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ACU to Flourish – V-C's Farewell Message

The future eminence of Australian Catholic University would be assured if it could continue to identify and focus its strengths within the wider context of international scholarship and standards, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Drake, states in his final Column (see Page 2).

"... if we have faith in our beliefs, confidence in our abilities, and are willing to accept the challenge of change, ACU will flourish," he writes.

Professor Drake will step down on 31 January after completing 7 years as the Foundation Vice-Chancellor.

When he took up his post on 1 February 1991 the University existed virtually only in name, having just been formed from the amalgamation of four widely separated Catholic institutions of higher education.

He was then the only member of staff who had not been a member of one of the predecessor institutions.

Initial years

Working in the initial years from makeshift facilities in rented premises in North Sydney he began gradually to form an academic organisation appropriate to a single university.

The basic faculties, schools and departments, together with a research institute and centres, were created and brought together. The infrastructure of management, administration and communication was developed.

Testimony to the Vice-Chancellor's achievements in the University's successful establishment came in early 1996 from La Trobe University which was the Sponsor University under a five-year sponsorship agreement.

In the final report La Trobe University, which had representatives on Senate and Academic Board during the first five years, noted the change that had been effected from a College to a University culture.

"This change was accomplished with careful planning and considerable sensitivity towards the persons involved. The Vice-Chancellor must take full credit for this successful transformation," it stated.

The La Trobe Vice-Chancellor,

Professor Michael Osborne, separately commented that Professor Drake had displayed "signal qualities of leadership in bringing this infant university through its first stage so successfully. The transformation that has been effected is enormous and the achievement is noteworthy".

In his report to the Company in May 1997 the Vice-Chancellor was able to report that enrolment and graduation numbers remained strong in 1996, as did the employment record of graduates.

"In all aspects of University activity, assiduous attention has been given to the further development of the Catholic character of the institution," he said.

A special tribute to him came at the Sydney graduation ceremonies this year from the Governor of New South Wales, His Excellency the Honourable Gordon Samuels, who was Chancellor of the University of New South Wales for 18 years.

"Professor Drake has brought together campuses in three States, and the Capital

Territory, all with their own histories and traditions", he said.

"Those who take a general interest in the Australian universities know what he has achieved in seven years, and I pay tribute to him accordingly as he approaches his retirement".

Professor Drake will be the guest of honour at several farewell functions in his final period as Vice-Chancellor.

Principal among these will be a dinner to be hosted at the Taronga Centre in Mosman by the Chancellor, Cardinal Edward Clancy, on the evening of Tuesday, 27 January 1998.

Guests will include the President of the Company, Archbishop George Pell of Melbourne, members of the Senate, senior staff, other Vice-Chancellors and colleagues.

Professor Peter Sheehan, lately a Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Queensland, will succeed Professor Drake as Vice-Chancellor from 1 February 1998.



The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Drake, unveils the official portrait of the University's Chancellor, His Eminence Cardinal Edward Clancy, at a special ceremony during the meeting of the Senate on 9 October. The painting is by leading Sydney artist, Josonia Palaitis. The University commissioned her to execute official portraits of the Foundation Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor. The portrait of the Vice-Chancellor was unveiled earlier this year. Both portraits are hanging in the Vice-Chancellery at 40 Edward St, North Sydney. In his portrait the Chancellor is presented in his official robes.

Vice-Chancellor's Column



Professor Peter Drake

In this, my final Chronicle column as Vice-Chancellor, I choose to look to the future rather than the past. The great progress of the University in its first seven years is on the record and may speak for itself. We should now all be focussed on the exciting prospects that lie ahead.

These turn on the challenge - not the problem - of change, almost certainly more of it and faster than we have known since 1990. Rapid change is endemic in the world at large and in all aspects of every society. The explosions of knowledge, technology and communications and the growth of world income (irrespective of its distribution) will ensure that societies will not be static; and some may well be unstable. This institution, like all others, is at sea in volatile and uncertain times. But if we have faith in our beliefs, confidence in our abilities, and are willing to accept the challenge of change, ACU will flourish.

Despite all present and future developments in information and communications technology, the essence of teaching and research involves interpersonal dialogue. There will always be a need for organisations and places devoted to this dialogue, as has been the role of universities until now. While it is likely that other organisations and places will rival the traditional universities in conducting teaching and research, I

see no reason to fear the demise of universities. However, it seems certain that there will in the future be much more differentiation among universities; those that best recognize and cultivate their special gifts are more likely than others to survive and prosper.

In Australia (but not yet world-wide) Australian Catholic University has already established a certain distinctiveness: a Catholic and public institution spread over the eastern seaboard; an institution geared to graduate employment in important vocations; a profile and curriculum based largely in the humanities and the social and behavioural sciences, informed by Catholic moral and ethical values; excellent research progress focused on a small range of specialisations; academic communities noted for strong collegiality, co-operation and a high degree of student contact; and practices and observances which reflect our Catholic nature.

The University's Strategic Development Plan built a vision upon these characteristics. That plan is now due for review and perhaps revision, but it is unlikely to depart from these features and should again also emphasise research development and internationalisation which are two of the hallmarks of credible universities. The future eminence of the University will be assured if it can continue to identify and focus its strengths within the wider context of international scholarship and standards.

I take pride in the quality of this institution, responsibility for the management of which will pass soon to Professor Peter Sheehan. I wish him success and satisfaction as Vice-Chancellor.

I thank most warmly all who have co-operated with me in the development of the University over the last seven years. I wish them and generations of our successors achievement and fulfilment in the years ahead. It has been a great honour and a most satisfying experience to serve the University and its many communities as Foundation Vice-Chancellor.

God Bless you All, and may the joys of the Christmas season be yours in abundance.

Professorship of Philosophy

Australian Catholic University will establish a Professorship of Philosophy to be located in Melbourne, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Drake, has announced.

The Professor will play a crucial role in the development of scholarship in Philosophy by providing leadership in teaching and research within the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

The Chair of Philosophy will be supported jointly by the Archdiocese of Melbourne and Catholic Church Insurances Limited.

Professor Drake said that he was delighted that the University was associated with the Archdiocese of Melbourne and Catholic Church Insurances Limited in establishing the Chair of Philosophy which would become a centre of learning of great importance.

The Professor of Philosophy would capitalise on the University's existing strengths in ethics and other branches of philosophy.

The announcement of the successful applicant is expected early in 1998.

International Catholic University Conference

The next Triennial Conference of the International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU) will be held in Australia in August 2000.

The Vice-Chancellors of Australia's two Catholic Universities, Professor Peter Drake of Australian Catholic University and Dr Peter Tannock of the University of Notre Dame Australia, announced this recently.

They expect about 300 delegates to attend the Assembly from almost 200 IFCU member universities, located across all continents.

The decision to grant the Assembly to Australia was taken at the conclusion of the recent 19th Assembly in Santiago, Chile, following representations from the two Australian Vice-Chancellors.

The 20th Assembly will be held at the University of Notre Dame's Fremantle campus where convenient meeting and accommodation facilities are available.

Australian Catholic University will assist with the organisation of the Assembly and will host visits by delegates to its campuses before and after the Fremantle meeting.

Chair in Children's Sport and Exercise Science

The University's first Professor of Children's Sport and Exercise Science, Professor Cameron Blimkie, sees his appointment as an interesting challenge starting at grass roots level in establishing research in the highly specialised area of his appointment.

The new Chair was established by Australian Catholic University in partnership with the New Children's Hospital, at Westmead in Sydney.

Professor Blimkie, who took up his appointment in March, has spent his first months initiating and developing a research centre and applying for research funding grants.

Professor Blimkie, a Canadian expert in Paediatric Exercise Science, is formally based at MacKillop Campus in the Faculty of Health Sciences, but being located mainly at the New Children's Hospital Medical Centre.

"Research is a slow process. It's a problem to get funding to support research projects and there are many areas requiring research," he said.

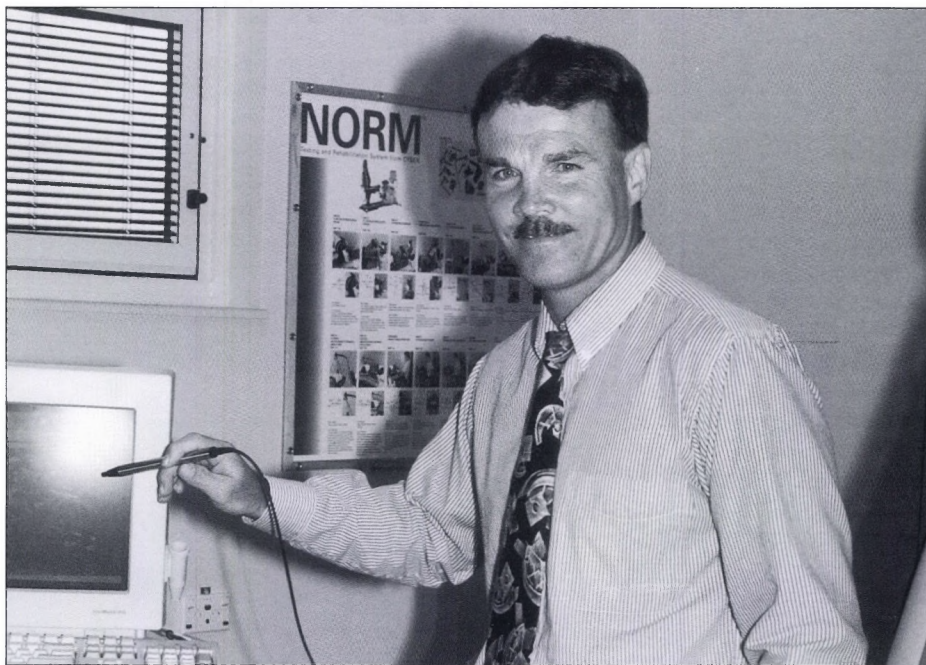
Professor Blimkie is responsible for managing and developing the CHISM (Children's Hospital Institute of Sports Medicine) Research Unit as well as providing leadership in scholarship and research to CHISM and the University. He is developing research projects, including supervision of research students.

"We are currently awaiting funding approval for two research projects in CHISM concerned with muscular and skeletal tissues in normal healthy children, athletes, and children with chronic disabilities," he said.

The first research will examine the effects of different types of physical activity and exercise at different stages in childhood and what effect it has on bone development.

Professor Blimkie believes if bone density and mass can be increased before adulthood it may lessen or delete the possibility of osteoporosis.

A second research project, waiting on funding approval, will look at muscle



Professor Cameron Blimkie, first Professor of Children's Sport and Exercise Science.

development. The project will study the development of strength and power in muscles and how these are influenced by different activities and disease states.

Professor Blimkie also participates in and contributes to teaching and course development at the University. He has already presented lectures to third year undergraduates in Exercise Physiology and Physical Education and a research seminar meeting.

Whilst he is currently co-supervisor for two Honours thesis students, Professor Blimkie also wants to foster an interest in Paediatric Exercise Science in undergraduates and post-graduates from the Human Movement course.

"I want to set up and establish a network to recruit students' interest in research, and establish appropriate funding."

Before taking up his appointment, Professor Blimkie was Associate Professor, Department of Kinesiology, and Associate Member, Department of Paediatrics, McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada.

"There are only a few people in the world specialising in the area of Children's Sport and Exercise Science so this is a unique opportunity to establish and promote research in the field," said Professor Blimkie.

"Moving from Canada to Australia is an experience and the need to set up a network of contacts has been difficult. However, I am only at the beginning of my appointment and understand that research is a slow process. I strongly believe the area of Children's Sport and Exercise Science is an important and necessary area for research."

Professor Blimkie has travelled to Australia with his wife and two teenage children and is living in Bowral, south of Sydney.

Excellence in Teaching awards

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Drake, recently announced the recipients of the Awards for Excellence in Teaching for 1997.

They are

- Dr Judith Bessant, Department of Social Welfare and Administration
- Dr Doug Clarke, Department of Mathematics, Science and Technology Education
- Dr Gayle Spry, Department of Educational Foundations.

The Awards will be presented to Dr Bessant, Dr Clarke and Dr Spry at graduation ceremonies in 1998.

Conversation with social critic

The School of Social Science was the host when 25 leading Australian academics held a "Conversation with David Blankenhorn" in Melbourne at the end of July.

Mr Blankenhorn, founder and President of the Institute for American Values and the Council on Families in America, was in Melbourne on a visit sponsored by the Council for Family of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

A highly influential social critic, he is the author of a series of books, the best known of which is *Fatherless America* which argues that fatherlessness is the driving force behind many of America's social evils.

The conversation was interdisciplinary with psychologists, sociologists, philosophers and adult educators, the media and clinical practice people all represented.

ACU Sociologist Wins National Teaching Fellowship



Associate Professor Ruth Webber receives the Certificate of her 1997 National Teaching Fellowship from the then Minister for Education, Senator Amanda Vanstone.

Associate Professor Ruth Webber, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Sociology, Social Welfare and Administration at the University's Christ Campus, Oakleigh, Victoria, has been chosen as one of two National Teaching Fellows for 1997.

She received the award from the then Minister for Education, Senator Amanda Vanstone, at a ceremony in Parliament House Canberra on 3 September.

Dr Webber is a widely published expert in the field of Social Science with a special focus on families and young people.

The National Teaching Fellowship carries financial assistance of up to \$50,000 for three months study overseas and three months in Australia preparing reports and conducting training workshops.

The foreign travel component is designed to enable Fellows to study areas of a subject or discipline not fully developed in Australia.

Associate Professor Webber was awarded the Fellowship to study the planning and execution of field work programs in youth studies which form part of undergraduate courses.

She plans to visit leading organisations in this field in the United Kingdom and the United States, mainly to explore and further develop innovative field work, particularly in field work simulations or virtual reality experiences.

She plans to be overseas from early February to mid-April 1998 and then to conduct workshops on her findings in major Australian cities.

Media research

Research by Associate Professor Ruth Webber, has called into question the way young people, their problems, and the reasons for their problems, are presented by major Australian newspapers.

She has concluded that atypical images of "troubled" young people are presented in a stereotypical fashion regardless of the real situation.

Other findings included in a Paper presented at the recent Conference of the Australian Association of Social Research were:

Most media reports about young people were about youth crime—although only small percentages of juveniles—as low as three per cent in Victoria to 6.5 per cent in Western Australia—came into contact with the juvenile justice system; the media had without justification adopted the currently popular ideology that the family was the root cause of young people's problems; the views of young people and their families were rarely reported and the voices of law and order and professional experts predominated.

Associate Professor Webber concludes that the voices of young people are suppressed. They were denied public space in the mass media. She states that young people, like the rest of society, were not a homogenous group and no one group could be said to represent them. More media attention needed to be directed to getting the views of a diverse range of young people.

Social Work accreditation

The Rector, Signadou Campus, Associate Professor Tim O'Hearn has hosted a function at the Campus to celebrate the accreditation of the Bachelor of Social Work degree conducted at Signadou.

The Social Work course has been granted national accreditation by the AASW (Australian Association of Social Workers) Inc.

Professor O'Hearn congratulated Associate Professor Margarita Frederico, Head of the Social Work Department, and members of her staff (Ms Cathy Davis, Ms Joanna Zubrzycki, Ms Kandie Allen-Kelly and Ms Rhonda Magill) for their commitment to developing and teaching the course.

Guests included the Dean, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Professor Peter Carpenter, Professor David Parker, former Rector, Dr and Mrs Ray Storrier, and members of the ACT Foundation who have provided considerable support to the program, including Mr Gary Humphries, Mr Jim Coloquhoun, Dr Frank Long and Mr and Mrs Byrne Kenny.

Members of the Social Work community in Canberra, including Professor Maeve O'Collins, Mr Toby O'Connor and Ms Jenny Kitchin, also attended and extended their congratulations to Social Work staff and the University.

Busy schedule

The Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research), Professor Wolfgang Grichting, has become the representative for all Australian universities on the Council for Market Research Quality Assurance (MRQA).

He is also heavily involved in organising the Fourth Annual Conference of the Australian Association for Social Research (AASR) to be held at Aquinas Campus from 5 to 8 February, 1998.

AASR and Aquinas Campus are jointly hosting the Conference which has as its theme "Social Research and Social Change".

Earlier this year, Professor Grichting was invited to join the MRQA Council to replace Dr Duncan Ironmonger of The University of Melbourne who had been a member since the Council was formed in 1991.

Comprising eight members, mainly from the business community, the Committee accredits organisations involved in market research and social research which meet strict quality standards.

Rotary grants for family health research



Mr Bruce McKenzie, Chairman Australian Rotary Health Research Fund, Professor Elizabeth Cameron-Traub and Mr Leon Becker, Australian Rotary Health Research Fund.

Professor Elizabeth Cameron-Traub, Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences, and Ms Kate White, Lecturer, School of Nursing, MacKillop Campus, have been presented with plaques from the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund.

Mr Bruce McKenzie, Chairman of the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund, congratulated Professor Cameron-Traub and Ms White on their research projects for which the Fund has provided financial grants.

Professor Cameron-Traub's research



Ms Kate White

entitled "The experiences of survivors of myocardial infarction (MI) and their spouses in the first three weeks following discharge in south west Sydney" is examining the special aspect of people with cardiac incident and the types of experiences they have in the first three weeks at home from hospital.

In receiving her plaque Ms White remarked on the significant importance of receiving a grant from the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund.

Ms White's research is looking at the support needs of rural families of oncology palliative care patients.

Eight area health services throughout New South Wales have been targeted in the study. The aim of the research includes identifying the support needs of the family.

"The response to our research has been overwhelming," said Ms White who is partnered in the project by Professor Lesley Wilkes, Chair of Clinical Nursing, University of Western Sydney.

Professor Cameron-Traub and Ms White were also congratulated by Mr Leon Becker, Australian Rotary Health Research Fund.

The Australian Rotary Health Research Fund is relatively new with its first grants allocated in 1986. Since its inception \$4.5 million has been allocated toward community health research including cot death, environmental health problems of the aged, adolescent health and family health.

Staff gain doctorates

Two more of the University's academic staff have gained their PhDs They are Associate Professor Jude Butcher and Dr Martin Maguire.

Associate Professor Butcher, Head of the School of Education at Mount Saint Mary Campus, was awarded a Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of Sydney. His thesis is entitled "The nature of and influences on teacher development in the classroom management domain".

Dr Maguire, Department of Mathematics, Science and Technology Education at Castle Hill Campus, completed his degree at the University of NSW. His thesis is entitled "The use of computational models to assess the cognitive load associated with the worked example and split-attention effects".

Agreement between ACU and Siena



Professor Antonella Benucci of the University of Siena and Dr Teri Piccioli of ACU.

Dr Terri Piccioli has completed the Italian side of the arrangements that will allow student exchange between Australian Catholic University and the Università per Stranieri, Siena.

In July the Vice-Chancellor in Siena, Professor P. Trifone, signed and approved a document allowing ACU students to attend courses in Italian language, culture, and the arts. These courses will be credited towards ACU degrees.

Dr Piccioli also presented a paper at the University of Siena on "Bilingualism and Italian in Australia" on July 17.

Before travelling to Siena Dr Piccioli presented a paper at the University of Perugia on July 8 titled "Strategies for Teaching and Learning a Second Language", furthering strengthening ties between ACU and Perugia that have already led to joint research projects and an exchange agreement signed in 1996.

German diplomat

The Consul-General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Dr Gunter Heisch, visited Ballarat in late September to open the biennial meeting of Alexander von Humboldt Fellows.

The convenor of the meeting was the Rector of Aquinas Campus, Professor Gabrielle McMullen, who was an Alexander von Humboldt Fellow and studied at the Chemistry Institute of the University of Freiburg from 1977 to 1981.

She said that the Fellowships were probably the most valuable of the post-doctoral awards available to researchers, providing air fares, a generous living allowance and a three-week study tour in Germany for recipients and their partners.

During the meeting Professor McMullen presented a paper on German-born Dr Heinrich Backhaus who was appointed as priest in charge of the Catholic population on the Victorian gold-fields in 1852.

1997 winner

The 1997 winner of the Dr Backhaus Scholarship is final year Bachelor of Arts - Bachelor of Teaching student, Ms Kellie Andrea Hicks of Shepparton, Victoria.

Each year the scholarship is awarded to an undergraduate student from the Diocese of Sandhurst enrolled at Aquinas Campus.

The Bishop of Sandhurst, Most Reverend Noel Daly, presented Kellie with her scholarship at a special ceremony at Aquinas.

Scholarship

Ms Bronwen Neil, who is enrolled as a PhD student in the Department of Theology at McAuley Campus, has been awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship to study in Britain.

She will undertake a Master of Arts degree in Theological Research at the University of Durham in late 1997 and early 1998.

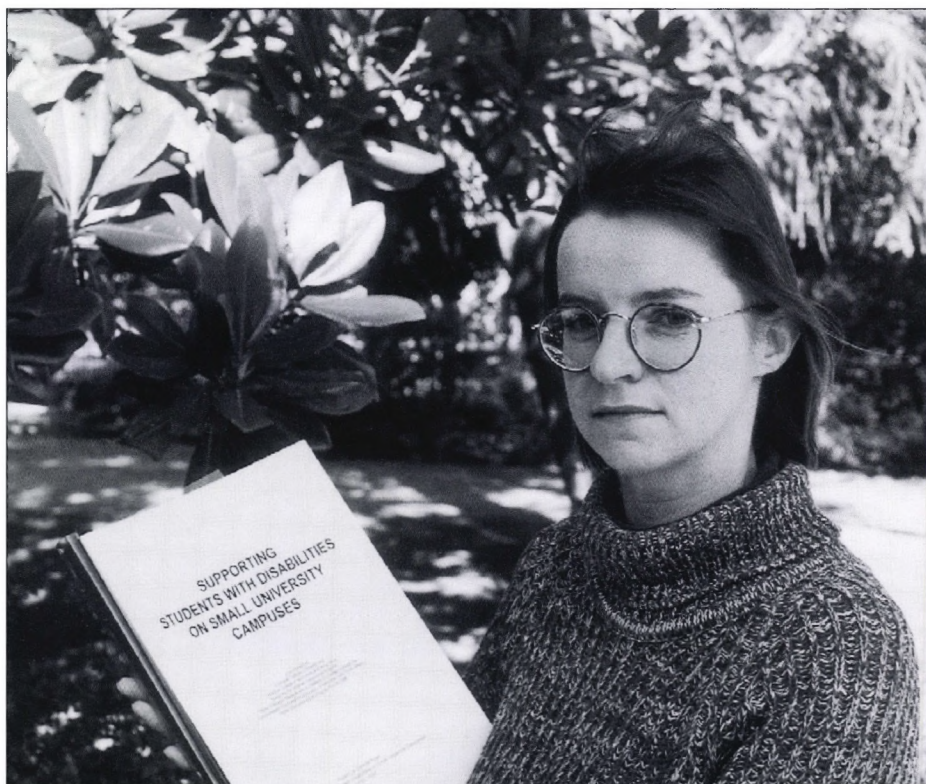
Her study involves course work in the area of Patristics and a dissertation on the historical and theological context of various seventh century doctrinal disputes.

She will be supervised by Dr Andrew Louth who teaches Byzantine Studies in the Department of Theology at the University of Durham.

The Commonwealth Scholarship covers a return air fare to the UK, tuition and examination fees and a personal maintenance allowance.

As well as being enrolled as a PhD student at McAuley, Bronwen has also worked as a research assistant for Associate Professor Pauline Allen on an ARC-funded project.

ACU Disability Action Plan



Ms Janette Ryan, Disability Officer for Victorian Campuses, with a copy of her report.

Australian Catholic University has committed itself to eliminate discrimination on the grounds of disability in both education and employment at the University, and to provide a supportive learning and working environment for its students and staff with disabilities.

Launching the University's Disability Action Plan at Aquinas Campus in November, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Drake, said "it was important that both staff and students with disabilities have the opportunity to participate successfully in higher education.

"The development of the Plan has itself had the effect of increasing the level of understanding and action on the development of appropriate resources and services for people with disabilities within the University community".

ACU is an active participant in the Cooperative Projects for Higher Education Students with a Disability, funded nationally by the Department of Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs.

An ACU report on supporting students with disabilities is being made available for use by all Australian universities.

Prepared by Ms Janette Ryan, Disability Officer for Victorian campuses, and published in July, the report was

funded by a DEETYA grant and is entitled *Supporting Students With Disabilities on Small University Campuses*.

Ms Ryan, who was initially engaged by ACU on a six month project to write the report, is now on the staff stationed at Aquinas Campus.

The report was a joint project with the University of Melbourne's Victorian College of Agriculture and Horticulture (VCAH).

She conducted her research at a VCAH campus at Dookie in north-eastern Victoria and at Aquinas.

She believes her report will be used as a model for all universities for their small campuses.

At the moment her prime task is to prepare and conduct a series of courses for ACU staff to ensure they extend the maximum assistance possible to disabled students.

During the current semester she will conduct a pilot seminar on each campus in Victoria for both academic and general staff.

Ms Ryan says a major objective of the courses will be to inform lecturers and others about their responsibilities under the Disability Discrimination Act of 1992.

National teaching development grant

The Head of the Department of Religious Education at Mount Saint Mary Campus, Strathfield, Associate Professor Patricia Malone has received a Federal Government individual teaching development grant for 1998 worth \$49,973.

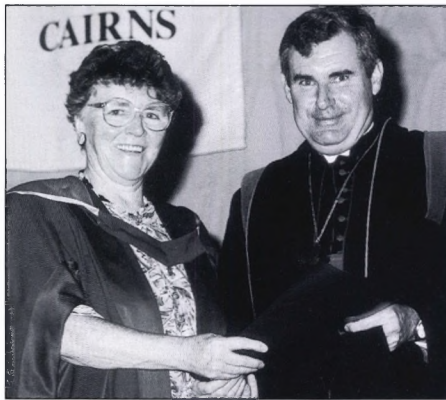
The grant will enable the development of a CD-ROM, recording the development of religious education in Australia in the past 25 years.

The project will develop a resource bank of textual, graphic and video material on CD-ROM which will give lecturers and postgraduate students flexible access to a wide range of historically relevant materials that would otherwise not be available.

The project will involve members of the RE network on all campuses and the staff of the Moral and Religious Education Project in Strathfield.

The network has just completed a revision of postgraduate religious education so that there are common units to be taught on all campuses.

This will allow for the development of materials which could form the basis for flexible mode delivery of some of these units and be a valuable resource for research students.



Associate Professor Patricia Malone receives her Fellowship Certificate from Bishop Foley.

As part of her Outside Studies Program leave she has had the opportunity to collect material for this project. She has been visiting various parts of Australia and examining some of the cultural and educational issues that affect the presentation of religious education in different contexts.

She also worked with and interviewed religious educators in the Kimberley and Northern Territory as well as in North Queensland. This has been important because her own experience has been limited to the south east of the country.

In all these areas, even the most remote,

she has had the opportunity to talk with graduates of ACU as well as present students and been welcomed by all.

She was asked at times to provide inservice teaching for some groups in these isolated places, which enabled her to get a good understanding of the readiness of teachers, as well as issues they were facing.

In researching the most significant issues in religious education for the past twenty five years she has been speaking to as many religious educators as possible and establishing what has been most significant for them.

These personal impressions will give another dimension to the various theoretical analyses that will form part of the CD-ROM.

During her OSP Dr Malone was awarded a Fellowship by the Australian College of Education in recognition of her contribution to education at all levels and her particular role of leadership in religious education throughout Australia.

The award was presented by Bishop James Foley, Bishop of Cairns, at the ceremony which preceded the National Conference of the College, held in Cairns in September.

Anne Lyons Memorial Scholarship

Mrs Margie Beck, Doctoral candidate and Lecturer in the Department of Teaching and Professional Studies at Mount Saint Mary Campus, Strathfield, is joint winner of the 1997 Anne Lyons Memorial Scholarship.

She has shared the award with Mr Douglas Gambling who is completing his MA in Leadership Studies by research at McAuley Campus. His area of interest with the Scholarship is the application of practical theology and social justice within the Catholic Church.

The Anne Lyons Memorial Fund was established by Joseph Byrne, as a tangible memorial to the life and contribution of his daughter, Anne Lyons, a scholar, wife and teacher who died of cancer in 1987 at the age of 42.

Mrs Beck used her scholarship to examine religious education culture and practices in Papua New Guinea as a basis for educating staff of the Faculty of Education so that they might become more culturally aware of and responsive to the background of students from PNG and other Pacific countries.

Mrs Beck spent two weeks in Papua New Guinea in September.

In the first week at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre in Lae she taught 35 Diocesan Secretaries (Directors) of the Catholic, Anglican and Lutheran Education Offices from all over PNG.

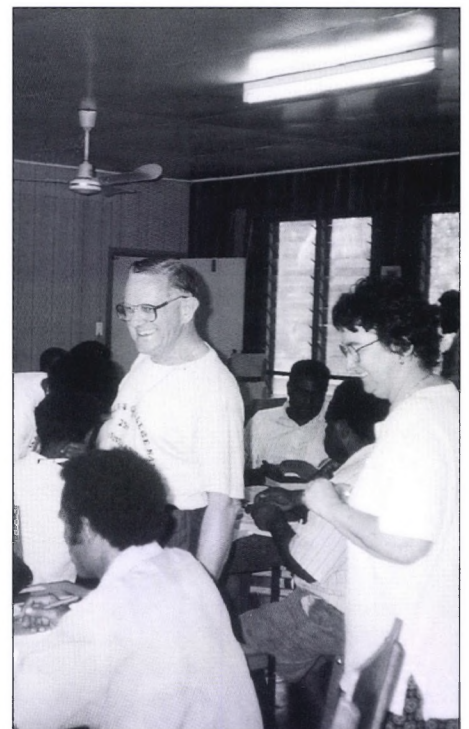
They were completing a four-module course being jointly offered by ACU and Parramatta Diocese CEO.

Associate Professor Patricia Malone was also involved in the seminar and her fare was covered by a donation from Mick Dunkin, a retired professor from UNSW.

Mrs Beck and Associate Professor Malone taught the module on Theology - sacramental and moral.

In her second week Mrs Beck visited Madang, Malala and Goroka where three former ACU students work in a school, teacher's college and university respectively.

She interviewed each about the experience of coming to Australia to study and the difficulties they had in adapting to a new culture.



Margie Beck (right) with some of the participants in the Lae seminar.

Callinan Library acquisition



Callinan Library Manager, Ms Veronica Moriarty, examines a work from the Aquin Collection.

The Callinan Library at Aquinas Campus has acquired another major book collection.

The Sisters of Mercy have donated the contents of the library of Aquin Training College, founded in Ballarat in 1909, and the forerunner to Aquinas College which

later became an ACU campus.

The collection of about 200 items from the late 19th and early 20th centuries comprises works on Psychology, Child Development, Teaching, Curriculum Development and a number of other topics.

Menopause and midlife study

Mercy Campus Lecturer in Nursing, Ms Carmel Seibold, is one of three authors of a book recently published by Oxford University Press on women's perceptions and experience of menopause.

Entitled *Intermission, Women's Experience of Menopause and Midlife*, the book is, according to the authors, "the outcome of an adventure in teamwork and marathon data analysis".

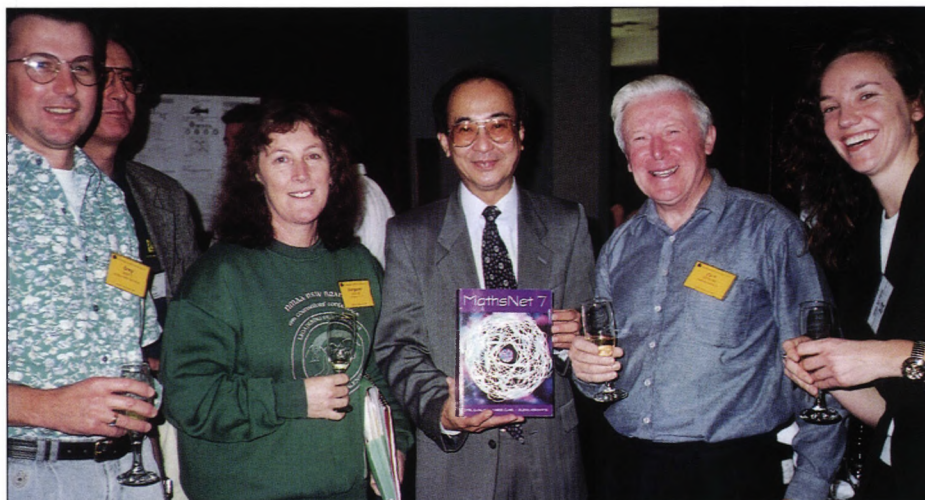
Ms Seibold's co-authors are Lyn Richards, until recently Associate Professor of Sociology at La Trobe University, and Nicole Davis, a research consultant with Telstra.

Data for the book was collected via group interviews, individual interviews and a large survey of 3000 women, with a 1069 response rate.

Health providers, including doctors and community nurses, were interviewed during the three year study.

The book is available from Collins, Angus and Robertson and other major bookshops.

Maths textbook



(Left to right) Mr Greg Murty, St Mary's Senior High School, Ms Margaret Grove, Bankstown TAFE, Mr Tony Wong, General Manager McGraw-Hill, Dr Cyril Quinlan, ACU, Ms Jane Sandral, Acquisitions Editor for NSW at the launch of "MathsNet 7".

Dr Cyril Quinlan FMS, Senior Lecturer in Mathematics Education at Castle Hill Campus, has released a textbook, *MathsNet 7*, designed to help improve the way mathematics is taught in Year 7.

The book was launched during the Mathematical Association of NSW Conference on 29 September at Rydges Hotel in Canberra.

Dr Quinlan co-authored the book with Ms Maree Clark, K - 12 Computer

Coordinator at MLC School, Burwood and Mr Glenn Abrahams, Head of Mathematics at Patrician Brothers' College, Fairfield.

Students are introduced to topics informally through tuition and practical activities before the more abstract aspects are clarified.

An Internet connection invites students and teachers to communicate with the authors and visit Web sites.

Book launch at Strathfield

Fr Cyril Hally has launched the book, *Religion in Australian Culture*, by Associate Professor Gideon Goosen, at Mount Saint Mary Campus. The book is published by St Paul Publications.

At the launch Fr Hally said the book ploughed a new furrow in that it sought to see religion through the eyes of an anthropologist and educationally this could be of great significance for Australia.

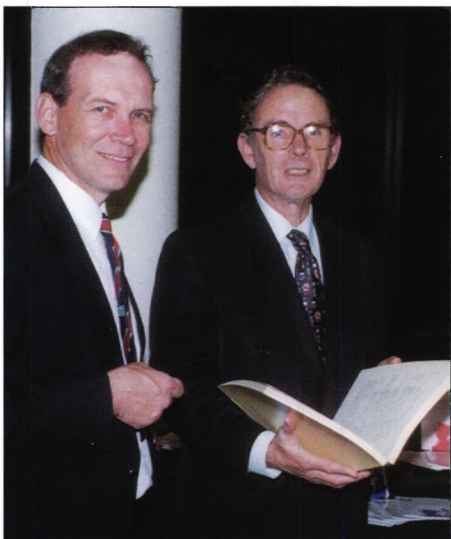
Taiwan book gift

The Rector of Signadou Campus, Associate Professor Tim O'Hearn, and the Director of the International Education Office, Mr Tony McKittrick, on 7 November accepted on behalf of the University 42 volumes written by Archbishop Stanislaus Lokuang, Rector Emeritus of Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan.

The books were presented by Mr Samuel Liu and Ms Rose Chen from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Australia, on behalf of Archbishop Lokuang.

ACU and Fu Jen have an agreement in place to promote academic exchange and cooperation.

Historic volumes at McAuley



Mr Jim Graham, McAuley Librarian and Mr Pat Corby, General Secretary of the Archdiocese.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has officially handed over copies of the first three volumes of Conrad Eubel's *Hierarchia catholica medii aevi* to Australian Catholic University. The books, which were purchased with the proceeds from the sale of duplicate books in the Aquinas Collection, were presented to the McAuley Campus Library on 12 September.

"The Archdiocese is delighted that the University, particularly McAuley Campus will benefit from this significant reference work which will complement the historically important Aquinas Collection," said Mr Pat Corby, General Secretary of the Archdiocese.

The Aquinas collection consists of some 20,000 volumes, including part of the library of the first Bishop of Brisbane. It contains significant works by Chesterton, Lunn, Belloc, Knox and Baring, and focuses on Pre-Vatican II philosophy and theology texts, and spiritual works of the 1930s to the 1950s.

The collection is accessible to serious students for research. It is maintained by, and housed, at McAuley Campus.

Mr Jim Graham, McAuley Campus Librarian, in receiving the gift said "ACU has purchased volumes 4 to 8 to complete the set which lists chronologically all the popes and cardinals since Innocent III in 1198, for each Catholic diocese in the world, and every bishop who has served that diocese since 1198."

"The text is written in Latin with a modern name index. *Hierarchia catholica* is complemented by a sister publication, *Hierarchia ecclesiastica orientalis*, held by the library, which has a similar coverage of the Patriarchs and Bishops of the Orthodox Church.

New book on nursing

Professor Sue Ronaldson has edited a new publication on Nursing - *Spirituality, The Heart of Nursing*.

Professor Ronaldson holds the University's Chair of Clinical Nursing and is located at the St Vincent's Health Care Campus in Darlinghurst in Sydney.

Her new publication was launched on 16 October at St Vincent's Clinic by the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, Professor Elizabeth Cameron-Traub.

The publisher is Ausmed Publications which specialises in publications on nursing.

One of the principal speakers at the launch was Sr Annette Cunliffe, Congregational Leader of the Sisters of Charity who operate the St Vincent's complex.

Sr Annette noted that she was a former member of the academic staff of ACU and actually left the University on 1 December 1996, the same day that Professor Cameron-Traub began with the University.

Sr Annette said that it was a tribute to Professor Ronaldson that her appointment

to the Chair of Nursing had been so successful and the book represented one important outcome of her work.

"No one who has ever experienced the care of a dedicated nurse would argue with the premise of the book that nurses are spiritual carers recognising all the human needs both bodily and spiritual of their patients," she said.

"Naturally a Catholic University and a Catholic Health Care campus subscribe to that philosophy. It was of interest to me to note that the contributors to this book do not come always from such a background."

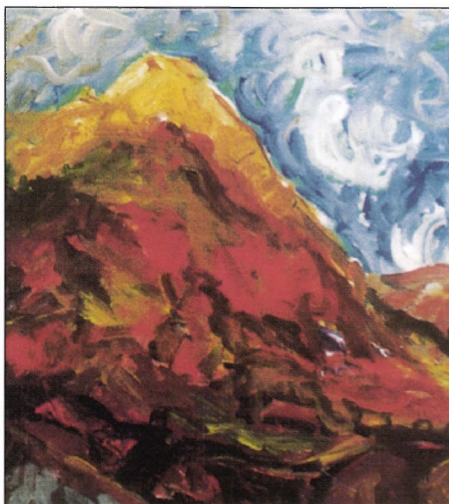
Professor Cameron-Traub said that the book traced the complete role of nurses.

The message of the book was that we were most open to a sense of spiritual need when we were at the most vulnerable, - frightened, threatened or feeling that we were not in control. This occurred particularly when we were in danger of dying.

"The book shows how people then open up to nurses and how nurses with the skills provided in this book open up to them."



The Dean of Health Sciences, Professor Elizabeth Cameron-Traub, Professor Susan Ronaldson and Sr Annette Cunliffe, Congregational Leader of the Sisters of Charity.



Art exhibition

A special exhibition of paintings by Handzia Roman was officially opened by Associate Professor Tim O'Hearn at the Arts Factory Gallery, Signadou Campus in August.

Her paintings have been hung in many prestigious exhibitions, including the Portia Geach Prize, the Helena Rubenstein Portrait Prize and the Blake Prize for Religious Art. She has been asked to exhibit in Paris at the end of 1997 - in the Australians in Paris Exhibition, in a group exhibition in New York in May, 1998 and at the National Gallery in Beijing in October 1998.

Simone lifting her image

Christ Campus Bachelor of Applied Science (Human Movement) student, Simone Ingram, is finding her course makes a significant contribution to her sport of weight-lifting.

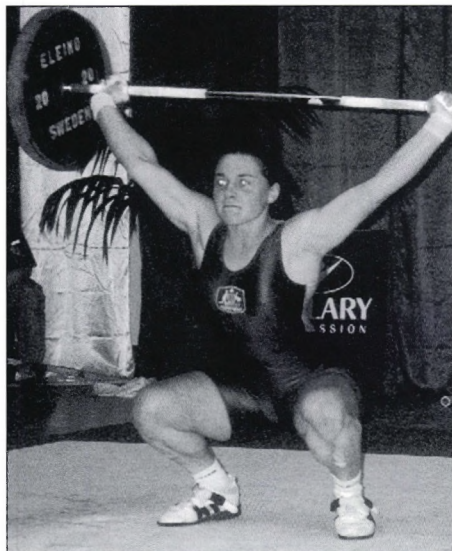
Twenty-year-old Simone has twice represented Australia in international events this year.

She was second in the Under 70Kg class at the Oceania Championships in Wellington, New Zealand in July and seventh in the same class at the World Junior Championships in Cape Town, South Africa a few weeks earlier.

Currently she is in training for her next major international event, the World Championships in Thailand in December.

Simone believes that what she is learning in her Human Movement units is increasing her knowledge of her own body, thus increasing her understanding of her training procedures.

Ranked No 2 in Australia and No 1 in Victoria in her class she was Victorian Champion last year.



Simone Ingram participating in the World Junior Weightlifting Championships in Cape Town.

Staff at Games

Signadou Campus Manager (Campus Operations), Mr Brendan Lynch, and Director of International Education, Mr Tony McKittrick, have recently competed successfully in the 6th Australian Masters Games.

Mr Lynch was awarded two bronze medals and one silver medal and Mr McKittrick survived the five kilometre Fun Run and eight kilometre Cross Country run.



Associate Professor Rod Lacey (second from left at back) with workshop participants.

Peacemaking workshop in Papua New Guinea

Associate Professor Rod Lacey, Aquinas Campus, and Executive Officer of the Ballarat Diocese Justice, Development and Peace Commission, travelled to Enga Province in the Highlands of Papua New Guinea in July to facilitate a week-long workshop titled "Partnerships for Peacemaking".

Professor Lacey had lived in Enga between 1971 and 1973 when he was carrying out fieldwork in oral history for his doctoral studies at the University of Wisconsin, USA.

Rev Dr Douglas Young SVD, Coordinator for Pastoral Planning in the Catholic Diocese of Wabag in the Province, ran the workshop with Professor Lacey.

Eight researchers from Enga participated in the workshop. They were accompanied by selected elders with whom they had worked. The research was funded by the Australian Research Council, through the Australian Catholic University, with assistance from provincial and diocesan funds from within Enga.

Cross-cultural education workshop



Associate Professor Paul Chesterton, Dr Nancy Stahl, Professor Robert Stahl and Ms Sunny McLennan.

Participants from the NSW Board of Studies, the NSW Institute for Educational Research and Catholic Education Offices joined University staff in a workshop on *Teaching Other and Cross-Cultural Perspectives* at Mount Saint Mary Campus in July.

The workshop was conducted by Professor Robert J. Stahl from Arizona State University. Professor Stahl has

served as President of the U.S.A. National Council for the Social Studies and is internationally renowned for his research and publications in cognitive psychology and co-operative learning.

Also at the workshop were Dr Nancy Stahl and Ms Sunny McLennan from Arizona State University, specialists in the field of Gifted Education.

Struggle for state aid



Dr Brian Croke and the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs), Professor John Coll.

Dr Brian Croke, Executive Director, Catholic Education Commission, NSW, and Visiting Professor in History, Macquarie University, delivered the 1997 Victor J Couch Lecture on 10 September at MacKillop Campus, North Sydney.

His subject was Archbishop James Carroll and Australian Education.

Dr Croke traced the towering role played by Archbishop Carroll in the struggle for State Aid for Church schools.

Introducing Dr Croke, Dr Couch said that he was a graduate of Macquarie and Oxford universities, specialising in History. After a two-year Research fellowship at Harvard University he had returned with his wife to Australia.

He began to work with Archbishop Carroll who had him appointed as Assistant Director of the Commission. He served as Director of Schools in the Broken Bay Diocese in Sydney before taking up his present position in 1994.

He had maintained a deep involvement in his chosen field of Ancient History. He was the author or joint author of numerous publications and was elected in 1995 a Fellow of the Australian Humanities Academy.

Dr Croke said that it was fitting that the Lecture should be given at MacKillop Campus, where there was a building named after Archbishop Carroll and where he had attended its naming in September 1988.

Archbishop Carroll had been specially interested in the formation of teachers for Catholic schools. His insistence on quality

teacher education had an impact not only on Catholic education but on Australian education as a whole.

He had worked for the formation of a single Catholic College of Advanced Education. The two major hurdles were to rationalise Catholic teacher training and to secure Government funding.

He worked assiduously to develop and maintain his contacts in political and bureaucratic circles. By the 1970s he achieved bipartisan support at the highest political levels for support for a Catholic Teachers College.

To Archbishop Carroll this was only a first step. By 1981 it was clear that further Government support depended on further rationalisation. This led to the formation of the Catholic College of Education, Sydney, incorporating the existing Colleges.

Although retired in the late 1980s he maintained his interest and influence in furthering the establishment of Australian Catholic University.

US exhibition

Journeys in the Australian Scape, an exhibition of recent paintings by McAuley Campus Senior Lecturer Lindsay Farrell, will be held at the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore, Maryland from January to March next year.

The paintings explore Myths that celebrate and trace a pilgrimage in the landscape of south-east Queensland.

Active Conference Program

The Head of the School of Arts and Sciences, Associate Professor Carolyn Dowling, of Mercy Campus, Melbourne, presented a paper on the impact of Internet access on academic research projects at a conference in Madrid in late November.

The Madrid conference theme was entitled *The Virtual Campus: Trends for Higher Education and Training*.

On her trip home she presented a paper on *Reality in Virtual Environments* at an international conference in Malaysia.

Associate Professor Dowling has also been invited to contribute a paper to a Russian Academic journal and is currently negotiating a collaborative research project with researchers based in Moscow.

Earlier in the year Associate Professor Dowling spent 10 days in Bulgaria consulting with colleagues about research projects and presented papers at two conferences.

The first was a conference of a Research Working Group of the International Federation of Information Processing (IFIP), the international "umbrella" organisation which oversees the operations of the various national computing associations, including the Australian Computer Society.

The second was a conference on the use of artificial intelligence theories and techniques in education.



Associate Professor Carolyn Dowling

American sports psychologists

The distinguished American sports and exercise psychologist, Professor Joan Duda, gave two presentations at Christ Campus in September.

Professor of Sport and Exercise Psychology at Purdue University, Indiana Professor Duda toured Australia for six weeks speaking at 10 universities and the Australian Institute of Sport.

She visited Australia as the Australian Sports Psychology Scholar, sponsored by all Australian universities, including ACU, which offer sports psychology units.

Director of the Sport and Health Psychology Laboratory at Purdue and Editor of the Journal of Applied Sports Psychology, Professor Duda has expertise in the study of motivation and the psychological factors influencing performance and persistence in sport and exercise.

The presentations were coordinated by Dr Wayne Maschette of the Department of Human Movement.



Professor Joan Duda chats with a compatriot, Master of Philosophy student, Venessa Rice, at Christ Campus. Venessa is studying within the Department of Human Movement.

Irish interest

While visiting the Irish School of Ecumenics in Dublin in April, Associate Professor Gideon Goosen was invited to give an interactive lecture on "Some Aspects of Ecumenism Down Under".

The lecture was organised by Professor John Darcy May of the Irish School of Ecumenics in collaboration with the Irish Centre for Australian Studies and held at Bea House, Miltown Park on 16 April.

Professor Goosen's lecture was well attended with much interest expressed in the Interchurch Refugee Support Group system as implemented in Australia by the NSW Ecumenical Council.



Professor David Johnson, Ms Toni Noble, Senior Lecturer, Mount Saint Mary Campus and Professor Roger Johnson

Cooperative learning workshop

The University's Professional Development Services and the Australian Association of Cooperative Education invited Professors David and Roger Johnson, Professors in Education, University of Minnesota, to present a one-day workshop at Mount Saint Mary Campus on 8 July.

The workshop was entitled *The Nuts and Bolts of Cooperative Learning* and dealt with the positive outcomes for stu-

dents who use cooperative learning. Studies have shown how cooperative learning produces higher academic achievement and greater productivity than competitive or individualistic learning.

Professors David and Roger Johnson are the authors of *Joining Together: Group Theory and Group Skills*, *Circles of Learning*, *Cooperation in the Classroom*, *Learning Together and Alone*, and *Competition: Theory and Research*.

Visting scholars at Strathfield

The School of Education and the Educational Leadership Network hosted two visiting scholars at Mount Saint Mary Campus to deliver keynote addresses and present two-day workshops.

Dr David Tuohy, Director of Educational Administration, University College, Dublin presented a keynote address, *Robin Hood Prince of Thieves*, on 10 July. The address examined some of the developments of leadership studies as illustrated by Robin Hood Prince of Thieves; the personal qualities of leaders, the visionary role of a leader and the managing role of a leader.

Dr Tuohy also presented a two-day workshop with Professor Patrick Duignan,

Professor in Educational Leadership, on 11 and 12 July. The workshop explored the ways language, vision and popular metaphor can be used by leaders to generate a culture of commitment and energy in times of uncertainty and change.

Dr Terry McLaughlin, a distinguished scholar and consultant, and a member of the Faculty of Education and the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Cambridge, presented a keynote address entitled *Parents, Values and the School: Principles and Controversies* on 31 July.

He also presented a two-day workshop, *Entrepreneurial Challenges in a Competitive Climate*.



Professor Patrick Duignan (centre) with visiting Fellows Dr David Tuohy (left) and Dr Terry McLaughlin at Mount Saint Mary Campus.



Associate Professor Pam Gibbons, Head, School of Arts and Sciences, Mr Alan Jervis, Managing Director, Sybase Australia, and Professor Peter Drake.

Sybase software gift

The University has received a "gift of kind" from the renowned software company, Sybase Australia.

At a special function at the Vice-Chancellery, North Sydney, on 17 September, Professor Peter Drake, Vice-Chancellor, thanked representatives from Sybase Australia for the software packages.

Sybase has provided the University with four products - Power Builder, Power Designer, Data Architect and Process Analyst - and also training courses for University staff.

The software packages provided will be used in the Business Information Systems course on MacKillop and McAuley campuses.

Associate Professor Pam Gibbons, Head of School of Arts and Sciences, who liaised with Sybase Australia during the last twelve months, expressed her delight at receiving the software which students will commence using in 1998.

Five Information Systems staff have

already been trained in the software at Sybase's offices which are conveniently located at North Sydney. These staff are currently training further staff in readiness for 1998.

The software will be readily available to Business Information Systems students on campus, and the package allows for students to have a version on their own computer.

Sybase Inc, the parent company, is the sixth largest independent software company in the world. It is a world leader in computing solutions for business, providing customers and partners with software and services to create information management solutions.

Representing Sybase Australia at the function were Mr Alan Jervis, Managing Director, Mr Phillippe Finger, Account Executive, Ms Gail Hopkins, Channels and Marketing Director, Ms Rebecca Jackson, Retail and Education Manager, Ms Cori Hilton, and Mr Allan Bagley, General Manager Northern Region.

Lecturer and student at Rio congress

Senior Lecturer in the Department of Social Welfare and Administration at Christ Campus, Dr Moira Eastman, and Bachelor of Social Science (Pastoral Studies) student at McAuley Campus, Mrs Gwen Winterschweit, attended three important events in Rio de Janeiro in October.

They were the Second World Meeting, of the Holy Father with Families on 15 October, an International Pastoral and Theological Congress prior to the Meeting and an open air Mass.

Dr Eastman and her husband Garry, Managing Director of John Garratt Publishing, represented the Australian Bishops' Conference at the events, and Gwen and Russell Winterschweit represented the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Pope John Paul attended both the Meeting and the Congress and celebrated the open air Mass.

He convened the Meeting on the theme *The Family: Gift and Commitment: Hope for Humanity*.



Australian representatives, Mrs Gwen Winterschweit of Brisbane and Dr Moira Eastman, at the Congress venue in Rio de Janeiro.

Sustainable future program

Bachelor of Arts-Bachelor of Teaching students at Christ Campus are involved in a new program to teach primary school children to conserve and recycle resources.

They are participating in the Schools for a Sustainable Future program, which is supported by the EPA and six municipalities in Melbourne and suburbs and coordinated by Mr Joseph Natoli.

Initial priorities in the program include projects to teach children waste reduction and resource recycling.

Later projects will include energy and water conservation and environment protection.

The students have become involved through the Environmental Education units taught at Christ Campus.

As part of their Environmental Education program, they assist teachers in developing and teaching programs for waste minimisation and energy auditing.

Their reports on this are assessed for the Environment Education unit.

About 110,000 people from 150 countries, including 28 from Australia, attended the Meeting held in the famous Maracana soccer stadium.

The Congress, which had the same theme as the Meeting, attracted 1,800 people.

A highlight of the visit was the open air Mass in the Aterro do Flamengo park in the heart of the city, attended by an estimated 1.7 million people.

In their report to the Bishops' Conference, Moira and Garry said that the highlight of their visit to Rio was the experience of being with other Australian married couples and sharing with them their experiences of married and family life.



Mrs Ailsa Stewart (seated second from left) and Miss Margaret Leneghan (seated second from right) with some of the Japanese visitors.

Japan students at MacKillop

The Department of Nursing Practice contributed to a Nursing Practice Program for Japanese High School students, in conjunction with ACUCOM, on 25 August.

Students came from Tokiwa Girls High School where they are enrolled in an advanced course in Nursing. The students

were accompanied by the Principal and a teacher in Nursing from the High School.

Miss Margaret Leneghan, Acting Head in the Department of Nursing Practice, and Mrs Ailsa Stewart, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Nursing Practice, prepared and presented the program.

Tasmanian tour

Third year Aquinas BA BTeach student, Richard Jacques, joined the Rector of Aquinas Campus, Professor Gabrielle McMullen, on a two-day tour in July to make ACU better known to prospective students in Tasmania.

They were repeating a highly successful similar tour in 1996 which resulted in a number of Tasmanian students enrolling in 1997 in ACU courses.

Richard, who is from Burnie, and Professor McMullen, spoke to groups of Year 12 students in Catholic Schools in Burnie, Devonport, Hobart and Launceston.

The combination of Rector and student enabled the visitors to present prospective students with two different aspects of the University.



Work experience

Raine Morgan (above), a second year Bachelor of Information Science student at Castle Hill Campus, recently undertook her Industrial Experience with the BANNER Project team at Strathfield.

Mr John Byrne, Lecturer, explored the possibility and organised the Industrial experience with Mr Alan Bullot, BANNER Project Manager and Mr Grant Glanfield, Manager, Student Administration (Systems).

Raine's project for the Industrial Experience involved reformatting the text of various authors of the BANNER modules to a single format, compiling the sections to form a user's manual, setting up a table of contents and indexing the complete manual.

Roundup

Work will be done

Salesian priest and prominent social worker, Father Denis Halliday, looked set to become the first PhD graduate from Christ Campus but died on 27 July of motor neurone disease.

After two and a half years of work, he was more than two thirds of the way to his goal, having completed all his research, interviews and data analysis for his thesis.

The doctoral thesis, entitled *Parental Response to a Complementary Model of Adolescent Residential Care*, examined the way parents of boys at Boys Town felt that they and their families had been assisted in developing good relationships with their sons and in facing the difficult issue of parenting children who had come into contact with the juvenile justice system.

Dr Jack Darmody, formerly Principal Lecturer in Psychology at Christ College, predecessor college to Christ Campus, will complete the project and write it up as a book following the exact lines the thesis would have taken.

Our rowers just miss out

ACU's only team in the Australian University Rowing Championships in October narrowly missed a place in the Men's Heavyweight Coxed Fours.

The crew, all Bachelor of Applied Science (Human Movement) students from Christ Campus, finished fourth—but only a length and a half separated the first four boats.

The team comprised Brian Wilson, Robert Douglas, Simon Gadsen and Bill Tait with Brianna Isbister as cox.

The five were ACU's only representatives among the 505 competitors who participated in the Championships on the site of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games rowing events. It was the first time ACU had participated in the event.

Three of the rowers, Robert Douglas, Simon Gadsen and Bill Tait, rowed for Australia in the World Under 23 Championships last year.

Team expenses were met by funds from the Students Union, the Department of Human Movement Studies, and from the participants themselves.

Faith and learning

A Scottish authority on adult faith development, Brother Stephen Smyth, gave three separate presentations at ACU in Victoria during a four-week visit to Australia in August-September.

A Marist brother working in Glasgow for the Catholic Education Commission of Scotland, Brother Stephen based his presentations on a project he developed entitled *Affirms*, a program on faith and learning for staff of Catholic schools in Scotland.

of events

ASEAN educators

A group of teacher educators from seven ASEAN countries, Brunei, Indonesia, Japan, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam, visited McAuley Campus in November to hear about the Environmental Studies unit offered by Education lecturers, Judith Mulholland and Dr Barbara Odgers.

The Environmental Studies unit is a specialisation unit for primary teacher trainees and the practical work is based on the national water quality monitoring program, Waterwatch.

The Secondary Science trainee teachers at McAuley have also been involved.

A bushland regeneration segment will be incorporated into the Environmental Studies unit in 1998.

A remnant stand of Melaleucas (paperbark tea trees), which are particularly suitable for improving water quality, exists within the campus grounds and will be included in the bushland regeneration segment.

Qantas exhibition

QANTAS has promised Stephen Davidson, Aquinas Campus Lecturer in Visual Arts and Art Education, an exhibition of a series of paintings of desert themes now being prepared from a family winter outback expedition in July.

Qantas, through its art curator Wall Street Exchange, will stage a solo exhibition of his paintings of the Flinders Ranges, Strezlecki and Sturt Stony Desert areas of northern South Australia at the Qantas Club members lounge at Adelaide Airport in late 1998.

Already Stephen, who is well-known for his work in different media, and in particular paintings depicting his concern for protecting the remaining natural landscape, is among 30 Australian artists whose work is on display in group exhibitions in Qantas Club airport lounges.

More exhibitions

In the September, 1996 issue of The Chronicle we published a story about Senior Lecturer, Mr Craig Harrison, reporting he had had more than twelve solo and group art exhibitions. Mr Harrison has kindly informed us that he has had more than 24 exhibitions.



Student midwives outside the Women's Centre (Alukura), Alice Springs

Aboriginal women's issues

Eleven students studying for the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery at Mercy Campus spent a week in Central Australia in late August experiencing Aboriginal culture.

The emphasis was on women's health and birthing issues.

Enrolled in the unit Transcultural

Studies in Midwifery Practice, the students, and their Lecturer, Mrs Diane Godson, spent time in the midwifery unit at Alice Springs Hospital and at Aboriginal communities and Community Health Centres, including Hermannsburg.

They also visited the premises of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Performing arts

Australian Catholic University is involved in a novel venture to encourage the performing arts in Ballarat.

In a joint initiative with the University of Ballarat and the Ballarat School of Mines, ACU has established the Ballarat Academy of Performing Arts (BAPA).

Launched at a Civic Reception hosted by the City of Ballarat on 30 May, BAPA provides opportunities for students to study drama and music at post-secondary level using the expertise of staff of the three collaborating institutions.

A fundraising drive, which included a concert on 21 April by renowned pianist Roger Woodward, aims to raise up to \$3 million to enable BAPA to reach its full potential.

Convention

"Challenging, rewarding and heartbreaking."

This is how two staff members described their experience representing ACU at the Australian Reconciliation Convention in Melbourne earlier this year.

Aboriginal Liaison Officer for Victorian Campuses, Ms Jeanette Morris, and Brother Tom Kingston of the Aquinas Campus Ministry, agreed that they had been blessed in having been given the opportunity to participate.

Since the Convention, Brother Tom has held a number of reflection sessions of his experiences during the momentous days of the Convention.

Theatre upgraded

The Archbishop Little Theatre at Christ Campus is back in operation after undergoing a three-month face lift and modernisation.

One of the original buildings of Christ College, built in 1968, the lecture theatre, with a seating capacity of 128, had become too small and its equipment outmoded.

Between 19 May and 18 August, the building was extended to increase the seating capacity to 196 with spaces for two wheelchairs, and the old vinyl seating and wooden benches were replaced by comfortable individual cloth-covered seats.

The Little Theatre now has state-of-the-art audio visual equipment designed to be operated by the presenting lecturer. The equipment includes a video projector, computer, CD player, cassette decks, overhead projectors and other devices all controlled by a central panel.

Donation thanks

The Principal of Nobanda Junior Primary, a rural school for black South Africans, has responded to the donation of \$A1,000 from the University Foundation (reported in the last issue of The Chronicle).

Ms Margot Hillel, who arranged the donation, recently received a letter of thanks from the school.

"We hope that this donation will assist both educators and learners as well as the community at large. Your co-operation is highly appreciated in this regard," the Principal wrote.

First ACU National Games



At the Opening Ceremony: (from left) Sr Rosemary Lewins, Dean of Students, Sr Kim-Maree Goodwin, Castle Hill Campus Minister, Professor John Coll, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs), Ms Jodie Kairl, Student Senate representative, Mr Mark Sullivan, President Castle Hill SRC, Mr Richard Doyle, University Secretary, and Mr Brendan Lynch, Manager Campus Operations, Signadou Campus.

The inaugural ACU National Games held in Sydney to farewell Castle Hill Campus proved an outstanding success.

The games were officially opened by Professor John Coll, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs) at a special ceremony at Castle Hill Campus on 1 September.

Ms Jodie Kairl, elected to the Senate by students, and Castle Hill SRC President, Mr Mark Sullivan, lit the ACU National Games torch marking the commencement of the games.

During the opening ceremony the Master of Ceremonies, Mr Brendan Lynch, congratulated students on their efforts in the organisation of the Games.

Sr Rosemary Lewins op, Dean of Students, also commended the student

organisers for the way they worked together to plan and manage the Games. She then blessed the Games.

Sporting competitions were run over two days on 2 and 3 September from Castle Hill Campus, and included netball, basketball, golf, volleyball, soccer and touch football, and attracted more than 250 participants and spectators from the University's campuses in Victoria, Queensland, Australian Capital Territory and New South Wales.

The fine-tuning and planning of the event was successfully organised by MacKillop Campus third year Human Movement students, under the direction of Ms Imke Fischer, Head, Department of Human Movement and Ms Niki Atmore.

Students at Olympic Academy

Three first year Human Movement students at Christ Campus represented the University at the two-day Victorian session of the Australian Olympic Academy in mid-October.

Only nine university students were among the 60 people invited to participate, and the ACU representatives were Troy Buntine, Greg Schneiders and Kerry Townsend.

Other participants included coaches, Olympic and AIS athletes and officials, sports administrators and teachers and a range of others involved in various aspects of sport.

The Academy's Mission is to foster and encourage greater awareness and understanding of the Olympic Movement, its history, development and philosophy throughout the community.



Troy Buntine, Kerry Townsend and Greg Schneiders.

Special reunion function

A special reunion and function to farewell Castle Hill Campus was held on Sunday, 26 October, at The Oval on the Campus.

Australian Catholic University will vacate the Castle Hill Campus from 1 January 1998.

The campus has been one of the University's three Sydney campuses since 1991 when the University began operation. Courses now conducted at the Castle Hill Campus will be transferred to the Strathfield and North Sydney campuses.

Previously the campus was part of the Catholic College of Advanced Education which itself was formed from various Catholic teacher training institutions.

The Castle Hill property is owned by

the De La Salle Brothers who made it available as an ACU campus.

The reunion on Sunday 26 October at Castle Hill began at 11.30am with Mass celebrated by Fr Brian Mascord of the Class of 1979. It was followed by a spit roast lunch.

On the following evening about 450 finishing and continuing students, staff and friends joined in a special Eucharist celebrated by Bishop Bede Heather, former Bishop of Parramatta Diocese, with the assistance of Fr Colin Barker, a former staff member. The Castle Hill SRC donated a beautiful slab cake and a formal cutting of the cake by SRC President Mark Sullivan and Campus Minister Sr Kim-Maree Goodwin followed the Mass.

Debating Win

The Signadou Campus debating team, ACUII, are the junior champions of Australian Capital Territory intervarsity debating. ACUII, made up of Lynne McVeigh, Greg Forster and Richard Black, defeated ADFAII (Australian Defence Force Academy) on the topic "that the current government has failed us".

In the ACT open debating competition, ACUI beat ADFA in a debate on the metaphysical topic, "that the fish rots from the head". ACUI took the negative side on "that we should wear black" and also came out on top against ANU (Australian National University).

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