**STUDENTS**

**ALL STATIONS GO**

Staff and students are excited about ACU National’s radio station, to be run next year from the Office of Student Success within Campus Life, following successful trials in 2007 and 2008.

“Internet radio is a very powerful communication tool,” said Mission Engagement Facilitator Andrew Beiers, who has championed the project. “It gives an opportunity to share our University culture, wisdom, knowledge and spirituality. For very little cost, we have the potential to go worldwide.”

Both personalised and accessible, the radio station offers students the chance to learn new skills and teamwork, and to keep in touch about events on all campuses and find out how to get involved. “It offers a great world of connection and helps bring people together.”

Acting president of the Brisbane Campus branch of the ACU National Student Association (ACUNSA) Christine Tesch is also enthusiastic. Christine, a second-year business and information systems student, is pictured above with first-year nursing student Arthur Cassin.

Contemporary music and interviews are already being played through the public announcement systems in campus cafeterias and student common areas, said acting radio station manager Spencer Jarrett, Student Association communications team leader at the Strathfield Campus.

“It allows us to share resources across the six campuses, and build connections,” Spencer said. “There’s huge potential.”

Details of how to listen and become involved will be circulated during 2009.

**GRADUATES**

**SO MUCH TO OFFER**

ACU National graduate relations national manager Nicky Alsemgeest is delighted to announce the launch of a newsletter to be emailed to graduates three times a year.

“I am proud of our graduates,” said Ms Alsemgeest, herself a 1997 education graduate of the Strathfield Campus. “They are fabulous people who have so much to offer. Keeping in touch with them can only be beneficial for the University, and we would hope it would also be beneficial for them, for their professional development, networking and more.

“This is an exciting time. We are making our website more dynamic, to make it easier for graduates to find out what is happening around the University and to share their news with us from wherever they might be in their careers and the world.”

Since the Graduate Association was featured in acunique in 2006, the Hong Kong branch of the Graduate Association has been launched. Other branches are planned, and Ms Alsemgeest, pictured above with Chancellor Brother Julian McDonald CFC AO, and Vice-Chancellor Professor Greg Craven, has become more involved in graduation ceremonies.

“At each graduation, Brother Julian tells graduates that they might be the only sign of the Gospel people will ever see; the nurse smiling at a patient, the teacher helping a child grasp a concept in a classroom. He encourages them to go out into the world with that in mind, and think about what they will bring to other people.

“To me, that is what is special about our University and our graduates, and we really want to welcome them back, whether they left months ago or years ago. I hope they will feel excited about reconnecting with the University, and reconnecting with classmates, and attending events.”

Visit www.acu.edu.au/graduates to join the association and explore news and benefits of staying in touch.