margarita Frederico has an extensive background in social work in practice and as a university teacher.

Ms Frederico will take up her appointment with the rank of Associate Professor at Signadou Campus on January 1, 1995.

Ms Frederico comes to the University from La Trobe University, where she has been Senior Lecturer and Director of the Human Resources Centre in the Graduate School of Social Work.

From 1989 to 1992 she was Chairperson of the School of Social Work.

Ms Frederico undertook her basic studies at the University of Melbourne and did postgraduate work at Smith College, USA.

Ms Frederico has held positions in community work, health services, and child and family welfare. At La Trobe, she was involved in teaching and research in Family and Child Welfare and in human services organisations.

Commenting on the new course she said there would be particular emphasis on addressing the issues of poverty and its causes and consequences in society, and the role of the family in society.

"A course in social work must teach students to focus upon all the aspects of the individual, the environment and the interaction between them, within a social work values framework of respect for the individual and the right to self determination.

"The new Department is committed to work with the professional social work community in Canberra to develop a program to address continuing education needs," she said.

Expressive arts

Music, dance, drama and visual arts were recently brought together in a special presentation by students of 'Integrated Expressive Arts' at Castle Hill Campus.

Highlighting the issue of social intolerance the presentation involved groups representing local government, community residents, the media, the workforce and the unemployed.

FOUNDATION MEMBER OF THE SENATE DIES

Laurie Daniels CB OBE, died of cancer on Friday, September 16, aged 78.

All members of the University who knew him were saddened by the news.

He was a Foundation member of the Senate, and as chairman of the Council of Signadou College of Education was closely involved in the amalgamation discussions.

Professor Drake paid tribute to "his genuine warmth and consideration for each person with whom he had contact during his involvement with Australian Catholic University".

"His wise and considered contributions to the deliberations of the Senate were greatly appreciated."

"His good humour and ready smile will be greatly missed," Professor Drake said.

Laurie Daniels was born in Adelaide in 1916. He left school at 17 and moved to Sydney where he won, by exam, one of about 50 public service vacancies available that year.

He joined the Taxation Department, studying accountancy, and later a degree course in economics, at night.

In 1946, with his wife Joyce, he moved to Canberra, leaving the Taxation Department after 19 years of service.

He joined the Health Department, where he spent another 19 years of a public service career that spanned 47 years.

His speciality was health insurance, and he rose to become a first assistant director-general.

He was closely involved in the development of Medibank and the expansion, in the 1970s, of the social security system.

Daniels was first and foremost an administrator rather than a policy man.

He had a special capacity to get along with ministers, to simplify issues and put a grass roots perspective on them.

A general reshuffle of permanent heads in 1977 saw him shifted to head Capital Territory, where he was at the centre of much of the early lead-up to self-government of the Australian Capital Territory, including the referendum at which the idea was rejected.

Daniels retired in 1981, at age 65, but



Laurie Daniels CB OBE.
(photo from *The Canberra Times*)

remained closely involved with Canberra community organisations, particularly Marymead, sporting groups, the Manuka football team, the Catholic Church and Signadou.

The high regard in which he was held in Canberra was shown by his receiving the award of Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE), and the rare honour of Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath (CB).

The Canberra Times published a long

tribute to Laurie Daniels, written by Jack Waterford, and some of that material has been included here, with permission.

Laurie Daniels was buried on Tuesday, September 20, following a funeral attended by about 400 family, friends, former colleagues and several of his former ministers, including the Governor-General.

He is survived by his wife Joyce, eight daughters, two sons and 11 grandchildren.

VALE

David de Cavalho and Joe Byrne

David Anthony de Cavalho AM, who was involved with the University because of his position as a partner in the legal firm Carroll and O'Dea, died on September 20, aged 63.

He also was involved in the establishment of the University Foundation.

An obituary will appear in the next issue of *The Chronicle*.

Mr Joe Byrne, a good friend and benefactor of the University died in August.

An obituary will appear in the next issue of *The Chronicle*.

Religion, Literature and Arts Conference in January 1995

The second International/Australian Conference on Religion, Literature and the Arts will be held at MacKillop Campus, North Sydney from January 5 to 8, 1995.

Dr Michael Griffith of the organising committee says: "We are excited that we have been able to bring together such a rich and diverse range of creative practitioners and academics in one short conference."

"In the world of learning and in the creative arts, here in Australia and internationally, there is clear evidence of an upsurge of interest in the sacred.

"And this interest is far from being merely theoretical: academics, artists, people from all walks of life, from all religious traditions, are searching for a deeper understanding of their experience and of the nature and purposes of creativity in that search. Our Conference will provide a vital forum for exploring these issues," says Dr Griffith.

The Conference will feature a panel of leading international and Australian commentators. These include Professor Mark Taylor from Chicago, who has written a number of influential books on religion and culture in the context of Post-modernism, as well as Professor Stephen Prickett of Glasgow University,

a leading scholar concerned with the relationship between Religion and Literature.

Australian speakers include Dr Veronica Brady, former Associate Professor, University of Western Australia and author of *Caught in the Draught: on contemporary Australian Culture and Society*; John Carroll, La Trobe University, author of *Humanism: the Wreck of Culture*; Rachel Kohn, religious affairs commentator with the ABC; and Rev Professor Francis Moloney, recently appointed Professor of Theology at Australian Catholic University.

Papers for the conference are invited in

the following areas: Language and Silence; Religion and the Fantastic; Body and Knowledge; Re/Constructing Australia; Creativity and Self Knowledge; Period Studies in Religion, Literature and the Arts.

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

Contact Dr Michael Griffith, Australian Catholic University on Phone (02) 739 2192, fax (02) 739 2105 for further details and a conference brochure.

Excellence in Teaching Awards

Three staff members have received Awards for Excellence in Teaching for 1994.

They are:

* Mr Robert Finlay, Department of Educational Foundations, Castle Hill Campus.

* Ms Toni Noble, Department of Educational Foundations, Mount Saint Mary Campus.

* Miss Diane Walsh, Department of Humanities Education, Christ Campus.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Drake, announced the awards following the recommendation of the Teaching Awards Committee.

A formal presentation of each award will be made at an appropriate graduation ceremony next year.

Articles about the recipients will appear in The Chronicle in 1995.

Report examines special needs of students



Australian Catholic University's Bruce McCallum was present at a function in Brisbane in July to launch a special report examining the needs of tertiary students with disabilities.

The report, *Gaining Access to Tertiary Education: perceptions of students with disabilities and tertiary education disability advisers*, was researched by Dr Barrie O'Connor of the Queensland University of Technology for the Tertiary Entrance Procedures Authority (TEPA).

Australian Catholic University's Bruce McCallum (left) receives a copy of the research report from TEPA Director, Dr Barry Cameron.

The research project, involving 780 tertiary students with disabilities, highlighted the need for better communication about available assistance and greater support and encouragement for disabled people aspiring to tertiary study.

New course for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders



McAuley Campus has introduced an Associate Diploma course in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education allowing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to be educated as community workers and teachers aides.

The Associate Diploma has been adapted from one piloted by the University in northern and western regions of New South Wales.

Students enrolled in the course do their study at home in their communities and meet with other students during two weekend workshops and at a 10-day residential each semester. The course is taken over three years by part-time study.

A full-time course also is offered on McAuley Campus. Students are enrolled in the Nursing, Arts, Education, and Business courses, ranging from three to four years of full-time study.

External and internal students are supported by staff in Weemala, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Higher Education Unit on Campus. Staff maintain close contact with external students by telephone and regular newsletters, while the internal students receive support in their areas of study on a personal basis and by attendance at regular student/staff meetings.

Since 1989 eight Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders have graduated from McAuley Campus: three from the Bachelor of Teaching course, one from the Bachelor of Nursing (Pre-registration) course, two from the Bachelor of Nursing (Post-registration) course, and one from the Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary) course.

All graduates are currently working in

Students meet to discuss study during two weekend workshops and a residential each semester.

the areas in which they have been trained.

These numbers, though small, reflect the strong commitment of staff at the Aboriginal Education Unit in helping students obtain degrees and find work in their chosen fields.

University at Language Expo



The University's stand at the Expo attracted many enquiries.

Australian Catholic University was represented at the 1994 Language Expo held at Darling Harbour from July 21 to 23.

Members of the Italian and Japanese language staff attended the booth which was shared with Co.As.It and the Italian Institute of Culture.

The Expo is organised by the National Institute of Languages and provides an opportunity for universities and other organisations to publicise their work in promoting languages other than English.

The four-day event provided an excellent opportunity to publicise the University and its language courses.

POETIC SUCCESS

The subject *Images in Nursing* offered by the Faculty of Health Sciences at Mercy Campus has led students John Von Ahlen and Mitchell Wilson to be creative in a way they never imagined was possible when first enrolling in the course.

Encouraged by Lecturer Jan Bokor, John and Mitchell entered the North American Open Poetry Contest conducted by The National Library of Poetry Maryland USA, and had their work published.

"The students' success illustrates the value of a humanities subject being linked with a science-based course like nursing. *Images in Nursing* allows students to explore their latent talents and adds another perspective to their personal development," Jan Bokor said.

John and Mitchell had written poetry during the semester as part of the requirement for the second year Bachelor of Nursing elective *Images in Nursing*.



Mitchell Wilson and John Von Ahlen.

The unit uses art, poetry, and prose to explore human conditions such as pain, suffering, caring, nurturing and healing. Students make drawings and analyse works of art and visit the Victorian Art Gallery to gain a great understanding of Australian masters who had depicted suffering and healing in their works.

Students also learn to appreciate and write poetry and prose as it relates to their experience in clinical practice.

John's poem, *A Little Girl*, helped him come to terms with the loss of his best friend and to "appreciate more of what he had right here, right now", John said.

The comment from North American Poet's Association in regard to Mitchell's entry to that competition, titled *Autumn Leaves*, was that 'this charming little poem really captured the essence of the season as it fairly danced off the tongue!'

Mount Saint Mary Library Extensions Blessed



Photographed at the Blessing and Opening of the Brother DM Stewart Library Extensions at the Mount Saint Mary Campus on Friday September 23. Professor Muredach Dynan (Principal), His Eminence Cardinal Edward Clancy AC (Chancellor), Professor Peter Drake (Vice-Chancellor), Professor DM Stewart CFC, Mr Craig Grimison (Division Librarian).

Third place for Japanese language student



Mr Shigenobu Kato, Deputy Consul-General of Japan congratulates Miss Sally Cooper and Ms Pamela Carpenter, Chief Judge.

Mount Saint Mary campus student Sally Cooper has won a place in the New South Wales division of the annual Japanese Speech Contest.

Sponsored by the Consulate-General of Japan the contest was held at the Japan Foundation in North Sydney on August 7.

Sally, a second year student of Japanese, took third place in the Open Division, against eight other candidates.

Sally's fluency, confidence, charm, and especially her wit, had the Japanese judges smiling, according to her Lecturer, Haruko Tazawa.

"Perhaps I'm biased, but I really think she was superior to other competitors," says Ms Tazawa. "That she didn't win outright I can only attribute to the regional intonation Sally picked up while living in Nagoya last year. I suppose it's a bit like the Welsh lilt, which though possessing in a charm of its own might be frowned upon by the purists."

In 1993 the University entered its first candidate, Hey-Young Lee, who also won third place.

ITALIAN FICTION ADDRESSED AT CONFERENCE

Professor Anna Chiarloni of the University of Turin addressed an audience of academics and visitors interested in Italian literature at a conference organised by Australian Catholic University in collaboration with the Italian Institute of Culture at MacKillop Campus on July 19.

The Consul-General of Italy, Dr Fabio de Nardis, and the Director of the Italian Institute of Culture, Dr Gerlando Butti, were among the participants who gathered after the lecture and question time for supper and further discussion.

Well-known for her articles in such journals as *Indice* and *Linea d'ombra*, Professor Chiarloni is also on the jury of the annual Premio Calvino award for outstanding new writers in Italian. She taught at the universities of Cagliari, Philadelphia, Essen, Frankfurt, and Potsdam before taking up her present position lecturing in German and Comparative Literature at the University of Turin.

Her address dealt with writers well-known in Australia through translation, such as Umberto Eco, and with new writers who are less well known, such as Tabucchi and Ortese.

Professor Chiarloni explained that the political engagement of earlier authors such as Moravia and Manganelli has given way during the 1980s to literature that explores subjective, private experience in forms that are innovative and complex, and draw upon dream and fantasy.

Professor Chiarloni later discussed the work of an author interested in ultimate questions of meaning, Francesco Biamonti, the majority of whose novels are set in Liguria, and of two women novelists, Clara Sereni and Anna Ortese.

During her address Professor Chiarloni provided a broad survey of recent developments in Italian prose fiction for students, academics, and general readers, and judging from the animated discussion that followed her address she also provided the stimulus for further reading and research in the field.

EUROPE AND U.S.A. VISITS

In a whirlwind tour, the Foundation Professor of Theology, Professor Francis Moloney, who was appointed in May, delivered two invited papers at, important scholarly meetings in Europe and in the United States.

Professor Moloney attended the annual meeting of the Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas, held this year at the University of Edinburgh on August 1-5.

This is the most significant international society of New Testament scholars in the world.

Professor Moloney had been asked to contribute a paper to a continuing discussion on sources, history and theology of the Johannine Passion Narrative (John 18:1-19:42).

In a two-hour session, Professor Moloney argued that the Johannine version of the passion narrative was more interested in what the death of Jesus did for the establishment of a Christian community than in what happened to Jesus.

Some of the world's most significant Johannine scholars, including Professors R.L. Brown, U. Schnelle, J. Painter, J. Beutler, E. Freed, U. von Wahlde, and J. Zumstein, participated in a wideranging discussion.

Professor Moloney's paper has been accepted for early publication.

In the United States, Professor Moloney attended the annual meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America at the University of San Diego, California, on August 13-17.

Professor Moloney delivered an invited paper entitled "The Question of the Messiah in John 7:1-10:21", and it also was well received.

The paper, which is due for early publication, discussed the historical, literary and theological issues behind the Johannine account of the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles.

At both meetings, Professor Moloney was asked about Australian Catholic University, and a great deal of interest was shown in its structure and goals.

Biblical scholars and theologians from the United States were particularly impressed with the possibility of Theology Studies in a University which was a member of a Unified National System, and many wished us well in our burgeoning efforts.

Liaison officer for disabled

Susan Baird has been appointed disability liaison officer in the MacKillop Campus Library at North Sydney, with funding from the University's Access and Equity scheme.

Ms Baird will provide general library assistance to all students, but particularly to those with special needs.

Her tasks will include assistance in finding books, journals, and articles, accessing computers and other equipment, assisting with photocopying and providing reading assistance.

Susan is in her final year of the Associate Diploma in Habilitation course at the Campus, and is well qualified to work with students who have special needs.

Susan said: "By employing me, the University is demonstrating that it is meeting the very real and often specific needs of students with disabilities; and students feel they are supported by the University to meet the challenges of University life."

Music Open Day



Tim Smith, Visual and Performing Arts Department, Castle Hill Campus, was invited to give a guest lecture and workshop on the value of music and movement at the 'Australian International Conservatorium of Music', based at Enfield in Sydney, to celebrate its Open Day in May. Pictured with Tim is well-known Australian composer Dr Miriam Hyde who was also a speaker at the function.

GLOBAL CLASSROOM CONFERENCE

A Castle Hill Campus lecturer in the Department of Professional Development delivered a paper to a Global Classroom Conference in Montreal in August.

She is Grethe Knudsen and her paper was entitled, "Preconceptions, Perceptions and Reflections of a Group of Australian Tourists aged 55 and Over in Turkey in the 1900s".

Campus Review published a lengthy article about her paper in the August 25-31 issue. The following is an extract:

The older we come, the more of life's experiences we have savoured, and the more we are able to identify with "peak experiences" we may encounter, through travel.

This linkage creates not only a heightened awareness of consciousness, but also a host of associations may accompany the new experience.

For the group of Australians who have made Turkey their classroom, images of those experiences will remain with them for many years.

Turkey, perhaps more than any country, has all kinds of historical and legendary associations for the western mind.

These associations are mostly negative and range from stories of atrocities committed against the citizens of the Balkan states, to "imaginary happenings" in the harem of the sultan.

In our recollection of facts about Turkey's historical past, we usually forget that this is the land of Abraham's birth, that classical sculpture was perfected here, that it was the home of Aesop, that Aristotle had his first academy here, that this is where Saint Nicholas began the tradition of Santa Claus, and that the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers begin here.

As a tour leader, who is an academic as well as a seasoned world traveller, with fellow travellers predominantly in the over-55 age group, it is my responsibility to allay their concerns as well as to design and co-ordinate the tour.

In retrospect, the most lasting impression made on the group was our visit to Anzac Beach.

This was no brief response but a deep and lasting feeling of recognition for a little part of Turkey which has become a part of Australia.

JUBILEE

In an atmosphere rich with music, history and tradition, people gathered in August for the silver jubilee Mass marking 25 years since the hexagonal Good Shepherd Chapel was opened at McAuley Campus.

Fr Frank Lourigan, Rector of Banyo Seminary, was Principal celebrant. Co-celebrant was Fr Paul Tablar MSC. who returns to his home diocese of Rabaul upon completion of his Diploma of Education course at Australian Catholic University.

The Mass reflected the chapel's history as a spiritual centre, firstly for the Good Shepherd Home, then McAuley Teachers' College, and now, Australian Catholic University.

Guests included members of the Good Shepherd communities in Brisbane, Mercy Sisters, and former students of McAuley College.

Chapel jubilee celebrations will continue into 1995, with plans under way for an ecumenical service and a series of exhibitions and performances.

Student art work

An outstanding exhibition of student art work featured prominently in this year's Open Day at McAuley Campus.

The works were in a range of media, including printmaking, painting, sculpture and photography.

Students from four courses contributed to the exhibition.

The venue of the Good Shepherd Chapel provided a focus on the interrelationship between the visual arts and the sacred.

Australian Catholic University is an exciting place to explore a wide range of human experience, in all its manifestations, particularly the Visual Arts.

The University aims to enrich Australian culture and service the community through these exhibitions. It recently developed an Art Exhibition Collection Policy that encourages regular exhibitions and exchanges of Australian and overseas artists.

Lindsay Farrell, Lecturer in Visual Art and Curator of the exhibition, said, "The future of Visual Arts is exciting because of the University's commitment to development of the Creative Arts."

Trio of lectures by American professor



In August Australian Catholic University was host to Professor Carolyn Osiek, President of the Catholic Biblical Association of America.

Professor Osiek's visit was sponsored by the School of Religion and Philosophy in Victoria.

Author of numerous books and articles on New Testament and Early Christian origins, Professor Osiek is from the Chicago Theological Union.

During her visit Professor Osiek gave three public lectures and was involved in a number of speaking engagements with other professional and religious groups.

At Aquinas Campus, Ballarat, Professor Osiek conducted a seminar titled *The Social Context of the Ministry of Jesus*.

The seminar was well supported by Aquinas staff, more than 100 Aquinas students, staff of the Diocesan Religious Education centre, and sixty people from the wider community.

Professor Osiek's seminar provided insights into the world of Jesus from historical and sociological perspectives.

Professor Osiek delivered a public lecture on John's Gospel at Christ Campus, which was chaired by Professor Frank Moloney.

During this lecture Professor Osiek developed five issues she considers central to our time: the hunger for a spirituality that nourishes, particularly when traditional institutions are breaking down; the desire for community; the need for the full participation of women in society and church; the need for a true understanding of love; and in our world of so much change the need for the security of truth. Each of these themes was reflected on in the light of John's Gospel and the Johannine presentation of Jesus.

Professor Carolyn Osiek with Father Terry Curtin, Head of School of Religion and Philosophy and Professor Frank Moloney (right) Professor of Theology, during her visit to Christ Campus.

At the talk it seemed most of the audience had a theological background, and there were many graduates and undergraduates from the Melbourne College of Divinity and Australian Catholic University.

Her final lecture on women in the early church was titled *Silent Voices: Sacred Lives* and in this talk Professor Osiek displayed her scholarship on the social background of the New Testament.

Professor Osiek presented an understanding of the role of women in the philosophy and culture of that time and the way an androcentric model of what it means to be human is transmitted in the Jewish and Christian traditions.

In contrast to the defining limitations of culture Professor Osiek presented Jesus as one who offers discipleship and apostleship to men and women equally.

The radical freeing of women within that first community of disciples then struggled to be maintained as the early communities moved into the Greco-Roman structures of society.

Finally Professor Osiek spoke of the important task of imaging God in language that is true to the Genesis presentation of humanity: male and female both in the image of God.

This final lecture was co-sponsored with Woman and the Australian Church (WATAC) and attracted an audience of more than 200.

SUCCESS FOR RURAL NURSES



Eleven Registered Nurses from rural south west New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory regions completed Post Graduate Diplomas in Gerontology and Palliative Care Nursing in February.

Mary Sawyer, Australian Catholic University, Margaret Constance, Jacqueline Hutton, Ann Lane, Gloria Scarborough, Christine Burt, Sue-Ann Redmond, Jennifer Winbank, Suzanne Gibson, Professor Pam Joyce, Australian Catholic University, Margaret Coates, Lesley-Anne Schalk, and Beverley Pellow.

Australian Catholic University, in collaboration with Mercy Care Centre at Young, has conducted these courses in Young for the past three years.

Lecturers from the School of Nursing and Human Movement (MacKillop Campus) visited Young on weekends to teach the units to the rural students. Travelling long distances, the students' enthusiasm remained constant throughout the courses.

Japan study tour

Seven students of Japanese from Mount Saint Mary Campus recently returned from four weeks of study in Japan.

Studying under the Community Based Education Experience program, the students audited courses at the University of the Sacred Heart, Tokyo (the alma mater of their Lecturer, Haruko Tazawa) during June and July.

The students are: Katerina Augustis (second year), Yuk Ying Ho (third year), Laura Hollings (third year), Hey-Young Lee (third year), Mary McSpadden (second year), Siriporn Nicrotha (second year), and Julie Tju (second year), all Arts students.

Each student lived with a Japanese family, alumna of the University of the Sacred Heart, and participated in their daily activities, as well as attending courses at University.

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WEIGHTY TOME



Associate Professor Pauline Allen (photo from The Catholic Leader)

"Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta: Monophysite Texts of the Sixth Century," is the title of a weighty tome launched at the University in July.

The work highlights the need for "theological flexibility" and will be of special interest to theologians and Church historians.

It is co-authored by Associate Professor Pauline Allen of McAuley Campus, and Emeritus Professor Albert Van Roey, of the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium.

The work will allow closer analysis and scientific debate of theological issues in the early Church. The original texts (written in the sixth century) remain relevant today.

EDU-CATE IMPROVES SKILLS

In just six months, several EDU-CATE students being tutored for low literacy skills have progressed to an extent that normally would have taken three years.

EDU-CATE is an activity of The Smith Family which helps disadvantaged children to stay on at school to finish their education. About 3000 students are in the scheme.

Fifteen children of high school age participating in the Voluntary Remedial Tutoring Scheme, being run by the Smith Family in conjunction with Australian Catholic University, have been tested to determine the results of the pilot program.

Under the scheme, children were matched with a trained tutor for a weekly lesson to strengthen their reading and writing skills.

"Every child had improved considerably," said tutor/trainer Valerie Hoogstad, senior lecturer in English at the University, and Director of the Centre for Communication Studies.

"Some showed improvement in their reading skills equivalent to three years, others, a year and a half," she said.

"Their writing skills also were markedly boosted.

It is planned to extend EDU-CATE to more students who need literacy help, and additional voluntary tutors are being recruited to undergo training.

'Networking' to attract students from Asia

The new Director of International Education, Tony McKittrick, believes that working through networks will prove to be the most effective way to attract students from Asia to Australian Catholic University.

He said this was the reason he had conducted an international connections audit with all staff. He was pleased with the response, with many staff sharing their overseas contacts with him.

These would form the basis of networks in various countries which would be used to facilitate contact with potential students and their parents and advisers.

The Catholic Church in Asian countries would also prove to be of great assistance in furthering these contacts.

In September, Mr McKittrick travelled to Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore to recruit students as part of a marketing mission by CANDIP (Consortium of ACT and NSW Directors of International Programs).

In Hong Kong, he talked with senior CARITAS people, and recruitment agents, and participated in a seminar at the Australian Education Centre. Similar programs were followed in Kuala Lumpur and Singapore.

In each city, the University distributed

Music Post-graduate in Poland

Slavomir Zumis of Mercy Campus in Melbourne recently completed the requirements for the degree of Master of Music. These included a public piano recital examination and the thesis *Programmatic associations of the religious piano music of Franz Liszt* supervised by Dr Dianne Gome.

Born in Melbourne in 1970 of Polish parents who arrived in Australia in 1969, Slavomir was educated at Christian Brothers College, East St Kilda and entered the Bachelor of Music course at Mercy Campus in 1989.

Slavomir left for Poland on September 13 where he has been accepted as a post-graduate student at the Frederic Chopin Music Academy in Warsaw.

Slavomir has been awarded a Scholarship by the Polish Ministry of Cultural Arts. He hopes to return to Australia in two years time to follow a career in piano performance and teaching.



Tony McKittrick

material from its display stand in the CANDIP marketing exhibitions, held over two days.

In November, Mr McKittrick and the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Professor Peter Carpenter, will be visiting Indonesia on an international recruitment program.

The mission will be targeted at school principals with seminars for priests and prospective students, and a briefing for the Australian Education Centre in Jakarta. They will be making extensive use of contracts supplied by Australian and local Church authorities.

Mr McKittrick said the November mission was a model for future programs. He wants to develop a partnership with senior academic staff in working through contacts in Asia.

He sees scope for the opportunities through:

- * Offering specialist professional short courses.

- * Working with aid organisations, such as AIDAB and World Vision, which are looking to direct health care aid at grass roots level in developing countries.

This was particularly relevant to our Faculty of Health Sciences activities, which emphasise the practical.

Rockefeller Scholarship to Yale

A MacKillop Campus part-time teacher in the School of Business recently won a prestigious John D. Rockefeller III Summer School Scholarship to Yale University.

She is Maureen Cleary, who currently is a doctoral student at the University of Technology, Sydney.

The scholarship enabled Maureen to attend three months of study at the Program on Nonprofit Organisations (PONPO) at Yale, the first, and leading,

Teaching will gain from IMM

Peter Sullivan from Christ Campus, and Judy Mousley from Deakin University, have been collaborating on a project to investigate how interactive multimedia (IMM) resource, containing videotaped examples of quality teaching, can assist teacher education students to learn about teaching.

The system is based on the belief that students can learn the techniques of professions, such as teaching, by studying videotaped examples of expert practitioners.

Interactive multimedia provides flexibility and speed.

Judy and Peter have developed the IMM resource over the past two years.

The system requires only basic computer literacy. It includes videos of full lessons, pre-and post-lesson interviews with teachers, readings associated with the lessons, and graphic representations of data.

Indexing and the interactive nature of the program allow any aspect of the lesson to be viewed and linked to other information at the press of a key.

During 1994, the IBM environment is being field tested with academics from a wide range of backgrounds.

The use of IMM technology has considerable potential for adaptation to other fields of professional training where observation of practice is an important element. These fields include community medicine, counselling, psychology, law, and many industrial training situations as well as semi-professional service employment fields.

centre in the United States for the study of non-profit organisations.

Eight scholarships are awarded each year to enable students in the last stages of their doctoral study to attend PONPO.

Maureen received one of the first doctoral scholarships awarded by the Faculty of Business at University of Technology, Sydney.

For her thesis, Maureen is researching the management dilemma of Australia's Catholic human service organisations.

NEW \$20,000 SCHOLARSHIPS

Current Australian Catholic University Bachelor of Education students majoring in Religious Education are eligible to apply for a new program of scholarships.

Recipients will be required to teach in Catholic schools in the Parramatta Diocese for at least three years, after completion of the B Ed course.

Beginning in 1995, four scholarships will be awarded annually by the Parramatta Diocesan Schools Board.

The scholarships will be tenable at Australian Catholic University for study towards the Bachelor of Education (Secondary) degree with a Religious Education major.

Total value of each scholarship is \$20,000, with each holder receiving a \$5,000 grant for each year of the course.

Applications for scholarships are invited from:

- * Current HSC students from all schools systems.

- * Current Australian Catholic University Bachelor of Education students with an RE major.

- * Mature age students with a potential to excel as teachers of Religious Education.

Scholarship recipients will be committed Catholics. A Tertiary Entrance Rank of at least 80 in the NSW Higher School Certificate Examination is required.

Selection of mature age students will be based on a demonstrated capacity to excel as teachers of Religious Education.

The new program was launched at a function at the Catholic Education Office at Parramatta in September, where the theme of speeches was "Wonderful Initiative."

The Executive Director of Catholic Schools in the Parramatta Diocese, Miss Ann D. Clark, said the scholarships reflected the conviction of the Parramatta Diocesan Schools Board that the quality of Religious Education teachers was



essential to the success of Catholic Schools.

It was imperative that students of the highest calibre were encouraged to teach Religious Education in Catholic schools.

Bishop Bede Heather paid tribute to the quality of the Religious Studies courses at Australian Catholic University and also congratulated the University on appointing its first Professor of Theology.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Drake, said that Australian Catholic University was honoured to be selected for the scholarships.

He said the choice reflected the high regard in Parramatta for the work of the University and was another example of the exceptional generosity of the Parramatta Diocese to Australian Catholic University.

The scholarships program was officially launched by Lesley O'Brien, author of "Mary MacKillop Unveiled", the biography of Mary MacKillop.

She said that the life of Mary MacKillop should be an inspiration for all those in Religious Education.

"Mary was an inspiration as a person and as an educator," she said.

The Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Drake, Miss Ann Clark, and Bishop Bede Heather are pictured at the scholarships announcement with three student representatives.

NORTH AMERICA

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Drake, has been elected as a member of the board of Australian Education Office, North America, for two years from November 1, 1994.

NEWS PLEASE!

The Vice-Chancellor has asked a small group to advise him about *The Chronicle*, and in the next few months decisions will be made about its format and frequency.

Whatever decisions are made, there will be a need for the contribution of news, feature material and photographs.

Please supply material for consideration typed with double spacing on one side only of each page.

Articles usually should not exceed 400 words.

As suggested by the title, *The Chronicle* records events and people involved in all levels of the development and operation of the University.

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