

MURWILLUMBAH BORN MAN APPOINTED COMPLEX MANAGER

A Murwillumbah-born man has been appointed general manager of the new Ambassador College and Worldwide Church of God complex at West Burleigh.

The manager, Mr John Crabtree, this week moved into his office in the all-million dollar building.

The complex, set among the trees in the Burleigh Gardens Industrial Park on Mudgeeraba Road, will be officially opened next Thursday afternoon.

International vice-president of Ambassador College and the Worldwide Church of God, Mr Les McCullough, of Pasadena, California, will ceremonially open the building's main doors.

He will be assisted by the

Member for South Coast and Minister for Local Government and Main Roads, Mr Russ Hinze.

Also present at the opening will be the administrative vice-president of the Worldwide Church of God, Mr C. Wayne Cole, regional director of Ambassador College and the Worldwide Church of God in Australia Mr Dennis Luker, Albert Shire chairman Cr. Hugh Muntz, and Gold Coast Mayor Ald. Robert Neumann.

Members of the public will be taken on a tour of inspection after the opening.

Mr Luker said yesterday the Australian branch of the College and Church was part of a worldwide organisation dedicated to the service of mankind.

"Ambassador College was founded in 1947 by Herbert W. Armstrong, president of the Worldwide Church of God", Mr Luker said.

"Mr Armstrong wanted to establish an educational institution that was different.

"Concerned with declining morals and community values, he aimed to teach young people not only how to make a living, but how to live".

Mr Luker said Ambassador College now had two campuses in the United States and 12 regional offices throughout the world.

"The two colleges are liberal arts, non-denominational, and attract students from many parts of the world, including Australia", he said.

"Ambassador College opened its Australian office in North Sydney in December 1959, and although there is no campus in this country, the college sponsors extension services of publishing and broadcasting.

"Our magazine 'Plain Truth' has a circulation of 150,000 in Australia, and the radio program 'The World Tomorrow' has been heard on many Australian stations since 1956.

"The Church has congregations in all the major cities and towns of Australia, and it engages in a widespread program of support for orphans, widows and the destitute.

"The College and Church are currently co-operating with Burleigh Heads Rotary

Club in the building of a retirement village; two acres of land west of Burleigh

Heads have been donated by the college for this project. "Ambassador College



THE Regional Director of Ambassador College, Mr Dennis Luker, and Miss Pat Tuck, 17, of Burleigh Heads, who is employed as a mail reader, are pictured in the college's rustic landscaped surroundings. The hardwood logs in the picture, some weighing up to two tonnes, are from the old Tallebudgera Creek highway bridge.

and the Worldwide Church of God represent an exciting new 'industry' in the Gold Coast urban region.

"They are proud to be associated with this community, and they are taking a genuine interest in its development".

The Ambassador College complex represents a new concept in Australian office design.

Architect, George Adams planned the building to fit the natural contours of the site, so that the bushland environment was disturbed as little as possible.

His design highlights the use of natural bricks and

timbers. Special features include the roof of imported Canadian cedar shingles and the frontal "buttress" of massive hardwood logs. The logs, some weighing as much as two tonnes, came from the old Tallebudgera Creek highway bridge.

Three acres of carefully landscaped grounds maintain the natural setting and the 1252 square metre building has an almost rustic appearance.

Inside, 20 modern offices, a warehouse, mailing room and staff facilities provide pleasant working conditions for Ambassador College