Sculptor Errol Davis

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Internationalisation at Macquarie

Attending some graduation ceremonies on campus in September last year, I was struck by the variety of names as each graduate or diplomat was presented. The many different names reflect not only the multicultural society in which we live in Australia but the increasing number of international students who have chosen to study at Macquarie University.

A major attraction to international students is the University’s reputation as an excellent teaching and research institution. In 2002 about 4700 international students were enrolled, a significant increase on the 1000 enrolled in 1998. Today about 50 percent are undergraduates and over 40 percent postgraduates, with the remainder on exchange or on study abroad programs.

Whether the graduates and diplomates I saw in September were resident here or were returning to their home countries, I could not help thinking how much the University and all students benefit from this interchange of cultures. It represents a rich resource in tertiary education and should continue to be fostered, because it is through exchange of ideas and customs that we learn to appreciate many points of view and to tolerate difference.

I hope that all the new alumni found their experience at Macquarie an enriching and rewarding one and, just as importantly, that friendships formed while studying here will be maintained over the years. One way to do this is to keep in touch with fellow graduates through our website, or to let us know through this magazine what you are doing now.

A major project for Standing Committee in 2003 will be fund raising, with a view to expanding sponsorship beyond the three major prizes and Bachelor of Technology scholarship already supported by Convocation. We hope alumni will strongly support the fund raising functions being planned for this year. Details will be posted on our web page.

To all our new graduates, I say a warm welcome as Macquarie alumni.

Pamela Kenny
Master of Arts, 1997
ICT Innovations Centre

The $5.3 million Macquarie ICT Innovations Centre – a groundbreaking collaboration between Macquarie and the NSW Department of Education and Training – was opened in November by the NSW Minister for Education and Training, John Watkins.

The partnership will promote innovation in teaching and learning in NSW public schools through the use of emerging information and communication technologies (ICT).

It builds on the strengths of both organisations and will position them as pioneers in improving student learning outcomes and professional staff development.

Up to 55,000 teachers and students from 112 government schools (Kindergarten to Year 12) in Ryde and Hornsby will be trained in new learning technologies at the Centre, utilising tools such as smart blackboards and digital notepads, robotics and video conferencing.

Teachers based at the Centre for a minimum of ten weeks will collaborate with Macquarie academics on innovative curriculum materials.

The Centre occupies a dedicated building on campus and includes three specialised learning spaces – Inquiry, Invention and Inspiration.

“Students will get a head start in new and emerging technologies from the earliest age,” Mr Watkins said.

Fairfax Sponsorship for ACES Chair

The Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation has generously donated $2m to Macquarie to support “Teachers for the Future”, an innovative high quality teacher education program in the Division of the Australian Centre for Educational Studies (ACES).

Initiated by Professor Alan Hayes, Dean of the ACES, the program will address the need to train and retain more well qualified teachers capable of fully developing their students to meet the challenges of the future. “Teachers for the Future” will also provide expanded pathways to teaching for those experienced in other professions.

The donation will endow a named Chair to provide academic, administrative and research leadership for the program.

This initiative supports the direction taken by the NSW Minister for Education and Training, John Watkins, in establishing the Interim Committee for a NSW Institute of Teachers, to be chaired by Professor Hayes.

Further information: www.ictinnovations.mq.edu.au
Sally McManus

Sally McManus was President of the University Union (1992-94) and a leading member of Macquarie’s prize-winning Debating Society. She completed her degree in philosophy with first class honours in 1994 and has worked for the Australian Services Union for the past eight years. Since 2002 she has held the elected position of Assistant Secretary.

I was the first of my family to go to uni and I feel very loyal to Macquarie for all the experiences it gave me. They’ve had a huge impact on what I’m now doing and why.

My time at Macquarie – especially being Union President – taught me to stand up for what I believe in and accept that I would not always be liked. And I was exposed to people from many backgrounds. During the war in Serbia, for example, as Union President I had to mediate among many students of different allegiances.

I think Macquarie’s academic diversity and flexibility are assets to be prized. In my own case, it was easy for me to change direction from my intended major in psychology to philosophy, which I chose initially only as a fill-in subject. I had no idea what it would be like but found I loved it. It also gave me essential confidence in my intellectual capacity, which has been a big advantage in my working life. I was very lucky to have Professor Max Deutscher as one of my outstanding teachers.

When I finished my degree I had no idea what I wanted to do, but after I heard about the new ACTU traineeships I soon had my heart set on getting one, and was fortunate to be selected in the first round.

After the traineeship I chose to work for the ASU because of its diversity and the predominance of women members. It’s an amalgamation of seven unions, representing non-government welfare workers and community workers, as well as staff of Sydney Water, IT workers, white collar workers and State Rail employees.

After three years as an organiser I was promoted to lead organiser before being co-opted to my present job last year. This year I’ll be standing for another term at the full elections.

As Assistant Secretary I’m accountable to members and responsible for three industries and eight appointed organisers. It’s a very strategic job. I make decisions about resource allocation, campaign publicity and direction, manage organisers and engage politically with organisers and employers.

What I love most is working with committed people, thinking through problems, and assessing strengths and weaknesses. I love seeing the process of empowerment and positive outcomes both for members and for workplace change.

There’s a high level of conflict at times and you need skills in handling delicate situations and coping with stress. During a recent campaign over racial insensitivity in the workplace I had to field a lot of “hate” calls. I try to have a rational discussion with such callers but most don’t want to. On the positive side, I also get lots of calls from supporters of what we’re doing.

My biggest source of pride so far is our winning the award for non-government community workers in November 2001, after a four-year state-wide campaign involving a lot of the membership. We obtained
substantial extra government funding to underwrite the pay increase, which was a strong outcome.

There’s a big rebuilding job to be done in Australian unions. Between 1980 and 2000 membership declined from 60% to 30%. Part of this was our own fault as unions became institutionalised and weak at adapting to a fast-changing workplace. There’s no formula solution, but the need for effective unions is as strong as ever because of widespread unequal power in the workplace.

In 2001 the ASU began a membership drive in earnest and we’re gratified at the results so far. Although we’ve lost members in some sectors, in community services numbers have risen by 49% over ten years, with a 5% increase last year. We think it’s because we’ve been relevant and not afraid to fight for issues. Also, importantly, this sector is a clean slate in terms of union culture. Our organisers are effective and committed to rank and file decision-making. We’ve spread the work too, so no one takes on too much. This is especially important when so many members are women with lots of commitments.

I’m totally committed to my work for the ASU, and in the long term I want to dedicate myself to renewing Australian unions as a powerful force in our society.

David Myton

David Myton, Deputy Editor of Campus Review, describes his Macquarie honours degree studies in history as “a brilliant experience”. He explains why, and how it has enriched his life and work.

As a Yorkshire lad I played a lot of cricket and wanted to be professional. But I also loved reading and writing, so when the selectors didn’t call I found my way into newspaper journalism.

I became indentured to the Yorkshire Evening Press at 19, with idealistic visions of lots of time to write and becoming another Hemingway. Even though reality soon took hold, I did enjoy journalism.

In 1981 The Sydney Morning Herald offered me a two-year contract. It seemed like an adventure to come to Australia for a couple of years: ten years on I was still here and still at the Herald.

When I was assigned to the foreign desk in 1988 I realised that, despite many years’ reporting experience, my knowledge of the world was very limited. The job prompted me to enrol in a distance education degree through Deakin University. It was a fantastic six years, covering history, politics and economics.

Like most mature students I really valued the whole study experience. By the time I finished in 1996 I had the study bug and wanted to go further. I knew and liked the Macquarie campus as I’d taken exams there and used the Library a lot.

Enrolling in history honours at Macquarie turned out to be a perfect choice. It was a brilliant experience, two years of sheer intellectual adventure and exploration. I had marvellous guidance, especially from my supervisor Leighton Frappell and Trevor McCloughlin. It was very exciting to be introduced to so many new ideas and perspectives I didn’t know existed. Deakin had given me focus and good study habits, but this was in another class again.

I may be a cynical old journo but I feel passionate about Macquarie, especially the way history is taught.
By using so many prisms through which to view things – biography, philosophy, modernism, post-modernism – the academics make it a remarkable and enriching experience. I don’t think it could be done better anywhere.

My thesis focused on an Anglican Church project to develop new churches in Sydney’s west. Once I recovered from the shock of gaining first class honours, I decided to keep going and enrolled for a PhD under Professor Jill Roe.

I had a longstanding interest in religion and philosophy and my vague ambition was to study religion in Australia. There’s an idea abroad that the life of the spirit isn’t important to Australians, that the combination of convict heritage and the challenges of settling a harsh, hostile land have made them materialistic at the expense of deeper values. I started to explore this by reading early editions of the Sydney Bulletin and discovered J F Archibald, the founding editor from 1880-1902, a great supporter of Australian writers – and a fellow journalist. It crystallised my direction – the “wow!” factor, if you like.

Archibald is an important and controversial figure in Australian history. Little has been written about his spiritual side, especially his attitude to religion (he was publicly hostile). From our current perspective his views seem shocking (he was branded a racist) but they need to be viewed through the prism of his own times, the late nineteenth century.

I’ve done two years’ work on my topic but I’m now taking a temporary break, as it’s difficult to do justice to a PhD and a demanding job simultaneously. For the past four years I’ve been Deputy Editor for APN Education Media, working on Campus Review (higher education) and Education Review (school education), which have readerships throughout Australia and New Zealand.

Higher education journalism is very challenging because the facts and interpretations need careful attention and readers are very discerning. We have a responsibility to interviewees, and need to be empathetic. It’s the perfect synergy for me. My studies have given me research skills as well as an inside understanding of life inside academia. There are great stories to be told, but as few get through to the mass of people, the community isn’t in a position to appreciate the huge resource universities offer.

I love the Macquarie campus – especially its sense of physical freedom, and the Library. In fact my most cherished memory is sitting outside the Library near that avenue of trees with a coffee and a book. Magic.

Anita Mitchell

Anita Mitchell graduated in 2002 with a Master of Environmental Management and in December joined Sydney Water as Principal Adviser, Ecologically Sustainable Development. Could there be a better fit for an environmental scientist passionate about sustainability? Here she tells how her lifelong sense of purpose has steered her career direction.

I knew from a young age that I wanted to work in the environmental field. My family comes from Eden, on the NSW far south coast, an area well known for competing values and tensions over environmental issues. Growing up, I saw the rapid decline of the fishing and forestry industries, as well as the protests surrounding the woodchip industry, and became deeply conscious of the delicate balance between ongoing employment opportunities and environmental protection.

I wasn’t particularly science-oriented at school but had two great teachers in economics and geography who encouraged me towards a career in environmental management. I always wanted to be “inside the tent”, to use my skills at boardroom level to change practices from within organisations. I’m convinced I can accomplish more this way. I have a hard-nosed business sense as well as a strong “green” edge. Depending on what your personal politics are, I’m either a tree hugger or on the “brown” side of green.

After leaving school, my first job was Trainee Environmental Management Officer with Prospect Electricity (later subsumed into Integral Energy). At the time, the Environmental Biology degree at UTS was the only environmental undergraduate course in Sydney and I completed it part-time over five and a half years while working full time. Part-time study isn’t for the faint-hearted and it was a hard slog, but having five and a half years’ work experience on graduation put me way ahead of those who studied full-time.

I worked my way up from Trainee to Environmental Specialist, managing the environmental aspects of power line developments for Integral Energy. Owned by the State Government, Integral distributes and retails electricity to over 1.8m people in Greater Western Sydney, Blue Mountains, Illawarra and Southern Highlands areas of NSW.

In early 2000 I was appointed to the newly created position of Corporate Environment Manager at Integral. My role was to develop a comprehensive environmental management system – to draw together all our environmental functions, improve compliance and
establish an environmental governance process from the ground up.

I developed the first corporate environment strategy from scratch. I also ensured consistency in external messages and built relationships with the shareholder (State Government), customers, employees, regulators and NGOs.

Anita Mitchell: "The sustainability units taught by Dr Daniella Tilbury were most rewarding. I’ve recommended the course on these alone."

I’m passionate about sustainability, so I was excited when Integral decided to prepare its first sustainability report. The company gave me a fair bit of latitude as a key driver to get the process up and running. Integral is a leader in the industry in terms of integrating sustainability into its operations. It’s the only NSW electricity retailer taking a “triple bottom line” approach to managing its business - committed to integrating social, financial and environmental considerations into its long-term business strategies.

It was a great company to work for, but after nearly nine years I felt I needed some different industry experience. In December 2002 I joined Sydney Water, arguably Australia’s leading company as far as sustainability is concerned. As their Principal Adviser on Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD) I can focus on integrating ESD into business practices, including exciting work on corporate social responsibility, an element of sustainability gaining focus within Australia and internationally.

You could say I’m a “sustainability junkie”. A core group of us turn up to anything on the topic. It’s great to see corporate Australia taking it up, and I want to be at the forefront of that movement.

I began the Master of Environmental Management part-time in 1999, graduating last April. It attracted me because of the strong reputation of the Graduate School of the Environment. I had a terrific supervisor in Dr Daniella Tilbury - for me her sustainability units were the most rewarding and on these alone I’ve recommended the course to others.

I made wonderful contacts through the student body - both as friends and professional colleagues. I’ve learnt a lot from them about how other organisations work. The GSE is good at facilitating contact among its alumni. We’re a pretty tight group and arrange our own functions. Over 90 guests attended our last annual dinner.

I’m passionate about the environmental profession as a whole. I’ve been active for some years in the Environmental Institute of Australia and New Zealand, our professional association, and currently I’m Vice-President of the NSW Division.

Longer term, I’d like to remain in the corporate sector, and, ultimately, work at an international level.
After his Macquarie experience, David Santoro would recommend overseas study to anyone. As a student of the Master in International Relations degree, and with Sydney for recreation, he gained a rewarding personal experience as well as a top quality postgraduate education that has already enhanced his career.

I’m a graduate of the Sorbonne in Paris with the equivalent of a BA in English and Modern History, and also have a Diploma in Business English from the Franco-British Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

I became keen to study in Australia in 1998 when I first visited Sydney from my home country, France. When I returned the following year, I chose Macquarie because I’d heard of many satisfied students and because it also offered the perfect course for me: the Master in International Relations. I already wanted to work in diplomacy, and studying for the degree thoroughly convinced me it’s what I should do with my life. It really helped me understand how the world works. It’s a great field because it combines politics, economics, law and sociology, producing very versatile graduates.

As soon as the course began I knew I was going to have a great time. We were students from all over the world with different experiences and I found it amazingly enriching to have debates with Norwegians, Americans, Thais, Japanese and others.

Our lecturers helped us focus on our major topics. I was keen on writing about globalisation, and Dr Greg Pemberton helped me organise my thoughts and write about it in my major paper for the Theory of International Relations unit. When I also chose the Special Project unit, Tony Palfreeman and Greg Pemberton guided my research. I wrote about the role of non-governmental organisations in international politics, with Medecins Sans Frontieres as a case study.

I really appreciated the study conditions at Macquarie: library services, internet access, inexpensive eating and the beautiful campus itself. Administrative staff were always helpful and lecturers approachable and friendly. I’m still in close contact with two of them.

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The Master’s degree has helped me in many ways. Employers take notice when they know you’ve spent a year studying overseas, you speak another language and have a degree from a prestigious university. It helped me significantly in getting selected for internships in high rank institutions, such as the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Western European Assembly in Paris.

My first role after I returned home was a valuable and interesting internship at the Indian Embassy in Paris. I worked with the First Secretary of the Political Department, and drew directly on my Macquarie studies.

At 22, I’m striving to get as much professional experience as possible, aiming for a position in French diplomacy. European institutions or other organisations dealing with international relations and defence policies. Currently I’m studying to become a specialist in arms control and disarmament while an intern at the Defence Commission of the Western European Assembly. I attend lectures about nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and work on defence policies, particularly on ways to fight nuclear proliferation. As part of my job I’m preparing a report on the recent program decided by the G8 to combat nuclear proliferation in former states of the USSR.

My year in Sydney was so great that I often wish I could turn back time and live it all again. Although I studied hard because the course was very demanding, I also made many friends, including my lecturers, and we went out a lot and had a great time. I also travelled around the country. I was glad to make it all the way to Uluru when my girlfriend visited me.

I found overseas study a great experience. It means sacrifices, both financial and emotional. But it also means discovering a new country and culture, making friends.

David Santoro and girlfriend enjoy Sydney.
Macquarie is now the third most postgraduate university in Australia. From what we know of the accomplishments of our postgrad alumni, it’s clear their Macquarie qualifications have brought big rewards into their careers and lives.

Why do so many postgrads choose us? Here are just a few reasons:

**Library:** Has been ranked for top quality service and leads the way in information services and electronic access. Offers 24/7 online access to scholarly research journals. Provides IT training to postgraduate students. Academic Outreach Librarians offer individual training and research sessions. Technical support 24 hours a day via a Helpdesk facility.

**Research:** Macquarie hosts 11 National Centres of Excellence and is a partner in others. It ranks every year in the top 6 performers (per capita) in winning ARC grants. Sixty-five percent of staff hold doctoral qualifications, well above the average. We have many research “stars” on staff.

**IT facilities:** are world-class, offering large, on-campus fibre-optic data network, 1300 free access computers and a 24 hour computing facility dedicated to postgrads.

**Dedicated student support:** Active Postgraduate Representative Association (MUPRA) looks after postgrad interests. Full-time Dean of Graduate Studies works with postgrads, supervisors and teachers to enhance the academic experience.

**Scholarships:** Research candidates can apply for a substantial number of competitive scholarships and awards funded by the University, government, industry and private endowment.

**Programs:** One look at what’s on offer in every area of the University tells you how rich the opportunities are for your academic and professional development.

Contact any of the following **Divisions** for details of their postgraduate programs:
- Australian Centre for Educational Studies
- Economic and Financial Studies
- Environmental and Life Sciences
- Humanities
- Information and Communication Sciences
- Law
- Linguistics and Psychology
- Macquarie Graduate School of Management
- Society, Culture, Media and Philosophy

For more information, including details of the Postgraduate Education Loans Scheme (PELS), HECS-based programs, and course fees, you should visit one of the following websites:
- www.postgradandbeyond.mq.edu.au
- www.ro.mq.edu.au

or call: Dean of Graduate Studies: 61 (0)2 9850 7986
PELS/HECS enquiry line: 1800 020 108
The University Art Gallery recently hosted a retrospective exhibition showcasing the work of Errol Davis, renowned sculptor and Curator of the Macquarie Sculpture Park, over a 60-year period. The exhibition demonstrated the way nature and music have inspired the sculptural forms Errol has been creating since childhood.

“As a child I was in raptures over the shapes of fish, birds, later of ships and aircraft. I spent a good deal of time constructing models of ships and aeroplanes, and marvelling at their elegance of design,” he says.

His models sold well at the local newsagent, and during WWII he and artist Lloyd Rees were asked by Sir Frank Packer to make model planes to educate people about the appearance of enemy aircraft.

Errol’s sculptures relate to a variety of concepts and objects such as melodic construction, mathematical systems of palm and grass leaves, feathers and fish scales. The creation of spaces and solids in steel, bronze, copper and plastics indicate shape and form from nature that is suggestive rather than literal.

“I never actually copy nature. My works are abstracts and not meant to be representative of anything, yet they are inspired by the mathematical logic of nature.”

In 1947 Errol graduated in engineering at the University of Sydney and in 1950 travelled to London, studying sculpture at Regent Street London Polytechnic. He entered his first competitive sculpture exhibition with Quartette (1953, copper), for which he received high acclaim from the British Council.

“My five years in London were heaven,” he says. “There were sculptures by Henry Moore, Barbara Hepworth, Chadwick and Paolozzi everywhere.”

In 1957 he returned to Sydney where he worked in the field of architectural scale-model making. It was during this time that he derived much inspiration for what he terms his “contour sculptures.”

In 1999 it established a prime visual arts space, the University Art Gallery. It has major art collections whose works are displayed all over the campus, including the Library and SAM Building. It hosts several discipline-related museums and is a leader in strengthening the place of university museums nationally.

Within the curriculum, the Institute of Early Childhood specialises in research and teaching in children’s arts. The Department of Contemporary Music Studies runs one of the most popular and innovative music studies programs in Australian universities. The arts feature significantly in studies within anthropology, cultural studies, creative writing, education, Indigenous studies, languages, media and visual production, museum studies, philosophy, sociology and women’s studies.

Macquarie is the principal patron of two innovative and acclaimed performing arts groups, the Macquarie Trio chamber ensemble and the innovative children’s theatre company, Theatre of Image. Since the 1960s the Macquarie Singers have brought the University and wider community together to perform choral music. University photographers have held outstanding public exhibitions of their works, and both staff and students have won many public awards for art across all media.

This energetic and diverse tradition of arts activity itself generates further accomplishments and innovations.

In this special feature, we celebrate three highly successful examples of the University’s involvement in the arts: the lifetime work of sculptor Errol Davis, Curator of the Sculpture Park; the University Art Gallery; and the Macquarie Trio.
"We made models of Sydney buildings which to me were like sculptures," he says. "I folded up my activities in model making and went directly into sculpture. I was doing my own relief maps but the relief maps were sculptures cast in bronze."

Since 1982 Errol has had five solo exhibitions and contributed to over 17 group exhibitions nationally and internationally. His sculptures appear in private collections throughout Australia and in Japan, Italy, Canada, USA, Germany, Philippines and Sweden.

In 1992, his long and affectionate association with the Macquarie campus sparked a bold vision to establish the University Sculpture Park - the first of its kind for a tertiary education institution. His approach to the Vice-Chancellor, Di Yerbury, met with immediate, enthusiastic support. There was virtually no money and there were no sculptures, but there was Errol Davis, his vision, his links with leading sculptors, and his quiet determination to make extraordinary things happen.

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Opened in 2000, the University Art Gallery has already hosted 14 exhibitions of outstanding quality, attracting thousands of visitors of all ages.

For the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Di Yerbury, a passionate collector of Australian contemporary visual art and inaugural Director of the Gallery, it’s a dream come true.

One of the main goals of Macquarie’s community outreach plan is to be a cultural centre for the University and region by supporting the arts. For many years, a dedicated visual art space was high on a wish list of facilities, but teaching and research facilities properly took priority whenever funds were found for new buildings and refurbishments. Finally, when a new Administration Building got the green light in the 1990s, the purpose-built gallery took shape.

It is now a superb space for curating and displaying coherent exhibitions and for related teaching programs. Specialised exhibitions feature expert lectures, for example, the fossil exhibition Palaeographia, which fused art and science. The Australian map exhibition this February includes floor talks from experts attending the Australian Map Circle conference.

In terms of community impact the Gallery has been a huge success. In the three years to last December it hosted 14 exhibitions and has a further 9 confirmed for 2003, with others pending. Last year it attracted some 4500 visitors.

School groups are encouraged to visit the Gallery and its education program is growing. Education Officer Rhonda Davis, assisted by Kiralynne Hill, makes art accessible and fun to children of all ages. They prepare teaching kits and hold workshops with students from pre-school age through to HSC. Teachers have given top ratings and confirmed the Gallery’s value in extending school experience, supporting the art curriculum or simply introducing students to all kinds of art.

The Gallery has mounted collaborative exhibitions and exchanges with the National Gallery of Australia, Penrith Regional Gallery and others. Inter-gallery loans are bringing art to a much wider public. Yumi Yet, last September’s unique exhibition of art and artefacts from Bougainville, featured items from the Australian Museum never before on public display and attracted international media attention, including an article in Time magazine.

One outstanding exhibition enjoyed spectacular success. Dreamtime to the New Millennium, curated by Di Yerbury and featuring 60 Indigenous art works, from bark paintings to contemporary urban works in her own and the University collection, broke all attendance records while on loan to Mosman Art Gallery, and attracted high praise from both media and some 3000 visitors.

Gallery Education Officer Rhonda Davis and some very young art lovers enjoy a tutorial in the Gallery.

Contemporary Indigenous artworks are well represented in exhibitions in the Gallery and around the campus.

**Gallery Exhibition Program Feb – June 2003**

Where: Building E11A (Talavera Road side of campus).
Entry is free. (Parking charges apply.)

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Floor talks, workshops & education programs accompany each exhibition. For details of these and later exhibitions, gallery activities, opening hours or for school bookings, call 02 9850 7437 Fax: 9850 7565.
Website: www.pr.mq.edu.au/culture/
Macquarie Trio

unplugged

Macquarie University has always supported music on campus, but its boldest venture began in 1992 when the Macquarie Trio was formed as its chamber music ensemble in residence. With continuing generous support by Macquarie, over the last ten years the Trio has developed an outstanding reputation as one of Australia’s foremost chamber music ensembles.

Reviews have been as enthusiastic as the Trio’s devoted audiences. A Sydney Morning Herald reviewer wrote recently: “musicians of such quality are to be treasured”.

For this issue, Sirius asked Trio members to reflect on what music means to them.

**Michael Goldschlager, cellist**

I can’t separate being a musician from the fabric of my life. Although not religious, I consider myself to be highly spiritual. I give as much as I can to bring to fruition the gift...so it can be given back to others in performance and teaching.

My Dad is a jazz musician and I grew up in New York City, which offers great riches in music and the arts. I’m a “child of the sixties” too. I love rock and roll, rhythm and blues, folk, country music and “world” music.

I worked and became friends with David Bowie, so I have a particular affection for his music. I love Gershwin, Cole Porter, jazz. I’ve been fortunate to play with George Benson and Dionne Warwick.

Early music, Gregorian chant, baroque masters, Mahler, Faure and Bach, are what I most enjoy in the classical vein.

**Nicholas Milton, violinist**

Music is my life. I give a lot up for it without regrets because it’s given me so much in return. The greatest thrills of my life have come from music, and the promise of music in my future sustains me.

Several things make me “tick” musically: conducting a great orchestra, performing with the Trio, sight reading a new work with friends, researching a composer’s life to delve deeper into the music, uncovering new layers in a particular musical work.

To relax I love listening to orchestral and chamber music and some film scores. Most of all I love Mozart’s piano concertos.

**Kathy Selby, pianist**

Music has been part of my life since I first saw a piano when I was three, and decided I had to play it. I pestered my parents until I finally got a piano and began lessons at seven. Since then I’ve never seriously thought about doing anything else. Even when I took a break to go to law school, I missed the thrill of performing live, and returned to it full-time.

I used to think I gave up a lot because of the hours of practice, but, in reality, I didn’t give up anything. Rather, I gained a remarkable discipline, a career, and a love for what I do each day. Going on stage and feeling the immense thrill of performing is my biggest reward.

For pleasure I listen to a lot of classical music, but love jazz and rock also. It’s fascinating to observe other performers at work in other media.

Chamber music was originally performed for composers’ friends, families and patrons. We love the fact that our audiences feel part of an extended family gathering.

In 2003 the Macquarie Trio will perform subscription seasons in Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide. Their sixth ABC Classics CD, the complete Brahms Piano Trios, has just been released.

For concert dates visit: www.macquarietrio.com.au (or see p.17 What’s On at Macquarie)
The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Di Yerbury, provided Sirius with an update on the growth in Macquarie’s international student profile.

Could you give us some perspective on the growth in international student numbers at Macquarie?

We were the sixth biggest destination in Australia in 2nd Semester 2002 in terms of on-shore enrolments. Onshore and offshore combined, we ranked 8th.

Last semester, international students comprised around a quarter of our on-shore student body – making us one of the world’s most international universities. We were the 4th largest destination in the country for Study Abroad students last year, and the largest for students from Beijing.

We saw huge growth in these students in 1999 and 2000. We wondered if there would be a significant slow-down after the Sydney Olympics – but no, there was another 42 percent of growth in 2002.

Macquarie is the third most postgraduate university in Australia, and around 46 percent of our international students last year were postgraduates.

Many international undergraduates articulate to our degrees after succeeding in our first year units as students enrolled in the very successful private college on campus, Sydney Institute of Business and Technology (SIBT).

Where do most of Macquarie’s international students come from?

Our major sources in terms of numbers are China, which provided us with 1330 students in 2002; and Hong Kong (738). Indeed, in 2001, Macquarie won the NSW-Hong Kong Export Award for the services sector.

There were 424 Indonesian students last year, while Europe was a significant source, too, with 336 from Norway and Sweden, and 366 from other parts of Europe. We had about 300 from the USA last year, as well as a healthy proportion of the students coming to Australia from Latin America, South Korea, Japan and Thailand.

Are there any scholarships for international students?

First-rate students wanting to do a higher degree by research can apply for an i-MURS: that’s an International Macquarie University Research Scholarship, which covers tuition fees and living expenses. We’ve also initiated scholarships for undergraduate and postgraduate coursework students.

Do Australian students at Macquarie study abroad too?

Yes, although still not as many as we’d like. We have a dedicated office, Macquarie Abroad, which is part of the International Office. It strongly encourages all our students to consider travelling overseas for part of their studies (and in a few cases for a related internship or work placement).

Currently about 5.5 percent of our graduating numbers – way above the national average – do so, generally accessing the generous Travel Grants we make available. We appreciate that most students can’t afford to travel abroad without help. Our target is for 10 percent to be doing this by 2005.

You’ve seen a lot of change as a Director of IDP Education Australia and its President for many years.

Yes, it’s been a huge success story. Australia is now the world’s third biggest destination for international education. In the space of 17 years, educational services have become this country’s 7th largest export industry. But of course the economic benefits to Australia are only part of the value: it’s the educational, cultural and socio-political benefits that are priceless.

I witness every day the growth of cross-cultural understanding, mutual respect and friendship, and it gives me hope. I see international education as Australian universities’ very constructive way of counteracting the extreme views, fear and threats to peace that currently dominate our world environment.

Major Business Award for Vice-Chancellor

In September last year Emeritus Professor Di Yerbury, Vice-Chancellor since 1987, won the highly competitive 2002 NSW Telstra Business Woman of the Year Award.

In accepting the award, Professor Yerbury said that there was a lot of stereotyping of senior university managements, and a failure to realise how successful are university leaders across the country in running large, viable enterprises in conditions of rapid change and often adverse circumstances.

Under Professor Yerbury’s leadership, Macquarie has been characterised by an innovative and entrepreneurial culture. In 2001 two-thirds of its income derived from non-Government sources (including HECS contributions by students). Its thriving R&D Park on campus receives no government funding and operates in partnership with industry and CSIRO.
Since its start in Australia a decade ago, Golden Key International Honour Society has grown to 23 Australian chapters and is now Macquarie’s largest non-compulsory student society.

The world’s biggest, most international and diverse honour society, Golden Key (GK) was set up in 1977 by students at Georgia State University. They were concerned that, while they were offered places in the traditional honour societies, some of their academically excellent friends were denied places on account of race, religion, gender or other irrelevant characteristics.

GK is unique in recognising academic excellence, providing scholarships and other benefits, international networking, developing leadership skills and putting those skills into community service, and partnership with corporate sponsors.

GK requires members to assist local Chapter activities and contribute to community service. The Macquarie Chapter has raised funds for the Cancer Council and Motor Neurone Awareness and, in a major project, for the Nyikina Mangala Community School, a remote bi-lingual Aboriginal/English school in the West Kimberlies. As a result, the school now has a TV and video recorder, while boxes of books and videos are ready for dispatch. GK is also establishing a refugee tutor program at a secondary school in south-west Sydney.

The achievements of GK Macquarie members have won several distinctions. In 2001, Macquarie’s GK Academic Adviser, Ms Tess Howes (Registrar’s Office), was named Outstanding Adviser of the Year (Asia-Pacific Region) at the International Convention. At the 2002 Asia-Pacific Conference its Student President, Ms Verity Greenwood, won the Asia-Pacific Region Leader Award, and the Chapter Executive won an “Honourable Mention”. In 2001 Ms Greenwood also won a prestigious Geico Adult Scholar Award, one of only five awarded worldwide.

Since establishing a foundation chapter in 1994, Macquarie has played a key role in GK’s expansion. Since establishing a foundation chapter in 1994, Macquarie has played a key role in GK’s expansion to some 300 chapters across seven countries. Professor Di Yerbury, Vice-Chancellor, is currently the World President and chairs the International Development Committee, while Mr Brian Spencer, Registrar and Vice-Principal, is Vice-President of GK’s Academic Council.

Only the top 15 percent of Macquarie students are invited to join Golden Key, which welcomed another 500 members last October.

WIGGLES go global

We all knew The Wiggles were very big in Australia (it’s been estimated that one in two toddlers in Australia either sing-a-long to The Wiggles on video or CD at home or have been to a Wiggles concert.) Now they’re taking the US by storm as well.

Last November they were the hottest show in town throughout the US East Coast, with tickets selling out in fifteen minutes and scalpers later selling them for US$300 a piece. The Wiggles performed 43 shows in 20 days and were major guests in Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade in Manhattan. The group’s American fan base has grown into the millions after Disney began broadcasting their TV show throughout the US.

What the world might not know is that three Wiggles - Anthony Field, Murray Cook and Greg Page - met while studying Early Childhood Education at Macquarie and began writing children’s songs as one of their music projects. The fourth Wiggle, Jeff Fatt, played with Anthony in the 1980’s band The Cockroaches. Anthony attributes a lot of their success to their knowledge of child development, and their early childhood training still influences their whole approach to live shows, music making and videos.
More top students choose Macquarie

In an exceptional result for the University, a recent analysis of applications for undergraduate courses shows that 52.8 percent of 2002 commencing students who entered with a current UAI, had obtained a UAI of 90-plus.

Macquarie Science Leads

In a survey released last year, Macquarie was identified as one of only 9 Australian universities in the world’s top 100 for science citations across 21 categories in the last 10 years. Macquarie was the only non-‘G08’ university to be included in the list.

Top rankings for MGSM

MGSM was ranked equal first (with AGSM and Melbourne Business School) in a 2002 Australian Financial Review BOSS Magazine survey of MBA Programs in Australian business schools. Twenty-four Australian business schools took part in the survey.

Last year MGSM’s Executive Hotel & Conference Centre was awarded National Meeting Venue of the Year for under 500 delegates by the Meetings and Events Industry Awards. The awards are made by the Meetings Industry Association of Australia (MIAA) a national industry association with 1600 members in Australia and the Asia/Pacific region.

Award winning documentary by Macquarie academic

My Mother India, a documentary film by Safina Uberoi, tells the remarkable story of her family history, focusing on Safina’s mother Patricia, an Australian who married an Indian in the 1960s and went to live with him in India. A Lecturer in Visual Media Production at Macquarie, Safina describes her very personal film as “a mirror image to the Australian migrant experience – an image in which all the stereotypes were reversed.” Funded by the Special Broadcasting Service and the Film Finance Corporation, My Mother India won a string of awards, including the Jury Prize for Best Australian Documentary from the Australian Film Critics’ Circle, and ran for 11 weeks in Sydney last year.

Distinctions

Congratulations to Professor Max Coltheart, Director of the Macquarie Centre for Cognitive Science, on becoming a Corresponding Fellow of the British Academy, one of ten scholars of international distinction to be elected in 2002. There are only 312 such Fellows worldwide.

The British Academy is the UK national academy for the humanities and the social sciences, the counterpart of the Royal Society which covers the natural sciences. Professor Coltheart has won many prestigious distinctions for his research, including an inaugural Federal Government Federation Fellowship, awarded to a small number of outstanding Australian scientists each year.

Congratulations to Professor Paul Davies, Professor of Natural Philosophy at the Australian Centre for Astrobiology (Division of Environmental and Earth Sciences), who received the Royal Society’s prestigious Michael Faraday Award for 2002. The award – widely acknowledged as one of the most prominent in UK science – is given annually to a scientist who, in the opinion of the Royal Society, has done most to further public communication of science, engineering or technology in the UK. Professor Davies has a worldwide reputation for his expertise in communicating complex theoretical physics and cosmology in ways the wider public can understand and enjoy.

Dr Simon Turner is the second Federation Fellow to be hosted by Macquarie (the first being Professor Max Coltheart). A research geologist, Dr Turner left Australia in 1992 and quickly became a rising star in his field. He won Royal Society funding for ten years to research the new and exciting use of short-lived isotopes on magmas beneath volcanoes. He will join Macquarie in June to continue this and related research, which he says will lead to spin-off applications and collaborations in areas such as volcanic eruption prediction, hazard mitigation, erosion and river waters, and dating archaeological remains.

Note: Federal Government Federation Fellowships are among Australia’s richest publicly-funded research awards, specifically established to help “reverse the brain drain” of Australian scientists.

Congratulations to members of the Special Education Centre, Professor Kevin Wheldall, Dr Robyn Beaman and the team behind MULTILIT (Making Up for Lost Time in Literacy). After reviewing and praising the effectiveness of MULTILIT in teaching literacy, a major Parliamentary Report on the Education of Boys released in October 2002 recommended: “The knowledge and practical instructional techniques developed in MULTILIT by the researchers at Macquarie University should inform and enhance initial and remedial literacy instruction throughout Australia and form the core of remedial reading programs in primary and high schools.”

Change in Research Leadership

After guiding Macquarie through a period of outstanding research accomplishments over recent years, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) Professor Peter Bergquist retired.
at the end of 2002. From 2003 he will head of the newly established Macquarie University Research Institute of Biotechnology. Professor Bergquist is succeeded as DVC (Research) by distinguished research scientist Professor Jim Piper, Director of the Centre for Lasers and Applications and former Dean, School of Information and Communication Sciences.

New Dean of Division of Economic and Financial Studies

In September 2002 Professor Ed Davis was appointed Dean of Macquarie’s largest Division (more than 8000 students, one third of total enrolments). A specialist in industrial relations and human resource management, prior to his appointment he was Professor of Management and Deputy Director of the Macquarie Graduate School of Management. He plans to forge closer links with the Division’s alumni, whom he calls “our best ambassadors”.

Warawara Back to Macquarie Day

For the past ten years Macquarie has produced leaders in Indigenous communities through its Diploma and Advanced Diploma in Community Management. Last October Warawara hosted a “Back to Macquarie” professional development day for DCM graduates. The seminar, Making a Difference, and reunion dinner celebrated their achievements and reviewed the work done in Indigenous communities in the past decade, while considering the issues confronting them in future.

Talks and workshops were led by ATSI Social Justice Commissioner and Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commissioner Dr Bill Jonas, Associate Professor Richard Howitt, Human Geography and Community Management, Macquarie University, and Rod Towney, Chair, NSW Aboriginal Land Council. Graduates of the DCM program told of their journeys through family, community and Aboriginal backgrounds to their educational, work and community experiences. Special guests at the dinner were elder and entertainer Uncle Jimmy Little and speaker Professor Larissa Behrendt, an Eulayay and Gamilaroi woman who earned her PhD in Law at Harvard and is now Professor of Law and Director of Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning at UTS.

What's On Campus

Free screening of the popular comedy, Bend it Like Beckham
Where and when: Lakeside Lawn, Saturday, February 22, sundown.
Bring a picnic and blanket or low chairs. Food will also be available.
Part of Ryde Summer Festival of which Macquarie is a major sponsor.

Macquarie Trio 2003
Where and when: Macquarie Theatre, Sundays at 2.30pm: 16 March, 25 May, 27 July, 14 September, and 16 November.
Chamber works by Beethoven, Brahms, Boccherini, Haydn, Liszt, Mendelssohn, Ravel, Vivaldi, and others. Note: on March 18 the Trio will perform for the first time at the newly renovated Verbrugghen Hall, Sydney Conservatorium.
For details of concert series at Verbrugghen Hall and in Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne and Adelaide, and for subscription and ticket enquiries, visit: www.macquarietrio.com.au or call 1800 359 441 for brochure.
For updates on a range of public events on campus, visit www.mq.edu.au/staffnews or www.mq.edu.au

Student Activities Fee - GST Refund

Macquarie University has applied for and received a favourable private ruling from the Australian Taxation Office deeming our Student Activities Fee (SAF) to be GST free. This process has been undertaken for the benefit of our students and the ruling has been backdated to take effect from 1 July 2000. After consultation with the ACCC the GST refund will be made available to our students as follows:

• Students enrolled in 2002 who have paid GST on SAF and who enrol for Semester 1, 2003, will automatically receive in 2003 a credit against their 2003 fees for GST paid less any monies owing to the University
• Students enrolled in 2002 who have paid GST on SAF and who do not enrol for Semester 1, 2003 will automatically receive in 2003 a refund for GST paid less any monies owing to the University
• Students enrolled for Semester 2, 2000 or Semester 1 or 2, 2001 who have paid GST on SAF and who were not enrolled in 2002, may apply for a refund for GST paid in 2000 or 2001 less any monies owing to the University

Please visit the Macquarie University website for details of applying for your refund – www.mq.edu.au/gstrefund

Special Offer to Macquarie Alumni

The four star MGSM Hotel, located on campus, offers very competitive accommodation rates to Macquarie alumni, subject to availability. For details please contact Peter Stewart, Facilities Manager, on 02 9850 7801.
**Macquarie Foundation Prize Awards Ceremony**

The Macquarie Foundation was proud to award five prizes to outstanding students at a ceremony on 15 November 2002, at which The Chancellor, Mr Maurice Newman AC, presided. The citations detailed the exceptional achievements of the five winners and read, in part:

**2001 Science Prize:** Andrew Lee was an exceptional student throughout his undergraduate studies, gaining a GPA of 4.0 for his BTech (Optoelectronics). During his fourth year he continued this level of performance, and was awarded First Class Honours and the Australian Institute of Physics Prize for Excellence.

**2001 Kathryn Murphy Memorial Prize (joint winner):** Barbara Nevicky’s performance in her Bachelor of Commerce – Accounting studies was outstanding. Of seven 300-level units in 2001, she gained High Distinctions in six and a Distinction in the seventh, for a GPA of 4.0 (a perfect score). She also won eight prizes, five for the most meritorious performance and academic excellence in individual 300-level units.


**2001 Raymond Powys Memorial Prize:** Amanda Hulme achieved an outstanding performance throughout her studies for the Master of Commerce in Professional Accounting, with seven A grades and one B grade, which equates to a GPA of 3.875 (out of a possible 4.00). As part of the MCom degree, Amanda also completed the professional examinations of CPA Australia.

**2000 Raymond Powys Memorial Prize:** Wing Tsung Au achieved outstanding results in the Master of Commerce in Professional Accounting, with eight A grades, which equates to a grade point average of 4.0 (a perfect score). As part of the MCom degree, Wing Tsung also completed the professional examinations of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia.

Members of the Foundation and Convocation Standing Committee warmly congratulate all these highly deserving prizewinners.

These prizes are made possible by generous donations to the Macquarie Foundation, a registered charity which supports current and future students. If you would like to contribute, please contact the Alumni Office.

**Changes in Alumni Office and Staffing**

After many years working with alumni as Executive Officer in the Office of Graduate Affairs, Ms Sandra Lamaro left the University in September last year to pursue new interests. In early 2003 two new staff will join Macquarie as the management team responsible for Macquarie’s (renamed) Alumni Office.

They are Mr Mark Herndon, who will take up the post of Manager, and Ms Sandra Harrison.

Mark Herndon is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and works with the Golden Key International Honour Society based in Atlanta. For the last ten years he has been Director of International Development, working with over a million university members in seven countries. He was responsible for extending the Society’s activities to Australia and has visited here over 70 times, building a strong network in higher education.

Sandra Harrison is a graduate of Sydney University and for the past six years has been Executive Officer of the Australian Museum Society. Her extensive experience in events management, membership development and marketing roles will be very valuable in building relationships with alumni and donors.
GRADUATE grapevine

Where are they now?

Economics and commerce graduate Peter Forster (MCom 1996 BEc 1994) is Group Audit Manager for Orix Australia.

GSE graduate John Sherwood is Associate Professor at Deakin University and President of the Australian Marine Sciences Association.

GSE graduate Frank Howarth is Director and Chief Executive, NSW Royal Botanic Gardens.

Geological sciences graduate Dr Michael Donaldson is Deputy Director of the Geological Survey of WA.

Law graduate Amber Cerny has just completed a term as President of Young Lawyers, a professional association in NSW for lawyers under 36 or in their first five years of practice.

Law graduate Peter Berman SC was appointed as a judge of the District Court of New South Wales in September 2002.

Philosophy graduate Dr Kim Atkins is a lecturer and researcher at the School of Philosophy, University of Tasmania.

Postcards from overseas

Le Thuy Hang (PG Dip Language and Literacy 1996) qualified from La Trobe University with a Master of Applied Linguistics in 2001 and now works as a Lecturer in English at Ho Chi Minh City Teacher Training College, Vietnam.

Thomas Harmanto (M App Fin 1996) works as a Business Manager based in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Elaine Ng (BBus Hospitality and Tourism Management 2000) works in Hong Kong as an Education Consultant for Aston Education, which represents Australian and British educational institutions.

Dr Graeme Nott (PhD 2000) has a doctorate in Physics and works for the British Antarctic Survey. For the next two and a half years he will be based in Rothera, a British base on Adelaide Island, operating the new UV radar facility and studying middle atmosphere temperatures and dynamics.

Thavisack Phasathanh (Master of Applied Linguistics - TESOL 2001) is on the staff of the Faculty of Letters at the National University of Laos in the Republic of Laos.

Sociology graduate Rafe Champion (MA 1984) has since pursued studies on classical liberalism and the philosophy of science.

Science graduate Julie Woolf (BSc 2001) works as a Medical Representative for the pharmaceutical company Organon.

Congratulations to Macquarie graduate in Modern History and accomplished author, Nadia Wheatley, who won the 2002 NSW Premier’s Australian History Award for her biography, *The Life and Myth of Charmian Clift*, published by HarperCollins (Australia).

The Premier’s History Awards were established in 1997 to honour distinguished achievement in history by Australians.

Anthropology graduate Dr Estelle Dryland (PhD 1999) gained her doctorate aged 68 and continues to do important honorary work in the Department. She has undertaken some fascinating field work, living alone in Skardu, capital of Baltistan (known as little Tibet) for nearly six months while researching and translating the “Kesar Saga” a Tibetan epic known to the peoples of Nepal, Ladakht, Bhutan, Sikkim and others. She remains interested in the attempt by the Balti people to reclaim their ancient Tibetan culture, and at 71 is still researching and travelling (last year to rural China).

Julapong Phunglakchai (MCom 2002) is a Marketing Executive for Ampol Food Processing Company in Bangkok, which produces coconut milk. He is responsible for creating a marketing plan for a new product and is helping to expand international business to Australia.

Sriwipa Siripunyawit (MA 2000) completed a Masters in Writing for the Media and she is now a writer and reporter in English for Post Publishing PLC in Bangkok.

Evelyn Villaruel-Dollette (MA Education 1995) is the Academic Coordinator and Assistant Principal at Notre Dame of Cotabato in the Philippines. She writes: “I cherish my memories of Macquarie. My lecturers, classmates and staff of the School of Education were very helpful and accommodating. Macquarie taught me how to be tough and strong and how to improve my craft, especially in research. The training also enhanced my self-confidence in doing my job. I hope one day to revisit Australia and study at Macquarie again or just renew old acquaintances.”

Hong Kong November Graduation

A large graduation ceremony was held in HK on 3 November, preceded by an excellent Alumni and Graduation Dinner on Saturday 2 November, organised by the active Hong Kong alumni chapter. Around 100 alumni and Macquarie staff attended, and the after-dinner speaker was MGSN Dean, Professor John Hewson, who spoke on “Australia’s Relations with Asia”.

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THEN and now

A GROWING CAMPUS. Thirty years ago this campus landmark could hardly be missed from near and far. Today, the Macquarie Theatre is half-hidden behind a splendid avenue of trees. Their canopy shelters walkers, readers, daydreamers and friends, not to mention those rushing to lectures, meetings, exams...