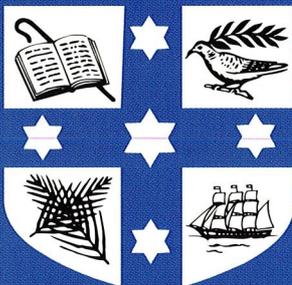


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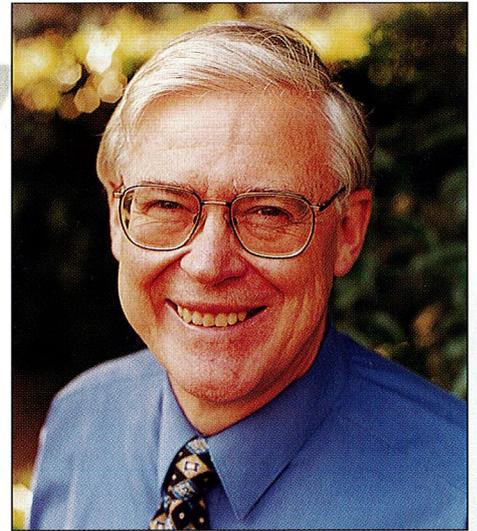
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seize the opportunity *weigh the cost*

That is the question for us at Moore as this millennium draws to a close. Others may well focus their attention on the Y2K bug, but we need to consider where we should be aiming to take the college. Looming large in any such consideration is the question:

to grow or not to grow?

At the moment, as a response to our prayers the Lord has sent us many (mainly young) people. They come *against the odds* - everything in the world is telling them not to give their lives in this way. Each one who offers is a little miracle. Humanly, we can see where they are coming from. Many offer because of the faithful ministry they see in their local church. Many others are encouraged through the university ministries which are multiplying, not just in Sydney but in each of the capital cities plus other major centres. **I believe that if we are seized with the vision of what may be accomplished through them, we will look to the Lord for our resources and try to train every suitable person who presents.** There is good reason to think that numbers will continue to grow in the next decade. What does this mean in practical terms? We must grapple with maintaining the **balance between opportunity and resources.**



by Peter Jensen

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On the side of opportunity - The number of young, able and committed men and women presenting gives us special opportunity to train not only ministers, ancillary workers, lay people and missionaries, but also theological teachers for other institutions at home and abroad. In these matters something of vast importance is at stake - we cannot afford to engender a shallow Christianity based only on experience. Experience is vital, but **if the gospel is going to make inroads in Australia, hundreds of new churches are needed, and they will have to be founded and nurtured on solid biblical principles.** Indeed the spiritual, moral and intellectual forces which assail the gospel are powerful and likely to grow more so as time goes on. Now is not the time to draw back from the quality and depth of education we deliver. Secondly, there is **opportunity to expand our work** with new initiatives. I believe that we should consider a degree for lay people through the Department of External Studies, and the development of Christian Education courses for teachers and other Christian educators.

On the resources side - the property, financial and human resources of the college are stretched already. Advances, both numerically and into new areas, will involve intentional change in the pattern of our life and the abandonment of some things we hold dear, but must be without loss of the key principles on which we now operate. This will require the provision of really significant funding.

All those I consulted have confirmed my own conviction that we must seize the opportunity created by the students offering, and that the college should continue to grow in size. Weighing the cost requires us to be bold in our appeal for help. **Indeed it forces all of us to think in a missionary mode about our situation. It is capable under God of repaying the richest of dividends in years to come.**

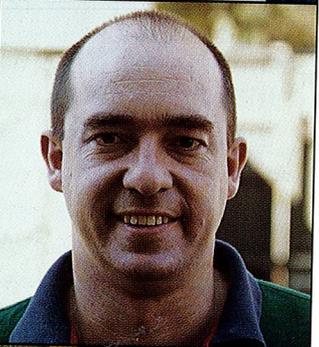
moore graduates in action

working with university students

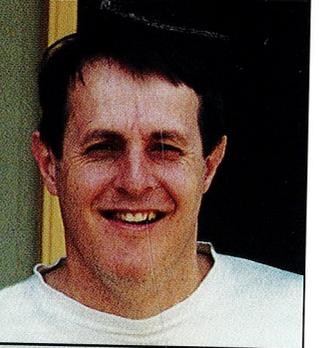
The Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students (AFES) is one of the major organisations involved in student ministry on university campuses around Australia. Sixteen college graduates work with AFES in 13 universities in capital cities and major country centres. The Moore trained National Director, Kerry Nagel says, "University campuses present a great opportunity for reaching young Australians with the gospel of Christ. Moore College graduates are proving well-equipped for this work. We just need more of them!"



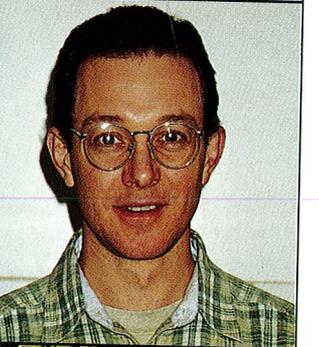
David McDonald began student ministry at both **Canberra and Australian National Universities** in 1990. In ten years a staff team has grown, a ministry training program has been developed and "many students have become Christians and many more challenged to reshape their lives in the light of the priorities of Christ," says David. In 1996 he planted Crossroads Christian Church which now has close to 300 adults and 60 children in regular attendance and an outreach to the university campuses, the Australian Defence Force Academy and the Australian Institute of Sport. Over the last few years a steady stream of people have moved from this Canberra ministry to Moore - seven currently in college, plus Tim Mildenhall reporting below from Perth and Dom Fiocco who has rejoined David in Canberra.



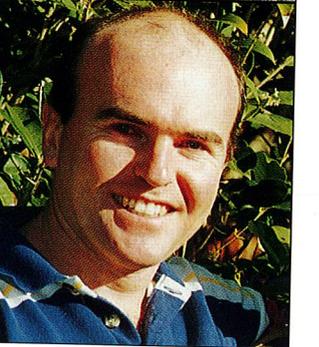
Warwick de Jersey spent two years on staff at Holy Trinity Adelaide before seizing the opportunity in 1996 to work full-time with AFES at **Adelaide University**. Warwick sees great strength in having access to students five days a week, describing his role as "to teach and train the students for the three to four years they are on campus so that they can spend a lifetime serving God through their local churches." He tells of a growing stream of graduates who know their Bibles, are keen evangelists, and understand the nature of Christian leadership, now taking up significant ministry opportunities in their churches. Of student ministry he reflects, "I am constantly reminded of its strategic nature in providing the church with its next generation of leaders."



Keith Birchley came south in 1981 to train at Moore, stayed on to be Assistant at St Paul's Carlingford, before returning to Brisbane in 1992 as AFES staffworker, **University of Queensland**. He says, "those 12 years in Sydney were the years of training and preparation but now we have found what may well be our life's work. Evangelising, teaching, pastoring, training..." and describes a typical week, "I've been continuing the dialogue with a Pakistani gentleman who would have us convert to Islam; writing a training paper on how to evangelise Muslims; thinking through the pastoral issues to be dealt with at our Mid-Year Camp on Love, Sex & Marriage; and watching the Great Fisherman go fishing as we read the gospel of John with people around the campus."



Sam Green, who graduated BTh with Dip Min in March, writes from the **University of Tasmania**, Hobart campus of "Bible teaching at public meetings, small meetings, prayer groups, organising a whole range of events, and training as many leaders as I can." Over 100 students are involved. Sam says of his preparation for this work, "I use my training from college every day!" He is also AFES's Islamic specialist. He provides AFES workers elsewhere, plus interested others, with a wealth of relevant material so that they are not caught off-guard, arguing that "as there is an increasing number of Muslims in our universities, issues relating to Islam are going to become more significant in coming years."



Tim Mildenhall completed his BD in 1998 and immediately headed west for student work at **Curtin University in Perth**. He recalls the words of a faculty member, "Six months out of college you will have used up all your jokes and interesting stories, and it'll be just you and the Bible and the congregation. You're going to need the skills to dig deep into God's Word." Tim can now say, "I am profoundly thankful for college - so far it has equipped me to keep doing that." He has found that "some of the values, accents, clichés and dreams of Perth-ites are new, and to communicate I need to adapt to them." In his work with students in Perth, Tim confesses a growing appreciation of the relevance and usefulness of the pastoral side of the college curriculum.

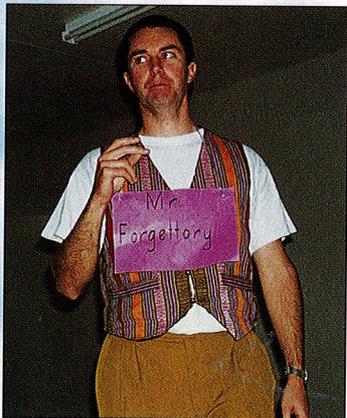
South Tamworth

"The church was well-prepared, many friends were invited to the various events and the team worked extremely well together," leader Keith Condie reports of South Tamworth mission. A high school seminar on Mark's gospel employed video, music, drama, games, talk and testimony, while John's gospel was presented to the hundred plus at Sunday evening's **Café Church** with dramatic Bible readings, drama, songs and short, pithy talks. The primary school team used a **Heroes** theme to present Jesus as the greatest hero. Keith recalls, *"The message was reinforced by a juggling clown, Mr Forgettory (Gavin Weakley) who tried to get the children to forget the message by pouring his invisible forgettory sauce over them. It didn't work! Rather it got lots of laughs and helped them to remember it even more clearly."* Other highlights included Michael Jensen's talk to guests at a Combined Dinner on *"Men are from Mars,*

Women are from Venus" with a very amusing introduction (like father like son? - Ed) and Paul Dale (on a one semester exchange from Oak Hill, UK) giving a likewise amusing and challenging address on *"God, Sex, Beer and Sin - Pick the Odd One Out"* to about 60 men at Nemingha Pub.

Miranda

"It was exciting working with a church that was both thinking about evangelism and actively involved in it. Before we arrived folk from the church had visited about 5,000 homes and given away 1,500 videos of the film, 'Jesus' " says leader Mike Raiter. Seven services over two Sundays were an important focus, a number of invited guests making positive responses when challenged for a decision about the gospel. Work amongst high school students at Port Hacking High involved scripture classes, a two-hour seminar and discussion groups. The youth work climaxed with Friday's **Impact** night, about 300 packing the church. Local St Luke's music group sang contemporary songs while the Moore team performed drama and gave testimonies. Many young people indicated that they had become Christians. Mid-week saw significant ministry in evangelistic dinners for women, and for parents of the Children's Club members. Rector Glenn Davies reflects on many positive comments and first time prayers, *"they do show that God was in our midst, drawing people to himself - and for that we praise God. Moreover, I'm sure God was doing 'immeasurable things' among us."*

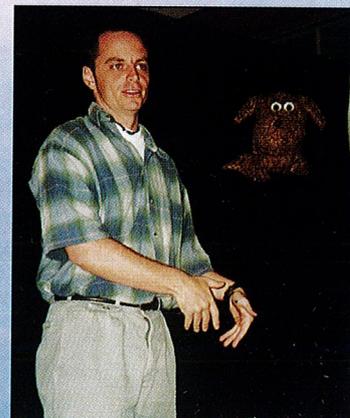


*"The true light
missions 99
which enlightens everyone"*

From 18th to 25th April, in a week plus a second Sunday, twelve teams of students led by members of faculty gained hands-on experience in evangelism and mission in the Sydney parishes of Albion Park, Camden, Carlingford, Gladesville, Lithgow, Miranda, Pendle Hill, Rooty Hill, Seven Hills, Terrey Hills (not a case of *heading for the hills* I hope - Ed) and Wilberforce, plus at South Tamworth in the Armidale Diocese. All report with enthusiasm of lessons learnt, of the hospitality and encouragement of their hosts, and of the joy in seeing God change lives.

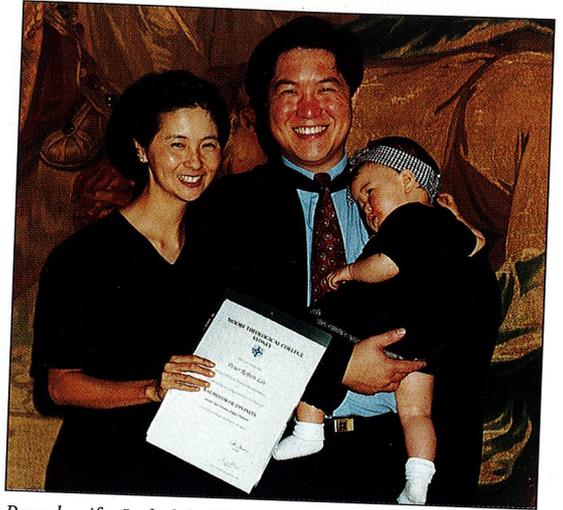
Carlingford

Amy Davey (Year 1) describes the Carlingford mission led by Colin Bale as *"a busy, challenging and very exciting week providing many opportunities to present Jesus to a range of people in varied contexts."* Five church services on each of two Sundays were rewarding but challenged the team's energy, and a **puppet show** thrilled the Sunday School children plus local primary school scripture classes. **Sumo Wrestling - with a difference** was a novel approach for youth groups, and dialogue meetings and evangelistic restaurant dinners were held for various home groups. Amy reports that *"women students had great opportunities for personally discussing Jesus with women attending various morning teas."* She highlights **Stranger Evangelism** at Macquarie University as *"a particularly fruitful means of reaching many people with the message of the cross, and an opportunity to encourage Christian students in gospel ministry."* Amy concludes, *"We praise God for his work in and through us over our week of mission."*



Graduation 99

Even after seven previous Graduation ceremonies in the Great Hall of the University of Sydney this venue continues to impress, the robes of faculty members, College Council and special guests lending colour to the historic backdrop. On 8th March, with Archbishop Goodhew presiding, twenty-three graduands received Bachelor of Divinity, another sixteen Bachelor of Theology and eleven the Diploma of Bible and Missions. Ten more were conferred with postgraduate degrees. The challenging address by Dr Peter Adam, Rector of St Jude's Carlton in Victoria, contrasted the futile attempts of human wisdom to keep God at a distance with the irresistible power of God's wisdom which has been revealed in the folly of the crucifixion. Vice-Principal Peter O'Brien interviewed graduating Chinese surgeon John Leung who explained his change of career, *"with a scalpel you can save some of the people some of the time, but the gospel saves all of the people all of the time."* Also interviewed was Carolyn Burgess who came to Moore single for one year, and left with a BTh, a husband Roger (graduating BD), and baby Heidi. Principal Peter Jensen, with his penchant for surprises, made an unprogrammed presentation to Peter O'Brien in recognition of 25 years service to Moore, adding that he *"expected him to continue for some years yet."*



Proud wife Isobel holds Peter Lin's BD while he holds Jessica. Peter is now engaged in the new Multicultural Bible Ministry as St Barnabas' Fairfield with Ray Galea

School of Cross - Cultural Mission

Originally the inspiration of Jim Ramsay, the Rector of St Luke's Liverpool, the third *School of Cross-Cultural Mission* and the first under the auspices of Moore College brought over one hundred to the Knox Centre on 28th April. Papers were presented by Mike Raiter, Graeme Goldsworthy, Joshua Ng and Tony Payne. The organising committee comprising Jim Ramsay (Chairman), Mike Raiter, Ray Galea and Archie Poulos has indicated that this could become an annual event. Jim says, *"It was marvellous - the best yet! The papers were excellent and a greater number of people attended, from a wider variety of ethnic and cultural backgrounds."* Jim quoted Acts 17:26, *"From one man he made every nation of men..."* as foundational to the day's purpose, explaining *"It's not so much trying to cross cultures but bringing the gospel into all cultures."*



Mike Raiter (on right) between sessions with (from left) Ernest Chau, Sharyon Bonomini and Kevin Murray

Following well-attended *Brisbane Conferences* in April and September last year, another was organised by the External Studies Department for 9th to 11th April 1999. Faculty members Mark Thompson and Bill Salier headed north and all who attended spoke of being excited and encouraged by their teaching. The next *Brisbane Conference* will be on 17th to 19th September 1999. Further details may be obtained from the External Studies Department.

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campus development

2 & 4 Little Queen Street

townhouses were completed on schedule for the commencement of Term 1. The reality is even more exciting than was hoped - they are **attractive, modern, functional and easy to maintain**. While certainly compact, these townhouses nevertheless provide a good standard of college housing for student couples with up to two children. All but the last \$35,000 of their total cost was raised by public appeal.



Peter & Bettina Kaldor in their new kitchen with daughters Sophie and Isabel

Special thanks to those who gave!

Stage 2 appeal - 15 & 17 Little Queen Street

Last year it was 144 married student couples in college, this year it's 156! **The need is greater than ever!** The college's long-range plan looks to having 100 student houses by 2006. Currently there are 63 houses.

Almost identical plans to those for No.s 2 & 4 have been approved for 15 & 17 Little Queen Street on the site of one currently uninhabitable single-storey cottage. The cost estimate is \$380,000, with \$25,000 in hand at 10th May 1999, and two launch functions planned for later in the month.

Building can only commence when sufficient funding has been secured.

Will you please help if you are able ?

remember this appeal is NOT about bricks and mortar but about providing for the equipping of workers for the harvest field - now and for years to come

fired by what God is doing

Sometimes in this job I get tired. I yearn for the fellowship of my home church each week instead of every second or third, and for getting up at a *civilised* hour on a Sunday morning. Then I visit another church and hear one of Moore's 215 students preach God's Word, and I'm fired again. It is indeed a rare privilege to experience first hand the quality and depth of gifts for ministry amongst those God is sending to Moore (and those he has sent in the past of course). It never ceases to fill me with awe.

Whilst not about to advocate *church-hopping*, I do believe that if I can somehow transmit to others this sense of sheer wonder at what God is doing through the college, **the leap in funding necessary to seize the opportunities Peter Jensen has laid before us will be a natural outpouring in response**. I am certainly fired to be unashamedly bold in seeking such support, both now and by way of bequests to the college. After all, I can always sleep-in on Saturday!

Heather Jones

Moore Prayer

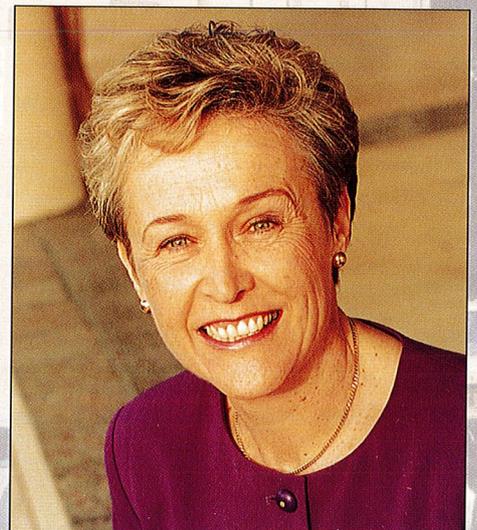
"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests" Eph 6:18

give thanks

- ❖ for a record 1st Year enrolment which includes a third women
- ❖ for the encouragement of Missions to students and host churches, and for many lives won for Christ
- ❖ for good numbers and fine papers at the Cross-Cultural Mission Day
- ❖ for increasing numbers world-wide growing in their knowledge of God through the work of the External Studies Department

and pray

- ❖ for Peter Jensen to have wisdom in decision-making, and refreshment from long service leave in 3rd term
- ❖ that new staff appointments in the college office settle in well
- ❖ for good health for students, faculty & families during winter
- ❖ for the generosity of God's people in providing funding for much needed development
- ❖ that God will bless student ministry in universities throughout Australia and overseas, and continue to send gifted candidates to train at Moore



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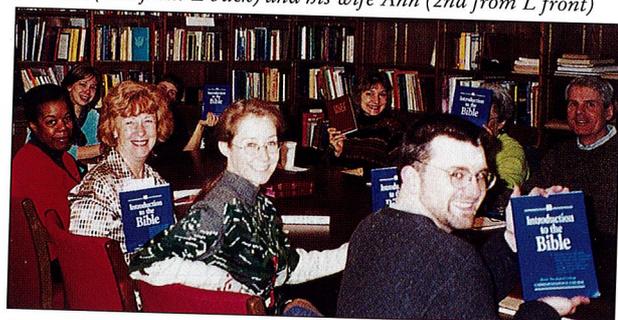
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External Studies reaching the world



Peter Jensen meets some Wimbledon students with UK agent, Doug Johnson (2nd from L back) and his wife Ann (2nd from L front)

In addition to growth in the Australia-wide enrolments for Moore College's Correspondence (PTC) Course to almost 3,000 per year, these courses are assisting many Christians in some thirty other countries around the world to grow in their knowledge of God. Whilst in **England** in November 1998, Peter Jensen spent time with Doug Johnson, Moore's External Studies UK agent and his wife Ann. Peter was introduced to a group at Jonathan Fletcher's Emmanuel Church in Wimbledon, and also met another group of PTC students from St Ebbe's in Oxford. Enrolments in the UK for Spring Term 99 reached an all-time record of 501.



Some of Paul Perini's happy group from All Angels' Church, New York studying "Introduction to the Bible"

Paul Perini, who is in **New York** for six months, sends news of a group of about twenty at All Angels' Church whom he is leading through the PTC subject, *Introduction to the Bible*.

Exciting news from **Kota Kinabalu** is that CMS's Jim Doust has a class of over 100 (keeps growing!) studying this first subject, plus another two doing *New Testament 1*. Eight of the students are using the Chinese language version! Jim says, "candidates range from housewives to business people, from church staff members to university graduates, from youth workers to Sunday School teachers and Bible Study leaders, and in age, from the young to the not so young." Student Mr Liaw Lam Thye says, "*Studying the Bible with the 'Introduction to the Bible' and 'New Testament 1' notes is different from my daily Bible reading. Preparing for the exam really helps me focus more on the message and its meaning. It has given me a good approach to understanding the Word of God and it has made me realise that every Christian should take God's Word seriously and should study to share it with others.*"

a friend drops by

At the end of March this year, prior to speaking at the Easter Convention in Katoomba, **Dr Don Carson** squeezed a visit to Moore College into his busy schedule. Don is Research Professor of New Testament at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, USA and he challenged students here with four lectures on the topic "*The Difficult Doctrine of the Love of God.*"

The college gives thanks to God for the blessing of such fine contributions as this from its fellowship with evangelical scholars around the world.



Don Carson conversing over a coffee break in the Knox Centre Foyer with students (from left) Amy Davey (Year 1), David Maher (Year 4) and Jodi Chapman (Year 2)

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The Rev Peter Brain (MTC 71-74) on 15th May was elected the next Bishop of Armidale. Peter returns from 19 years ministry in the Diocese of Perth. The college community extends warmest best wishes to Peter and his wife Christine, plus friends in the Armidale Diocese, and also to Betty and Peter Chiswell (MTC 57-58) for happy retirement and a well-earned rest.

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