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▲ A record 700 students and staff marched through the West End streets during the annual commencement march this year.

Enrolment numbers up at Fremantle

THE University of Notre Dame Australia experienced a 34 per cent increase in enrolment numbers this academic year.

The dramatic increase in student numbers at the Fremantle campus follows a number of years of sustained growth coinciding with the addition of several new Schools and Colleges.

By mid-February 833 new equivalent full-time students were enrolled, compared to 621 at the same time last year.

The jump in enrolment numbers follows a

busy start to the year which saw applications for places up by 61 per cent on last year.

By mid-February, 1890 applications for places at Notre Dame had been received, compared to 1172 at the same time last year.

Notre Dame Marketing Manager Fleur Hull said the big increase in application numbers was a reflection of the University's increasingly high profile in the broader community, and its strong commitment to a holistic education for its students.

This year applications to the University's School of Nursing, which last year turned out its first batch of graduates with a 100 per cent employment rate, were more than double last year's.

Applications for places in Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Commerce courses also doubled.

The University's School of Physiotherapy, which enrolled its first group of undergraduates this year, received four applications for each available place.

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Physiotherapy course starts

One of Notre Dame's newest and most popular courses is up and running. See story page 6-7



VICE CHANCELLOR'S *report*

Rapid growth brings many challenges

I am pleased to be able to report to our many friends and supporters that Notre Dame is thriving. It is facing yet another year of activities that will be important in the founding of this unique Australian University.

The magnificent enrolment growth that we are experiencing at the moment is bringing with it many challenges. While we have managed to successfully accommodate these increased numbers, we are at maximum utilisation of our Fremantle Campus and its facilities. We are actively planning for the development of additional teaching spaces for 2004. We are also addressing the inevitable problems associated with the need for more library spaces and resources, information and technology support, and student services. I am confident that we can meet these challenges, although we must be mindful of the pressure which this is placing on our staff.

A very pleasing feature of the University this year has been the launch of our new School of Physiotherapy. This was heavily oversubscribed with high quality applicants, and we feel very confident about the future of this important program. The College of Health is also host to our embryonic School of Medicine, planning for which is well underway. We intend to open this new medical school in 2005. We have reached a very constructive agreement with the University of Western Australia, Curtin University and the State Government about our new medical school, which will help to underpin its long-term security and development. I am pleased that Curtin University and UWA will be major partners with Notre Dame in the provision of bio-medical science education as part of this medical school. These relationships are

important for Notre Dame and will help to underpin the quality of our medical education program and its long-term future. The formal approval of the Commonwealth Government and of its accrediting agency, the Australian Medical Council, will be necessary prior to the official launch of the Notre Dame Medical School. We are hopeful that these approvals will be forthcoming in good time for our planning processes.

The quite dramatic growth of Notre Dame poses important qualitative and 'character' challenges for the University. We need to reconcile our quantitative growth with the restoration of features that have made us attractive to prospective students: Our smallness, our unique location in Fremantle and Broome, the close relationships between students and teachers, and the smallness of our classes. The challenge facing us is to grow to our targeted level of 5000 equivalent full-time students (by 2010) and yet to avoid becoming a higher education 'factory'. Perhaps the key to this will be the continued success of Notre Dame in recruiting excellent staff. Our staff are outstanding in every way. However, I believe their most prized quality is their care and commitment to our students as individuals. We must not lose this in the push for growth!

From a Federal Government perspective this year will see two special challenges and opportunities for Notre Dame. The first will be the Australian Universities Quality Agency audit of Notre Dame that will take place in May 2003. This agency audits all Australian universities every five years. This year is our turn! Already the preparation for this audit has had substantial beneficial effects on Notre Dame, encouraging us to look hard at what we do (and what we say

we do!) and to take practical steps to improve our systems and services, and our documentation. We are hopeful of a positive outcome from the audit, which undoubtedly will include recommendations for improvements that we should undertake to our management, our teaching and learning programs and our services to students.

The second major initiative of the Federal Government, to be announced in the May Budget, will be the results of the higher education review conducted by the Education and Training Minister, Dr Brendan Nelson, and his department. The outcome of this review will be very important for the future of higher education in Australia and will have particular significance for Notre Dame. We are hopeful of some substantial policy changes that will benefit us. We have asked the Government to consider introducing a loan scheme to assist undergraduate fee payers, for special assistance for regional campuses such as Broome, and for much more encouragement for private initiatives in higher education. We are hopeful that the Government will respond positively to these requests which we regard as important not just for Notre Dame but for the pattern and direction of higher education in Australia in the future.

I would like to once again thank our many friends and supporters in the community for their continued faith in Notre Dame. We need this and will do all we can to justify it.

Dr Peter Tannock / Vice Chancellor

NOTRE DAME *history*

The first issue of In Principio was produced in November 1989, and it contained articles about the establishment of the University. Notre Dame was "on target" to open in 1992, and the Fremantle City Council had "endorsed in principle" the establishment of the University in the West End.

A crest had just been designed for Notre Dame, and the name of the official publication of the University was taken from this. The centrepiece of the crest is a book bearing the words "In Principio Erat Verbum" or "In the beginning was the Word". To quote from the first issue of In Principio: "The 'Word' has profound theological and intellectual significance. In St John's Gospel it is the description given to the eternally existing second person of the blessed trinity".

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▲ International Student's Association treasurer Raviro Mukushi of Zimbabwe (left) on enrolment day with Haika Mawalla of Tanzania, Shula Kabunda of Zambia and Rumbi Purazi of Zimbabwe.



▲ Father Pat MacAnally chats with Ashley Pardew of Jonesboro, Arkansas and Trisha Buenzli of Denver, Colorado on international students' enrolment day.

Overseas students welcomed

MORE than 120 international students from 31 countries started at Notre Dame this year. Notre Dame International recruits students from many countries which rarely send students to Australia. These include many African countries.

Medical School progresses

THIS month five members of the Australian Medical Council's accreditation committee will visit the University of Notre Dame Australia to tour its facilities and meet staff.

The delegation will also visit Curtin University, which will collaborate with Notre Dame to deliver the basic science curriculum, and St John of God Hospitals, both of which will be involved in clinical teaching. Key personnel in the Health Department, including the Director General for Health and primary care providers, will also form part of the itinerary.

The visit follows Notre Dame's application late last year to establish Western

Australia's second medical school.

The Dean of the College of Health, Professor Michael Quinlan, said the visit was part of the normal submission process that both the AMC and the University were required to go through before a fully accredited graduate medical school could be established.

Professor Quinlan, who heads a committee responsible for the submission, said he was confident about the progress of the application.

A detailed submission was sent to the AMC in October last year. Professor Quinlan said the proposal was borne out of a desire to meet community need and to address the current shortage of doctors.

Meanwhile, Notre Dame, the University of WA and the Australian Medical Association (WA) have reached agreement on a plan to provide for 40 HECS funded student positions as well as privately funded students from Australia and overseas at the Notre Dame graduate school.

The deal would also see UWA take on an additional 40 HECS funded students from next year.

A letter outlining the plan, also signed by WA Minister for Health Bob Kucera, has been sent to the Federal Minister for Health Kay Patterson asking for her support.

Stations of the Cross Poster - For Sale

Notre Dame's Stations of the Cross were created from bronze panels by Peter Schipperheyne, one of Australia's foremost contemporary artists. The 14 Stations commence in the University chapel and then follow a path through the two main courtyards, returning to the chapel for the final Station. The physicality and forcefulness of the Stations, as depicted in the poster, encourage both reflection and response and reveal a deeply religious impulse. Size of Poster: 880 mm x 400 mm Cost: \$15 (incl GST and PP&H within Australia)

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Management structure changes

THE University of Notre Dame Australia has a new senior management structure.

Four full-time executive directors now report to the Vice Chancellor, Peter Tannock.

They are Deputy Vice Chancellor Peter Dallimore, Executive Director Finance and Resources Peter Gravestock, Executive Director Academic Services and Registrar Peter Glasson, and Executive Director Development and Enterprise, Jeff Ovens.

The Executive Director Development and Enterprise is a new position responsible for Broome Campus Infrastructure, Corporate Marketing, the Development Office, Media Relations Office, Quality Management Office, Scholarly Information Services, Technology Services and Information Systems.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor is responsible for the Broome Campus, the Centre for Natural Resource Management, the Centre for Research and Graduate Studies, the Edmund Rice Centre, the Executive Management Group, Notre Dame International, and the Research Committee.

Responsibilities for the other executive positions are as follows.

Executive Director, Finance and Resources:

- Audit Committee
- Campus Services Office
- Endowment Trust
- Finance and Resources Committee
- Finance Office
- Staffing Office

Executive Director, Academic Services and Registrar:

- Academic Council
- Curriculum and Teaching Committee
- Prospective Students & Marketing
- Student Administration
- Student Affairs Committee
- Student Services
- Study Abroad

Dr Tannock said the new administrative structure was necessary to enable Notre Dame to cope with many challenges in the near future.

"These challenges have arisen due to expanding enrolments and physical plant, growth in staff numbers and operational complexity, and external pressures and accountability requirements," Dr Tannock said.



AUQA audit of Notre Dame underway

THIS year the University of Notre Dame Australia will come under scrutiny by the Australian Universities Quality Agency (AUQA).

AUQA is an independent national agency established to consider, review and comment on the effectiveness of universities' mechanisms for monitoring and enhancing their academic quality and standards.

AUQA is currently undertaking an audit of Notre Dame.

Notre Dame's Director of the Office of Quality Management, Tony Ryan, said the process of self-review and the production of the portfolio were huge tasks and thanks were due to all staff for their cooperation.

"This is a small university and the panel will speak to large number of staff and students, but I want to assure the University community that the audit process is no cause for anxiety or concern. It's simply a process all universities have to go through, and it will be part of everyone's work in future as we develop and implement quality assurance processes."

The University has provided AUQA with a Performance Portfolio describing its quality assurance arrangements and how they relate to the current audit. In its visit to the University, the audit panel will determine the appropriateness of the quality assurance procedures in relation to Notre Dame's own objectives, and assess to what extent the procedures have been implemented and are effective.

"Notre Dame has an excellent record in maintaining high standards of teaching and learning, and we have little to fear but much to learn about the quality assurance process," Professor Ryan said.

"We aim to demonstrate to the panel that we operate differently but effectively here - we don't set out to be the same as other universities but we certainly produce the results."

AUQA has arranged a program of meetings with various people. Some groups and individuals have been chosen because they have particular responsibilities, some because they



▲ Notre Dame's Director of the Office of Quality Management Tony Ryan and Senior Quality Coordinator Rosemary Thomson with the Performance Portfolio which has been distributed to all staff.

represent particular categories of staff or students or external community members, and some at random. AUQA also offers a brief 'open session' available to anyone who wishes to speak to the panel.

AUQA and its panels do not have the responsibility to inspect or assess programs or people. Rather, the panel will be seeking to find out how things actually happen, the extent to which systems are appropriate for their purpose, and how well the systems work.

The audit visit takes place from 5-7 May, and AUQA will produce a written report which will be made publicly available on its website.

Panel Chair Professor Paul Burnett and Audit Director Robyn Harris visited the Fremantle Campus on 20 March for a joint planning session to prepare both parties for the May audit.

"The visitors especially enjoyed their tour of the campus and felt it enabled them to catch the 'unique essence of Notre Dame Fremantle Campus', and as such requested that a similar tour be included for the visit of the full panel in May," said Rosemary Thomson, the Senior Quality Coordinator of the Office of Quality Management.

Professor Burnett and Ms Harris will also visit the Broome Campus for an audit visit in April, prior to the May audit.

"The panel saw the Broome Campus and its work in the Kimberley to be an integral part of Notre Dame's mission to the region," said Mrs Thomson.

Further information about AUQA can be found at www.auqa.edu.au, and any queries about the forthcoming audit can be made to the Office of Quality Management, or emailed to quality@nd.edu.au.

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IMPORTANT dates

- 9 April 2003 Notre Dame Annual Awards Ceremony
- 7 May Blessing and Naming of the Law Library
- 5-7 May Audit visit by Australian Universities Quality Agency

NEWS *in brief*

■ Law student awarded

LAW student Maria Mansour (19), who attends The University of Notre Dame Australia on a scholarship, was announced as the winner of the inaugural Dr Louisa Alessandri Memorial Fund Scholarship in February this year.

The daughter of her high school, Ms Mansour, who was born with cerebral palsy, aims to become a lawyer to fight for improved equality for people with special needs. The \$2000 scholarship is awarded to a student with a disability to help them achieve their career aspirations and commemorates the life of Dr Alessandri, a researcher who spearheaded studies into AIDS, stillbirth and Aboriginal Child Health.

■ Lombard prize winner

LAW graduate Maneesha Michalka was last year named as the recipient of the Helen Lombard prize for 2002. The award, which recognises "outstanding contribution to student leadership and to the advancement of the Catholic Mission and goals of Notre Dame", honours the life and work of Sister Helen Lombard (1936-2000) a former Provost and Governor of the University who was dedicated to the advancement of women and Catholic education. Ms Michalka has been working as a judge's assistant at the Supreme Court since her graduation and will join a law firm as an article clerk.

■ Most outstanding

GRADUATING law student, Amanda Sapienza, was named in December as the winner of the John Ralph prize for the student judged by College Deans to be the most outstanding of the 2002 graduating class. The 23-year-old Willetton woman graduated last year with a First Class Honours in her Bachelor of Laws as well as a Bachelor of Commerce with High Distinction. Ms Sapienza worked during her summer break with the group Case for Refugees, taking statements from refugees seeking temporary protection visas. She headed to Melbourne earlier this year to take up a position as an article clerk with the prestigious law firm, Mallesons Stephen Jaques.

New Physiotherapy course

THE University of Notre Dame Australia's first physiotherapy students are settling into the new course in a purpose-built laboratory on the corner of Mouat and High Streets.

Foundation Head of the new School of Physiotherapy, Professor Elizabeth Henley, said the 35 students would spend most of the first semester doing the basic sciences, but as the course progressed they would do more practical work.

"The students spend Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in classrooms and the laboratory in Fremantle, and the other two days doing anatomy and physiology at the University of WA," Professor Henley said.

"So far the students are very happy with the structure of the course and their teachers."

She said the school was fortunate to have two excellent staff members



▲ Lecturer Jillian Thomson and Foundation Head of the new School of Physiotherapy Professor Elizabeth Henley in the new laboratory on the corner of Mouat and High Streets.

"We will produce graduates who are industry-ready, with a curriculum which is tailored to meet the needs of the community of Western Australia, in both urban, rural and remote settings."

in Associate Professor Harry Lee, a physiotherapist and long-time teacher of anatomy who had come out of retirement to work part-time at Notre Dame, and Professor Bryant Stokes, a neurosurgeon and Professor of Anatomy at UWA.

Prof Henley said she is delighted to have the opportunity to contribute to Notre Dame and looked forward to working collaboratively with the physiotherapy profession and other universities in WA.

During her 30-year career as a physiotherapist, Professor Henley has worked extensively in Australia, Asia, Europe and her native Canada, and is one of this country's most respected practitioners.

With a particular interest in the musculoskeletal area, Professor Henley is recognised as a perfect fit for the University's new school, which will place special focus on the treatment of musculoskeletal problems as well as a strong emphasis on the practical elements of the course.

Formerly Deputy Head of the School of Physiotherapy at the University of Sydney, Professor Henley was seconded to Singapore for a number of years to establish the Physiotherapy School at the Nanyang Polytechnic.

Clinic opens for business

NOTRE DAME'S new Physiotherapy School includes a physiotherapy clinic as part of its practical program for students.

Professor Brian Edwards, who headed the committee that set up the school, said the clinic set the Notre Dame School of Physiotherapy apart from its counterparts.

"The basic reason for setting up the clinic was to incorporate it into the physiotherapy school," Professor Edwards said.

"What we aim to do is to have students in there at an early stage in their course,

to see first hand all aspects of a physiotherapist's job and how to treat the various conditions."

Move Well Physiotherapy manages the clinic. One of Move Well's partners, Peter Owens, said the company also operates ten other physiotherapy clinics in Perth.

Other partners include David Malone, who is the National President of the Australian Physiotherapy Association, Felicity Kermode and former West Coast Eagles physiotherapist John Annear.

up and running



▲ Physiotherapy students Stephen Holle and Katey Rolfe watch China (five months) in action.

Last year she helped Notre Dame with its accreditation process and the establishment of its curriculum, and has also assisted the committee responsible for rewriting the Australian Physiotherapy Competency Standards on a national basis.

Notre Dame has developed a unique curriculum partnership with the University of Queensland's School of Physiotherapy for this new program.

"Though Curtin University has had a very successful School of Physiotherapy for many years, the shortage of physiotherapists in WA and indeed throughout Australia warrants the establishment of an additional School of Physiotherapy," she said.

"We will produce graduates who are industry-ready, with a curriculum which is tailored to meet the needs of the community of Western Australia, in both urban, rural and remote settings."

The School of Physiotherapy will form part of Notre Dame's rapidly expanding College of Health.

The Dean of the College of Health, Professor Michael Quinlan, said that demand for physiotherapists was growing both nationally and overseas, and there was strong support for the school from within the profession as well as the broader community.

He said the course would be clinically oriented and students would be given the opportunity for plenty of hands-on experience.

"We are seeking to produce students suited to the professional requirements of physiotherapy, and in particular the clinical side of the profession," he said.

The new physiotherapy school is only the second operating within Western Australia, and the first new one in 50 years.

Students meet some babies

THE University of Notre Dame Australia's inaugural group of physiotherapy students has been told to expect plenty of hands-on experience during the course of their four-year degree.

Already the group has had the opportunity to witness first hand some of the different age groups they can expect to treat during the course of their careers.

The students observed babies aged up to 12 months to witness the developmental milestones and physical progress of normal, healthy infants so that they are aware of what to expect when treating babies with delayed muscular development.

Students also had the opportunity to learn first hand about normal motor development in toddlers and young children.

Foundation Head of the School of Physiotherapy, Elizabeth Henley, said that the students observed children at play doing some set activities such as jumping, running and throwing to appreciate the changes in skills, strength and coordination of children as they mature.

"This will enable the students later in the course to identify children who are delayed in their development," said Professor Henley.

"The students will then be learning how to facilitate and enhance skill development for those children who need that extra support to achieve milestones."

The early focus on hands-on learning is part of an overall focus at Notre Dame on continually putting what is learnt in the classroom into practice in the field.



▲ Notre Dame Australia Physiotherapy Clinic physiotherapist Peter James and 'patient' Peter Owens with some Pilates equipment.



Reunion a success

MEMBERS of the inaugural graduating class from the University of Notre Dame Australia gathered at the Sail & Anchor Hotel restaurant late last year to mark ten years since their graduation.

At this joyous and lively affair on 7 December, old classmates reminisced about their escapades as students at Notre Dame in its earliest years.

Class valedictorian Amanda Wheeler provided an insight into the life of a Notre Dame student back then, a life that included late night meetings and tricycle races through what is now the Malloy Courtyard.

No one could ever claim that they were not an adventurous group of students, firstly taking the risk and the challenge to enter a then untested and unrecognised university, and then developing these ingenious stress-relief methods.

Organised by the Alumni Association in conjunction with the College of Education, the reunion could only be described as a success.

Alumni Association President Toby Hicks said that it was an important event for the Association.

"As the first students to ever graduate from this University, it is imperative that we acknowledge the risk that this group of people took and the role they have played, ten years down the line, in developing the character and charm of this University," Mr Hicks said.

The students were joined by some of the original University staff members who also shared their memories of the earliest days.

Foundation Dean of Education, Professor Tony Ryan, said thinking about the milestone gave him a feeling of great satisfaction.

"We started on such untested ground because the idea of a Catholic university was so new," Professor Ryan said.

"At that stage there were no other Catholic universities in Australia."

Professor Ryan said for Notre Dame to go from that point to becoming a key player in education within ten years was a great achievement.

Thanks must go to Dean of Education Professor Jennifer Nicol and her staff, especially Linda Back, for all the time and effort put in to preparing this wonderful evening, and managing to locate so many members of the class.



▲ Amanda Wheeler and Terry Thompson.



▲ Phillipa Ryan and Karen Lethlean.



▲ Bob Hoffman and Sandy Hoffman.



▲ Education Dean Jennifer Nicol with Penny and Michael Elliot.



▲ Ashleigh Haw of Ocean Reef SHS and Simon Jones of Guildford Grammar School with Perth WildCat Ricky Grace.

Leadership Day

THE University of Notre Dame Australia hosted its inaugural leadership day for high school students on campus late last year.

Participants were Year 11 students from across Perth set to take on positions of leadership this academic year.

An open invitation was extended to all private and government schools, and more than 150 prospective student leaders from 23 schools attended.

The keynote speaker on leadership issues was Perth WildCat Ricky Grace.

The students took part in leadership-style activities, and also had an open discussion about the unique challenges facing them in the year ahead.



ALUMNI news

Alumni are leading the way

VISITING the campus recently I was struck how, even in the two years since I graduated, our campus had changed and grown to accommodate the continued influx of courses and students.

It made me realise that, as Alumni, the campus we knew during our years of study will always be uniquely ours, as it constantly changes and evolves through the years.

It was indeed a pleasure to be present as members of the inaugural graduating class gathered to relive the Great Tricycle Race of 1992, and to share other stories about their time as the first students on what was a small and very bare Notre Dame Campus back in 1992.

That 'Great Race' showed just how much the University has physically grown since its inception in 1991. Then, the students raced around the entire campus on tricycles in roughly three minutes flat!

However, as wonderful as the growth and evolution of the campus has been since that time, something far more important has occurred. Since 1992, Notre Dame has managed to put well trained teachers into classrooms around Western Australia, ethically trained lawyers into our court rooms, practically trained nurses into our hospitals, and in four years from now will place our first physiotherapists into our health care system.

Whilst the bricks and mortar of the University will always stand as a memorial

BY TOBY HICKS



to the achievements of Notre Dame, it is these people and the paths that their careers take that will truly represent the success that Notre Dame has achieved.

In a time when the whole world is crying out for great leadership, in so many areas, it is a comfort to know that if we stay true to the Goals and the Mission of Our Lady's University then we are playing our part in creating great leaders for our community for years to come.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact the Notre Dame Alumni Association by email at alumni@nd.edu.au or at PO Box 1225, Fremantle, WA 6959

Campus living space increases

LIVING on campus – or very close to it – is an option for increasing numbers of University of Notre Dame Australia students.

Notre Dame has three new student residences this year – The Consulate, a former bed and breakfast in Mouat Street, now houses 12 students; Bathgate, a former hostel in East Fremantle, has 12 more and Norfolk House, in Arundel Street, accommodates 25.

The Port Lodge (32 students), the P&O building upstairs (40 students) and upstairs at Cleopatra's (25 students) are still operating.

A total of 150 students now live at Notre Dame and new staff have been appointed to manage this growing area of campus life.

Tracey Bahen has taken up the new position of Director of Student Services. Based in the Vice-Chancellory, Ms Bahen says her role is to offer students a sense of community, belonging and integration.

"We provide a level of care and support that students can't get by flatting,



▲ Director of Student Services Tracey Bahen and University Rector Susan Blakeman in the P&O building.

or in a shared house or homestay," Ms Bahen said.

"Notre Dame has a strong commitment to caring for the whole student, and our role in supporting residential students is an extension of that."

Ms Bahen said the students had certainly extended themselves recently, taking part in a full program of recreation which was a special feature of residential life.

The program includes community dinners, excursions and weekend trips to enable students to see as much as they can while they are in Australia.

Ms Bahen's team includes the newly appointed University Rector Susan

Blakeman, six residential supervisors and the Residential Coordinator for Study Abroad Sue Wade.

Other staff in the team are Manager Amelia Whitelaw, Student Services Officer David McLean, Student Services Support Officer Ryan Goh, Equity Administrator Sandra Cotton and Student Counsellor Julia Moore.

The residential program currently caters mainly for Study Abroad and Notre Dame International students.

Ms Bahen said while demand for places in both these areas was growing, there could also be opportunities in the future to offer places to other types of students.



RE teachers awarded

THE Knights of the Southern Cross (KSC) Education Foundation recently awarded scholarships to 29 Religious Education teachers for study at The University of Notre Dame Australia.

The scholarships were awarded at a function in February jointly hosted by the KSC and the Catholic Education Centre.

The KSC also held the function to affirm their appreciation and support for the work being done in schools by Religious Education teachers, and to honour the 2003 Waldron Scholarship recipient.



▲ The Religious Education teachers who were awarded 2003 Knights of the Southern Cross Education Foundation scholarships gather at February's function.

This year's Waldron Scholarship winner is Kylie Ryan, who is studying for her Master of Theology Degree at Notre Dame Australia.

KSC Education Foundation Secretary Neville Ward presented Ms Ryan with the scholarship.

Each year, the KSC awards scholarships to teachers within the WA Catholic education system to study Religious Education at Notre Dame.

The KSC has also allocated funds to assist the seminarians at Redemptoris Mater Seminary to study at the University.



▲ Waldron Scholarship winner Kylie Ryan with KSC Education Foundation Secretary Neville Ward.

Notre Dame PHD student to speak at global philosophy conference

MOST boys grow up dreaming of being firemen or astronauts, not philosophers or scholars. PhD student and Edmund Rice Centre stalwart, Damien Norris, was no exception.

A professional gymnast from a young age, he dreamed of sporting prowess and Olympic representation until an injury forced him down another path.

Damien's life took a completely different turn following a year of travel, taking in India, Nepal, the US and Europe.

He returned to Perth a different person and swapped studies in physiotherapy for studies in philosophy.

He began his undergraduate studies, rather unsuccessfully he added, at Murdoch before transferring to Notre Dame four years ago, where he found himself under the wing of philosophy lecturer Brian Mooney.

Damien graduated last year with first class honours in philosophy and will this

year head to Istanbul in Turkey to present part of his thesis at the 24th World Philosophy Conference.

The annual conference attracts more than 800 of the world's leading (living) philosophers and Damien has been allocated a session to speak about and take questions based on his honours thesis entitled "Merleau-Ponty on Human Motility".

In layman's terms what Damien will argue is that the body can work independently of the mind and does not require the conscious control of the mind to operate. In other words the body is ontologically and pre-reflectively orientated towards the world and others in ways that partially constitute the conditions for thought. He illustrates this theory, using acclaimed French phenomenologist, Merleau-Ponty's work and applies it to human movement, in particular gymnastics.

At this stage the conference is scheduled to take place during the course of the week beginning August 10, and as this story went to press, Damien had just received an email from conference organisers reassuring him that despite war with Iraq, it would go ahead as planned.

Brian Mooney will deliver a joint presentation with Damien in Turkey and will assist him during question time fielding questions from philosophers from across the globe.



▲ Damien Norris



BROOME news

Regional campuses on the move

REGIONAL campuses across the State and country are growing in popularity as an increasing number of students based outside the major urban centres are choosing to pursue an education without the added burden of relocation.

A recent report in The Australian's Higher Education Supplement placed the spotlight on the burgeoning number of regional campuses across Western Australia, looking at the reasons why students are electing not to travel to Perth and other cities to complete their education.

"The University of Notre Dame Australia's Broome Campus is no exception. With 400 student enrolments registered this year in Vocational Education and Training, undergraduate and post-graduate programs, the Campus is becoming an increasingly significant destination for those wishing to study at a campus in their own region," Broome Acting Dean John Bucknall said.

"Being able to pursue an education without moving to the city is extremely important to many of the University's Aboriginal students, some of whom hail from the most remote regions of Australia," Mr Bucknall said.

Some are tied to the region by work, others due to family commitments and others simply cannot afford the cost of relocating to one of the major cities.

"It provides opportunities for Aboriginal students to succeed academically in a region where they make up approximately 40 per cent of the total population and more than 50 per cent of those under 21 years of age, and where they often must deal with social and economic disadvantage," he added.

Anticipated growth in student numbers at the Broome campus has prompted the planned construction this year of the Higher Education Library and Information Centre.

The construction of this facility, due to start mid-year, is part of a cooperative arrangement between Notre Dame's Broome campus and Edith Cowan University aimed at achieving a better integrated service to students from across the region.

Sisters presented with the cross

CARMEL Posa and Jill O'Brien were presented with the Notre Dame cross by Vice Chancellor Peter Tannock at a special ceremony at the University's Fremantle chapel in January.

The presentation and accompanying ceremony, conducted by the Vice Chancellor, was held to mark the start of the women's journey to become an integral part of the University's Broome Campus.

Sister Carmel, a member of the Institute of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan of the Order of St Benedict and accomplished theologian, moves to the University's northern campus to take up a position as a lecturer of theology and also to complete her PhD.

Sister Jill, a former leader of the Good Samaritan Sisters, has taken on the role as leader of the Benedictine Community on campus and to serve as the Campus Minister.

In her role as Campus Minister, Sister Jill pledged to support students and staff in their community development, to counsel



▲ Sisters Carmel Posa and Jill O'Brien before leaving for Broome.

and respond to their spiritual needs and to provide a spiritual framework for the Broome campus.

Dr Tannock reflected on the practice of the early Church and the pioneer members of the Benedictine community in Western Australia, who regularly sent their members to remote communities in the name of Christ.

As a blessing and message of farewell, the Vice Chancellor commended them on their journey of faith and reiterated the University's strong commitment to reconciliation in Australia and the search for peace and love of learning.

Unique portrait collection housed at Notre Dame Australia

PRIZEWINNING Belgian master photographer Fernande Kuypers spent three weeks and 250 rolls of film in an attempt to capture the unique light and colours of Broome during a visit to the town last year.

The result of that visit was more than 2000 black and white images of the people, places and stories which help make up the unique fabric of this multicultural rural centre.

The images were then refined and pared back by Ms Kuypers in her Bocholt studio in regional Belgium. Last year 200 images featured in the exhibition Many People: One Community held during Broome's famous Shinju Matsuri (Pearl Festival).

The photographer donated the collection to the community and it is now housed in the library of the Broome Campus of The University of Notre Dame Australia.

Estimated to be worth more than \$10,000, the 200 portraits were all hand

developed and produced to resist the ravages of age and the environment and act as a pictorial and cultural reference for years to come.

Those images have now been combined into the book entitled *Broome: Through the lens of the master photographer Fernande Kuypers*, which was launched at Broome's Matso's restaurant in December last year by the photographer.

Tony Ryan, former Dean of Notre Dame's Broome Campus, congratulated Ms Kuypers for producing such a remarkable photographic record of the town.

Professor Ryan said Notre Dame would look after the original prints as part of its already extensive local and indigenous art collection.

The books are available at \$28 from the merchandising store at Notre Dame's Fremantle campus and at the Broome Campus.



Notre Dame teams flex their muscles

EIGHTEEN of Notre Dame's more athletic members of the staff and student body lined up early on Sunday 23 March, to take part in the 14th Annual Corporate Teams Triathlon.

The event is the largest of its kind in Western Australia and attracted in excess of 1000 competitors this year.

A major objective of this year's event was to support "The Freo Doctors Festival" which is raising funds for The Fremantle Hospital Medical Research Foundation.

The event this year included a 250m swim from Bather's Beach in Fremantle, as well as a ride and run through the historic streets of Fremantle's West End.

According to student affairs officer and competitor, Dave McLean, some of the Notre Dame competitors began to question their initial enthusiasm to take part as they milled around the University car park at 5.30am on the unseasonably cool Sunday morning.

However, he added that apprehension soon gave way to excitement as the swimmers lined up in only the briefest of attire to kick off the race.

The teams that competed under the Notre Dame banner, many decked out in their new Notre Dame t-shirts, were placed in different categories depending on age and sex.

In the mixed category, the "Tryathletes" (Amelia Whitelaw, Matt Bateman and Dan McGinty) finished seventh overall, in the veterans the aptly named "Rose



▲ Triathlon participants listen to the pre-race briefing on Bather's Beach in Fremantle prior to the event.

between two thorns" (Alyssa Garrick, Scott Hodgen and Brian Goodall) was placed third while the "UNDA Achievers" (David McLean, Thomas Maple and Jayson Gotch) came in fourth.

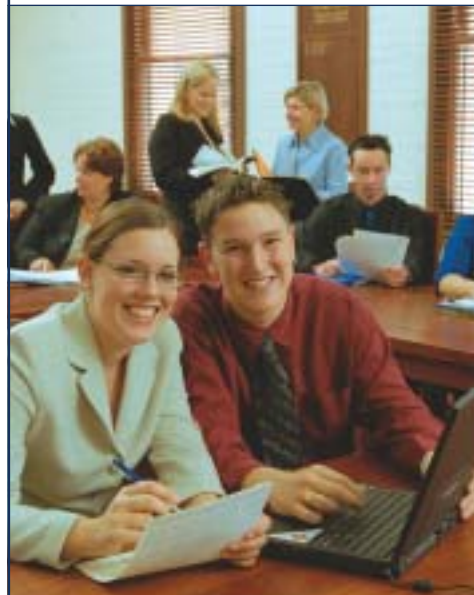
An athletic looking Father Pat teamed up with two students (Alberto De Gruttolo and Anders Hofstee) and came in 25th place in their category.

Two student teams also competed – one made up of international students and the other females – which were placed second and seventh in their categories respectively.

Those who missed the event can console themselves that there is still time to sign up for this year's annual City to Surf in August.



▲ Systems Manager Thomas Maple competes in the cycle leg of the event for the "UNDA Achievers" who came fourth in the event.



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