

NOW IT IS DR. RICHARD HARRIS, ACTOR, HUMANITARIAN

THE University of Scranton has awarded Limerick actor Richard Harris an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters at a convocation at the Elm Park Church in Scranton.

The ceremony, which the public attended, began at 7 p.m. on Saturday last. The University band and singers presented a concert prelude beginning at 6.30 p.m.

Academia

University president Rev. J. A. Panuska, S.J.; Rev. Rees F. Warring of Elm Park Church; Rev. Thomas D. Masterson, S.J., director of campus ministry; Dr. Richard H. Passon, Ph.D., academic vice-president and provost; Dr. John M. McInerney,

Ph.D., professor of English; and senior Mary Kay Rohlfing were among those participating in the programme.

The honorary degree convocation culminated a month-long teaching assignment by Harris, who had been serving as a visiting professor at the University since January 4th.

"If every good teacher is, in large part, an actor, it is doubly true that, given a compassionate understanding of students, the actor can be a great teacher," the degree citation read, in part.

"The University of Scranton is extremely fortunate to have the uniquely gifted Sir Richard Harris as both teacher and actor to illustrate the inextricable combination of two talents in one person whose students are going through an experience that

must change their lives."

Drama

Harris is teaching a drama class and preparing his students for a production of "Julius Caesar, A Work In Progress." The play, Harris' own interpretation of the Shakespeare classic, was performed on February 4-6 at the Masonic Temple in Scranton.

In addition to directing the

production, Harris also played a role.

Proceeds from the play will benefit the Dermot Harris Foundation, a scholarship programme that Harris created in memory of his late brother.

The scholarships enable students from the Harris brothers' native Ireland to attend the University of Scranton.

