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Mission Statement

Australian Catholic University shares with universities world-wide a commitment to quality in teaching, research, and service. It aspires to be a community characterised by free inquiry and academic integrity. The University's inspiration, located within 2,000 years of Catholic intellectual tradition, summons it to attend to all that is of concern to human beings. It brings a distinctive spiritual perspective to the common tasks of higher education.

Through fostering and advancing knowledge in education, health, commerce, the humanities, the sciences and technologies, and the creative arts, Australian Catholic University seeks to make a specific contribution to its local,

national and international communities. The University explicitly engages the social, ethical and religious dimensions of the questions it faces in teaching and research, and service. In its endeavours, it is guided by a fundamental concern for justice and equity, and for the dignity of all human beings.

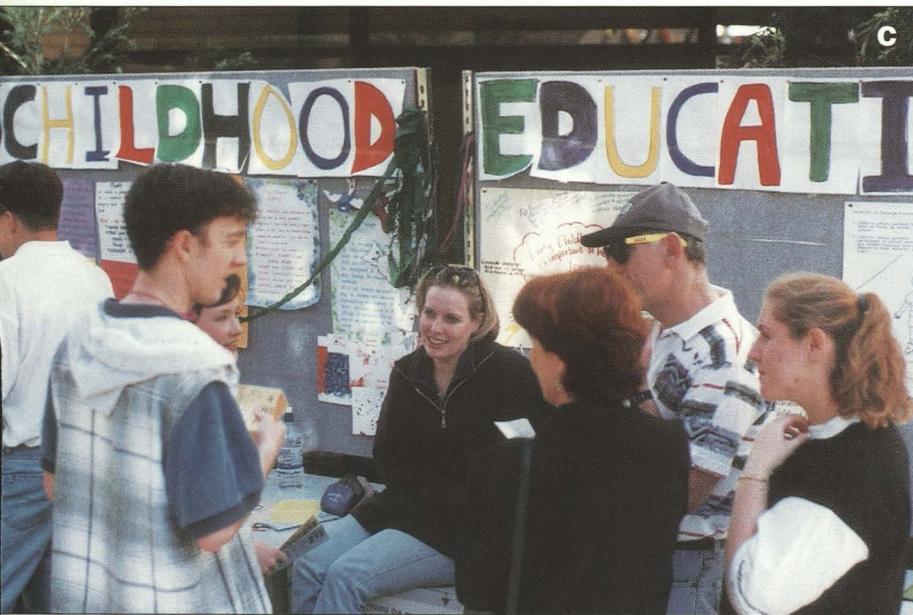
Australian Catholic University has a primary responsibility to provide excellent higher education for its entire diversified and dispersed student body. Its ideal graduates will be highly competent in their chosen fields, ethical in their behaviour, with a developed critical habit of mind, an appreciation of the sacred in life, and a commitment to serving the common good.



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A The Chancellor of Australian Catholic University, Cardinal Edward Clancy, with his official portrait by artist Josonia Palaitis

B MacKillop Campus Lecturer Ms Julie Lewin with her Excellence in Teaching Award

C Open Day at McAuley Campus

D Raine Morgan, Bachelor of Information Science Student, on work experience with the University's BANNER project

E Christ Campus Human Movement students, Troy Buntine, Kerry Townsend and Greg Schneiders, who represented ACU at the two-day Victorian session of Australian Olympic Academy in October 1997



Professor Peter Sheehan, Vice-Chancellor

Vice-Chancellor's Report

(Presented to Annual General Meeting of Members,
Australian Catholic University Limited, 29 May, 1998)

1997 was another important year for Australian Catholic University, which saw the retirement in January (1998) of the Foundation Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Drake. Members have previously expressed their considerable appreciation for the work of Professor Drake but it may be appropriate on the occasion of this Annual General Meeting to record that appreciation in the formal minutes of the meeting.

Melbourne Campus Consolidation

In 1997 Senate agreed on the principle of consolidating the two Melbourne campuses of the University on to one site. Senate concluded that the present campuses are inefficient and inadequate for present and future needs of the University. In August the University unsuccessfully tendered for the inner city site St Helier on the Yarra. A search was made

for another site and a building in the CBD has been identified as suitable for consolidation of the Melbourne campuses. Negotiations have commenced with the relevant parties in relation to the purchase of the site and the sale of Christ Campus. The University would also dispose of its Mercy Campus interests.

The University is grateful to His Grace Archbishop Pell for his generosity in making available the proceeds of the sale Christ Campus for the purchase of a site for a consolidated campus in Melbourne. His Grace has also indicated his willingness to make available to the University, on terms to be negotiated, the lease of adjacent Archdiocesan properties.

Cash flows drawn up for the project anticipate the occupation of the new campus at the beginning of 2000.

Vice-Chancellery in North Sydney



Relocation of Brisbane Campus

The Bishops of Queensland have very generously offered the use of a large parcel of its Banyo seminary site for the relocation of the Mitchelton campus of the University. In considering this offer Senate was mindful of the pressing need to also consolidate the two Melbourne campuses on to one site. Senate received advice that it was unlikely at this time that the University had the financial capacity to sustain the Melbourne consolidation and Brisbane relocation projects simultaneously, given pressures on the operating costs. Accordingly, Senate has made a commitment to support the relocation of the Brisbane campus of the University from Mitchelton to Banyo in 2004, and plans to regularly re-assess its financial circumstances in relation to the move.

There are encouraging signs that capital funds could be made available by either or both the Commonwealth and State Governments for an initiative such as the development of a new campus in a growth area of Brisbane. Should these funds become available sooner than anticipated or if additional funds become available, the University will re-examine the project with a view to effecting the relocation earlier than 2004.

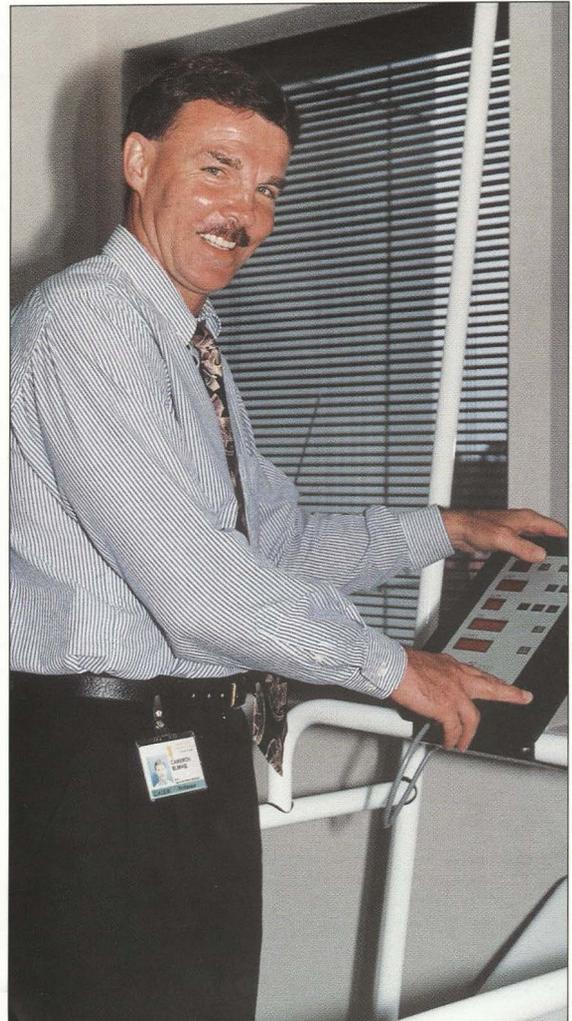
Students

Enrolments for 1998 remained healthy and as at the census date of 31 March 1998, a total of 10,300 students (EFTSU 7,900) were enrolled. These figures represent a significant over-enrolment of around 13%. Most universities in Australia have achieved significant over-enrolment in 1998. Cut off marks were maintained and, in fact, some rose marginally this year.

In 1998 almost 3,000 students graduated from ceremonies held in Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Ballarat, Auckland and Singapore. Honorary Doctorates were awarded to Bishop Mulkearns at the Ballarat ceremony and to Rev Fr Francis Meecham at a ceremony in Sydney. Graduation ceremonies in South Australia and Hong Kong will be held later in the year.

At a Faculty of Health Sciences graduation ceremony held in Sydney in 1998, a Doctor of Philosophy degree was conferred on Rene Geanellos. This is only the second PhD awarded by the University and the first for the Faculty of Health Sciences.

The 1998 graduation ceremonies also marked the first awards of Faculty Medals. Medals were awarded in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and the Faculty of Health Sciences in the Pass and Honours degrees and in the Faculty of Education in the Pass degree.



Professor Cameron Blimkie

Staff

Senior appointments made during the year were Dr John Barclay as Director, Personnel in February 1997 and Dr Cameron J.R. Blimkie to the position of Professor and Chair of Children's Sport and Exercise Sciences March 1997. The announcement of the appointment of Vice-Chancellor-elect was made in June 1997. The first Director of Finance, Mr D. McCammon retired in March (1998).

In 1997 the University was faced with the need to make cuts to operating costs as a result of a reduction in the level of Commonwealth government funding. One measure adopted to make the required cuts was the introduction of a Voluntary Separation Scheme for staff. By March 1998 a total of 101 staff had taken advantage of the scheme (32 academic and 69 general); a further 9 staff will leave by 31 July. The scheme cost a total of \$3.905m, partially funded by an operating grant advance of \$2.5m made available by the Commonwealth; the remainder was met by cash flow arrangements of the University.



Aquinas Campus, Ballarat

Industrial Relations

During 1997 the University participated in enterprise bargaining negotiations with academic and general staff for a salary increase. In the week prior to Christmas 1997 interim agreements were signed by the University and unions which provided for an overall salary increase for all academics and general staff of between 11 - 11.5%.

University Structure

During 1997 the Faculties undertook an examination of ways in which more efficient and effective structures might be established. Following a recommendation by the Faculty of Education, Senate approved the establishment of a pilot national academic department, ie a Department of Educational Leadership, for evaluation during 1998. The Department groups together staff in the same area of expertise, research interests and teaching focus.

The Faculty of Education has reduced the number of Departments in the New South Wales School of Education from seven to four so that staff involved specifically in the preparation of teachers for schools are all in the one Department. The three former Departments of Humanities Education; Maths, Science and Technology Education and Teaching and Professional Education have been incorporated into one single Department of Curriculum and Teaching Studies. A recently changed structure no longer includes Departments and now comprises Faculties and Schools only.

Strategic Review

In 1998 I have put in place procedures to enable the current Strategic Development Plan to be re-examined to provide a plan that takes the University to 2010 and beyond. General principles to guide detailed planning of a version for Australian Catholic University have been widely distributed and are presently under discussion. Staff and students have been invited to make submissions to the Review Committee and I hope the process will be completed by the end of June. Some changes to administrative mechanism and processes have already been implemented.

La Salle House

The Chancellor, His Eminence Cardinal Clancy, AC, blessed and dedicated La Salle House, MacKillop Campus, at a ceremony held on 22 January 1998. Present at the ceremony were representatives of the De La Salle Brothers, a number of whom had a past involvement with Australian Catholic University and predecessor colleges.

Closure of Castle Hill Campus

1997 was the final year of occupation of Castle Hill Campus by the University. At the time of this report the University is still undertaking restoration work of the property. Formal handover to De La Salle Brothers is to occur by 30 June 1998.

P. W. Sheehan

Highlights of 1997

Closing of Castle Hill Campus

A special reunion and function to farewell Castle Hill Campus was held on the Campus on 26 October. The reunion began with Mass celebrated by Fr Brian Mascord of the Class of 1979 and was followed by a luncheon. On the following evening about 450 finishing 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.

First ACU National Games

The inaugural ACU National Games were held in Sydney to farewell Castle Hill Campus. The games were officially opened by Professor John Coll, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs) on 1 September and proved an outstanding success, attracting more than 250 participants and spectators from the University's campuses in Sydney and other states and the ACT.

National Teaching Fellowship

Associate Professor Ruth Webber, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Sociology, Social Welfare and Administration, Christ Campus, was chosen as one of two National Teaching Fellows for 1997. She received her award from the then Minister for Education, Senator Amanda Vanstone, at a ceremony in Parliament House.

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



Governor at Graduation Ceremony

The Governor of New South Wales, the Honourable Gordon Samuels AC, gave the Occasional Address on 3 April at the University's first graduation ceremony in 1997 for the Sydney campuses.

Honorary Doctorates

Sr Noni Mitchell IBVM was awarded an Honorary Doctorate degree at a Sydney graduation ceremony, for her outstanding contribution to education and community life. The University awarded an Honorary Doctorate to the Most Reverent Thomas Francis Little, former Archbishop of Melbourne and first President of the Company of the University, at the first Melbourne graduation ceremony.

Teachers for Lutheran Schools

Under an Agreement for the Cooperative Preparation of Teachers for Lutheran Schools, Australian Catholic University will assist in the preparation of teachers for Lutheran Schools at the University's McAuley Campus.

BANNER System

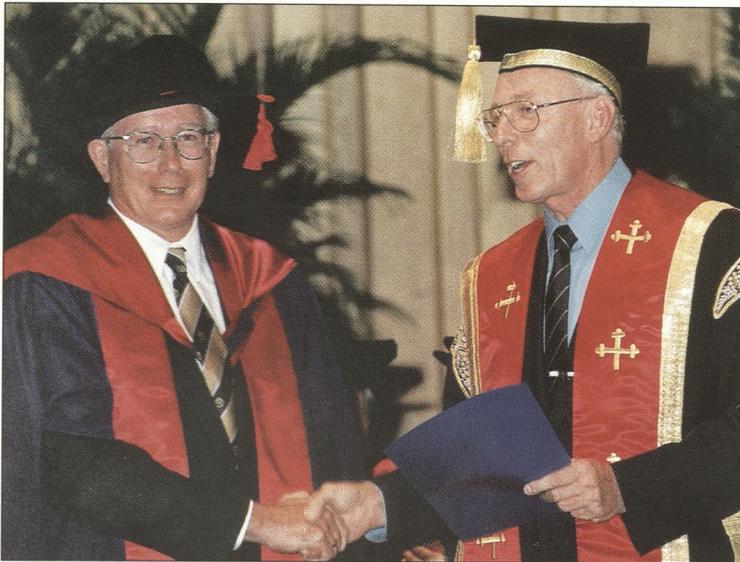
The new National Student System - BANNER - was extended to all campuses providing a single integrated Student Administration System which enables common procedures to be developed and provide equitable service and treatment of students irrespective of which campus they attend.

Ethics Centre Agreement

Australian Catholic University and St Vincent's Health Care Campus, Sydney, signed a new agreement providing a solid future for one of Australia's leading bioethics centres, the Plunkett Centre for Ethics in Health Care.

ACUCOM Launch

The University launched its new Division of Continuing Education in a videoconference link of Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane campuses on 7 March. ACUCOM (ACU and the Community), incorporates existing continuing education facilities and will provide a framework for the further development of these activities.



Br Peter Harney CFC receives his award of the University's first Doctor of Philosophy from the Pro-Chancellor, Br Julian McDonald CFC.

First PhD Award

For the first time the University awarded the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy to Br Peter Harney CFC at a McAuley graduation ceremony in Brisbane on 10 May.

Disability Action Plan

Australian Catholic University 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 when launching the University's Disability Action Plan at Aquinas Campus in November.

Nursing Research Projects

ACU's Foundation Professor of Nursing located at St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, Professor Susan Ronaldson, established the Campus Nursing Research Unit and developed projects for nursing research.

Honorary Degree

The degree of Master of Arts, honoris causa, was awarded to Basil George Turner, former Director, Personnel, ACU, for his outstanding contribution to the University.

International Catholic University Conference

Professor Peter Drake, Vice-Chancellor, Australian Catholic University and Dr Peter Tannock, Vice-



Dr Brian Croke, NSW, who delivered the 1997 Victor J Couch Lecture at MacKillop Campus in September 1997

Chancellor, University of Notre Dame Australia, announced the next Triennial Conference of the International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU) will be held in Perth in August 2000.

Victor J Couch lecture

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. His subject was Archbishop James Carroll and Australian Education.

Excellence in Teaching Awards

Ms Julie Lewin, Department of Mathematics and Science, MacKillop received an Excellence in Teaching Award at a Sydney graduation ceremony. Associate Professor Ruth Webber, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Sociology, Social Welfare and Administration, Christ Campus, was presented with an Excellence in Teaching Award at the second Melbourne graduation ceremony.

Student choral singers at the farewell Mass for Castle Hill Campus in October 1997.





Professor John Coll, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs)

Report of Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs)

As Senior Officer, New South Wales

1997 was the final year of Professor Peter Drake's term as Foundation Vice-Chancellor. It was a year of challenge and achievement, joy and parting - the last year of ACU's involvement at Castle Hill. Much was achieved.

MacKillop Campus

With the closure of the Science laboratories within the Mary MacKillop complex in Mount Street, level two of the Carroll Building at North Sydney was extensively modified to create a suite of Science/Nursing laboratories. This was achieved over the 1996-1997 break and the first two laboratories were available at the start of semester one. This extensive remodelling of level two prepared the way for further developments over the 1997-1998 break to accommodate Environmental Science activities at MacKillop Campus. The University also purchased 3 Berry Street to house ELICOS, Information Systems staff and International Education. A lease of level 5, 12 Mount Street was also secured to house the Business School in 1998.

All of these property modifications and acquisitions were necessary to enable the transfer from Castle Hill of Environmental Science and Information Systems to North Sydney at the start of 1998.

Mount Saint Mary Campus

The new auditorium and lecture theatre complex adjacent to the Mullen Building were ready for semester one use.

Much of the rest of 1997 was taken up planning and preparing for the transfer of staff from Castle Hill at the beginning of 1998. This would necessitate the refurbishment of the Creative Arts complex - old garage and stables - to provide a modern state of the art area, all within Heritage area guidelines.

New teaching spaces for Technology students also needed to be created in the old Students Representative Council area. Several new small

teaching spaces were created during 1997 by careful partitioning of existing spaces. An area at Lewisham school was refurbished as the new Technology - Woodwork and Metalwork - workshop. ACU is grateful to Br Kelvin Canavan for his help in securing this site.

Associate Professor Tim O'Hearn, in his role of Special Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor, had carriage of many of the processes involved in the move from Castle Hill. Our gratitude is recorded here.

Closer Links with CEOs

A number of initiatives were undertaken to improve the already well established relationship with Sydney and Parramatta Catholic Education Offices. With the passing of Ann Clark early in the year, the new Director of the Parramatta CEO, Dr Anne Benjamin, provided increasing support for joint programs in 1997, leading to the creation of a University Centre at Mount Druitt. The Teaching and Learning Consortium program was initiated. Meetings were also held with Bishop David Walker of Broken Bay to improve communications between the Diocese and ACU. Br Kelvin Canavan signed an agreement with ACU for the establishment of the Teaching and Learning Consortium in Sydney Archdiocese in the near future.



Senior staff and students at the opening ceremony of the first ACU National Games held in Sydney to farewell Castle Hill Campus

Conferences and Lectures

The annual conference on Religion, Literature and the Arts attracted a number of international and national speakers and local participants from Universities across Australia. The conference was jointly organised by ACU, University of Sydney and the Museum of Contemporary Arts. MacKillop Campus and MCA were the two venues used for the conference.

Jean Varnier, Founder of L'Arche, spoke on campus to a very large audience.

The Japanese Consul-General, Yuji Nakamura, delivered a paper "The second half of the Twentieth Century - a Personal View" in which he spoke about his time in East Berlin when the Berlin Wall came down.

Ms Claire Barbeau, a Fourth Year Bachelor of Education student, was selected to represent Australia at the world gathering of youth in Paris in August, attended by the Pope. The Youth Congress coincided with the beatification of Frederic Ozanam, Founder of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

As Deputy Chair of Academic Board

The Academic Board met five times during 1997.

A number of course rationalisations were presented to the Board, including:

- A single integrated Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma in Religious Education and Master of Religious Education were introduced to replace four separate programs.
- Common Bachelor of Education (Primary) and Bachelor of Education (Habilitation) became four and three year programs of 10 units per year (including practicum and religious education units) respectively.
- A common Bachelor of Health Science in Human Movement was introduced across New South Wales and Victoria. .
- A number of new fee-paying Graduate Certificates and Graduate Diplomas were introduced across the three Faculties to meet anticipated demand from our graduates. Some examples include -

Education

Graduate Certificate in Child Protection

Graduate Certificate in Indigenous and Cross-Cultural Education

Health Sciences

Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma in Nursing (Critical Care/Perioperative)

Arts and Sciences

Graduate Certificate in Applied Ethics (Ethics for Educators).

A number of new Master's programs were introduced and these included:

Master of TESOL (Education)

Master of Music (Arts and Sciences)

Master of Psychology (Arts and Sciences)

Master of Nursing Leadership and Master of Nursing Practice (Health Sciences).

These courses were a mix of HECS and fee-paying.

Honours programs were introduced in Business and Environmental Science.

A co-operative Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Theology was introduced between ACU and Sydney College of Divinity.

Two new University Centres were approved by the Academic Board and Senate:

- Centre for Studies in Religion, Literature and the Arts
- Centre for Early Christian Studies

A Chair in Philosophy was established.

Each Faculty introduced the concept of Faculty medals for undergraduate performance at Pass or Honours level achievement.

Finally, the Academic Board adopted a Policy on Teaching and Learning for staff and students.

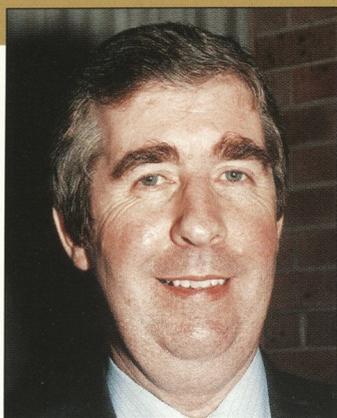
As Senior Officer Responsible for the Faculties

Academic Restructure

Discussions commenced early in 1997 into the best organisational structure for the academic sector of the University. Faculties opened up a dialogue on the need for both Departments and Schools at the State level, and each Faculty moved towards a new structure for their academic groupings. Because of the imminent change of Vice-Chancellor, the process was delayed pending the new administration's involvement in the final academic structure. Faculties were moving to considerable consensus and unity as the year concluded.

Promotions for Academic Staff

The procedures for promotion of academic staff were reviewed and changed to enable staff to more clearly articulate their strengths and achievements.



Professor Muredach Dynan, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Quality and Outreach)

Report of Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Quality and Outreach)

As Senior Officer Queensland

Student enrolments continued to expand at McAuley Campus during 1997, mainly through new funded undergraduate places. The newly introduced Bachelor of Information Systems was successful in attracting its allocated quota of students and other developing areas including Business and Social Science maintained a good level of demand. The Diploma of Aboriginal Education course attracted an excellent enrolment group of Indigenous students from a wide area in the State.

Initiatives have been taken to improve the marketing of courses at McAuley Campus and to raise the public profile of ACU in Queensland. Visits by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dynan, and other senior staff to the various Queensland dioceses were a useful part of the process of communication with the widespread communities in Queensland.

The initiation of an annual Commencement Ceremony held in St Stephen's Cathedral with concelebration of Mass by all of the Queensland diocesan Bishops was well-received by staff, students and friends of the University.

Quality

Since their implementation in 1994, Quality Management Plans have been an integral part of the annual planning and operational activities of the Faculties. During 1997 the Faculties, the Office of Research, and the Institute of Advanced Research established or reviewed their Quality Management Plans, establishing procedures for Quality Assurance as well as Quality Improvement Projects for 1998 and beyond. A Report of Academic Board at the beginning of 1997 recognised the significant progress made by Faculties during 1996 in relation to their Quality Management Plans.

Through the Manager, Quality and Outreach, work continued during 1997 to establish procedures to ensure quality in administrative and support operations of the University. This included workshops for staff in Properties and Estate Planning which developed initial policy and procedural drafts,

and workshops across the University focussing on the development of an awareness of the University's commitment to Quality, including successful Customer Service training sessions for administrative and support staff in each State, and the ACT.

During 1997 the Victorian Office of ACUCOM had their Quality Management System audited and certified as continuing to meet the requirements of the International Standard ISO – 9001. Work was undertaken with staff from the School of Nursing and Human Movement in Victoria to establish a Quality Management System in line with the International Standard, with training for auditors and assistance with the implementation of the system provided by the Manager (Quality and Outreach). The School received certification of their Quality Management System in line with ISO – 9001, in December 1997. In doing so they were the first academic unit within the University to establish a formal Quality Management System which met International Standards.

In 1997 a different process has been in place for Quality Reviews. The main emphasis has been on performance indicators. The document *Strategic Quality Outcomes Statement 1997* was prepared for submission to the Higher Education Council. The Quality Review has been included as part of the DEETYA profile discussions.

Academic Staff Development

In consultation with staff from the Personnel Department, a joint Staff Development Program was prepared for implementation in the period July to December 1997 for both academic and general staff. Workshops covered Academic Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity Programs; Campus Ministry, Occupational Health and Safety Training and Computer Training. Other areas included Team Building, Negotiation Skills, Office Management and Quality Customer Service.

A Pilot Scheme on Unit Evaluation, which commenced in 1996 under the direction of the Working Party on Course and Unit Evaluation, has



McAuley Campus, Brisbane

continued in 1997 with financial support from Quality Program Funds. The Advisory Committee on Academic Staff Development developed a new *Teaching and Learning Policy* which has been endorsed by Academic Board and is now University policy.

Two applications for CUTSD 1997 *National Teaching Fellowships* were submitted and one application, Dr Ruth Webber, was successful. Eight applications were submitted for consideration for CUTSD 1998 *National Teaching Development Grants (Individual)*. Of these one application, Associate Professor P Malone, was successful. This Committee also received applications for internal Teaching Development Grants and approved seven projects for implementation in 1997-1998.

Distance Education

A decision was taken, on the basis of advice from consultants, to purchase the electronic software package, *Lotus Learning Space* which utilises *Lotus Notes*. The decision and the processes subsequently were taken in close liaison with the Director of Information Technology in order to ensure that adequate support for *Lotus Learning Space* would be available. In consultation with the Deans approximately 10 pilot projects were selected and approximately 30 staff were provided with training in both *Lotus Notes* and *Learning Space*.

Continuing Education and Professional Centres

In January 1997 a Division of Continuing Education (ACUCOM) was established. Directors were appointed for the three offices which are located in Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney respectively. ELICOS units continue to operate in Sydney and Melbourne and a branch ELICOS unit of the Sydney

unit was accredited and opened at McAuley Campus in 1997. In its first full year of operation, ACUCOM profits were approximately \$400,000.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education

ATSI enrolments in the special Aboriginal Education programs and other courses increased in 1997. The majority of students continue to be enrolled at our Sydney campuses where the *Yalbalinga* Unit is located. The offering of the Diploma in Aboriginal Education at Wilcannia continued to operate successfully.

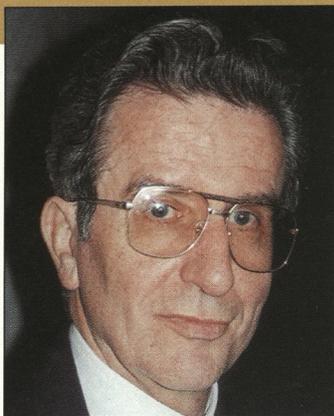
The Diploma in Aboriginal Education offered at McAuley Campus attracted significant enrolment numbers.

An innovative new course designed to meet needs in administrative and management skills, the Diploma in Business Administration (ATSI) has been developed by the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and approved by Academic Board and will be offered at McAuley Campus in 1998.

The *Weemala* Unit at McAuley Campus received a grant for the "Art from the Inside" exhibition. The exhibition of artistic works by indigenous inmates of Queensland correctional centres was opened on 7 October at McAuley Campus by Professor G McMullen.

The Aboriginal Support Unit for the Victorian Campuses has been named *Jim-Baa-Yer* ("to teach").

A grant of \$150,406 was awarded to the University for a major Health Science project in Aboriginal Health Education, under the management of Ms Jenni Hardy based at MacKillop Campus.



Professor Wolfgang Grichting, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research)

Report of Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research)

As Senior Officer, Victoria

Considerable progress was made in developing a joint program in clinical psychology at the postgraduate level through close cooperation with the Cairnmillar Centre in Melbourne. As of next year the Department of Psychology is expected to offer a Master's course incorporating several units taught by the Cairnmillar Centre.

Regular meetings with the Standing Committee of Catholic Church Employers have provided valuable contact with various Catholic agencies. Similarly, monthly meetings of the Archdiocesan Tertiary Advisory Committee have facilitated the exchange of ideas and concerns among Catholic academics in Victoria.

The Management Advisory Group (Victoria) met on a monthly basis and greatly contributed to mutual understanding and cooperation among the three Victorian campuses which until recently were very much independent entities.

Aquinas Campus

In 1997 Aquinas Campus made a strong contribution to the wider University through membership of the Senate - Malcolm MacKinlay, Senior Lecturer in Education, Veronica Moriarty, Manager of the Callinan Library, and Richard Jacques, a student at Aquinas Campus, were all elected to the Senate. The Campus continued its sponsorship of ACU's partnership with Corpus Christi Teachers' College in Fiji, including hosting a Garden Party as a contribution to the Ballarat Begonia Festival, to raise funds for this project. The Ballarat Academy of Performing Arts, a joint venture with the University of Ballarat (UB), was initiated. It allows students from the institutions to undertake studies in music and drama together at BAPA; ACU contributes the music classes and UB the drama component. In August the Sisters of Mercy donated the Aquin College Book Collection to the Callinan Library. Aquin College, the predecessor of Aquinas Campus, was conducted by the Sisters from 1909 to 1973 at the Victoria Street site, where BAPA is now located.

Several public lectures were held on campus. Dr Paul Collins MSC presented the Aquinas Annual Lecture choosing the environment as his theme. Professor John Coll, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic Affairs), and Professor Ian Rae (University of Melbourne) also gave public lectures on environmental issues. In July the Campus had a farewell for Bishop Ronald Mulkearns to mark his retirement as Bishop of Ballarat. He identified the founding of the Campus as one of his two greatest achievements in the Diocese.

In Charge of Libraries

1997 marked the first full year of operation for the Library as a single service. New, University-wide, circulation policies were put into place from the beginning of first semester and the Collection Development Policy was formulated for implementation in 1998. A 'national' approach to funding was successfully introduced with central budgets for electronic databases, automated services in some areas.

A major review of staffing was undertaken as part of the Enterprise Bargaining process. Its emphasis was on reducing costs while still improving services such as hours of opening. Its recommendations were accepted by the Vice-Chancellor to take effect from 1998. In line with the Review, seven staff departed under the Voluntary Separation Scheme.

The Director of Libraries was particularly successful in his bid for \$200,000 to the ARC Research Infrastructure (Equipment and Facilities) program which enabled Australian Catholic University to become the lead institution for all Victorian universities in the development of procedures for electronic recovery and delivery of scientific documents.

In Charge of Research

Research - in its many dimensions - at ACU has continued to grow in 1997 at the rapid rate demonstrated in previous years. In seven short years the percentage of staff with doctoral qualifications has more than doubled; research publications have

more than trebled; significant research grants have been attracted and close to 200 research higher degree students are enrolled across all three faculties.

The establishment of the Institute for the Advancements of Research and the creation of Research Centres at the Faculty, University and Senate levels clearly demonstrate that the University takes seriously the Pontiff's notion that "by vocation, the Universitas magistrorum et scholarium is dedicated to research, to teaching and to the education of students who freely associate with their teachers in a common love of knowledge" (*Ex Corde Ecclesiae*). In these institutions students and staff – augmented by national and international experts – create a research climate and profile of sufficient depth and breadth to inform and to guide its teaching activities, and to enable the University to contribute to the development of knowledge as part of the service which it provides to the community.

In 1997 the University spent in excess of eight million dollars on research and experimental development. A significant proportion of that money was spent to free staff to pursue research higher degrees. The need for such assistance is rapidly decreasing as most staff from the predecessor colleges either have completed their postgraduate studies or are not intending to do so. As a result of this significant achievement both funds and time until

now committed to the pursuit of postgraduate qualifications will be freed for other research purposes.

First, these funds will be applied to facilitate research in those areas where the Faculties of the University excel and wish to concentrate their research efforts. Specifically, research will focus on Early Christian Studies, Theology, Ethics, Moral and Religious Education, Educational Leadership, Nursing Practice, Sports Science, Mathematics Education, Family/Youth Studies and Social Policy. Interdisciplinary research will both foster real-life orientations and invite community-relevant specialisation. Honours programs will be established in all disciplines. Additional teaching and research fellowships will be made available to postgraduate and postdoctoral students.

Second, a significant block of time will be available to staff to choose their own activities such as research, teaching, community service or some combination thereof. Those who wish to devote themselves to research may - in due course - seek promotion to Reader rather than Associate Professor.

Further to facilitate research throughout the University and to acquaint staff with each other's research interest and expertise biweekly research seminars have been offered via videoconferencing across all eight campuses.

Christ Campus, Melbourne





Professor Peter Carpenter, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Faculty of Arts and Sciences Report

Key Developments

Several key developments involved the Faculty in 1997. These included Faculty restructuring, the approval of Faculty Pass and Honours medals and the announcement of a proposal for a Chair in Philosophy.

A revised academic structure was developed for acceptance by the Faculty Board early in 1998.

The Academic Board on 24 April 1997 approved the Faculty's proposal to award two Faculty Medals annually, one to a Pass degree student, one to an Honours degree student.

The Senate approved in May 1997 a Chair in Philosophy in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, to be funded by the generous provision of the Archbishop of Melbourne, Most Reverend George Pell:

Mercy Campus, Melbourne

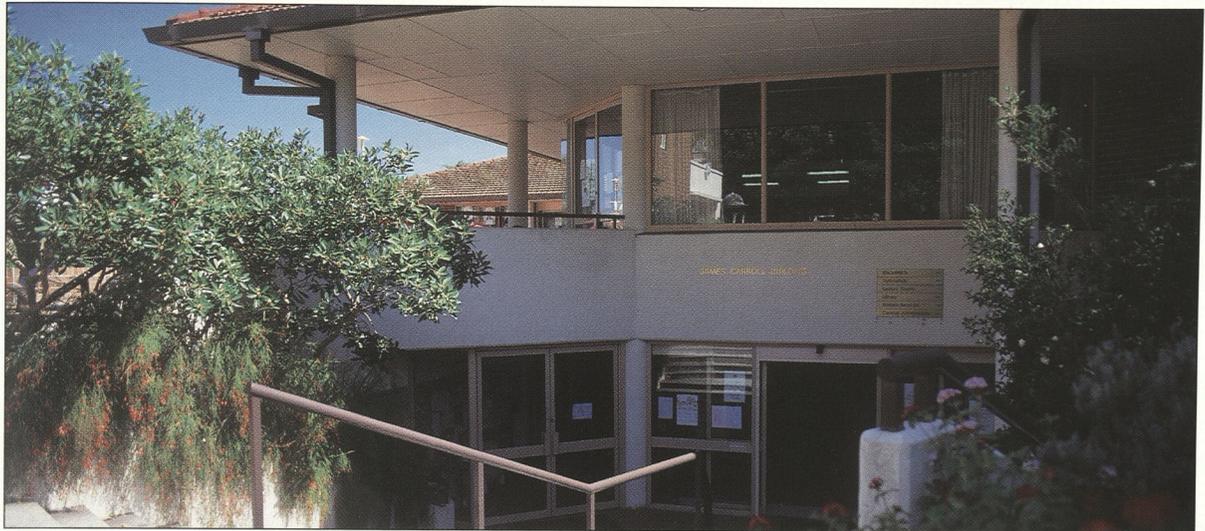
Courses

In 1997 the Faculty developed four new course initiatives, developed the Curriculum Plan and Business Plan for a further initiative and sought to change a title for an undergraduate degree.

The Bachelor of Science Honours year in Environmental Science will ensure that ACU students with superior academic records have the opportunity of continuing to postgraduate studies at ACU and of eventually entering the workplace with higher qualifications.

Since the appointment of a Professor of Theology at the Australian Catholic University in 1994 and the establishment of the Sub-Faculty of Theology at the University in 1995, close relationships have developed between the University and the Sydney College of Divinity (SCD).





MacKillop Campus, Sydney

On the recommendation of Academic Board, the final Senate Meeting for 1997 approved the combined degree in BA BTheology with financial details still to be finalised between the University and the Sydney College of Divinity.

The Faculty sought approval for a new course to be introduced into the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at McAuley Campus leading to the award of a Diploma in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Business Administration (Diploma in ATSI Business Administration). It is proposed that the course be offered in a distance learning mode to meet the needs of the community based groups for whom it has been designed.

The Sub-Faculty of Theology believes there is a pressing need to denote with the degree Bachelor of Theology those students who have completed 24 undergraduate units in the theology and philosophy disciplines. At an appropriate meeting of the University Senate in 1998 it is hoped that this important matter will be resolved.

The Honours course in the Bachelor of Business Program will be offered at the MacKillop and McAuley Campuses only. The course will be implemented at Christ Campus when the demand is sufficient.

The Faculty sought and gained approval for the Master of Psychology Curriculum Plan at Academic Board on 13 December 1997.

Course Review: Music Degrees

The present Review is the first major review of the Music degree programs conducted by the Faculty. Since 1993 some 47 students have graduated with the Bachelor of Music Pass degree, 12 students with

Bachelor of Music Honours and three students with the Master of Music degree.

Course Extensions

Master of Arts in Theology

At the July 1997 Meeting of the University Senate approval was granted to offer the theological strands of the Master of Arts in Hong Kong, in association with the Caritas Centre for Applied and Professional Studies. In November 1997 the MA Course commenced in Hong Kong with its first intake of students.

Graduate Certificate in Applied Ethics

At the Academic Board Meeting of April 24, 1997 the Faculty was allowed to extend its teaching of the fee-paying Graduate Certificate in Applied Ethics to Christ Campus with a new specialisation entitled *Ethics for Educators* to answer the need of Victorian year 12 teachers for the methods and techniques of Philosophy to help them teach the Year 12 subject *Ethics*.

Research

Staff received seven ARC grants worth almost \$250,000 and nine University Internal Research Grants valued at more than \$30,000. As well, staff have research grants from other sources totalling almost \$300,000. In 1997 the Faculty received \$9,726.33 from the Research Infrastructure Block Grants Scheme. Several staff were successful in obtaining funds from the Committee for the Advancement of University Teaching, now known as the Committee for University Teaching and Staff Development, which is funded by the Commonwealth Government or from the University's own Teaching Development Grant Scheme.



Mount Saint Mary Campus, Sydney

Quality Assurance

In 1997 the Faculty achieved several quality improvement goals on two separate fronts: provisions for students with disabilities, and the production of lists of staff available to help colleagues prepare research grant applications and draft publications.

Professional Activities

Arising from their fields of expertise staff undertook a variety of professional activities during 1997 including exhibitions, broadcasts, recitals and productions of various kinds.

Publications

The publications of staff in the Faculty in 1997 are summarised below by type of publication.

Books and edited books	14
Chapters in Books	17
Journal Articles, refereed and non-refereed	64
Published Conference Papers in Conference proceedings	21
Recordings: Videotape	1

Conference Papers and Presentations

During 1997 staff in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences presented conference papers at local, national and international conferences as well as presenting at research colloquia at research institutes, research

centres and at this and other Australian universities. In all staff made more than 100 of such presentations and presented at 24 overseas conferences.

Community Service

The University defines community service as encompassing those activities of members of the University community in which the benefits of their teaching, learning, research and professional and creative practice are shared with the local and with wider communities. Such community activities flow from and reflect their roles in the University.

More than 100 different community service contributions were made by Faculty staff in 1997.

Prizes and Awards

During 1997 several staff were awarded prizes for their work or won special awards other than research grants. They were: Dr J Webb (Vic) Runner-up: The HQ-Harper Collins Short Story Competition; Dr J Bessant (Vic) ACU Excellence in Teaching Award; Assoc Prof R P Webber (Vic) Australian Government National Teaching Fellowship Award 1997; Ms C Laufer (Vic) Rev Dr Murray McGregor Memorial Fund Scholarship; Ms D Hayes (NSW) Australian Postgraduate Research Scholarship; Assoc Prof P E Gibbons (NSW) Elected Fellow of the Australian Computer Society.



Professor Michael Doyle, Dean of the Faculty of Education (retired July 1998)

Faculty of Education Report

General Overview

The Faculty, in a number of its courses, reduced the number of units, introduced a different model for the allocation of the teaching hours, restructured a number of Schools and Departments and implemented a Voluntary Separation Scheme in relation to its staff. Despite these reductions and limitations, the Faculty was able to introduce new fee-paying courses, conduct existing courses in other offshore locations and extend the Faculty's research and consultancy work.

Flexible Delivery

Work is continuing within the Faculty to establish a flexible delivery capacity. Progress has been slow. Much time was spent in identifying the appropriate software – Lotus Learning Space; staff had then to be trained in the use of this software. The Catholic Education and Schooling unit and Global Development Education unit have now both been prepared and will be implemented in 1998 on a trial basis.

Collaboration in Australia

The Faculty continues to make appropriate links with other organisations in the delivery of its courses.

With other universities: During 1997 the Faculty negotiated with the CEOs in Cairns and Townsville and James Cook University on the one hand, and the CEO in Toowoomba and the University of Southern Queensland on the other, to offer, in 1998 to students in courses of those universities, four units that would provide accreditation to teach in Catholic schools.

With other denominations: An agreement with the Lutheran Church in Queensland was signed whereby students who have enrolled with ACU who wish to gain accreditation to teach in Lutheran Schools will be able to replace the specific Catholic school accreditation units with Lutheran school specific units. Negotiations have started that a similar agreement will be made in Victoria to accommodate the needs of the Lutheran Church there.

International Activities

In 1997 exchanges were conducted in Fiji, negotiations were concluded to conduct the Master of Educational Leadership in South Africa and the first set of units was offered to 44 students in July in Johannesburg and Durban; a second group of 19 BTeach students graduated at the ACU/Caritas ceremony in Hong Kong in November. The first set of units of the Master of Educational Leadership was also taught. At the graduation an agreement was signed to start the Master of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages in 1998.

Academic Board approved the proposal to start the Master of Educational Leadership course in New Zealand in 1998.

Courses

Religious Education

The Religious Education staff of the Faculty reviewed, in consultation with the Sub-Faculty of Theology, the four sets of Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Master courses in religious education to produce a single set of those courses that would be offered in each of the locations of the Faculty starting 1998.

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

The Faculty reviewed the TESOL courses that had been operating in Victoria. The revised courses - the Graduate Certificate in TESOL, the Graduate Diploma in Education, Literacy and TESOL, and the Master of TESOL – now meet educational requirements in Victoria, NSW and Hong Kong and will be offered there.

Off-Campus in Australia

Religious Education courses were offered in Victoria at Ringwood, Essendon, Swan Hill and Albury/Wodonga, and through NSW at Blacktown and Adelaide. The Master of Educational Leadership was offered through NSW at Blacktown, Bathurst, Lismore, Maitland, Wollongong, and through Victoria at Benalla, Sale and Hobart and through Queensland at Townsville/Cairns and Rockhampton.

Distance Education

The Faculty offers courses by Distance Education mode in Religious Education in all dioceses in Queensland and in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education at Wilcannia (NSW).

Teaching and Learning Consortium

The Faculty in NSW introduced a particularly interesting and valuable innovation in conjunction with the Parramatta diocese. One hundred second year students in the Primary Education course and 25 in the Secondary Dip Educ program were placed in schools for a semester and whilst there continued their academic and field placement studies. This method of linking theoretical and practical studies was evaluated and judged to be highly successful. It will be repeated in 1998 and will also be extended to include Sydney diocese schools.

Fee-paying Courses

To meet the educational needs of various parts of the community, a number of fee-paying courses were developed as follows:

Police

Graduate Certificate in Professional Development and Education, Graduate Certificate in Professional Leadership and Graduate Diploma of Professional Leadership and Education

Community Education

Graduate Certificate in Habilitation, Graduate Certificate in Child Protection, Graduate Certificate in Indigenous and Cross Cultural Education, and Graduate Certificate in Mediation and Advocacy

Signadou Campus, Canberra



Community Relationships

The Faculty continues to provide and benefit from the extensive and very constructive involvement of staff with school and community education groups. It has been at times community initiated, and has been done by individual staff members or groups of staff.

Research

The Faculty adopted a Research Policy and Management Plan and set targets in 1997 for Grants, Publications and Research Supervision. The 10% increase in these categories for 1997 was achieved.

Publications

Publications by staff totalled 157 comprising 18 Books, 17 Chapters, 6 Reports, 18 Conference Proceedings, 65 Journal Articles, 28 Creative Works and 5 Journal Editorships. 87 papers were presented at local and overseas conferences.

The Faculty sponsors two Journals – *Interlogue* and *Word in Life* – as a means to highlight the Faculty's support for research, discussion, debate and dissemination of knowledge in these areas.

Prizes and Awards

Five staff received their PhDs and one an MEd. The following staff received public recognition for the quality of their professional activities: Dr Gayle Spry (QLD) ACU Excellence in Teaching Award; Dr Doug Clarke (VIC) Finalist: Australian Excellence in Teaching Award; Ms Joan Robson (ACT) 1997 Medal ACT Chapter of the Australian College of Education.



Professor Elizabeth Cameron-Traub, Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences

Faculty of Health Sciences Report

1997 was the first year in office for the Dean, Professor Elizabeth Cameron-Traub. It was a year of achievement during which a number of goals were realised. The Faculty successfully prepared course proposals and curriculum plans for a new Bachelor of Health Science in Human Movement which was approved for implementation in 1998.

Course documents were prepared for a Master of Nursing Leadership and Master of Nursing Practice. These courses were approved for implementation in 1998. The two Master's courses will be offered across the Faculty and incorporate new technology and innovative teaching strategies to enable students in each state to participate and to communicate with each other. The course also represents a new direction in nursing education.

A number of courses were reviewed and revised during 1997 with the Graduate Diploma in Midwifery undergoing the most extensive revision. The course was previously only offered in Victoria, however, the revised course was approved for implementation in 1998 in Queensland where affiliation agreements were successfully negotiated.

The Bachelor of Nursing cohorts have completed two years of the new (national) program. The third year of the course will be implemented for the first time in 1998 and the previous Bachelor of Nursing programs will no longer be offered.

The School of Nursing and Human Movement in Victoria spent a major part of the year implementing a Quality Management System in collaboration with the Quality Manager and the University's Quality Committee. The School's application for Quality Certification was successful and the System will enable it to continue to improve and monitor the quality of its activities.

In New South Wales two Research Fellow positions were introduced, one (Ms Kate White) with the Wentworth Area Health Service and one (Dr Marianne Wallis) with St Vincent's Public Hospital. In Queensland a major feature of School activity has been collaboration with hospitals. The Partnerships

in Clinical Practice model for clinical teaching has been further consolidated and evaluated. The Clinical Affiliates of the School have contributed significantly to the quality of clinical education for students. Joint initiatives in course development and implementation have involved the Mater, Redcliffe, Ipswich, Holy Spirit, Mater Private, Greenslopes Private and Wesley hospitals. Joint appointments of Clinical Lecturers have been negotiated with the Ipswich Hospital (Clinical Lecturer in Nursing) and the Mater Adult and Private Hospitals (Clinical Lecturer in Oncology/Palliative Care Nursing).

The Dean established and reviewed a number of management procedures for the Faculty. The Dean established a Senior Management Group and implemented Faculty policies and procedures in relation to various aspects of Faculty management, including the appointment of course coordinators, access to students and staff for research, strategic planning, and administrative processing. Workshops on Budgeting and Planning were conducted for managers within the Faculty and a "top-down/bottom-up" approach to strategic planning was introduced. The membership and terms of reference for Faculty Standing Committees were reviewed. A Faculty Assessment Policy was approved by Academic Board in December 1997 and will be implemented in 1998.

International Activities

The Faculty's international activities continue to develop with a number of staff exchanges to Gavle College of Health & Caring Sciences, Sweden, and a new contractual arrangement with the University College of Health Sciences at Lund-Helsingborg, Sweden.

The Dean and the Head of School (NSW) undertook a visit to Hong Kong in May 1997 to facilitate negotiations for the new cohort commencing in 1998 and to effect any necessary changes due to the reversion of Hong Kong to government by the Peoples Republic of China.

The School of Nursing (QLD), through the efforts of

Ms Yvonne Osborne, organised placement for two overseas nursing students (from the University of Wales, College of Medicine, Cardiff, Uk and Taranaki Polytechnic, New Zealand) at the Gold Coast Hospital and Royal Children's Hospital.

The School of Nursing and Human Movement (VIC) hosted five honours students in nursing from St Martin's, Lancaster. The students undertook clinical experience during November. The School of Nursing and Human Movement (NSW) continued its student exchange arrangement with the West Virginia University with two students from West Virginia University at MacKillop Campus in Semester 2.

Two students from the School of Nursing and Human Movement (VIC) completed a semester of their human movement program at the University of West Virginia. Planning for the international exchange of staff and students continues with Villanova University, Pennsylvania, USA.

Research

Members of the Faculty received grants for a total of 19 projects involving 25 staff during 1997. These figures represent an increase of 27% for grants and 40% for staff involvement against 1996 achievements. Major grants awarded in 1997 include

a Commonwealth Department of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders Community Health Services grant of \$302,000 over 3 years for "The development, implementation and evaluation of educational units on issues related to Aboriginal Health of undergraduate and graduate nurses"; an Australian Sports Commission grant of \$57,000 for physio/motor profile of tennis; a Queensland Nursing Council grant of \$11,450 for a project on clinical partnership models; and an Australian Nurses Research Institute grant of \$10,000 for research in breast cancer.

A total of 26 staff were involved in 39 research projects during 1997.

Publications

Two books were authored by Faculty staff in 1997: Wiebe, P.N. (1997) *Research design and statistics for the easily terrified*; and Seibold, C (co-authors Richards, L & Davies, N.) (1997) *Intermission: women's experience of menopause and mid-life*.

Two books were edited by staff, whilst 6 staff contributed chapters in books. Other publications by staff include 19 articles in refereed journals, 10 published conference papers, and 14 other publications. 53 conference papers were presented in 1997.

The Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, Professor Elizabeth Cameron-Traub, the ACU Professor of Clinical Nursing, Professor Susan Ronaldson, and the Congregational Leader of the Sisters of Charity, Sr Annette Cunliffe, at the October launch at St Vincent's Health Care Campus in Sydney of the book - Spirituality, The Heart of Nursing - edited by Professor Ronaldson.





Professor Rosemary Lewins op, Dean of Students

Dean of Students Report

The Dean of Students liaises with students through

- Providing support to SRC Presidents and Committees on seven campuses with advice and regular consultation on issues affecting student life
- Regular attendance at ACUNSA meetings
- Support for ACU National student Games held in Sydney in 1997
- Support and advice to students on appeals and grievance issues
- Providing leadership training for SRC members in each State.

Student Services and Equity/Equal Opportunity

A National Conference was held for all staff members in Sydney in June 1997. At this Conference, a Student Service Mission Statement was approved and discussions were held on integration and collaboration between each professional area of Student Services.

Campus Ministry

- A common code of practice was adopted
- Opportunities for spiritual development for staff through retreats and reflections days were offered on each campus
- Students were given opportunities to participate in social justice initiatives (eg coaching disadvantaged students in Western Sydney, supporting shelters for the homeless). Social Justice Markets were organised on the Sydney campuses to allow charities and non-government organisations to promote their aims and services
- Liturgies were held on each campus each week and for significant university events Liturgies celebrated the opening of the Academic Year and were part of a final ritual for graduating students on each campus.

Counselling and Academic Skills

- Services were provided on each campus and individual support and group seminars were offered
- Academic Skills advisers ran preparation for tertiary study seminars for new students on each campus
- An Australian Catholic University study guide was prepared and published by the Academic Skills unit.

Equity and Equal Opportunity

- Completed annual Affirmative Action Plan for Australian Catholic University
- Prepared annual report to Affirmative Action agency on progress of strategies
- Monitored Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action strategies within the University
- Offered advice on policy formulation within the University
- Monitored and updated sexual harassment policy and procedures
- Prepared annual Access and Equity plan for DEETYA as part of the University's profile negotiations
- Implemented equity initiatives
- Launched University's Disability Action Plan
- Support for students with disabilities
- Administered Access and Merit scholarships for the university
- Provided computer skills support for disadvantaged students

In collaboration with Ballarat University undertook a research project which resulted in a guide and information kit called *Taking Hour Place – Higher Education for Country Students with Disabilities*.



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Other Tuition Fees	5,842	5,129	3,898
Interest Received	615	765	525
Other Income	1,443	2,534	2,633
Total Operating Revenue	73,157	75,588	72,842
Salary & Associated Costs	51,689	54,844	49,477
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Surplus/(Deficit)	724	(355)	1,984

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Commonwealth Recurrent Grants	80.7%
Higher Education Contribution Scheme	4.8%
State Grants	0.2%
Other Grants	0.4%
General Service Fees	2.8%
Other Tuition Fees	6.8%
Interest Received	1.0%
Other Income	3.4%

Finance Summary

This review summarises operating revenue and expenses and the year-end financial position of the University. The full 'Financial Statements and Reports', including 'Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Australian Catholic University Limited', are published separately.

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Two financial issues facing the University are its heavy dependence on Commonwealth Grants and the cost impact of enterprise bargaining negotiations finalised in early 1998. Total grant dollars are declining in real terms and have not been replaced by sufficient other income to maintain the current level of activity. The Voluntary Separation Scheme was one response to reductions in income, and the University is also seeking further operating efficiencies and new sources of revenue.

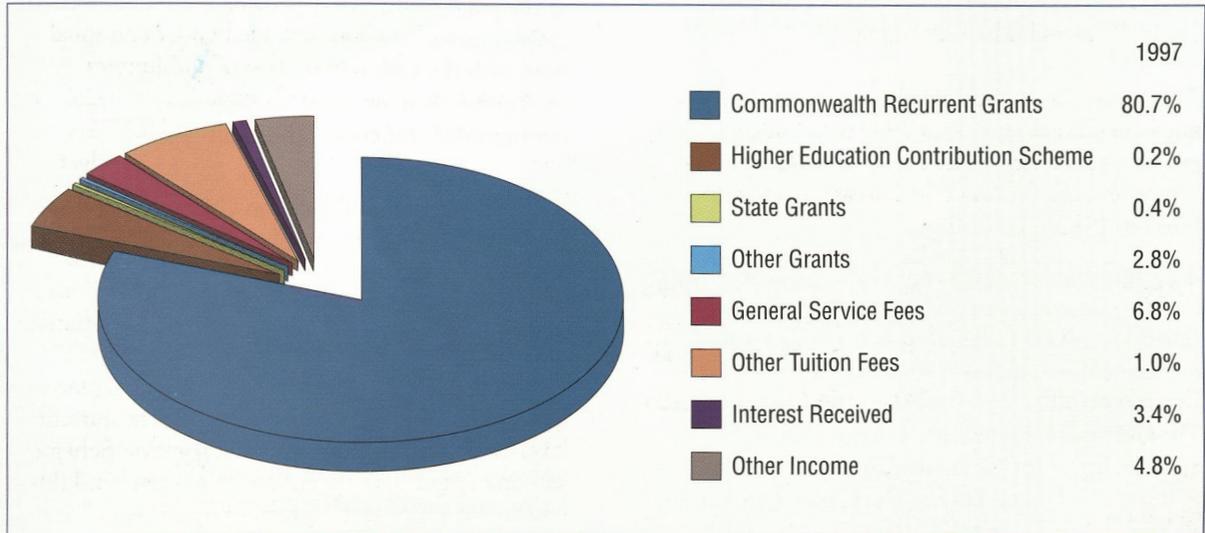
The financial statements show total net assets of \$86.5 million (1996, \$79.9 million). An independent valuation of freehold land and buildings and leasehold property and rights of occupancy was carried out as at 31 December 1997 and a \$6.9 million net surplus on revaluation was transferred to asset revaluation reserve. With limited liquid assets, cash management is important and an improvement in working capital ratio, which showed a deficiency of \$0.9 million at year-end (1996, \$1.4 million deficiency), was a pleasing result. The University is able and will continue to be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

1997 Enrolment Statistics

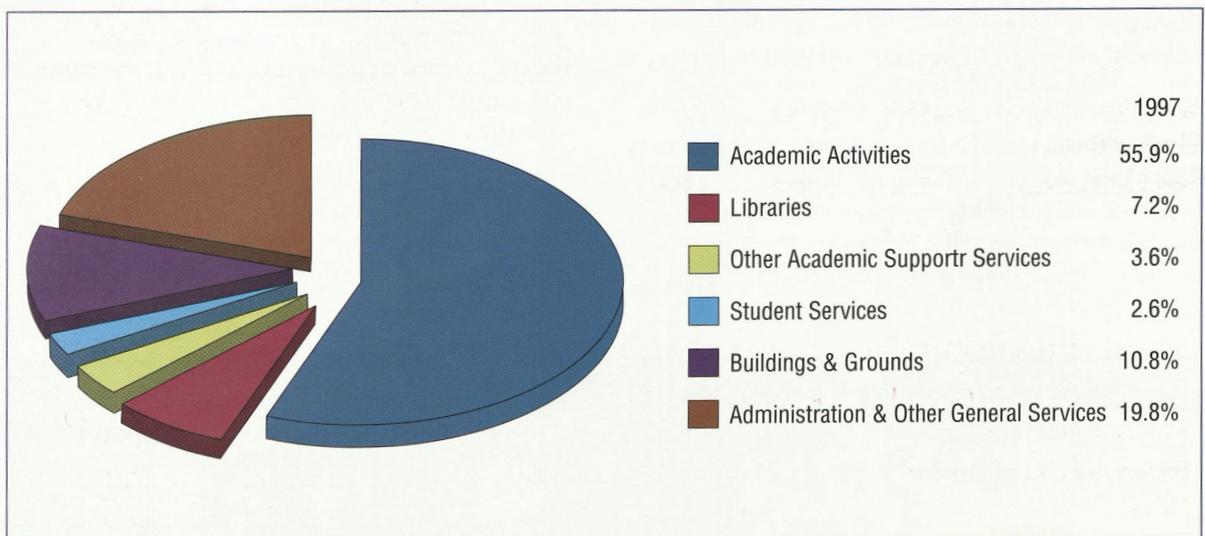
Course Enrolments by Faculty			
Faculty of Arts & Sciences		2603	
Faculty of Education		4915	
Faculty of Health Sciences		2055	
Other		76	
Total		9649	
Comparison of Total Enrolments	1995	1996	1997
	9077	8865	9649

Course Enrolments by State			
ACT		648	
NSW		3768	
Qld		2213	
Vic		3020	
Full-time students		5777	
Part-time students		3872	
Number of Staff		805	
Number of Academic Staff		395	
Fee Paying Overseas Students (On Shore and Off Shore)	1995	1996	1997
	169	225	349

Operating Revenue (from DEETYA financial statements)



Operating Expenditure (from DEETYA statements)



International Education Office Report

Formal agreements were signed with:

Sanata Dharma University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia

Universita per Stranieri di Siena, Italy

St Andrews College of the University of Glasgow, Scotland

Chaminade University of Honolulu, USA

Marywood University, Scranton, Pennsylvania, USA

Taranaki Polytechnic, New Zealand

University of Wales College of Medicine

A partnership agreement was signed with St Norbert College, Wisconsin and Marywood University (then called Marywood College), Pennsylvania for the recruitment of U.S. Study Abroad students.

The University was admitted to associate membership of the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) in the United States. The Council represents about 200 private colleges and universities in the USA many of whom are Catholic institutions.

Students in the first cohort undertaking postgraduate Certificates and Diplomas in Theological Studies in Singapore completed requirements at the end of 1997. Arrangements were made for the graduation ceremony to take place in the Australian High Commission in Singapore in February 1998.

The International Education Office assisted staff in the Faculty of Education to investigate opportunities for off-shore courses in Indonesia, Mauritius, South Africa, Thailand and Vietnam.

Staffing positions in the International Education Office were restructured. The position of International Student Officer, was established as part of a plan to centralise all international student enquiries, applications, admissions and enrolments. The position is based at MacKillop Campus.

In Melbourne, the position of International Students and Research Officer, was established to provide "post arrival" support to international students on the Victorian campuses and support to the Faculties in the preparation of bids for overseas projects and consultancies. The appointment was on a shared basis with the Office of Research. Similar arrangements are in hand for support of international students at the McAuley Campus.

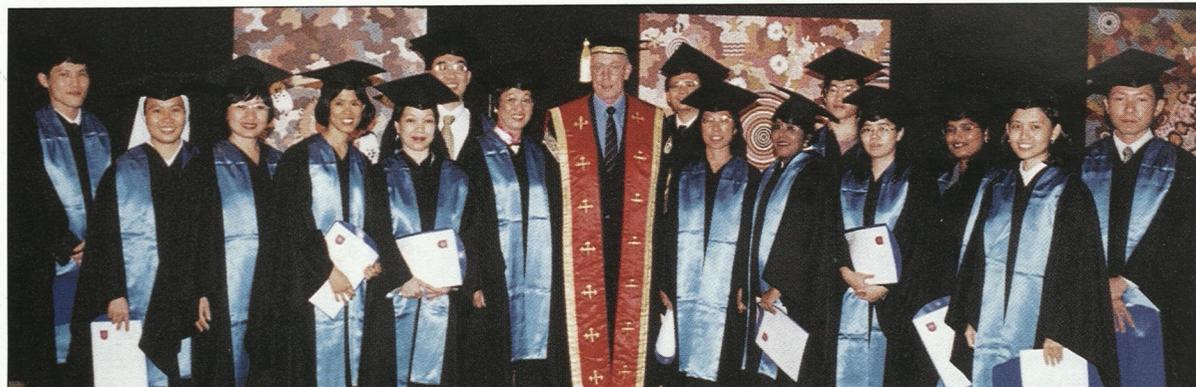
In the International Education Office at the Signadou Campus, Mr Stephen Wray, was appointed International Education Officer.

The University saw substantial growth in student exchange activities during 1997. Seven ACU students undertook studies at institutions in Japan and the United States. In return, the University hosted 15 exchange students from Korea, England, Japan, and the United States.

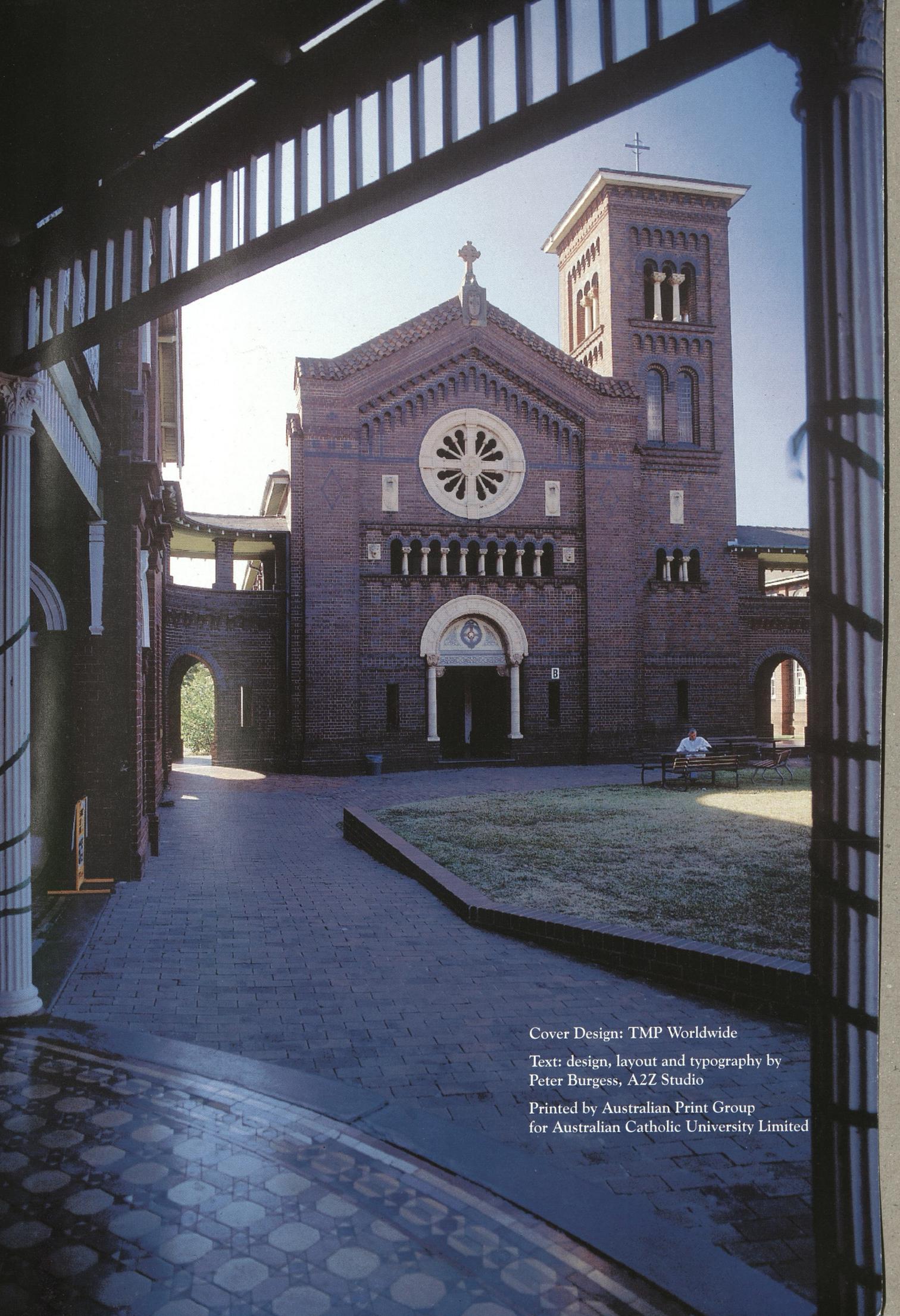
The International Education Office supported Faculty initiated, student field visits to Fiji, the Solomon Islands and South Africa.

Applications were submitted to the Department of Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs (DEETYA) for grants under the University Mobility Asia and the Pacific (UMAP) scheme to enable ACU Arts students to study Japanese language and culture at Hijiya University, Hiroshima, Japan and ACU Habilitation students to study Adaptive Education at St Norbert College, De Pere, Wisconsin.

New information guides were published for exchange students and for Study Abroad students. Also, an updated version of the information booklet for students seeking enrolment in Theological Studies in Singapore was published.



The Pro-Chancellor, Br Julian McDonald CFC, with Singapore graduates



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