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TURNING VISION INTO REALITY

We have a wonderful mandate, expressed in the mission statement:

Moore College exists to equip men and women to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in all the world.

To fulfil our mission requires vision. MOORE VISION is that, for the sake of the gospel, we will try to make our training the best we can offer.

We already have a godly and well-trained faculty and enthusiastic and committed students. But teaching and learning at Moore have for years been hampered by our lack of adequate facilities. Lecture rooms are uncomfortable, noisy, stuffy and inadequate in both size and number. Not one in current use was purpose built!

This is about to change. A new lecture room complex is to be erected on College owned land.

It will be an attractive building, designed to improve the appearance of the whole site and to give the College a much-needed central green space.



Artist's impression of the new lecture room complex from Campbell Street

We believe that those who support the vision of the College will respond to our determination to develop the campus until it adequately serves the interests of our students and faculty.

Please give this new building your generous and prayerful support.

Peter F. Jensen

Demolition underway

The new lecture room complex is to be built on the site until recently occupied by College properties 11A-19 King Street and retains the original facade of the historic buildings. On its northern aspect, facing Campbell Street, lawn and shade trees will provide pleasant and private outdoor space for students and faculty.

Demolition in recent weeks has proceeded successfully, despite the obvious inconveniences of noise and dust to those living and working in the immediate vicinity. Great levels of tolerance have been required.

As well as a doctor's surgery and three College houses, our Student Centre has been lost in the demolition, and students are coping with make-shift arrangements until completion of the new building provides spacious new Common Room facilities.

The historic facade on King Street is being temporarily supported by a complex arrangement of concrete and steel beams extending over the footpath.

Our architects expect actual building work to begin in July.

The photographs bear witness to the dramatic changes taking place on campus.

Moore Prayer Points

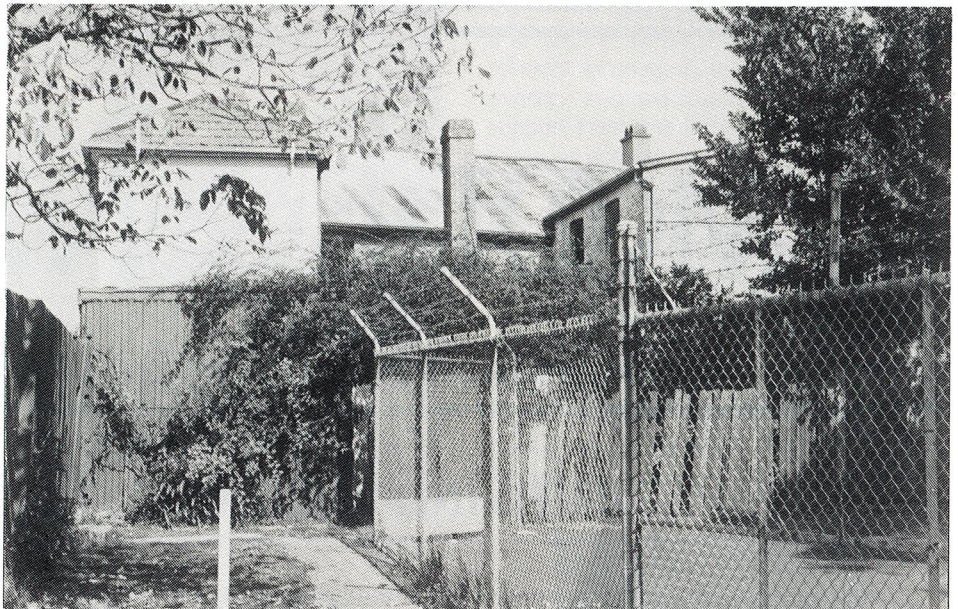
God has called us to be a people of prayer. As a supporter of Moore College, who shares our commitment to knowing God and making him known, would you please,

give **thanks** –

- for our godly and well-trained faculty
- for the inspiration of Dr Alistair McGrath's visit
- for the success of the recent College Missions, and the abilities and enthusiasm of our students
- for the safe completion of demolition work and the patience of all who were, and are, inconvenienced

and **pray** –

- that God will continue to supply godly and able men and women to train for ministry
- for the good health of faculty and students in the coming winter months
- that members of the College community will grow in the knowledge and likeness of Jesus
- for our Principal, Peter Jensen, and our Bursar, Doug Marr, as they cope with all the extra demands and decisions associated with the new building
- that the financial needs for the new building will be met by the generosity of our Church family



Building site from Campbell Street before demolition



Stage 1 of demolition work complete

EXPLORATIONS – new volume released

The latest volume in the 'Explorations' series, produced from papers presented to the annual School of Theology by College faculty and other Christian leaders, has just been published and is available for \$8.50. This is the second volume to be devoted to the subject of the Holy Spirit, and the sixth volume in the series as a whole. Spirit of the Living God, Part 2, contains papers by Peter Jensen, Robert Doyle, Graham Cole, Narelle Jarrett, John Woodhouse and Michael Hill. Topics covered include the Spirit and revelation, the Spirit and Christian experience, and the Spirit and prophecy.

'In an age when the work of God's Holy Spirit is especially interesting to people and when much that is written is superficial, these papers are intended to serve the cause of Christ by explaining and expounding God's revelation with great seriousness' Peter Jensen, Principal of Moore College.

Copies of all volumes in the series may be purchased from Impact Books, 21 King Street, Newtown (Tel [02] 550 2266).

Is College too hard?

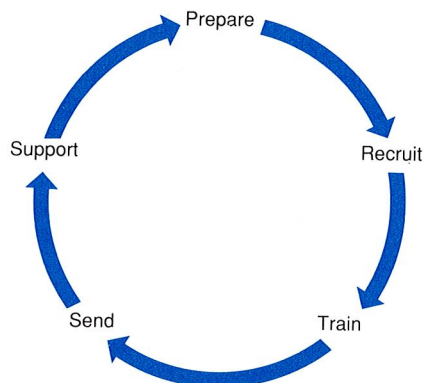
A student recently chose another college because he thought that the academic standards at Moore College were too high. Certainly we are aiming at a pattern of study which is excellent and demanding – the Lord's service calls for that. Certainly, too, for some people any tertiary study is not to be recommended. But, in fact, almost all people pass academically at the College, mainly because of the high motivation of those who come and those who teach. Amongst those coming there are quite a few who did poorly at school and have never done any university work. People mature over time and acquire skills and motivation. It's best to talk to a member of the faculty about coping rather than assuming that the course is "too hard".

'Moore College is one of our greatest assets. I've been saying that for years – it's nothing new. The greatest asset we have as a church is the men and women we select, train and nurture. If they are not handled well, trained well, resourced well, then we've lost the game.'

Archbishop Harry Goodhew in EFAC Australia interview.

The work of Moore College

The work done by the College is vital to the cause of the gospel and the spiritual health of churches. It involves far more than merely teaching men and women theology while they are students. And the work also involves you. Here is the cycle:



Prepare:

The College's graduates and external studies programme help prepare the next generation of students through teaching and example. The quality of present students depends on the work done in parishes.

Recruit:

Who will come to College? Through its Mooretalk program the College presents the needs of ministry to our people. But we should all be involved in praying for and talking to the people who should come. Sometimes gifted people are not challenged about coming to College because their fellow Christians don't talk to them about it.

Train:

The College aims to provide excellent training for ministry. We hope that our students will grow in the knowledge of the Lord and in their capacity to care for others and to build them up in him. However, to do this requires the provision of adequate facilities, for which we rely on your generosity and prayer.

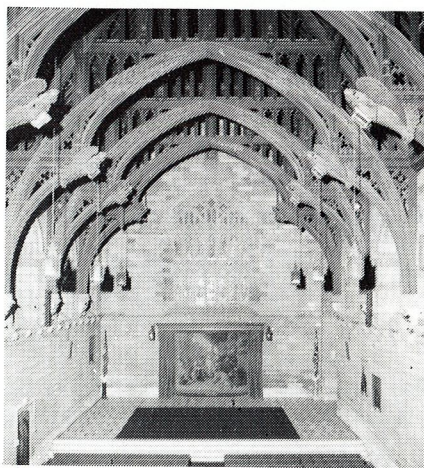
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Where will graduates serve? The College plays an important role in helping students to assess where they are equipped to minister. Those who employ the graduates depend on the College's advice.

Support:

Our job is not done when students leave. We then have an obligation to support those in ministry through our further education programmes such as the M.A. and the School of Theology.

You will see that each of these activities involves not only the College but the wider Christian community. You can help by preparing young people, by challenging potential students, by supporting the College both financially and in prayer, by assisting in the training and evaluation of catechists and by encouraging your minister to engage in the stimulus of further education.



Grandeur in the Great Hall

Graduation 1993

The 1993 Graduation in March marked a departure for Moore College Graduation ceremonies in that it was held, not in the College Dining Hall, but in the Great Hall of the University of Sydney. The reason for this change was the increasing number of people who want to attend the graduation of our students, making it impossible for us to accommodate the ceremony on the College Campus. Four hundred people attended the 1992 ceremony under somewhat cramped conditions. The Great Hall resolved the problem of the numbers and proved to be a venue ideally fitting for the significance of this event.

With 72 graduates, including Diplomates of Bible and Missions, Diplomates of Arts and Graduates of Theology, the Great Hall was almost filled to capacity. The enthusiastic response of those who attended vindicated the decision to move to the Great Hall. Bishop John Reid presided over the ceremony as Administrator of the Diocese and Acting Chairman of the College Council, and Dr John Woodhouse spoke eloquently and forcefully about the gospel we preach. It was a grand occasion which was enhanced by the singing of all who attended and the organ music provided by one of our students, Mr Greg Anderson.

A preacher on preaching

One of Australia's best known preachers is giving the Moore College Lectures this year – on preaching. Dr Peter Adam, Vicar of St Jude's Church in Carlton, Melbourne, has chosen the theme: 'The Preacher, the Bible and the Congregation'.

He writes:

I want to provide a robust and practical theology of preaching that will:

- make full use of the biblical foundation of preaching and what the bible teaches about it
- show busy clergy how to make the best use of their preaching opportunities
- give students a clear understanding of what God expects of preachers and of sermons
- encourage us all with practical examples and advice on the preaching and teaching ministries

The lectures will be held at the College on 3rd & 5th August (8.00 pm) and 6th, 9th & 11th August (11.15 am).

Alister McGrath visits

Confident, clear, exciting, challenging – these were words to use about the impact of Dr McGrath during his 10 day visit to the College in May. Alister McGrath, who teaches theology at Oxford, made a profound impression as he spoke about evangelicalism and Anglicanism. He pointed out the strategic importance of Moore in global evangelicalism, and assured the students that the College and its graduates have a major contribution to make to evangelism and renewal worldwide.

At a public lecture in the College Dining Hall on Friday, 21st May, Dr. McGrath addressed the 550 present on Faith, Doubt and Experience. A stimulating question time followed.



Visiting lecturers Dr. Alister McGrath and Dr Murray Harris, Professor of New Testament from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Illinois, relax with Moore College faculty.

Moore College Missions

Every year Moore College students engage in an eight day mission in the parishes of Sydney and beyond. This is always an exciting component in the College curriculum as lecturers lead teams of about 20 students in a week of gospel activity. Some missions which are close to the College Campus enable students to travel to and fro each day, whereas other missions in more remote areas are residential. This April we saw missions in nine parishes as far afield as Milton/Ulladulla on the South Coast, and Gunnedah in the Diocese of Armidale.

Missions provide not only the opportunity to train men and women in the task of evangelism, scripture teaching, youth work and preaching, they also provide parishes with human resources for doing the work of the gospel. Since every parish situation is different, every mission is different, and the programme for the mission is worked out in consultation with the minister and the church's pastoral team.

We are grateful to God for the many men, women and children who were brought into the Kingdom during the recent missions, and also for the encouragement the lecturers and students were able to give to these congregations. Such encouragement to release the power of the gospel through the work of God's Spirit with his Word is always welcomed.



Mission meets the people at Miranda Fair

Gospel in Gunnedah

On this mission one of the exciting and challenging aspects involved the writing, producing and performing of five, 15-20 minute radio segments for the local radio station 2MO. Tackling such themes as loneliness, hope and the meaning of life, members of the team combined their gifts in music, dialogue, story and interview to put together five programmes which enabled the group to broadcast the truth of Christ to a large constituency of country radio listeners.



Vicar John Thew and staff with the mission team at Christ Church, Gunnedah.

Is your address correct?

You are a valued friend of Moore College. We do hope we have not offended you by addressing this newsletter incorrectly.

If we have made a mistake would you please forgive us and take just a moment to telephone or write to the Development Officer, Mrs Heather Jones, so that we may correct our error.

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From the Development Office

It is easy to be attracted to the *doing of ministry* as opposed to the *preparation for ministry*, and one cannot deny the need to support front-line ministry efforts such as missions and evangelism.

But there will be no future front-line ministry without a sound theological training system undergirding it and providing biblically well-trained leadership.

Let us not become complacent! For the sake of the gospel, we must try to make our training the best we can offer.

That is MOORE VISION.

Turning this vision into reality requires the prayers and generosity of the wider Church community. Will you help?



Heather Jones

How can you support Moore Vision?

You can in fact help in all five aspects of the work of Moore College (refer article page 3). The value of your contribution in all of these areas should not be underestimated.

Financially, the College relies heavily on the response of God's people to Paul's command,

'Let him who is taught the word share all good things with him who teaches.' (Gal. 6:6)

You may like to consider:

- **A gift to the College.** Gifts to the building fund or library are tax deductible. Every gift is appreciated and an annual commitment helps develop disciplined giving habits.
- **Encouraging parish support.** Some parishes already support the College through their missionary budget. Does yours?
- **Your company's training levy.** Any shortfall in your company's expenditure on training can be given to an educational institution such as Moore College.
- **Property investment.** A property you purchase in Newtown could be used by the College to house students at a low rent. Those already doing this make rental sacrifice but enjoy the freedom from management and maintenance worries.
- **An interest-free loan** to the College, which can be used to offset our interest bill.
- **The bequest in your will** of a specific sum or percentage to the College.

If you would like to discuss these or other means of supporting Moore College please contact the Development Officer, Mrs Heather Jones.