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TAFE agreement opens pathway

AN agreement signed this year between The University of Notre Dame Australia, TAFEWA and TAFE International will provide TAFE students with a new pathway into tertiary education.

The agreement - a first for Notre Dame - allows students from Challenger TAFE with a Certificate IV or Diploma in Information Technology or Environmental Science to further their studies at Notre Dame.

Notre Dame Vice Chancellor Dr Peter Tannock said the agreement provided a wonderful opportunity for some Challenger TAFE students to enter higher education.

"This agreement opens the doors of higher education to a new group of

students who would have otherwise found it hard to do so," he said.

"Challenger TAFE students who complete either their IT or Environmental Studies course at the end of semester one 2004 could be eligible to come to Notre Dame later this year."

Dr Tannock said Challenger TAFE and Notre Dame were the two main players in tertiary education in the Fremantle area, and it made good sense to work together.

He said he was particularly pleased about the agreement because it would help address a fundamental social injustice by allowing more TAFE students to have access to a university education.

"This agreement addresses that issue - there is a sometimes inexplicable blockage which prevents TAFE students from entering university," Dr Tannock said.

"Having TAFE students coming through to the University will also be good for Notre Dame - we're very keen to enrich and diversify our student body."

Dr Tannock said the agreement may be expanded to include other TAFEWA colleges.

Under the agreement, Challenger TAFE students with the appropriate qualifications will be able to enter Notre Dame's Bachelor of Information and Communications Technology or Bachelor of Science as second year students.

Thanks to the work over the past six months by the agreement's steering committee, which included Challenger TAFE Project Manager Jane Lorrimar, Notre Dame Registrar Peter Glasson and Notre Dame International Education Office Manager Fleur Edwards (in her previous role as Marketing and Admissions Manager), brochures detailing these pathways are already being distributed throughout schools.

Notre Dame staff including Science and Technology Dean Brian Collins and Assistant Dean Peta Sanderson, Institute of Natural Resource Management Executive Director Syd Shea and School of Information and Technology Head Noel Samaan worked with their counterparts at TAFE on the agreement and the brochures.



▲ The University of Notre Dame Australia Vice Chancellor Peter Tannock, Deputy Vice Chancellor Peter Dallimore, Challenger TAFE Managing Director Malcolm Goff and TAFE International WA Managing Director Murray Day at the signing of the agreement.

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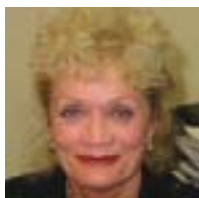
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Academic year bursts into life

Fremantle Campus student life got underway for 2004 with the biggest ever Welcome Day during Orientation Week.

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PROVOST'S *report*

▲ Jennifer Nicol

Provost takes the lead academically

TRADITIONALLY, the Provost is the chief academic officer of the University. This is also the case at the University of Notre Dame Australia. The term is not that common in Australia, where the Provost position is synonymous with that of Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic). The significance of the role is reflected in the position afforded the Provost as a member of the Board of Governors of the University.

Title aside, the role of the Provost is to oversee the academic affairs of the University. I aim to provide leadership in relation to educational policy across the University and oversee or monitor educational standards. In close collaboration with the Deans, I work to develop and implement academic policy, foster new academic programs, and to identify and establish academic priorities. Other key responsibilities I have as Provost include direct oversight of the Statutes and General Regulations of the University, the management of the appeals and disciplinary processes for student judicial actions, and management of the Boards of Examiners. The Provost is the chairperson of the Academic Council and the other key Standing Committee of the University, the Core Curriculum Committee. I also sit on

the Research, Staffing, Library and Finance and Capital Works Committees, and I am a member of the Executive Management Group.

Despite the extra demands on my time, I am enjoying the role of Provost. I like working in the policy area and I welcome the extended interaction that I have with the Deans and the Executive Directors. I'm particularly interested in the documentary framework of the institution, which continues to respond to the increased complexity of the University, and this role allows me to be active in this area.

My main challenge is to meet the demands of the Provost role as well as fulfil my responsibilities as Dean of one of the University's biggest (and in some ways busiest) colleges. In one sense, I have the best of both worlds with the University-wide work as Provost and the more student-centred role as Dean. The position of Provost involves me in a range of activities in which, as a Dean, I wouldn't normally participate. This dual role requires me to carefully manage my time, energy and resources, but the professional growth it affords me is well worth the challenges implicit in having two significant roles that operate in tandem.

Ironically, despite the breadth of the Provost role, it is entirely possible for a student to spend three or four years at Notre Dame and never interact with me as Provost or, for that matter, even know my name. Yet, the Provost potentially influences the academic career of every student to pass through the University.

Jennifer Nicol / Provost

Jennifer Nicol was appointed as Acting Provost in April last year. Her substantive appointment as Provost started in January this year. In this role, she succeeds Professor Greg Craven. The Provost is also a Governor of the University.

In addition to the position of Provost, Professor Nicol is the Dean of the College of Education, and holds the Bernie Prindiville Chair in Education. Educated at the University of Western Australia, she is a highly respected leader and teacher with an extensive background in education in Western Australia. She is a Fellow of the Australian College of Educators.

Announcing Professor Nicol's appointment as Provost, Vice Chancellor Peter Tannock said Professor Nicol had exhibited the leadership, commitment to excellence, and sound judgment that would serve Notre Dame very well.

"As Dean, she has been a risk-taker and has built consensus about new directions and relationships with schools," Dr Tannock said.

"In these and other activities, she nicely balances broad vision with consideration of important details and processes."

Foundation class

THE 1994 undergraduate foundation class is invited to a 10th anniversary champagne brunch and reunion in the Malloy courtyard on 2 May starting at 10.30am.

Foundation class members are asked to return RSVP and contact details forms by 16 April.

Anyone who has not received a form can contact foundation reunion committee members Toby Lawrance on 0401699190, Susannah Lawrance on 0401699190, Yvette Humich on 0411728504, Melissa Crosswell on 92941401 or Lorraine Bennett on 94330692.

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Science and Technology gets new facilities

COLLEGE of Science and Technology students now have the use of gleaming state-of-the-art science and computer laboratories housed within two century-old buildings on opposite sides of the High and Cliff Street corner.

“The college’s new premises have been fitted out with custom designed equipment the equal of that in any tertiary institution in Australia,” Science and Technology Dean Brian Collins said.

The laboratories also have the latest electronic whiteboards for lecturers, and benches with power points for student lap-tops.

“As with all the other historic buildings used by Notre Dame in the West End, the streetscape has been preserved and enhanced, but inside our laboratories are thoroughly in tune with modern technology,” Professor Collins said.

Two of the college’s schools – Environmental and Life Sciences and Biomedical Sciences – are housed in ND32, the Union Bank Building. The third school – Information Technology – is in ND33.

In addition to being Dean of the college overall, Professor Collins is the Head of the School of Environmental and Life Sciences.

The other Heads of Schools in the college are Greg Tan, who arrived this year to head the School of Biomedical Sciences, and Noel Samaan, who heads Information and Communications Technology.

The college’s new buildings will be officially opened and blessed at a function later this year.



▲ Student Stuart Farquharson with laboratory technician Will Newton in one of the new science laboratories.



▲ Students at work in one of the new science laboratories.

Counselling centre opens

THE University of Notre Dame Australia has described the opening of a new counselling centre in Fremantle as a significant and valuable resource for the local community and its counselling students.

The St John of God Health Care Counselling Centre, an initiative of St John of God Health Care and supported by Notre Dame and the Fremantle GP Network, was officially opened last month.

It’s located in Henry Street, alongside the University’s School of Medicine, and will offer counselling service for high prevalence mental health disorders including anxiety states, phobias and depression.

Notre Dame’s Head of School of Counselling and Behavioural Sciences, Associate Professor Martin Philpott, said the University was delighted to be associated with the new counselling centre.

He said it would provide practical work experience for Notre Dame’s counselling students.

“It will be an additional opportunity for our students, particularly final year and masters students, to work in a community-based service.”

Associate Professor Philpott said senior students in Behavioural Science may also become involved in the centre as mentors for local adolescents.”



NEWS *in brief*

■ Map available

A NEW University of Notre Dame Australia and City of Fremantle Access and Facilities Guide is now available.

The guide, produced by the Department for Planning and Infrastructure as part of the TravelSmart program, details bus routes and bus stops, train stations and cycling facilities such as bicycle routes, lockers and showers.

Notre Dame's Student Services Director Tracey Bahen said the guide emphasised the University's location as a 'town university' and promoted the range of transport choices available. "The promotion of environmentally-friendly transport modes demonstrates both the University's and the City's ongoing commitment to sustainability," she said.

The guide is available at the City's Service and Information Centre, Fre-info in the Fremantle City Library, Notre Dame's Student Services office in High Street and bicycle shops in Fremantle.

■ Professor joins WHO in battle against bird flu

THE University of Notre Dame Australia Associate Professor Donna Mak recently returned from the Philippines where she was working with a World Health Organisation team working on the avian influenza outbreak.

Dr Mak, a public health physician, is the chair of the Population and Preventive Health Domain at Notre Dame's new School of Medicine. She was offered a short-term contract as a consultant at WHO's Western Pacific regional office.

Dr Mak, who started work at Notre Dame last June, is helping to set up the School of Medicine which plans to take its first students in 2005. She was previously based in the Kimberley for 11 years as a doctor where she gained experience in communicable disease control.

■ Students film in New York

THE bright lights of New York City have fuelled the aspirations of two Notre Dame students. Communications students Scott Eathorne, of Mandurah, and Anni Fordham, of Mosman Park, worked on an independent film called Shooting Livien during production in New York late last year.

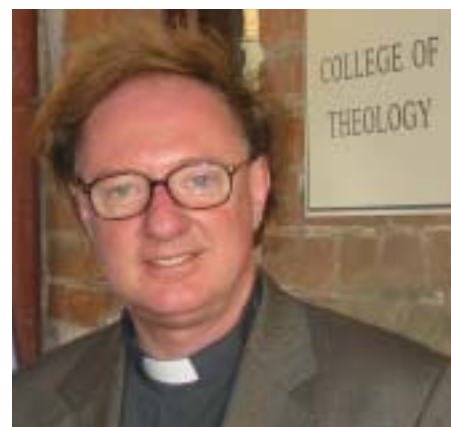
New Theology Dean has youth focus

THE new Dean of Theology at the University of Notre Dame Australia is looking forward to driving the focus of the College of Theology towards young people.

The new Mary Prindiville Professor of Theology said: "I'm am happy and honoured to accept the position at Notre Dame because I consider the University to be a leader in developing the identity and role of a Catholic university in Australia today."

As the former head of the School of Theology for NSW at the Australian Catholic University, Sydney, Professor Rochford is keen to see more young people appreciate the tradition of Catholic faith as a source of inspiration and personal satisfaction.

"I have a particular interest in the approach of the Church to the culture of young people and how we might better communicate the richness of the Catholic tradition to those who might be at the



▲ Professor Dennis Rochford

margins of the church or even completely outside its influence," he said.

Professor Rochford's previous positions include appointments at the Australian National University (Department of Sociology) and the University of Canberra (School of Administrative Studies) when it was the Canberra College of Advanced Education.

Campus Minister arrives

DEREK Boylen has joined the staff of Notre Dame in a new role as Campus Minister. Working closely with the Chaplain, Fr Stephen Giles, the Edmund Rice Centre and Student Services, Derek will take an active role in nurturing the faith life of the University.

Mr Boylen has extensive experience in the area of youth ministry with the Catholic Youth Ministry of the Archdiocese of Perth over the last six years. He was the Director of the Ministry for the last three.

Mr Boylen said his source of inspiration and strength is his wonderful wife Karen and two beautiful sons Elijah and Isaiah.



▲ Derek Boylen

He has begun several initiatives on campus. A weekly Monday morning prayer reflection "Kick Start" is for staff and students who would like to begin their working week with a short reflection and prayer. You can subscribe by contacting the Campus Minister at dboylen@nd.edu.au.

Mr Boylen has also started small Lenten discussion groups for students. They meet on Thursdays at 1pm in the Edmund Rice Centre. It is an opportunity for students to reflect on the Lenten readings and explore them in the light of their own experiences.

"I look forward to working with staff and students in making Notre Dame a place where faith exploration and dialogue is embraced as a common occurrence," Mr Boylen said.

"The College of Theology, the Core Curriculum, Chaplaincy, the Edmund Rice Centre and Campus Ministry are the ways in which Notre Dame is uniquely Catholic, and I look forward to working with this dynamic and talented team," he said.

The Campus Minister works from the Edmund Rice Centre. He can be contacted on 9433 0611.



▲ Student Association Arts Representative Chris Bailey uses some unusual transport to help first years Rob Kennedy, Alex Kenny and Amanda Alach find their way on Welcome Day.



▲ Australian University Games representative Karyn McQueen talks to students Dominique Allis and Tamara Patterson.



▲ Administration Officer Susan Lonsdale processes an ID card for first year Education student Sabrina Baalmann.



▲ Prospective Students and Marketing Admissions Assistant Callum Ingram starts a tour outside the Drill Hall.

Academic year bursts into life

THE team at Student Services got the academic year off to a big start this year with a week-long orientation program culminating in Welcome Day.

Hundreds of students joined campus and library tours and viewed more than 45 expo-style displays of campus and community life in the Drill Hall.

Students Services Equity and Student Support Officer Amelia Whitelaw, who coordinated Notre Dame's welcome for new students this year, said Orientation

2004 was a wonderful success and a huge effort from all areas of the University.

Other highlights during the week included dinners for rural and interstate students and an 'Aussie' barbecue for international students.

The celebrations continued with the annual Commencement Ceremony on 24 February. The ceremony included a formal welcome and blessing followed by a parade through the streets.

In other campus news, Sascha Lidbury, who has taken over the role of Student Services Officer from Dave McLean, has started fitness classes including Yoga, Pilates and Funk Dance. Contact her on 94330585 for more details.

Meanwhile, the sound of music can be heard wafting from the University's buildings and streets.

The Notre Dame Singers, a new choral society, meets on Thursdays in Foley Hall.

BROOME *news*

by Lee Bevan

THERE are a few new faces in the Vocational Education and Training (VET) Pathways courses offered at the University of Notre Dame Australia Broome Campus.

Catherine Maughan, Head of VET Pathways programs, started in early January this year. Ms Maughan first visited the Kimberley region in 1998 for a brief stint in Kununurra and returned in late 2002 to work and live in Broome. She has a background in agri-business, education and training in the VET sector.

Pam Bettison, Coordinator of VET Business, came to Broome from the remote Aboriginal community of Gapuwiyak (Lake Evella) in Arnhem Land, Northern Territory. Until recently Ms Bettison was working in the secondary school at Gapuwiyak, but has travelled throughout the Northern Territory working with VET programs in schools. Pam has a special interest in information technology and has experience working overseas in Tonga and East Timor.

The VET Pathways program is unique to the Notre Dame Broome Campus and is offered only to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Notre Dame Broome offers VET courses in education and

business. The courses are delivered in a mixed-mode where students live and work in their towns or communities and attend a one-week 'block release' at Notre Dame Broome four to five times per year.

In this way students can continue to work and live with their family and friends, but are always working towards further qualifications that help in their jobs. After completing their courses students can articulate into the higher education degree courses.

Over the next year VET Pathways staff aim to increase student numbers from

the towns and remote Aboriginal communities of the Kimberley region, further develop the processes for articulating from the VET Pathways program to higher education degrees, engage more with Indigenous organisations throughout the Kimberley and strengthen the links with the Kimberley Catholic education system.

Other changes in the VET Pathways program are the appointment of Graham McAuslane as part-time Lecturer in VET Business, and Paula Manning as Administration Assistant VET Student Services.



▲ Head of VET Pathways Catherine Maughan (left) and Coordinator of VET Business Pam Bettison at the Broome Campus.

EDMUND RICE CENTRE *news*

by Damien Norris

ANYONE who has been to the new home of the Edmund Rice Centre for Social Justice in High St will have felt the difference about the way we do 'business' – the venue is open, inclusive and spacious. There is plenty of room to dream up the world we want to live in, and plenty of resources and support to turn the dream into a reality. Here are some of ERC's recent highlights:

■ A plastic bag free Fremantle

They told us it was a waste of time. Two years later the idea became a reality. This student-led social action, started during Simplicity 2002, combined investigative research, seeking out key stakeholders, lobbying, a documentary movie, discussion groups and a petition. The result is a working partnership between the students of Notre Dame, the City of Fremantle, the Chamber of Commerce and other commercial sector representatives to make

Fremantle into a plastic bag free town. Stay tuned.

■ Soup Patrol - still serving

Notre Dame's contribution to the Red Cross soup Patrol has been unwavering. Staff, students and friends continue to join the volunteer community that serves soup to Fremantle citizens every Friday and Saturday night. Contact Damien Norris on 94330542 if you would like to help. Those on the roster help out, on average, once every four to five weeks.

■ East Timor

More than 100 students, staff and family members have participated in the centre's work in East Timor since 2000. What began as a University course in 2000 has become an exercise in international development. Work has included the creation of computer labs, classrooms, sewing rooms, a health clinic and sports

facilities in a remote village, providing fully-funded international postgraduate placements for up to one year, sending aid materials, hosting awareness-raising functions and much more. Contact Damien Norris on 94330542 if you would like to be part of the Bakhita Group which helps to make these things happen.

■ East Kimberley - social justice at home

A new unit modelled on the East Timor unit was piloted last year. East Kimberley: History, Culture and Spirituality was an overwhelming success and is set to run again this semester. Both the East Timor and East Kimberley units attract the University's best and brightest students, but inclusion is by application and interview only. Applications can be sent via email – contact Damien Norris on 94330542.



Alumni Association continues to grow

WHAT a year 2004 has already been for the University. In the year of the 10th anniversary of the start of the first undergraduate class, the University has set a new admissions mark and continues to grow and develop in the area around Fremantle.

With the growth of the University, the Alumni Association continues to grow, and already the hard work of the Executive Committee in 2003 is beginning to pay dividends, with the Alumni Association taking up a prominent position in the new Community Relations Office.

The interest among our graduates about the development of the Alumni Association was confirmed in December when we sought expressions of interest from graduates to be on an expanded Executive Committee in 2004. We received such a positive response from our graduates and I would like to welcome Emma Dixon, Anton Errington-Wood, Donatella Paolino and Trish Christian as new Executive Committee members for 2004. Each of the new members represents different areas of the University.

In line with my philosophy of recognising the past before moving, I would like to thank our two retiring members, Daniel Chesson and Melissa Rayment for all their work in 2003. Their commitment and



▲ Alumni Association committee members Anton Errington-Wood, Emma Dixon, Donatella Paolino, Trish Christian and Toby Hicks with Vice Chancellor Peter Tannock.

work are an example of the passion that has made our new University so successful, so early. Their companionship, and more importantly, their friendship, on the Executive Committee will be missed.

We are looking forward to celebrating with the members of the first undergraduate class at their reunion in May. If you are a member, or know someone who was a member of that class, make sure that you get in touch with the University and update your details to ensure that you are a part of the reunion.

We also look forward to working with the Community Relations Office and Student Services in developing a new Alumni mentoring program called Career-NET. It is the association's way of connecting alumni with new graduates to assist them in making the transition from university and into the work force, and to develop our professional network of graduates across a number of industries.

Yours in Notre Dame

Toby Hicks - *Alumni Association President*

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▲ Drink Bottle \$8



▲ Mouse Mat \$10 & Stubby Holder \$8



▲ Bradford Graduation Bear \$12



▲ Russell Athletic Ladies Fitted T-Shirt \$30 (shown here in stone & black, also available in white or navy)

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www.nd.edu.au/shop

NEWS *in brief*

■ School leadership course held

FORMER Australian Test cricketer John Inverarity has begun his teaching program at Notre Dame.

Professor Inverarity, who started work part-time at Notre Dame last October after retiring as headmaster of Hale School, ran a four-day intensive course for school leaders in January.

He will coach cricket in the UK until October, when he will return to take a course for Masters students on teaching standards and professionalism.

The January course, attended by eight principals and deputies from Catholic schools, covered leadership, effective teaching, change leadership and the process of improving schools.

"The course was very practical, based on my long experience in schools," Professor Inverarity said. "I shared the reality of that experience, of being in a leadership role and trying to make a school better. The ongoing challenge for school leaders is to have an impact on the learning and teaching environment, to keep on improving until it achieves excellence."

■ Health Dean appointed

PROFESSOR Mark McKenna has been appointed as the successor to Professor Michael Quinlan, who will retire from the position of Dean of the College of Health in the second half of 2004.

Announcing the appointment, Vice Chancellor Peter Tannock recognised Professor Quinlan's "stellar work in the establishment and leadership of the College of Health through its rapid growth."

Professor McKenna, the Foundation Head of Notre Dame's School of Medicine, will continue in his private practice as one of the State's top obstetricians and gynaecologists. Associate professor Sue van Leeuwen will continue in the Assistant Dean's role.

Dr Tannock said there were many challenges ahead for the College of Health, including working towards accreditation of the School of Medicine in 2005.

The chair of the Australian Medical Council accreditation team, Michael Field, is due to visit Notre Dame this month with a member of the AMC secretariat. If Notre Dame's submission proceeds to the next stage, Professor Field will return with the full accreditation team for a week-long visit in July.



▲ Director of International and Intercultural Learning Elaine Meyer-Lee, and Faculty Counsellor, Study-Abroad - Australia Linda Zoeller, from Saint Mary's College, Indiana, at the University of Notre Dame Australia's Fremantle Campus last month.

US exchange possible

AN exchange program for nursing students between Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame Indiana and the University of Notre Dame Australia's Broome campus is a step closer following a visit by two international visitors last month.

Saint Mary's College Notre Dame Indiana's Director of International and Intercultural Learning Elaine Meyer-Lee, and Faculty Counsellor and Study-Abroad - Australia representative Linda Zoeller spent two days in Broome, and also spoke to staff at the Fremantle Campus.

Dr Meyer-Lee and Associate Professor Zoeller said the Broome Campus had exceeded their expectations.

"We feel there would be great benefits for our nursing students to have this experience at Broome," Dr Meyer-Lee said.

She said the "culture within a culture" at Broome with its Aboriginal people

was similar to the area around Saint Mary's with its Hispanic and African American groups.

Associate Professor Zoeller said they were hoping to set up both short-term (four-week) intensive programs, and semester long-exchanges.

"We hope the program can be vice versa, with Broome students getting some experience in Indiana," she said. "Both groups would benefit from a more universal approach, seeing how things are done in different countries."

Professor Zoeller and Dr Meyer-Lee said while the campuses were far apart and Saint Mary's College was much older, they were also struck by the similarities.

"We are both small in terms of numbers of students, and the size and informality feel very similar," Dr Meyer-Lee said. "Also, although Saint Mary's is 130 years old it's no stranger to change and growth."

IMPORTANT *dates*

9 April	Stations of the Cross - Holy Spirit Chapel, Notre Dame, 10am
2 May	1994 Foundation Class Reunion
20 June	Graduation Fremantle Campus
9 July	Graduation Broome Campus