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## New Chancellor for ACU

Brother Julian McDonald cfc was appointed Chancellor of Australian Catholic University on Sunday, 5 November 2000.

He succeeds Cardinal E.B. Clancy, who had been Chancellor since the University's incorporation in November 1990.

Brother Julian has been a member of the University Senate since 1992, and had been Pro-Chancellor from 1995 to 2000.

"I will be delighted if I can come close to the quality of leadership displayed by my predecessor who has guided ACU from its earliest beginnings to what it is today," said Brother Julian.

"ACU is ideally placed to make an enormous contribution to the social and political agenda of our country as we move into the new millennium. The University has wonderful and dedicated staff. Its teaching and research have had, and will continue to have, significant impact on current social justice issues.

"We need to continue to be at the forefront of the Reconciliation process.

"The leadership of our Vice-Chancellor is palpably obvious. He is in great demand as a speaker and writer on a wide variety of issues. His leadership has led to an awareness of ACU as a significant player in the tertiary education arena.

"Our Mission makes it clear that our students are the central focus of our efforts. The justice agenda we proclaim must continue to be evident in the way we work with one another and with our students, as well as the manner in which we reach beyond ourselves to people who are in need.

"We are a Catholic university by definition and must strive to integrate faith and intellect in all we do and be recognised for living the values embedded in the Gospel," he said.

Brother Julian is Province Leader of the Christian Brothers in New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory and Papua-New Guinea. Province Administration is located in Balmain, NSW.

He joined the Christian Brothers in 1960 and went on to gain a Bachelor of Arts degree and Diploma of Education at the University of Sydney. He received a



*Br Julian McDonald cfc.*

Certificate of Religious Formation from St Louis University and a Graduate Diploma in Language in Education from Charles Sturt University.

In 1973, he became Director of Christian Brothers Formation at Strathfield, NSW, and held this post until 1981. Simultaneously, and until 1983, he lectured at the Catholic College of Education in Sydney. He also was Vocation Director for the Christian Brothers from 1979 to 1984.

Br Julian was Principal of Trinity Senior High School at Wagga Wagga, NSW, from 1985 to 1987.

For the decade 1990 to 2000 Br Julian was a member of the national executive of the Australian Conference of Leaders of Religious Institutes, holding the office of Treasurer for six years.

He spent two years in Rome, 1988 to 1990, as Director of Christian Brothers' International Renewal Programme.

In 1990, Br Julian returned to Australia to take up his current appointment as Province Leader of the Christian Brothers. He is currently completing an M.A. Hons in the field of Children's Literature at Charles Sturt University.

## Pro-Chancellor appointed

Mr Edward Exell AM, has been appointed the next Pro-Chancellor of ACU. He is presently Business Manager of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and is a senior member of the Standing and Finance Committee of the University and also chairs its Audit Committee.

Mr Exell was born in Melbourne and educated at Xavier College, Melbourne, Loyola College Watsonia as a Jesuit scholastic and the Australian National University.

Prior to joining the Catholic Archdiocese he was Deputy Managing Director of the Australian Trade Commission formerly heading the unit responsible for the establishment of that organisation.

Since assuming his present duties, Mr Exell has served on the National Board of Employment Education and Training, Mercy Health and Aged Board and is a member of the School Council of Xavier College. He is also Chair of the Catholic Development Fund of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. He has served as President of Eloura Homes, an organisation concerned with intellectual disability.



*Mr Edward Exell.*



# Vice-Chancellor's Column



Professor Peter Sheehan.

**A**S ALWAYS, much has happened since the last issue. Most significantly, we have lost a Chancellor who has served this University with outstanding distinction and who has guided us unerringly. Also, we have gained a new Chancellor who will take us into the future, and who promises much. On 5 November, Cardinal Edward Clancy stepped down as Chancellor and Br Julian McDonald cfc took Office. All of us are deeply grateful to his Eminence for the strength of his leadership, commitment, and spiritual guidance and we look forward to celebrating his achievements in the new year. Br. Julian relinquished the role of Pro-Chancellor to take up his new position and Mr Ted Exell has stepped in as Pro-Chancellor. I offer my best wishes to our new Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor.

Four other events stand out for me. First, we had a significant Profile Visit by Government. Second, the Australian Research Council has announced its research awards. Third, several important positions have now been filled. Fourth, our campuses are actively debating the nature of our ethos.

The Profile Visit was very important for us. It was a probing meeting and a number of significant outcomes resulted from it. Government, I believe, is appreciative of the University's wish to develop its research culture and we are currently negotiating with Government

about our future research degree load. The formula for allocating research resources in the sector is a very difficult one for all universities, and ACU needs to plan carefully to enhance its research culture in a climate that has limited resources. We cannot be a quality university unless we research as well as teach, and we need to make sure that our research and research training remain strong. We were also given encouragement at the Profile Visit for our efforts to build Banyo as an exciting campus.

In the course of the Profile discussions, specific priorities for our future were charted. Key priorities for us will be the need to diversify our income and attract additional resources, market our image selectively, consolidate our strengths as a professional provider, and grow in sophistication as a university which has great IT potential.

In reinforcement of our research identity, the Australian Research Council announced last month that our University will receive over one million dollars in Commonwealth research funding over the next three years. We were given three large funded research projects, which were associated with two of our major Research Centres. The Centre for Early Christian Studies was awarded two Fellowships, one of them being a prestigious Queen Elizabeth II Fellowship that went to Dr. Wendy Mayer. Australian Postgraduate Awards (Industry) went to another two of our Centres. An additional APA (Industry) was awarded for research associated with the Flagship for Youth Studies and awards were gained for research in nursing and human movement. Large ARC grants were obtained by Philip Clarkson, Wendy Mayer and Peter Sullivan, and SPIRT grants were obtained by Justin Kemp, Marie Joyce, Carmel Seibold, Bernadette Tobin, Peter Coghlan, and Ruth Webber and Judith Bessant. The University was also awarded an Indigenous Researchers Development Scheme Grant in exercise science.

My congratulations to all of the researchers involved in these awards. Their performances bring credit to the University. And it is not just research in which we are doing well. The recently published, *The Good Universities Guide to Universities, TAFEs and Private Providers* presents sound evidence of how well Australian Catholic University has performed on very significant indicators of teaching performance.

Thirdly, there are new positions of consequence within the University which are strategically important to our future. Mr. John Cameron has taken up his appointment as the new Executive Director of University Services, and Professor Gabrielle McMullen has taken up office as our new Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs) responsible for Victoria. Mrs Barbara Olde has moved across to us from The University of Sydney as our new Director of Information Technology and Communication, and Ms Patricia Ruzzene is coming from the University of Technology, Sydney to take up the position of Director of Marketing in late February, next year. My congratulations to all these persons. They promise much for the University, but also I would like to thank those people who filled our positions before.

In particular I would like to acknowledge the tremendous contribution Mr Richard Doyle has made to Australian Catholic University and its predecessor institution, Catholic College of Education Sydney. Richard retires from the University on 31 December 2000 after 14 years of outstanding and dedicated service. He has filled the important roles of University Secretary and Company Secretary since the establishment of the University in 1991, with energy, commitment and integrity and has exemplified the ethos of our institution. I wish Richard and his family the very best for the future.

Lastly, I am delighted that scholarly debate is alive and well in the University on the consequences of ACU being a Catholic University. We are a public university driven by a Catholic ethos and many stimulating discussions are occurring at the moment to help refine our distinctive nature. Senate has commended the University community on how it is pursuing the issue of the Catholic nature of its identity, and in very many ways our ethos is functioning well.

Our Catholic vision is an integrating force of Christian personal formation in a university that is tolerant of others' perspectives. What defines a good Catholic University will always be debated, as it should be, and not everyone will agree with any specific outcomes at any one time. However, it is important to recognize that the debate about our identity is alive and well, and is healthily raising our collective consciousness about what makes us different from most other Australian universities.

Peter W. Sheehan AO  
Vice-Chancellor



# 2000 Victor J Couch Lecture

The 2000 Victor J Couch Lecture was delivered by Professor Peter Sheehan, Vice-Chancellor, at MacKillop Campus on 23 November. The title of his address was *Censorship*.

Dr Victor J Couch was a leader in Catholic teacher education and had a major influence in the formation of Australian Catholic University. He had a long association with ACU's predecessor colleges in New South Wales and with the University. Dr Couch died in Sydney on 23 November, 1999.

In his address, Professor Sheehan offered an analysis of the meaning of censorship and provided a rationale for censorship, its complexity and consequences.

He discussed the special challenge of finding an appropriate balance between freedom and responsibility.

Examples of censorship and their consequences were discussed.

Particular attention was given to the important issue of morality and its relationship to law.

Professor Sheehan linked the major

themes of his lecture to significant matters emerging in higher education.

Professor Sheehan has personal and professional interest in censorship.



Cardinal Edward Clancy, Professor John Coll, Professor Peter Sheehan and Br Julian MacDonald cfc.

## Symposium examines spiritual nature of ACU

The Mission and identity of Australian Catholic University was at the core of an Invited Symposium on 8 November at MacKillop Campus.

The Symposium, *Teaching Philosophical and Theologically Related Units in Undergraduate Professional Courses* (at ACU), was attended by Deans, Heads of Schools and senior management at the University.

There were ten presentations, including two contributions in the handbook which were not presented.

All three Faculties and the Sub-Faculty concerned with the teaching of Theology and Philosophy submitted views and discussions.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Sheehan, said he was pleased there was wide support for the position that ACU courses should reflect the distinctive nature of the University and distinctive character of ACU's Mission. Professor Sheehan presented the Opening Remarks and the Summary and Conclusion.

The following presentations were made:

- Philosophical Perspectives: Dr J. Ozolins, Head of School of Philosophy
- Theological Perspectives: Rev. Professor Tony Kelly CSsR, Professor of Theology

The view from Undergraduate Professional Courses were presented by:

- Professor Jack Flanagan, Head of Sub-Faculty of Business and Information Systems
- Dr Kristin Johnston RSJ, Senior

Lecturer, School of Education (NSW): Education and Habilitation

- Dr Vaughan Monamy, Lecturer, School of Arts and Sciences (NSW): Environmental Science

- Dr Maureen Strugnell, Head of the School of Arts and Sciences (QLD): The Arts

- Dr Wayne Maschette, Acting Head of the School of Human Movement (VIC): Nursing and Human Movement

- Associate Professor Michael McKay, Head of the School of Psychology (VIC): Psychology and Pastoral Counselling

- Associate Professor Peter Camilleri, Head of the School of Social Work (ACT): Social Science and Social Work.

Professor Peter Carpenter, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, was the Convenor and Professor Gabrielle McMullen, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs) Chaired and led discussions on the issues raised.

Professor McMullen presented the view from attendees at the International Federation of Catholic Universities Assembly, held in August.

Professor of Philosophy, Professor Raimond Gaita's Reflection on ACU's Catholic Identity was one included paper.

The other was an excerpt from *The Catholicity of Australian Catholic University: Implications for the Spiritual, Moral and Justice Dimensions of the University's Curriculum* by Associate Professor Graham Rossiter, Head of the School of Religious Education.

Professor Sheehan said the Symposium

showed there must be meaningful dialogue with each other in the future

"It is exciting to do it, and this activity must continue, and I will do what I can to encourage it," he said. "By means of cross-communication and mutual discussion we air scholarly issues, but also, importantly, we begin to define our agreements and disagreements," he added.

Professor Sheehan recommended that Faculties should debate the validity of:

- Core units are appropriate to the task of integration, but not always so. If appropriate, we should define when and why that is the case.

- Multiple strategies should be used (and articulated) in the task of integration.

- The special importance of Philosophy and Theology is not just transmitted through single-unit teaching. The process of theological and philosophical reflection illustrates how teachers can join together across disciplines in a genuine scholarly and integrative way.

- Inter-disciplinary teaching may at times be better encouraged by bilateral teaching of common topics.

- A range of Mission-focussed units is relevant to the task of professional training. Such relevance should be defined precisely.

- Personal formation means that Mission-related teaching is also relevant to student's lives and personal values. This goal argues for the provision of multiple electives which aids personal development.

- A Code of Teaching Ethics is needed to guide the University in the process of proper teaching of its Mission.



# Ethics discussed at ACUcom breakfast

ACU hosted a free breakfast and seminar on issues relating to corporate social responsibility at MacKillop Campus in July. The breakfast was organised by Mrs Valerie Hoogstad, Director, ACUcom.

At the seminar, *Social and Ethical Responsibilities in Today's Society*, Mr Gerald Gleeson, AC, Chairman, Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority, spoke on *Ethical Responsibility*.

Mr Bob Ferguson, Chairman, BT Funds Management Ltd addressed the topic: *Changing Role of Business and the Community*, and Mr Peter Ritchie, Chairman, McDonald's Australia Limited spoke on *Social Responsibility: Practices*.

ACU Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Sheehan, said it was important for business to focus on social and ethical responsibility and the implication these factors have on business planning.

"Social responsibility is a way for business to enhance their reputation with key audiences whilst making a real difference in their communities," said Mrs Hoogstad.



Mr Peter Ritchie, MacDonalds Australia Ltd, Mr Bob Ferguson, BT Funds Management Ltd, Mr Gerald Gleeson, Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority, Professor Jack Flanagan, ACU, Mrs Valerie Hoogstad, ACUcom and Professor Peter Sheehan, ACU.

# Minister opens youth studies centre

The Honourable Justin Madden, MLC, Minister for Youth Affairs, officially launched the University's Social Policy and Advocacy Research Centre (SPARC) and the Youth Studies Flagship at St Patrick's Campus, on 20 October.

The launch was in the form of a one-day conference, held in the Christ Lecture Theatre, at which more than 150 people attended.

The conference, *Young People, Social Policy and Justice*, was opened by the

Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Professor Gabrielle McMullen. Rev Tim Costello, Director, Urban Mission Unit, Collins Street Baptist Church, presented the opening paper titled *Justice and Young People*.

This was followed by a paper titled *A Time to Dream: Justice for Young Australians* presented by Dr Veronica Brady, Honorary Senior Research Fellow at the University of Western Australia.

SPARC is directed by Associate Professor Judith Bessant, School of Arts

and Sciences (VIC) and the Flagship in Youth Studies is directed by Associate Professor Ruth Webber, School of Arts and Sciences (VIC) at ACU.

Earlier this year, Professor Peter Sheehan announced that the University had selected its Flagships. Youth Studies is one of six Flagships nominated to contribute to the University's profile, an area consistent with the Mission of Australian Catholic University.

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

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

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

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



Professor Peter Carpenter, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Professor Peter Sheehan, Vice-Chancellor, Associate Professor Judith Bessant, Director, SPARC, Jan Pardowski, Ms Di Brebner, Student Services, St Patrick's Campus, Mr Justin Madden, Minister for Youth Affairs and Professor Gabrielle McMullen, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs) at the SPARC opening.



# Lifelong Learning Centre opened

The University's Lifelong Learning Centre was formally opened by Bishop Peter Connors, Bishop of Ballarat, on 1 September at Aquinas Campus. The

Centre is associated with one of ACU's six flagships and is directed by Professor Judith Chapman, Dean, Faculty of Education and coordinated by Dr Jackie

McGilp, Senior Lecturer, School of Education (VIC).

The evening was attended by ACU staff and special guests, including The Honourable Karen Overington MP, Mr Geoff Howard MLA, Dr Dianne Hadden, MLC, Professor Philip Candy, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, University of Ballarat and Chair of the Centre for Lifelong Learning, Mr Larry Burn, Director, Catholic Education Office, Ballarat, Cr Marie Gosnold, Moorabool Council and Mr Ross Haby, Ballarat City Council.

In her address, Professor Chapman said the Centre for Lifelong Learning "will aim to draw upon the OECD Notion of Lifelong Learning to enrich personal lives, foster economic growth and maintain social cohesion". She said this would be achieved through research, teaching and learning, community outreach and policy advice "to help make our contribution to making lifelong learning a reality for all."



At the opening of the Lifelong Learning Centre are from left Mr Blake Gordon, Acting Rector, Aquinas Campus, Professor Judith Chapman, Dean, Faculty of Education and Director of Centre for Lifelong Learning, Bishop Peter Connors of Ballarat, Associate Professor Jackie McGilp, Coordinator, Centre for Lifelong Learning, Professor Gabrielle McMullen, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs) and Ms Karen Overington MP.

## ACU sponsors Blake Prize

Br Julian McDonald cfc, Chancellor, presented a cheque to the winner of the 2000 Blake Prize for religious art, Frances B Parker, for her entry, *The Journey*, at the opening night function in the SH Ervin Gallery, Sydney, on 16 November.

ACU is the prize sponsor for the Blake Prize, a commitment announced by Professor Peter Sheehan, Vice-Chancellor, in 1999. The sponsorship is for three years from 2000.



Ms Mirabel Fitzgerald (centre), Senior Lecturer in Art at the Sydney College of the Arts, with her entry in the Blake Prize 2000, "Chimera", which was selected by the judges as part of the Exhibition list. Ms Fitzgerald, Ms Judith Carroll (right) and Dr Gail Crossley (left) from the School of Arts and Sciences at ACU, are members of the Course Development Committee for the Bachelor of Visual Arts and Design degree prepared for commencement at Mount Saint Mary Campus and St Patrick's Campus.

Professor Sheehan said, "I believe it is important for the University to be visibly and publicly associated with aesthetic and artistic endeavours. Our joining with the Blake Prize is a public reflection of the importance of spirituality and artistic reflection as an integral part of our ethos."

The touring Blake Exhibition will be the most extensive in the Prize's history, travelling for 13 months, including Mount Saint Mary Campus from 18 January to 18 February and St Patrick's Campus from 15 October to 26 October.

Professor Tony Kelly CSsR, Professor of Theology at ACU, was on the panel of judges for the 2000 Exhibition.

The Blake Society, named after the visionary artist and poet, William Blake, is an independent organisation that administers an annual Exhibition and Prize for contemporary religious and spiritual art.

The aim of the Blake Society is to encourage contemporary artists to explore the spiritual in art.

It was formed by a Jesuit priest, Michael Scott, a Jewish businessman, Richard Morley and a Catholic Lawyer, Mary Tenison Woods.

Since 1951 the Society has awarded an annual prize for a work of art with a religious or spiritual theme. (There was no Prize in 1999.)



Br Julian McDonald cfc, Chancellor, with the winning entry, "The Journey."

## Support for East Timor

ACU has continued its support of the reconstruction of education in East Timor. Recently Professor Sheehan, Vice-Chancellor, responded to an invitation from the NSW Government to support the Library project of the University of East Timor with a contribution of \$5,000 from ACU.



# Barbara Olde joins ACU

Mrs Barbara Olde has been appointed the new Director of Information and Communication Services at ACU. Her appointment commenced on 4 September, 2000 and is for a period of 5 years.

Mrs Olde was Director, Information Technology Services at the University of Sydney for the last six years.

She has established a positive reputation in the university environment having taken on national responsibilities as the Chair of the Council of University Directors of Information Technology (CAUDIT).

Mrs Olde has been Chair of Executive, New South Wales Regional Network (AARNet) and Chair, Organising Committee at CAUDIT/EDUCAUSE conference, Sydney in 1999.

She has a Graduate Diploma in Applied Science Information Technology from Charles Sturt University and has attended various courses in management and technical training. Mrs Olde is a Member of the Australian Computer Society and



Mrs Barbara Olde.

MIS Information Masters Forum and holds a current ACA GPC Cabling Licence.

## Chair at Westmead

Associate Professor Geraldine Naughton, who has been appointed Head of Research, Children's Sport and Exercise Science Medical Centre (CHISM), said she felt "incredibly privileged, excited and respectful of the opportunity" with her new appointment. The ACU Chair in Children's Sport and Exercise Science is based at the New Children's Hospital, Westmead, Sydney.

Associate Professor Naughton's research is in the area of Paediatric Exercise Science. She is currently researching the *Thermoregulatory responses to continuous and intermittent exercise in well-trained adolescents under moderate and hot conditions*. The

outcome of her research could have a marked effect on training strategies and water intake during exercise.

Associate Professor Naughton was previously a Lecturer in Exercise Physiology at the University of Victoria. She is a member of the Australian Nutrition Foundation, Sports Medicine Australia, Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Australasian Society for the Study of Obesity, North American Society for Paediatric Exercise Medicine, International Diabetic Athletes Association – Australian Chapter and an associate member of the Sports Dietitians Australia.



Associate Professor Geraldine Naughton.

## East Timor forum

The issues of peace and political stability were addressed in a Public Forum, *The Lessons of East Timor for Australia Today*, at St Patrick's Campus on 27 October.

Recent events in East Timor have acted as a catalyst for the emergence of a new 'regional conscience' in Australia. Drawing upon the lessons of the East Timor situation, the Public Forum explored issues relevant to Australia's relationship to its regional responsibility.

Professor Peter Sheehan, Vice-Chancellor, opened the Forum. His statement was followed by three sessions: *Setting the Scene*, *The Lessons of East Timor* and *Looking Forward to the Future*. The Forum concluded with a

# New role for John Cameron

Mr John Cameron has been appointed the new Executive Director, University Services at Australian Catholic University.

ACU Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Sheehan, announced that Mr Cameron would take up the position for a period of up to five years.

Mr Cameron was previously Director of Finance at ACU, which he held from August 1998.

He holds a Master of Commerce (Honours) in Accounting from UNSW and is a member of the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants.

The appointment of Executive Director, University Services is a newly established position, which replaces that of University Secretary, currently held by Mr Richard Doyle who is retiring at the end of the year.



Mr John Cameron.

Panel, *Australia, East Timor, the Region: Perspectives and Challenges*.

Guest speakers, Chairs of the sessions and Panel members included: Revd Dr Bruce Duncan CSSR and Revd Dr Baltasar Keni SVD, Yarra Theological Union, Mr Abel Guterres, Coordinator for Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania of the National Council of Timorese Resistance for the National Commission for Emergency, Bishop Hilton Deakin, Chair, Caritas Australia and of East Timor Human Rights Centre, Melbourne, and Sr Anne Forbes RSM of Ballarat and an observer during the elections in East Timor.

Participants from ACU included: Professor Peter Sheehan, Professor Gabrielle McMullen, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs), Dr Norma Sullivan and Dr Louise Edwards.



## Prof McMullen PVC in Victoria



*Professor Gabrielle McMullen.*

Professor Gabrielle McMullen, has been appointed Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs) at ACU. Professor McMullen is based at St Patrick's Campus and is responsible for the ACU Faculties, Library and Academic Staff Development as well as the Victorian operations of the University. She previously held the position of Rector at Aquinas Campus for five years.

Her current research interests include issues in the history of science and bioethics.

Professor McMullen said: "I am very much looking forward to my new and challenging role, but will greatly miss living and working in Ballarat. It is a wonderful city. My responsibilities in relation to overseeing the activities of Australian Catholic University in Victoria mean I will regularly have the opportunity to visit Ballarat – something I will look forward to very much."

## University Secretary honours ACU

"It's a great temptation to expect too much too soon," said Mr Richard Doyle, University Secretary, who is retiring on 31 December. "However these perceptions come out of a strong desire to achieve greatness for the University in one's own time of service," he added.

Ten years since the University's formation, Mr Doyle sees ACU as making good progress and growing in strength.

Joining the Catholic College of Education, Sydney, on St Patrick's day 1986, based in the now Vice-Chancellery building "where you could still see the river before the trees grew and buildings rose to obstruct the view", Mr Doyle has witnessed the birth and growth of Australia's first public Catholic university and been an integral part of its governance organisation.

He attributes the rate of growth of the University to some very hard work on the campuses (often over-enrolled), and a firm resolve on the part of staff to achieve a strong professional image for the institution.

The formation of national faculties in 1993 that led to the creation of national structures was a necessary process and a highlight of the University's history according to Mr Doyle. It paved the way for other national approaches in areas of finance, technology, student administration etc., allowing the University to

develop better levels of economy and expertise.

"Our first doctoral graduate two years ago was another important milestone," he said.

"The various performance indicators drawn up by the government over the years has shown ACU to have performed quite well. This is also reflected in published student's surveys on their perceptions of ACU. Employment rates of graduates, not just teaching and nursing but in other areas, is high. We are now training people for employment in areas well beyond the catholic arena. I look forward to the day when some of our graduates take their place at the helms of industry and politics."

Mr Doyle considers winning the debate for a national administration structure one of his personal highlights at ACU. "Staff development programs have improved greatly," he said, "which has a direct effect on the benefits in the work of people, they are better focussed on the business and achievement of the institution."

"The University of the future will depend upon a lot of cross-institution teaching. ACU needs to do more of this."

"An emerging feature of ACU is its internationalisation. The growing number of international students will help the University gain recognition overseas, our students are our best ambassadors."

Mr Doyle is pleased that the Catholicity debate has now emerged as an open dialogue within the University. "It provides us with the opportunity to better identify what is the ethos of the institution without

## Professor of Psychology

Dr Barry Fallon has been appointed Professor of Psychology at ACU. Dr Fallon will commence his appointment on 5 February 2001 and will be located at St Patrick's Campus.

Dr Fallon obtained his undergraduate training in Australia before gaining his MA and PhD from the State University of New York. Currently, he is Senior Lecturer, Department of Psychology, at the University of Melbourne.

He is past President of the Australia Psychological Society (APS), having spent many years on its Publications Committee and has been involved in course development and course accreditation. Dr Fallon is currently Chair of the APS Interest Group on Personal Relationships. His main field is Social Psychology, with a special focus on the applications of Psychology.

becoming too doctrinaire. The role of the University is one of example, not overt or forced evangelisation, but it must be demonstrably 'catholic', otherwise it has no place in the society."

Mr Doyle is looking forward to a well-earned break when he retires in December. He is looking forward to spending time with his wife, Anne, and six daughters. He has no employment commitments, but hopes to complete his ambition of playing every golf course in the Sydney region. As far as courses on the other side of the world, well that's on the agenda too, Ireland and Scotland get a mention.



*Mr Richard Doyle.*



## BOOK LAUNCHES

**Associate Professor Robert Gascogne's** latest book, *The Public Forum and Christian Ethics*, was launched by Professor Tony Kelly CSsR, Professor of Theology, ACU, at a function at Mount Saint Mary Campus on 9 November.

The book addresses the question of the communication of Christian ethics in the public forum of liberal, pluralist societies. Drawing on debates in philosophy, theology and sociological theory, it relates the problem of communication to fundamental questions about the nature of liberal societies and the identity of Christian faith and the Christian community. *The Public Forum and Christian Ethics* is published by Cambridge University Press.

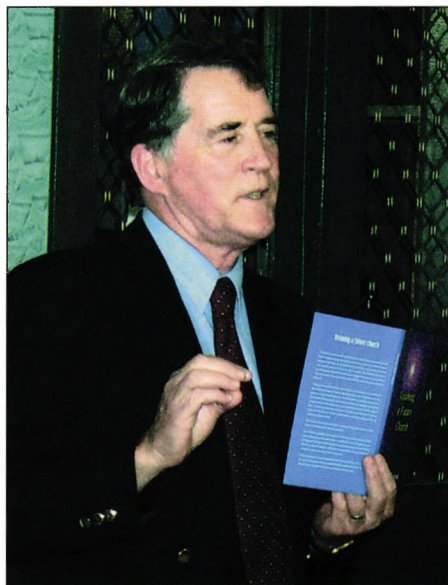


Professor Tony Kelly CSsR and Associate Professor Robert Gascogne.

**Dr Kevin Treston's** book *Visioning a Future Church*, launched in July and published by Creation Enterprises, asks the question: "Does the Church today faithfully reflect the vision and spirit of Jesus?" at the beginning of the book.

Dr Treston, from McAuley Campus, analyses what is happening in today's Church in the book's ten chapters. He identifies the influences, ecclesial and secular, that are shaping its future and proposes an environmentally and ecumenically sensitive vision of a future Church.

The book is available at Catholic bookshops or directly from Creation Enterprises in Queensland.



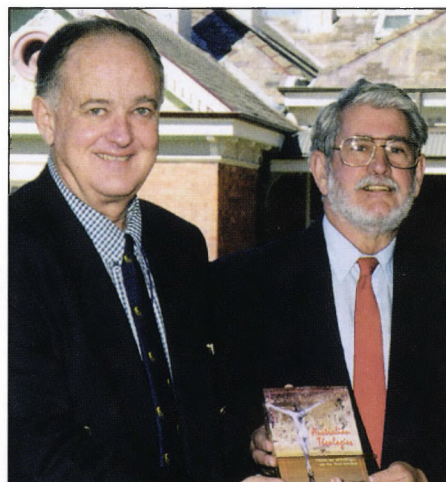
Dr Kevin Treston.

**Associate Professor Gideon Goosen's** latest book *Australian Theologies, Themes and Methodologies into the third millennium*, was launched by The Right Reverend Bruce Wilson at Mount Saint Mary Campus on 21 August.

*Australian Theologies* was the compilation of 25 years of work by Associate Professor Goosen. Bishop Wilson said the book is an "inspiring piece of work, with a beautiful ecumenical spirit running through the book".

The book provides an overview of theological writing in Australia, concentrating on specific areas and revealing the theological methods used by different writers.

*Australian Theologies, themes and methodologies into the third millennium* is published by St Paul's Publications.



Bishop Bruce Wilson and Associate Professor Gideon Goosen.

## Adelaide graduation ceremony



Nineteen graduands from the Master of Educational Leadership course and two from the Master of Religious Education course graduated at a ceremony held in Adelaide on 31 July. Br Julian McDonald cfc, conferred the awards. Mr Bill Pecker, Executive Officer, SA Institute for Catholic Teacher Education, coordinates the ACU courses that are conducted in Adelaide and also the Masters graduation which is held annually in July.

## Architects appointed for campus at Banyo

The Brisbane based Project Architects, Conrad and Gargett Pty Ltd, have been appointed by ACU to design the new Queensland campus for the University at Banyo.

"The new campus will replace the existing ACU McAuley Campus at Mitchelton, which has become outgrown in recent years," said Professor Muredach Dynan, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Queensland. "The Banyo site is much larger and will provide for the long term needs of ACU as the University develops."

The Banyo campus will incorporate the existing Pius XII Seminary building into an expanded campus designed to cater for more than 2000 students and 200 staff.

Building work associated with the redevelopment will commence in 2001, with completion of the site planned for the academic year of 2003. Cost of the project is estimated at \$20 million.



## Aboriginal mosaic unveiled

Cardinal Edward Clancy, as Chancellor of the University, unveiled the Aboriginal mosaic, designed by Mr Glenn Romanis, which adorns the floor beneath the atrium at St Patrick's Campus, at a special ceremony on 27 July.

Other guests attending the ceremony included members of Australian Catholic University Senate, senior members of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander agencies from Fitzroy and surrounding suburbs, and staff and students of the University.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Sheehan, spoke on the significance to ACU the mosaic has and the artist, Mr Romanis, spoke about the design and meaning of the mosaic.



*The mosaic at St Patrick's Campus.*

## Cambridge lecturer at ACU



Dr Terry McLaughlin (third from left) visited Mount Saint Mary Campus in August. Dr McLaughlin lectures in the Faculty of Education at the University of Cambridge. He is pictured with Professor Patrick Duignan, School of Educational Leadership, Sr Catherine Thom, School of Theology (NSW), Dr Laurie Woods, Head of the School of Theology (NSW), Associate Professor Graham Rossiter, School of Religious Education, Dr Brian Croke, Catholic Education Commission and Professor Tony d'Arbon, School of Educational Leadership. Dr McLaughlin also hosted a forum on contemporary educational issues at St Patrick's Campus on 25 August.

## ACU and the Olympics



Staff and students from campuses in all states were involved in the Sydney 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Levels of involvement ranged from volunteers and support staff to competitors in the Games. Pictured are some ACU staff and students in their Olympic uniforms.

## Bogside exhibition

The latest Bogside exhibition was officially opened at St Patrick's Campus, on 24 August by Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs), Professor Gabrielle McMullen, in the presence of Bogside artist, William Kelly.

The exhibition includes a 24-piece painting joined to create the image of a large mural, as well as 20 photographs depicting images of Derry murals, the Bogside artists working on the site and further images that will challenge and remind the viewer of the tenuous peace that exists in Northern Ireland.

The Bogside Artists are responsible for the famous murals located in the Bogside Derry, Northern Ireland (known as *Free Derry Corner*).

The Bogside Artists displayed a previous exhibition at Mount St Mary Campus two years ago.

The exhibition was open for two weeks at St Patrick's Campus and was shown at Mount Saint Mary Campus in November.



*Ms Judith Carroll, School of Arts and Sciences (NSW) and William Kelly.*

## Teaching Awards

Professor Peter Sheehan, Vice-Chancellor, has announced the recipients of the 2000 Excellence in Teaching Awards. Mrs Haruko Asakura, School of Arts and Sciences (Mount Saint Mary Campus), Dr Morag McArthur, School of Social Work (Signadou Campus) and Dr Jacqueline McGilp, School of Educational Leadership (Aquinas Campus) will receive their awards at graduation ceremonies to be held in 2001. They also receive a prize of \$2,000 to be used for academic purposes.



## Literature and religion conference

Associate Professor Michael Griffith presented a paper at the Tenth Conference, *Literary Canons and Religious Identity*, of the European Society for Literature and Religion in September. The conference was held at the Heyendaal Institute at the Catholic University of Nijmegen in The Netherlands.

Associate Professor Griffith's paper, *William Blake and the post-colonial imagination in Australia*, explored the impact of Blake's poetry, painting and religious thought on Patrick White and David Malouf. His paper was well received and he has now been invited to join the advisory body for the International Society for Religion, Literature and Culture, which was established at this conference.



Professor Hermann Haring, Director, Heyendaal Institute, the Katholieke Universiteit, Associate Professor Michael Griffith, Mrs Rose Griffith, Professor Stephen Prickett, Regius Professor of English, Glasgow University.

## BESc features ethics in sport

Ethics in sport and a high moral code are key features in ACU's new Bachelor of Exercise Science (BESc) course.

The School of Human Movement has introduced the BESc course to commence in 2001. The course will be available at St Patrick's Campus, Melbourne, and MacKillop Campus, Sydney.

Mr Peter Wiebe, Head of School of Human Movement (NSW), said the University's Mission is actively reflected in the program. "Ethics is an important feature of ACU and the BESc course is

no exception. It's quite timely with the Sydney 2000 Olympics and the whole area of the use of drugs by athletes," said Mr Wiebe.

The Bachelor of Exercise Science aims to provide a strong academic program in the discipline of Exercise Science with opportunities for specialisation and extension into a number of fields. The course is structured into four areas: academic core, elective units, a specialisation sequence and field experience in the community.

## Research grants top \$1 million

ACU will receive more than \$1 million in Commonwealth research funding over the next three years. Dr David Kemp, Minister for the Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs, recently announced the results of the current round of competitive Australian Research Council (ARC) funding. The results highlight a major achievement for the University's researchers.

New areas of research activity in the Mathematics Teaching and Learning Research Centre include two ARC Funded projects: *Internationalisation and globalisation: their influence on mathematics education in higher education* and *Overcoming structural barriers to mathematics learning*.

The Centre for Early Christian Studies will host a new Australian Postdoctoral

Research Fellow (APRF), Dr Bronwen Neil. Dr Wendy Mayer, a former APRF holder in the Centre is the successful recipient of an ARC Large Grant (*Completing the picture of a vital historical source: The homilies of John Chrysostom*), and a Queen Elizabeth II Fellowship.

Researchers in the Social Policy and Advocacy Research Centre (SPARC) and the Plunkett Centre for Ethics in Health Care are the successful recipients of two Australian Postgraduate Awards (Industry). Research areas include: *Professionalism v Caring: toward a coherent ethic of nursing for Australia* and *Community Services and Drug Dependent Client Groups*. In addition, an APA (Industry) was awarded for research into *Psycho-educational approaches to*

## Theology and RE meet

The Theology and Religious Education Graduate Association held a seminar, liturgy and meeting on 15 November at Signadou Campus.

Professor Tony Kelly CSsR, conducted the seminar which focussed on his recent article, *Eucharistic Ecology*.

## 2000 Aquinas Lecture

Mr Hugh Mackay, a columnist for national newspapers and respected social commentator, presented the 2000 Aquinas Annual Lecture, *Australia at a turning point*, which was held in the Mulkearns Theatre on Aquinas Campus, on 27 October.

In his lecture Mr Mackay explored some of the positive ways in which Australians are dealing with the turbulence, uncertainty and unpredictability of social change.

Mr Mackay is the author of the books *Reinventing Australia*, *Why Don't People Listen?* and *Turning Point*.

## Honesty Risk in Oxford

In July, Mr Anthony Tuckett, Lecturer, School of Nursing (QLD) presented a paper at St Catherine's College, Oxford, that challenged the audience to reflect on risk and truth telling. The paper, co-authored by his supervisor, presented early findings from his PhD research titled, *Truth telling in aged care – a qualitative study*.

Members of the audience critically questioned the research style and generally discussed findings that suggested a gap between the clients' and carers' perceptions surrounding truth telling. The meeting was attended by scholars working in the area of risk and health.

*prevention and intervention for marginalised young people in the Barwon Region of Victoria.*

ACU has continued its successful record in attracting funding for its research in the Health Sciences. Two new Australian Postgraduate Awards with Industry were announced in the areas of nursing and human movement. These are: *Physical activity, aerobic fitness and fatness in children* and *An exploration of the degree to which chemically dependent pregnant women's needs are met through provision of specialised clinics*.

An Indigenous Researchers Development Scheme Grant has been awarded for research in the area of exercise science.



## PhD for Sr Rosier op

Sr Veronica Rosier op, Lecturer, School of Theology (NSW), has been awarded a doctoral degree in Liturgical Studies from the Catholic University of America, Washington DC. She is the only Roman Catholic woman in Australia to hold a PhD in this field.

Her doctoral dissertation, written under the direction of Professor Catherine Dooley, examines the liturgical rites conducted in parishes which are deprived of the weekly Sunday celebration of the Mass because of the shortage of priests.

## Scholarships for Indigenous students

A special ceremony was held at the University of Canberra on 6 November to announce a scheme for the awarding of scholarships to Indigenous students at Australian Catholic University and the University of Canberra by the St Vincent de Paul Society, Canberra and Goulburn Conference. Senator Aden Ridgeway, Senator for New South Wales, was a special guest at the ceremony.

The St Vincent de Paul Society is offering scholarships to Australian Catholic University students who are enrolled in either the Bachelor of Education (Primary - Indigenous Education) or Bachelor of Education (Secondary - Indigenous Education) at the University's Mount Saint Mary Campus, Sydney.

"To be eligible for the scholarship a student must have Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander status, provide evidence of financial need, have completed all components of the first or second year of the course and display a commitment to working in the field of education," said Mr Stan Lewis, Vice-President, Country, St Vincent de Paul Society.

The number and value of the scholarships will be determined on an annual basis for the next three years by a committee representing members from Yalbalunga, the Indigenous student support centre at ACU, the University's School of Education (NSW), St Vincent de Paul Society's Archdiocesan Council of Canberra and Goulburn and the ACU Foundation.

Scholarships for students at the University of Canberra will be determined by a separate committee.

Representing Australian Catholic University at the ceremony were Associate Professor Tim O'Hearn, Acting Director University Foundation, Professor Jude Butcher, Head of the School of Education (NSW) and Mr Ken Ralph, Director, Yalbalunga.

## St Vincent de Paul Society research

Australian Catholic University has received a grant from the NSW and ACT St Vincent de Paul Society for a research project on the life of Charles Gordon O'Neill, principal co-founder of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia and New Zealand.

The research will be carried out by Associate Professor Peter Camilleri, Head of the School of Social Work (ACT).

Professor Camilleri will initially be archiving and researching into the life of Charles Gordon O'Neill (1828-1900) with particular reference to the period 1880-1900.

Charles Gordon O'Neill was an engineer born in Scotland who lived and worked in New Zealand and the colony of New South Wales. O'Neill had worked tirelessly on behalf of the Society of St Vincent de Paul firstly in his native Scotland, founded the Society in New Zealand and then in Sydney in 1881.

"For historians on social life in Sydney during the 1880s and 1890s, the development of charities, the development of the physical infrastructure of the colony and religious thought, understanding the life and times of Charles Gordon O'Neill is vital," said Professor Camilleri.

The second part of Professor Camilleri's research will concentrate on the 1877 Manual published by the Society, and subsequently used by O'Neill. The study will examine the sources and theological context of the cuttings and extracts placed by O'Neill in the Manual and his use of these when establishing the Society in New South Wales.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Sheehan, received the initial cheque for the research grant from the St Vincent de Paul Society at a special Centennial Mass commemorating Charles Gordon O'Neill, at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, on 10 November.

## Support for Indigenous students

The University now has an Individualised Support Program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

The program benefits Indigenous students who require assistance making the transition to tertiary education.

It applies especially to those students who have experienced educational disadvantage.

The program does not require the offer

of extra units, but rather is predicated upon the sort of pastoral care that characterises ACU.

Indigenous students in New South Wales and Queensland enrolled in courses specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are not included in the new program. For them, the support already is built into the content and delivery of diplomas and degrees.

## Environmental test

A recent experiment by first year Bachelor of Nursing student, Colin Arthur Rae, who chose the Gents' toilets on Aquinas Campus as the subject for a Bioscience study, may result in paper towel dispensers instead of hand air dryers.

To critically analyse and evaluate the environment of the Gent's toilets Colin's tests included a sample of the air in the environment for one minute, a swab of the toilet seat, a swab of the hand basin taps, a swab of the electric air dryer button and a sample of the air coming out of the electric air dryer for one cycle.

Whilst performing the last test, Colin found the air from the air dryer being blown back into his face revealed a number of different kinds of bacteria and fungi. Mr John McCarty, Campus Manager at Aquinas Campus, is investigating further to determine if air dryers should be replaced with paper towels.

## Public lecture

Mark Weichard and Anthony Russo, sculptors of the 15 metre illuminated steel and bronze cross which is mounted on the eastern wall of St Patrick's Campus, presented a public lecture in the Mercy Lecture Theatre on 2 October.

In the lecture, *Constant Craving - The Search for the Beyond through Sculpture*, the artists described how they design and execute religious works of art for contemporary Australia.

## Young Australian nomination

ACU Master of Social Science (Research) student, Jeremy Barren, at St Patrick's Campus has been nominated for the Community category of the Young Australian of the Year Award 2001. He is awaiting final details of his nomination.



## School literacy project

Australian Catholic University, the Parramatta Diocese Catholic Education Office and St Paul's Catholic College at Greystanes, Sydney, have been working together for the last two years on a project to develop literacy skills across the curriculum for the staff as well as for a representative from the University, Mrs Margie Beck, to act as an 'educator in residence' for particular areas of professional development.

Mrs Beck, from the School of Education (NSW), said the project has received positive feedback from the school. St Paul's had identified the need to improve literacy of boys and the project has been addressing this issue.

After a planning committee was established, the *Literacy across the curriculum* program commenced in Term I of 1999.

"The major focus of the project is to help teachers to develop skills and strategies to improve literacy," Mrs Beck said.

This has been developed by interacting with the school community.

"The first level is working at the whole school level through meetings and a staff development day with staff and parents. The second level of involvement is working in small groups of teachers to develop their skills in teaching literacy skills in their particular subject area. The third level is being achieved by working with teachers of text types as well as working in designated release time," she said.

Mrs Beck has been liaising closely with Mr Simon Humphries from the school on the project. In 1999, they presented a paper on the project, to the Australian Association for Research in Education.



From left, front row, Dr Jan Long, ACU, Mrs Margie Beck, ACU, Mr Tim Logue, St Paul's; back row, Mr Chris Dutfield, St Paul's, Mr Nick Vidot, Parramatta CEO, Associate Professor Jude Butcher, ACU and Mr Simon Humphries, St Paul's.

## Pain management study

A research study is pointing to the need for improved methods of individual pain assessment by nursing staff in the management of pain for cardiac surgical patients.

Janelle Yorke, an ACU research student at St Vincent's Health Care Campus, has just finished analysing data collected for her thesis titled, *Patient's perceptions of pain management following cardiac surgery*.

"It is a common perception amongst nursing staff in the cardiothoracic critical care unit that patients are not receiving optimal pain management immediately

following valve replacements and coronary artery bypass grafting surgery. Nurses are not really asking patients about their pain management," said Janelle.

"I felt it was an important area that needed to be addressed and decided it should be the topic for my thesis.

"Data was collected using a quantitative questionnaire that looked at the site of pain, communication of pain experienced, the sensory nature of the pain experienced and the effect the pain had on the patient. I have just completed analysing the data which is indicating the need for individual pain management protocol that is more individualised."

## Research attracts attention

The presentation of a research paper in Beijing in August 2000 by Associate Professor Carolyn Dowling has resulted in invitations to contribute articles to a Finnish IT magazine and a Russian academic journal. The Finnish article has already been published. The Russian article is scheduled for publication in January 2001.

The subject matter of the paper and articles is the use of software agents in electronic learning environments. Developments in agent technology are an important focus of current research in many areas of IT. Associate Professor Dowling also presented papers on different aspects of this subject at computing conferences in Taiwan and Wollongong in November and December, and at the conference of the Australian Institute of Computing Ethics in Canberra in November. This latter conference is co-sponsored by ACU.

## Sri Lanka conference

On a recent visit to Sri Lanka, Dr Yoosuf Cader, School of Business (VIC), conducted a seminar and workshop on *Management Perspectives in the 21st Century* for senior managers of the SATHSINDU Group of companies.

The SATHSINDU group of companies consists of organisations involved in shipping, travel, real estate and consultancy.

The seminar addressed key business concepts including information and knowledge management, relationship marketing, the digital age and marketing, innovation, competitive advantage, the new organisational structure, managing human intellectual capital and cultural diversity in the workplace.



Ms Elaine Boxer, Senior Lecturer, School of Nursing (NSW) and Ms Janelle Yorke, ACU research student.



# Transcultural Nursing Seminar

Dr Madeleine Leininger, founder and world leader of transcultural nursing, presented a seminar at MacKillop Campus on 9 October.

The seminar titled *Transcultural Nursing – An Integral Part of your Thinking and Actions*, was well attended by Faculty of Health Sciences staff, post-graduate students and representatives from other universities and health care institutions.

In 1956 Dr Leininger stated that care is the essence and central domain of nursing. Twenty-five years later she said "There can be no curing without caring, but caring can exist without curing." (an issue in which she is still examining)

For the last forty years Dr Leininger has been an advocate and leader in the transcultural nursing field. She said it was important "that the cultural needs of people in the world will be met by nurses prepared in transcultural nursing."

She said transcultural nursing was a formal area of study and practice which focussed on cultural care, which looked at the values, beliefs and practices of clients from diverse cultures in order to provide



Professor Elizabeth Cameron-Traub, Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences, Dr Madeleine Leininger and Professor Peter Sheehan, Vice-Chancellor.

culture-specific and culture-universal care and health (well-being) to individuals, families and groups. Dr Leininger describes culture as the lifeways of people with particular patterns, beliefs, val-

ues and practices that are learned and passed on intergenerationally.

"Care was awaiting us as a discipline to discover – we now have a big contingency of nurses doing this," she said.

## ICT in schools studied

Adjunct Professor Ron Toomey and Associate Professor Philip Clarkson, Faculty of Education, have been contracted to plan and implement an evaluative study for eighteen months on the use of computers in classrooms. Victoria's Department of Education and Training funded seven schools in 1995 for the project. The study, involving four primary and three secondary schools, is called the *Navigator Schools Project*.

Professors Toomey and Clarkson completed their report earlier this year which found that the impact of the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) that had been built up in the seven schools had a significant effect on the schools.

Associate Professor Clarkson said, "Each school community had undergone a deep rethinking of what it meant to teach students in this new age, and how their differing contexts would meet this challenge."

"Teachers had incorporated ICTs not just as addenda to their cluster of teaching techniques, but over time they had rethought what it was to be a teacher with this new technology."

The study found that students gained better marks on traditional examinations and the opportunity to explore ways of thinking and acting that had not been available to them in the past.

## Nursing Research Symposium

ACU nursing staff and students presented papers at the *Nursing Research Symposium 2000* held at St Vincent's Health Care Campus on 20 October.

Professor Susan Ronaldson, Professor of Nursing, ACU, welcomed participants to the Symposium and launched the *Nursing Monograph 2000*, a compilation of nursing papers featuring papers by ACU staff and students and staff at St Vincent's Health Care Campus.

Keynote speaker, Professor Judy Lumby, Executive Director of the NSW College of Nursing, presented an address titled *Challenges in clinical nursing research*. Papers presented by ACU representatives included Janelle Yorke, *Incidence and management of atrial fibrillation following cardiac surgery* and Peta Drury and Jennifer Hardy, *Communication issues within a challenging health care environment*.



Ann Maclochlainn, Deputy Chair of Campus Nursing Research Committee, Professor Susan Ronaldson, Professor of Nursing, Ms Caroline Phillips, Administrative Assistant, Campus Nursing Research Unit, and Ms Elaine Boxer, Secretary, Campus Nursing Research Committee and Senior Lecturer at ACU.



## Joint initiative between ACU and CEO

A group of school administrators from the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn schools was recently awarded their Certificate in School Office Management. Associate Professor Peter Camilleri, Rector, Signadou Campus, Associate Professor Helen Bourke, Head of School of Education (ACT) and Mr Geoff Bradley, Canberra Catholic Education Office, congratulated the students on the successful completion of the course.

The Certificate in School Office Management was conducted by Dr Neill Ustick and Mrs Carolyn Broadbent, School of Education (ACT), with the support of the Catholic Education Office, Canberra. Students completing the course came from schools in the ACT and schools in Goulburn and Cooma area. It is the second course for school administrators to be run by Signadou Campus in conjunction with the Catholic Education Office, Canberra.



Mr Geoff Bradley, CEO, Canberra (far left), Mrs Carolyn Broadbent (2nd from right) and Associate Professor Peter Camilleri (right) with the second cohort of students in the Certificate in School Office Management.

## Debate on Olympics

The ACU Debating Team from Signadou Campus was narrowly defeated by ANU in the First Round of the Novice Section of the annual ACT Tri-Series Intervarsity Debating.

ACU was represented by Michael Westerberg, Leanne Penalurick and Jeanette Smith, who presented the negative case for the topic, *That the Olympics are too commercial*.

They argued that without commercial support, the Games would not fulfil their dream.



ACT debating teams: Back: Mark Thomson (adjudicator), Leanne Penalurck (ACU), Michael Westerberg (ACU), Jeanette Smith (ACU) and front: Therese Guirgius (ANU), Brent Walter (ANU) and Bec Hamed (ANU).

## Farewell to staff

The University has welcomed a number of new staff and new appointments over the last few months and there are a number of staff who will be leaving ACU before the year finishes. These include:

**Mr Bruce McCallum**, Manager, Student Administration (QLD). Mr McCallum joined McAuley College in 1982 in the role of Academic Services Officer. With the formation of ACU Mr McCallum was Manager, Academic Services. Mr McCallum undertook secondment to Queensland University of Technology from August 1998 and finished with ACU in October 2000.

**Associate Professor Maureen Dietz RSM**, School of Education (VIC), joined the Institute of Catholic Education, Christ College in 1977 as Principal Lecturer. In 1991 she was appointed an Associate Professor and in 1995 was Head, Department of Mathematics, Science and

Technology Education. From January 1999 until her departure on 31 December 2000 she held the position of Assistant head of School of Education (VIC). Sr Dietz has been actively involved as a union activist for over 20 years.

**Mr Tony McKittrick**, Director, International Education was seconded from IDP Education Australia in 1994 and appointed as Director, International Education in November 1996. Mr McKittrick is now with the Canadian High Commission.

**Ms Catherine Spencer**, ACU Foundation Coordinator in Victoria. Ms Spencer is an ACU McAuley Campus BA graduate who joined the Public Affairs unit in Brisbane, before moving to Melbourne 3 years ago. Ms Spencer served a term on the Senate of the University and worked in a variety of positions on McAuley Campus from 1989 to 1995. She moved to The University of Melbourne in November.

**Mr David Keegan**, Payroll and

## Ethical investment conference

A conference to promote an understanding of the relationships between ethics, social issues and investment practices will be presented by ACU and the Business Ethics Research Centre at the Bardon Centre, near Brisbane from 8 to 10 February 2001.

The conference will offer multiple perspectives of what ethical investment is, drawing on ethical, religious, social, economic and legal viewpoints.

Superannuation Officer, McAuley Campus, was with the University for many years. He has taken up a new human resources position with a Holden Dealership closer to his home.

**Ms Veronica Moriarty**, Library Manager, Aquinas Campus joined the library staff in January 1995. Ms Moriarty retired in November.



## Fun day at Mosman

ACU third year Human Movement students joined the Olympic spirit for their Event Management project, *Bringing the spirit of the Olympic Games to the Manors of Mosman*.

They organised a day full of fun, healthy and exciting activities for the retired residents of the Manors of Mosman, Sydney.

An extension of their activities included raising funds for paralympian, Priya Cooper. Pictured are Human Movement students with Ms Imke Fischer (front right) handing the cheque for monies raised to Priya Cooper.



## Visitors at the Vice-Chancellery

The University recently hosted a visit to MacKillop Campus of The Friends of St Mary's Cathedral who have been benefactors to ACU for many years.

Professor Peter Sheehan, Vice-Chancellor, addressed the gathering of about 50 Friends on the work of the University before Professor John Coll, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research and International) provided a brief history of the Vice-Chancellery building.

One of the guests was Dr Brian Curtin, whose grandparents, Mr and Mrs Hughes, were former residents of the building.

The guests were conducted on a tour of MacKillop Campus by Professor John Coll, Ms Cynthia Donald and Ms Nairi Mozian.

Professor Coll said the University was grateful to Dame Monica Gallagher DBE, whose inspiration brought about the occasion.



Dr Curtin (seated) and family members on MacKillop Campus.

## Vale Denise Sullivan

Ms Denise Sullivan, School of Theology at Signadou Campus, died peacefully at her home in Pearce on 11 September.

Ms Sullivan has had an association with ACU and Signadou Dominican College of Education and its predecessor college since 1985. At the time of her death she was Deputy Chair of the Archdiocesan Ecumenical Commission, Council Member of St Mark's National Theological Centre, Executive Secretary of the Australian Bishops' Committee for Ecumenical and Inter-Faith Relations, member of the Executive of the National Council of Churches in Australia and member of the Joint Working Group of the Roman Catholic Church and the World Council of Churches.

In an obituary for Ms Sullivan, Bishop Pat Power described Ms Sullivan as someone totally involved in the ecumenical movement. "Her teaching in theology was underpinned by her expertise in Scripture and history. Her fellow faculty members and her students acclaimed her genius as a teacher, her loyalty to her Catholic tradition and her abiding passion for Christian unity."

A Requiem Mass was held for Ms

Sullivan in Canberra. A Liturgy of the Word was held in the chapel on Signadou Campus in September and a memorial service was held in October.

Ms Sullivan will be sadly missed by the community of Australian Catholic University.

## Central Hall concerts

St Patrick's Campus hosted free lunchtime concerts in the University's historic Central Hall, during July, August, September and October.

Among these concerts was a piano concert in July with a recital by Slavomir Michael Zumis, who completed his Master of Music degree at ACU in 1994. He performed works by Frederic Chopin, Franz Liszt and Grazyna Bacewicz.

Since completing his degree Slavomir has studied at the prestigious Frederic Chopin Academy of Music in Warsaw, Poland. Since his return to Australia in 1996, Slavomir founded the Australian Chopin Society.

Slavomir is currently undertaking candidature for the Doctor of Philosophy degree at ACU and is supervised by Dr Dianne Gome and Associate Professor Geoffrey Cox.

## Centacare prize

Meredith Crowe was awarded the 1999 Centacare Prize at a special ceremony held in Canberra earlier this year. The prize is awarded to the best academic student from the first year Bachelor of Social Work program. The prize of \$250 was presented by Mr Neil Harrigan, Director, Centacare and Ms Faye Green, Program Manager, Centacare.



Ms Faye Green, Centacare, Associate Professor Peter Camilleri, Head of School of Social Work, ACU, Meredith Crowe, Bachelor of Social Work student, and Mr Neil Harrigan, Centacare.



# Anniversary celebrations at ACU

ACU's Head of the School of Theology (Vic), **Rev Dr Terry Curtin**, celebrated 25 years of service with ACU and its predecessor colleges at a special ceremony at St Patrick's Campus on 21 July.

He was joined by colleagues, family and friends in celebrating his 25 years of service.

Rev Dr Curtin joined ACU's predecessor college in 1975 as Chaplain, Senior Lecturer and Head of the Religious Education Department at the Institute of Catholic Education, Mercy Campus.

In 1993 he became Head of ACU's School of Religion and Philosophy in Victoria, and since 1996 has been Head of the School of Theology. Since last year he has also been Chair of the Sub-Faculty Board of Philosophy and Theology.

Rev Dr Curtin has taught a wide range of undergraduate and post-graduate subjects, undertaken several course coordination roles, and made a generous contribution to course development and review as well as to diverse committee work.

In 1993-1994 he was Coordinator of Campus Ministry within the Victorian Division of the University as well as undertaking his academic and administrative roles.



*Rev Dr Terry Curtin, right, being congratulated by Professor Gabrielle McMullen.*

**Mr Peter Taylor**, Senior Lecturer, School of Education (NSW) considers himself to be very lucky to have worked over the last 25 years with a wonderful group of people, both staff and students.

He first joined Catholic Teachers College, North Sydney in February 1975 to lecture in History Curriculum studies,



*Mr Peter Taylor.*

Physical Anthropology and Australian Politics. He gradually moved into teaching in his areas of interest – Ancient Near Eastern and Egyptian History and Medieval History- teaching these for the last 20 years for the School of Arts and Sciences. He has also been lecturing in History Curriculum studies for the School of Education.

Currently Mr Taylor is the Coordinator of the Graduate Diploma of Education (Secondary) and was previously the Coordinator of the Bachelor of Education (Secondary) degree. From 1993 to 1995 Mr Taylor was Campus Director at Mount Saint Mary Campus.

**Mr Alan Taylor**, School of Business (NSW) celebrated 25 years of service to the University and predecessor colleges at an afternoon tea held in the Vice-Chancellery on 21 August.

Professor John Coll, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research and International) congratulated Mr Taylor for his years of service at the University highlighting his career moves during this time.

Mr Taylor began teaching at the Catholic College of Education, Castle Hill in 1972. He taught at the subsequent colleges, Polding and CCES, before the formation of ACU. He taught Economics and commercial subjects before transferring from the Humanities Department to

the School of Business.

He was involved in the development of the Business course and the development of external studies offered from Castle Hill Campus.

For a number of years he coordinated the Business Education Link Program and has represented staff diligently as the elected staff member of the CCES Staff Superannuation Fund.



*Mr Alan Taylor.*

## 10 year anniversary for Nursing

A special celebration dinner, attended by forty-five past students and staff, was held on 1 November to commemorate the tenth year of the School of Nursing on McAuley Campus.

Professor Elizabeth Davies, Head of the School of Nursing (QLD), welcomed guests with some reminiscence of the "good old days" and reflected on how the School had developed and gained an excellent reputation for its graduates over this time.

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