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Historic University-City agreement signed

THE University of Notre Dame Australia and the City of Fremantle have signed a ground-breaking Memorandum of Understanding, thought to be the first such agreement in Australia.

The agreement was endorsed at separate meetings of the UNDA's executive board and the Fremantle City Council last month.

The Memorandum of Understanding formalises a mutual commitment between the City and the University to work in close partnership for the next decade.

The agreement covers such issues as:

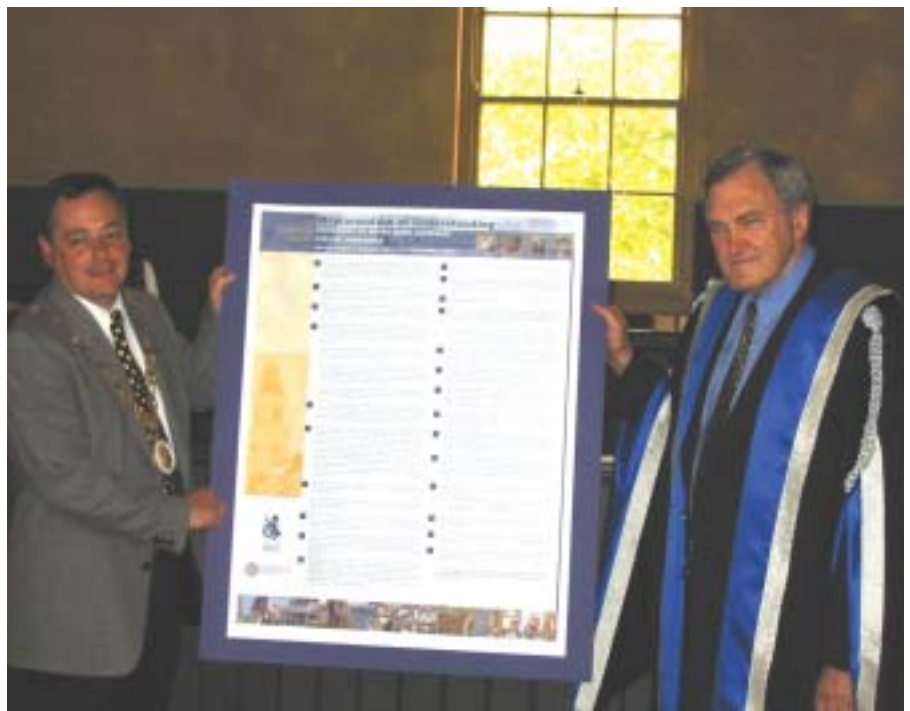
- UNDA expansion plans;
- a commitment to mutual consultation;
- an annual contribution of \$50,000 cash and approximately \$50,000 in kind from UNDA; and
- a commitment to joint venture projects.

The Memorandum of Understanding was negotiated by the University's Vice Chancellor Dr Peter Tannock and by City of Fremantle CEO Ray Glickman.

Dr Tannock said that he was very pleased with the outcome.

"This memorandum will lay the foundations for an excellent long-term relationship between the University and the City of Fremantle," Dr Tannock said.

"This is a complex and difficult issue



▲ Mayor of Fremantle Peter Tagliaferri and Notre Dame University of Australia Vice Chancellor Dr Peter Tannock with a copy of the agreement at UNDA's Court House.

facing all local government authorities in which universities are located, and the City deserves praise for its forward-looking approach."

Mayor Tagliaferri said the formal agreement would expand on the current good working relationship between the University and the City.

"This is a positive step for the City of

Fremantle, the West End of Fremantle and our community," said the mayor.

The agreement was announced at a function in UNDA's Court House last month. The Court House was chosen as the venue for the announcement as it is recognised as a mutually successful project between the City and the University.

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Volunteer Centre set to open on High Street

An injection of WA Lotteries Commission funding is helping the Edmund Rice Centre's move to High Street premises.

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PROVOST'S *report*

A time to look back

A RAPIDLY growing, dynamic university like The University of Notre Dame Australia all too rarely has the opportunity to look back. Occasionally it can be of value to reflect upon where we have come from, in order to determine where we are going.

Next year is likely to be a momentous year for UNDA. The Commonwealth government will deliver its long-awaited review of higher education, and the Australian Universities Quality Agency will have completed its report on UNDA.

In this atmosphere of change, we need to remember very clearly that UNDA has been, and will remain, a rapidly evolving institution.

Since I arrived at UNDA in 1997, three new colleges have been created: Law, Health and Science and Technology. The School of Physiotherapy will commence next year, and planning for Medicine is underway.

This increase in disciplines has seen a corresponding increase both in the numbers, the physical plant and the administrative operations of the University.

Put simply, UNDA is still a small university by Australian standards, but it no longer is a tiny university. Gone are the days when everybody knew everybody else and you could cross the campus by taking a running jump. UNDA now spans much of the West End of Fremantle, and the previously unheard of spectacle of UNDA students having to hurry between lectures is not uncommon.

All of these things are the inevitable and welcome signs of growth. What we must not allow, however, is for the growth to overwhelm UNDA's unique character.

Clearly, growth of the University and its prosperity are closely linked. We must work hard to ensure that as we become bigger, we do not become more remote. A university that prides itself on being a community must be wary of becoming a corporation.

We also are likely to find that, as we grow, so will our institution become the subject of increasing attention. This is a good thing, in the sense that it underlines UNDA's arrival as a 'player' in Western Australian higher education.

It does, however, pose challenges in a world where universities increasingly are the targets of public criticism, both informed and ignorant.

Either way, it is clear that UNDA has crossed a key educational threshold. Our challenge is to further establish ourselves as an excellent Western Australian university, without losing any of those things that made us Notre Dame.

Prof Greg Craven / *Provost*

• Vice Chancellor Dr Peter Tannock was overseas during *In Principio's* production this quarter.

Nursing students set to work

THE West Australian health and medical community is set to see the first intake of nursing graduates from The University of Notre Dame Australia's School of Nursing hit the workforce this month.

The group of 25 final year students graduated as registered nurses on December 8 and all of them will move straight from the classroom to the hospital floor.

The 100 per cent employment rate, secured well before graduation, is indicative of the high regard in which the WA medical community holds the school, according to the Foundation Head of the School, Professor Doreen McCarthy.

"I think the fact that they have all secured employment at such an early stage is testament to the skill level they have attained during their three years of study here," she said.

"From the very beginning the aim has been to give them a degree and training that focused on making sure that nursing, as they learn it, is a practically based profession.

Professor McCarthy said that the school was established three years ago following an extensive process of industry consultation, which is ongoing.

The school plans to take on 60 first year students next year and has already processed in excess of 200 applications.

UNDA *history*

Ten years ago this month, the University community gathered at the Fremantle Town Hall for the inaugural graduation ceremony.

Following an academic procession and the national anthem, guests were welcomed by Chancellor Terry O'Connor. The prayer was led by University Chaplain Fr John Hannah.

Certificates of Commerce and Economics were conferred to 25 Study Abroad students, and an honorary degree to Vice Chancellor David T. Link.

Sr Therese Marie Fleming received a Master of Educational Leadership. Graduate Diplomas in Education (Secondary) were presented to 25 students.

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▲ Robynne Walsh with students Simone Shinohara and Evelyn Leauppi at the Phoenix Language Academy in Fremantle.

Educator wins top IDP award

ONE of the providers of The University of Notre Dame Australia's English language and foundation courses for overseas students has won a prestigious international education award.

Robynne Walsh, a co-director of the Phoenix English Language Academy that teaches 200 UNDA students on the Fremantle campus and a further 400 in West Perth, won the International Development Programs Award for Outstanding and Continuing Contribution to International Education.

Ms Walsh is the first WA recipient of the award, and only the second woman. It is the first time IDP, a not-for-profit company owned by Australian universities, has given the award to a private company.

The award was presented at the 16th Australian International Education Conference in Hobart, Tasmania on October 3.

Ms Walsh said she was thrilled and overwhelmed to receive the award at the conference dinner before 800 people at the Hobart Town Hall.

"The award was presented 'this is your life' style and as I listened I had no idea it was me they were talking about," Ms Walsh said.

"It was a great honour and I am still on a high."

Ms Walsh was representing UNDA at the conference attended by 900 delegates from 40 countries.

"This is the conference of the year for people in the international education industry," she said.

"The University of Notre Dame's achievements in the field of international education were highlighted at the presentation, so it was excellent exposure for the University."

Ms Walsh said UNDA students came from more than 40 nations.

"The university provides opportunities to people from across the world, rather than just our region," she said.

IDP chief executive Lindy Hyam said Ms Walsh had made a significant contribution to the development of quality standards within the English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students industry.

"Ms Walsh has always focused on the student and on the quality of the student experience," Ms Hyam said.

"One of her most exciting innovations has been the acquisition of a hotel in Fremantle as an English Language Centre, while maintaining the traditional Australian bar and dining room on the ground floor for students and the local community. International study abroad students find it amazing."

Ms Walsh, who is also a director of Notre Dame International, said the use of the Orient Hotel on the corner of High and Henry Streets had worked well.

"We run part of the ground floor as a sort of University tavern for students, staff and the public, and use the upstairs for language and foundation units," she said.

IMPORTANT *dates*

January 6: Summer School commences

January 21-23: Enrolments for new students

February 11-14: Orientation

February 17: Semester One commences

NEWS *in brief*

■ Application numbers triple

THE University of Notre Dame Australia looks set to consolidate its position as Australia's fastest growing university with record numbers of student applications following the close of first round applications.

Total numbers of applications across all colleges jumped from 522 in the year 2000 to just over 1220 for the next academic year according to Marketing Manager Fleur Hull.

The most significant increases in first round enrolment numbers have been absorbed by the University's rapidly expanding College of Health.

The College, which now incorporates the Schools of Nursing, Counselling and Behavioural Science, Health and Physical Education and the recently announced school of Physiotherapy, has gone from processing just over 100 first round applications in the year 2000 to a five-fold increase of 502 for the next academic year.

The recent announcement of the opening of UNDA's School of Physiotherapy, which will take its first intake of 36 students next year, also contributed to a significant rise in application numbers.

■ Notre Dame team wins government tender

A team from The University of Notre Dame Australia, led by Head of the School of Health and Physical Education Dr Helen Parker, has been awarded a \$28,000 tender jointly from the Department of Education and the Department of Sport and Recreation.

The invitation-only tender to review the operations and effectiveness of the Sports Challenge Program, which currently operates in primary and high schools throughout metropolitan and regional Western Australia, was won from a competitive field comprising other tertiary institutions as well as a number of private research companies.

Dr Parker will be joined by Dr Beth Hands and Associate Professor Roger Vallance, whose research and evaluation skills will be called upon during the six-month review of the Guildford-based operation.



Irish Vice-Chancellors visit UNDA

FOUR visiting Irish Vice-Chancellors toured The University of Notre Dame Australia in October as part of an Australian tour.

The group also visited other universities in Perth and the Eastern States.

Dr Art Cosgrove, Vice Chancellor of University College, Dublin; Michael McGath, Director of the Conference of Heads of Irish Universities; Dr W Smyth, Vice Chancellor of the National University

of Ireland in Maynooth; and Professor Gerard Wrixon of University College in Cork (above with UNDA Vice Chancellor Dr Peter Tannock) enjoyed lunch in UNDA's Court House before touring the campus.

Meanwhile, the Council of Priests (below) met at UNDA in October.

They met in the Governor's Boardroom before a tour of the campus and lunch with UNDA staff.



Fond farewell for semi-retiree



STAFF and students at the College of Health held a farewell for School of Nursing Head, Professor Doreen McCarthy last month.

Professor McCarthy is retiring as Head of School from next year, and will work one day a week on special projects including public relations.

Senior Lecturer Vickey Brown, who will take over as Head, said the many people who had benefited from Doreen's work and expertise wanted to thank her and mark the milestone of her semi-retirement.

The function in the Student Common Room featured speeches from second and third year students.



Volunteer Centre set to open in High Street

THE Edmund Rice Centre (ERC) for Social Justice will head to new premises on High Street in Fremantle thanks to the assistance of the WA Lotteries Commission.

The Centre, which is the social justice arm of The University of Notre Dame Australia, will take up residency in a street front office in the old Cleopatra Hotel.

Fremantle MLA Jim McGinty presented a cheque to the ERC for a total of \$458,901 last month for computer resources, office furniture and equipment and as a contribution towards the refurbishment of one of High Street's most significant turn of the century buildings.

Mr McGinty said the ERC, and within that the Fremantle Volunteer Centre, would provide a point of coordination for volunteers in the region and would work to strengthen volunteer participation within the local community.

"It is pleasing to see Fremantle benefit from these innovative community initiatives and the parties are to be commended," Mr McGinty said.

The purchase of the building earlier this year was assisted by the Trustees of the Christian Brothers on behalf of the ERC. It has allowed the ERC to expand its community involvement and to establish a central volunteer centre in the heart of Fremantle.

Further funds were also allocated by UNDA to assist the Centre with the renovation of the new site.



▲ UNDA Vice Chancellor Dr Peter Tannock, Lotteries Commissioner Corin Lamont, Edmund Rice Centre Director Dr Peter Harney, Fremantle MLA Jim McGinty and Fremantle Mayor Peter Tagliaferri at the presentation.

The Director of the Edmund Rice Centre Dr Peter Harney described the ERC, and the Fremantle Volunteer Centre within it, as an integral part of the local community.

"The Centre will service the wider community, working towards matching volunteers with agencies in need and also provide important community service learning opportunities for students from Notre Dame," he said.

"There are more than 400 agencies in the wider Fremantle area which utilise the services of volunteers on a weekly basis. And the Centre will act as a focal point to channel those services to refugees, those

with physical and mental disabilities, the aged, children and adolescents at risk and the homeless, among others."

The Centre is currently engaged in several local programs including a weekly soup kitchen for the homeless in the local area as well as a reading program in primary schools around Fremantle.

The ERC is also involved in the implementation of social justice programs currently operating in the Philippines, Cambodia and East Timor and will institute several new projects next year across indigenous communities in the Kimberley region of WA.

Honoured Sister re-visits UNDA

Sister Elizabeth Murphy visited The University of Notre Dame Australia last month to see Dr Angeline O'Neill, Lecturer in English Literature at the School of Arts and Letters.

Sister Elizabeth, who received an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws from UNDA in 1998, is currently researching a history of the Benedictine settlement at New Norcia.

Sister Elizabeth lived at New Norcia for 17 years from the early 1950s where she taught at St Gertrude's College.

Later she completed a science degree at the University of WA and became principal of Kearnan College in Manjimup.

Other posts in her varied life include Superior General of the Australian Chapter of the Congregation in Sydney for 12 years, and work in the Josephite mission in Peru.



▲ Dr Angeline O'Neill welcomes Sister Elizabeth Murphy.



ALUMNI *news*



▲ Jeff Ovens

Association plans to re-establish Alumni links

IT has been a period of immense change and development in the Alumni Association over the past few months.

At the end of October the Steering Committee formally completed its task of setting up and establishing the Alumni Association, and officially handing over control of the Association to the University.

In just under a year the seven members of the Committee have worked to establish the foundation of the Association and to re-establish long lost links with our past graduates.

The Steering Committee included: John Carney, Daniel Chesson, Luke Colgan, Kate French, Toby Hicks, Leticia Jennings and Justin Lilleyman.

A special acknowledgement must go to those members retiring from the

Committee: John Carney, Luke Colgan, Kate French and Leticia Jennings. We thank them for their time, effort and commitment to Notre Dame.

The Alumni Association will now move into a more formal arrangement within the University structure that will allow us to build upon the foundation laid by the Steering Committee, and to allow more members to have an active role.

Alumni of the inaugural graduating class in Education have celebrated their 10th Anniversary since graduation. Thanks must go to Jennifer Nicol and Linda Back

and the College of Education staff for their efforts in locating Alumni and organising a wonderful evening.

We wish all Alumni a joyous and safe Christmas.

Jeff ovens / Director, Special Projects

Celebration of Christmas on Campus

All students, staff, families, friends and Alumni are invited to celebrate Christmas with Mass on campus.

DATE: 24th December (Christmas Eve)

TIME: 7.00pm Christmas Carols
7.30pm Holy Mass

PLACE: Malloy Courtyard,
Mouat Street, Fremantle

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BROOME *news*

THE University of Notre Dame's Broome Campus has received continued funding for its Vocational Education and Training Pathways program for indigenous students.

The Campus applies to the WA Department of Training every year to fund its Certificate II, III and IV of Business and Diploma of Business courses. These courses received a total of more than \$200,000 in the latest allocation.

The Campus also received more than \$80,000 for a new Certificate II course in Community Recreation.

Broome Campus Deputy Vice Chancellor and Dean, Professor Tony Ryan said the business courses were ongoing, and it was hoped the new course would start mid next year.

"The sport and recreation course will

hopefully see Aboriginal people working half-time in schools and half-time in their communities," Professor Ryan said.

"The course has the backing of the Aboriginal Sports Association Garnduwa which is lobbying schools and communities in the Fitzroy Valley to become involved."

Meanwhile, the Broome Campus and Edith Cowan University are working towards an agreement to share space.

ECU's Broome Centre, which currently employs three academic staff and four tutors and offers a choice of four study programs, will move to UNDA's Broome Campus from next year.

ECU's Vice-Chancellor Professor Millicent Poole said the cost of operating the centre as a separate entity was no longer viable for the University.



▲ Tony Ryan

ECU will lease a building from UNDA's Broome Campus and offer three courses in indigenous studies for 30-40 students.

Prof Ryan said the agreement was a sensible arrangement triggered by Commonwealth Government policy that favoured universities working together.

He said the Broome Campus would become a multiple-use higher education facility for the whole region.

Tony Ryan / Vice Chancellor, Broome Campus

Remote area and regional nursing students face a unique challenge

FOR nursing students at The University of Notre Dame Australia's Broome Campus, going "on prac" doesn't always mean heading to the local hospital to put the theory into practice.

Although students do spend time at one or more of the teaching hospitals in the area - and this often means travelling to hospitals in Darwin or Alice Springs - equally as much time is spent with The Indigenous Medical Service, the Royal Flying Doctor Service and at the various health clinics and agencies scattered throughout some of the State's most remote areas.

UNDA's Broome Course Coordinator and Nursing Lecturer Mary Whitty said nursing in rural areas involved some very special challenges, responsibilities and opportunities.

Since UNDA's Broome Campus enrolled its first nursing students in 2000, students will travel to Carnarvon for the first time to work in the local hospital and with a number of the local agencies operating in the area.

The idea behind the move south is to give students a picture of nursing throughout

the State as well as to introduce potential students in the Mid-West to the University and the opportunities it can offer.

Ms Whitty said that the move had been welcomed by all agencies involved in the start-up program. This year's experience in Carnarvon involves two students, with provision made to increase these numbers in subsequent years.

"The impetus for this expansion of practical skills is to encourage students from the State's Mid West to consider Notre Dame, as opposed to Perth and other destinations, as a place to study, and also to encourage the flow of skills back to the communities of which they are a part," she said.

"Often students from some of the smaller towns are more comfortable studying in a place like Broome than they are in Perth, which can be a major adjustment for some."

First year nursing students Brett Ionn and Laura Dawson were selected as the first students to head to Carnarvon and are currently working with Community Health, Indigenous Medical Services, Silver Chain and the regional hospital.

For many of the Broome nursing students, a 20-hour bus or car ride is par for the course in the quest to broaden their practical experience.

Ms Whitty said luckily most view it as an adventure and a privilege to see a side of life they may never have otherwise had the opportunity to witness.

"For the nurses and doctors who take the opportunity to work in some of the more remote areas, it is a once in a lifetime opportunity to be included in community life," she said.

It is compulsory for students at Broome Campus to undertake a number of units in Indigenous Studies.

"There is so much more for students to consider when they are working in remote and regional areas," she said. "They are advised regarding dress, non-verbal communication and other protocols appropriate to the communities within which they will be working."

UNDA's Broome Campus will graduate its first intake of nursing students in July 2003.



Conference focuses on caring

CARING is an essential part of nursing in today's environment.

This was the main message at an international nursing conference held at The University of Notre Dame Australia in September.

Entitled 'Caring, Careers and Constraints: Providing quality care for all in today's environment', the conference attracted more than 100 health experts from across the state, country and overseas.

The conference was held to mark the graduation of UNDA's inaugural group of nursing students.

Convener and UNDA's Head of Nursing Professor Doreen McCarthy said at this time of crisis in health it was timely to re-think what nursing was all about.

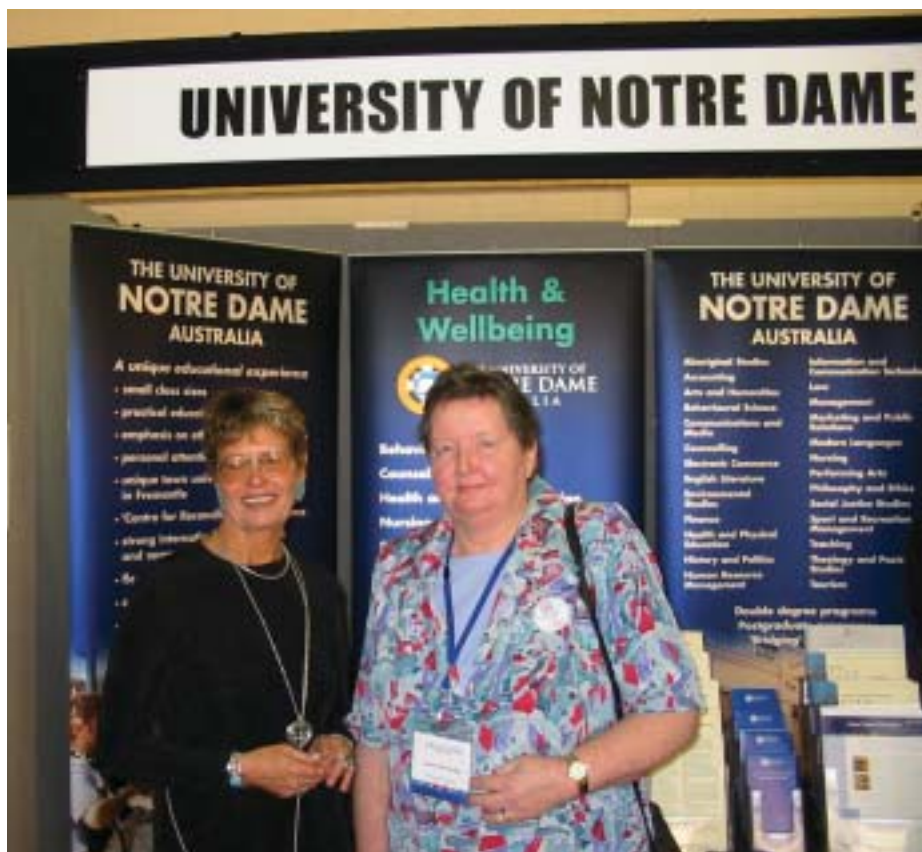
"Caring will continue to be an important aspect of the job no matter how high-tech it gets," Professor McCarthy said.

"Looking at caring re-vitalised people. They were able to re-visit their commitment to the profession."

Professor McCarthy said she had received some very positive feedback from participants.

"The keynote speakers Professor Jean Watson of Colorado, Dr Judith Lumby of Sydney and Associate Professor Vera Irurita of Perth were excellent, and the two students who gave a presentation were very well received," she said.

The final-year students Kirsty Cray and Mariko Haug have been asked by Royal



▲ Keynote speaker Professor Jean Watson of Colorado with UNDA's Head of Nursing Professor Doreen McCarthy.

Perth Hospital to give further talks as part of its professional development program for staff.

Professor McCarthy said delegates from all over WA attended the conference, including a significant delegation from Geraldton.

All 25 final year UNDA nursing students have been offered first round jobs.

"Our students have been well prepared for the transition for work," Professor McCarthy said.

"They will be going to hospitals where they've done their prac, so they will be very comfortable with the working environment."

UNDA's School of Nursing will do a study over the next five years to monitor the graduates' progress.

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The demand for places at The University of Notre Dame Australia makes us the fastest growing University in the country. At the same time, the University is operating from one of the smallest capital bases of all tertiary institutions.

UNDA provides a different and very special learning experience for our students, many of who will have a significant influence on future generations.

Our biggest challenge over the next few years is to fund the demand for new lecture rooms, laboratories, equipment and to support our teaching body to cope with this expected growth.

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