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AL graduates are losing
in becoming general
practitioners, opting instead for
"prestigious" specialities.

A study of graduates from
Monash University found an
ongoing drift away from general
practice over a 15-year period.
The centre of the trend was
driven by female graduates —
initially those most inter-
ested in the field — towards
specialities. The research,
published in the *Medical Journal
of Australia*, found half of the
graduates between 1980
and 1985 were still working in
general practice eight years later.
By 1990 that figure had
fallen to 38 per cent. It fell to
25 per cent by 1995.

The author Catherine Joyce,
from the Department of Epi-
demiology and Preventive Medi-
cine at Monash, said general
practice training programs
had not been filled in four of the
last six years.

Graduates increasingly
do not perceive general prac-
tice as prestigious as other
specialities," the authors wrote.
They warned that if the trend
continued, the GP shortage was
likely to be less likely to be resolved
by Australian trainees.

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A TALE OF TWO POOLS

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Heritage listing for 'brutal' Holt centre

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AS IF naming a swimming pool after a drowned man was not ironic enough. Now Malvern's Harold Holt Swim Centre has been added to the Victorian Heritage Register in what architects have described as "a celebration of concrete".

The favourite haunt of winter swimmers earned its protection after it was nominated as one of the state's prime examples of "brutalist" architecture.

Although "brutalism" was distinguished by its functionality, Victorian Heritage Register chairwoman Chris Gallagher said it was a genuine art form.

"People debate the aesthetics of brutalism... but nonetheless it's an important movement," she said. "It was a completely new way of doing things: very functional, very blocky, concrete solid, stark and functional."

The pool, designed in 1966 to replace the existing Malvern baths built in 1926, was named after then prime minister and local MP Harold Holt in 1967 when he drowned near Portsea.

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Council's planned \$7 million redevelopment of the site.

Councillor Claude Ullin welcomed the move but said it could increase costs: "Every time we want to make an alteration we have to go back to Heritage Victoria, and that takes time."

The State Government has contributed \$500,000 to the redevelopment, and Planning Minister Rob Hulls would not rule out further help. He denied the Government had again focused on Melbourne's inner east at the expense of western suburbs.

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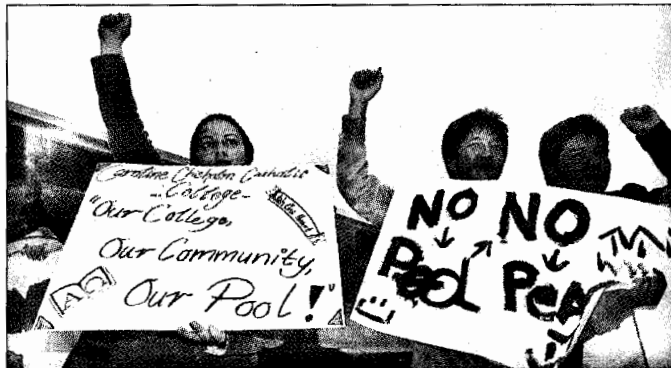
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