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More Space Needed – A Library Grows



Imagine your storage problems if you were given a roomful of books. Imagine receiving another even bigger lot next year ... and the next ... and the next. That's the problem for the Moore College Library.

It's a good problem to have. It makes the Library a great Christian resource. But it's also a difficulty.

Almost a decade ago the College (with the help of supporters)

purchased the Master Builders Association building at 1 King Street. It currently houses both Library and Administration. Now the Library needs to expand and the Administration must therefore move. Any visitor can see that the books are packed too tightly and that study space is restricted.

In order to help meet this situation the College Council has decided to purchase a two-storey building next door to the College Campus in King Street. At present it is owned and occupied by Kelly & Sons Real Estate.

The cost of the property was \$945,000. *Once more we are asking our supporters to give generously toward this purchase.* It is an indication of the growth of the College in numbers and in capacity that the extra space is needed. Elsewhere in this Bulletin you will find a letter from the Treasurer and a response form. Please use it to make your contribution to this important project.

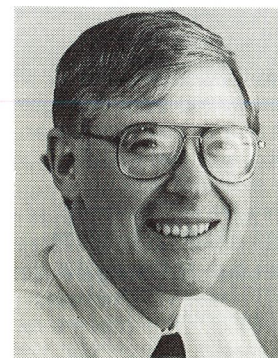
People Matter

God is certainly able to make his gospel known in any way he chooses. His chief method, however, involves the use of human beings as his agents. Whether it is through the spoken or the written word, we become Christ's followers with the involvement of others. In God's strategy nothing is so important as people.

One of the most significant aspects of Christ's work was the appointment, training and commissioning of his disciples. Our

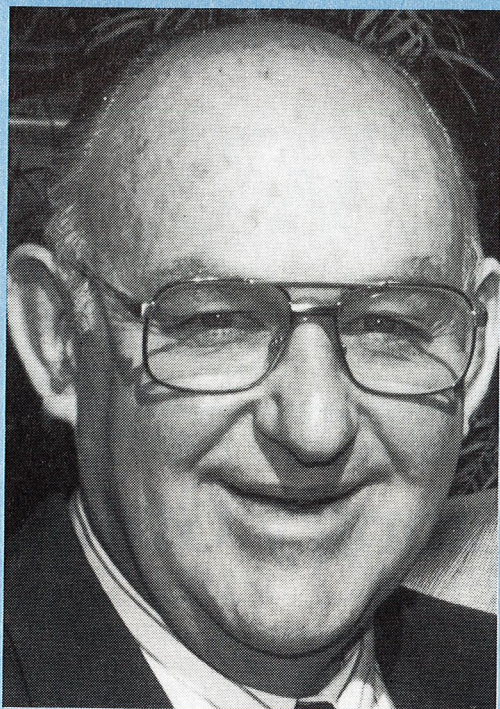
College is still part of that work today – preparing people to preach God's word and sending them to key positions.

You can be involved. As well as supporting our work financially, please pray that God will send the right people for training (1 Timothy 3:1-13 suggests some of the qualities we should be looking for). Please pray that our training will be of the highest quality. Please pray that our graduates will be both faithful and skilled pastors and teachers.



Peter F. Jensen

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John Chapman

John Chapman – Preaching Coach

From the beginning of 1990 Canon John Chapman has joined the teaching staff of the College as a part-time lecturer. His particular role is to teach theology and skills of evangelistic work to the students and to improve their preaching.

John is well known in this country and abroad as an evangelist, Bible teacher and author. His early background was in teaching and, in more recent years, he has been employing catechists and helping them develop preaching and evangelistic skills.

Now he is available to all students. He is not taking over the education of preachers – many others are involved in this. He is offering a

crucial additional role, more or less like a coach. He listens to sermons and offers personal critique and challenge.

Students are enthusiastic. John's gifts as a communicator are well-recognised, but he is also a sympathetic and perceptive critic of the preaching of others, and is able to make a positive contribution to the development of their skills. The usefulness of spending an hour or two with such a person at the beginning of a life-time spent in preaching can hardly be exaggerated.

It is an exciting development for the College!

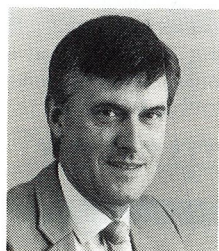
The Hardings

Mark Harding has now left the College to pursue higher studies at Princeton Seminary in New Jersey USA. Mark and Sue have already received visits from friends associated with the College who report that they are flourishing in the new environment. The children, including Jane, are happily settled and the accommodation is good. They have purchased a large American-type car – and Mark's studies are going well so far.

St Andrew's Cathedral and the Principal was installed at a service in the Cathedral last August. On the same occasion College graduates, Rev David Hewetson and Rev Brian King, were also made canons of the Cathedral. On 1st May 1990 Dr Paul Barnett was consecrated Bishop of North Sydney. Paul lectured full-time at the College during the 1960s and remains a most welcome visiting lecturer. He and the Principal worked together as Rector and Curate at St Barnabas', Broadway in the early 1970s.

Michael & Sarah Raiter

After several years on the College faculty Michael Raiter with his family has left to take up work as a missionary in Pakistan. Michael's contribution to the life of the College has been a strong one and it is evident that he will be a valued worker in the situation in Pakistan. Members of the College are praying for Michael and Sarah that their time in Pakistan will be fulfilling.



Bill Lawton

The Lawtons

Bill & Margaret Lawton and their family were farewelled from College at the Annual Dinner last November. It was a moving and memorable occasion with students and colleagues alike leaving no doubt of the esteem and affection in which Bill is held. Bill is now the Rector of St John's, Kings Cross with St Peter's, Woolloomooloo.

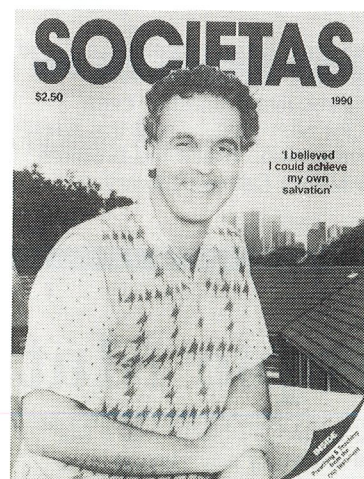
Canon Jensen, Bishop Barnett

The Archbishop invited the Principal, Peter Jensen, to become a canon of

Adrian Lane/Peter Bolt

Two exciting additions to the College teaching staff this year are Adrian Lane and Peter Bolt. Adrian comes from Sydney but trained in Gordon Conwell Seminary in Boston, USA. He has a background in social work and was, for some years, on the staff of St Barnabas', Broadway. He is bringing an infectious enthusiasm to his work with students as well as the academic skills developed at Gordon Conwell, where he passed with high honours.

Peter Bolt began his studies in Medicine. But the lure of the ministry drew him away and he spent some time on the ministry team at St Matthias', Centennial Park before coming to College in 1982. After graduation he served in St Clements, Mosman and in the Mt Druitt parish, and found the work of gospel ministry engrossing and fulfilling. Peter is an able preacher and teacher and a keen evangelist.



Societas

Societas for 1990 is now available. It contains fascinating stories of the lives of students together with articles on "Understanding the Old Testament" and "Reading the Bible Aloud". As usual, the indispensable student and staff photos are included. It is produced totally by the students and at \$2.50 is an excellent buy.



External Studies Graduation.

External Studies

The External Studies courses continue to be popular, with significant enrolments in both the Correspondence Course and the Evening Course this year. At the graduation on 25th May, 49 persons were present to receive their awards, including some who had travelled from interstate. In all, 133 people graduated with a Preliminary Theological Certificate (PTC), Certificate in Theology (Th C) or a Diploma in Biblical Studies (Dip BS) this year. When we remember that this represents many who are involved in scripture teaching, Sunday School, Beach Mission, lay preaching and general Christian witness in Australia and abroad, we can sense something of the strategic character of the work.

Fire Precautions

The College has recently spent over \$240,000 on improving the Single Quarters. The main aim of this has been to upgrade the fire safety situation. Sprinklers have now been installed throughout and new stairways built. It has been an expensive but necessary exercise and part of the general upgrading of College buildings that is in process.

More Books

The Faculty has continued to engage in writing and publishing. Peter O'Brien's new commentary on the Greek text of Philippians has been submitted to the publisher. Barry Webb has been busy working on Isaiah for the *Bible Speaks Today* series. Those who heard Barry at the Katoomba Convention on this subject will be looking forward to its appearance. Both Barry and John Woodhouse have contributed commentaries on Old Testament books for a new version of the N.I.V. called the *Geneva Study Bible*.

Australian College of Theology

During April the College was the venue for a meeting of faculty

representatives from all the Colleges teaching the B Th. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss matters of educational and theological significance. A highlight was the visit of Archbishop Marcus Loane who spoke on the life and work of Bishop J B Lightfoot. Dr Ken Cable also gave a much appreciated address on Australian Church History. Dr Stuart Barton Babbage, the Registrar of the Australian College of Theology, was very pleased with all the arrangements for hospitality and with the conference in general.

Explorations & School of Theology

The next volume in the series Explorations has been dispatched to the printer and should be available for purchase in September. It contains the papers from the 1989 School of Theology which studied the theme of "Issues of Life and Death". The papers have been

carefully revised and the whole volume will be an important contribution to help biblical thought on this subject by those engaged in preaching and decision making. The 1990 School of Theology is going to be concerned with the Spirit of God. Faculty members are preparing their papers already and have been meeting for breakfast at 8:00 am on several Monday mornings in order to share preliminary discussion. The College chef, Jock Stewart, has kindly provided croissants and good coffee in order to sustain these unaccustomed labours! The 1990 School of Theology will be held on 18th and 19th September.

Annual Lectures: "At the Heart of the Universe"

This is the title given by the Principal, Peter Jensen, to the Annual Moore College Lectures which he will deliver this year. In the five lectures he is aiming to introduce the hearers to what the Bible calls "the whole counsel of God". Since God is at the heart of the universe the lectures are intended to talk about God and his ways in the world. As usual they are primarily for the students but many outside the student body will be interested in this exposition of the Christian faith. The lectures will be given at 8.00 pm on the evenings of 31st July, 2nd, 3rd, 6th & 8th August in the College Dining Hall. All are welcome.

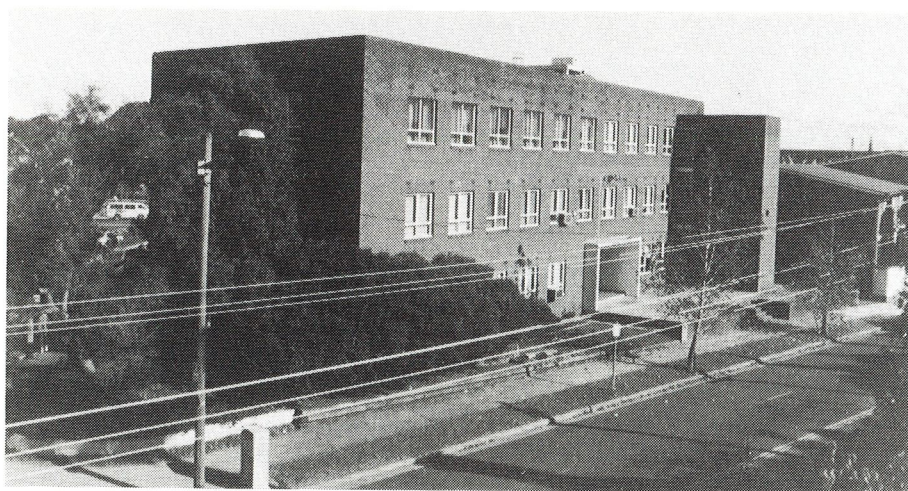


College Mission team in Gunnedah with Rev John Thew.

College Missions

In early May, College students and faculty were engaged in no fewer than 10 parish missions. Locations included two in the Diocese of Armidale and parishes as diverse as Wentworth Falls, Nowra and Caringbah. Missions are always exhausting but once again those who took part were excited by the experience and returned to College with gratitude to God for what they had seen and heard. It is always

good to hear that the gospel has been preached and hearers moved to repentance and faith, but the mission brings other blessings as well. Students see the faculty involved in evangelism and realise that preaching the gospel matters to their teachers as it does to them. Each team begins also to appreciate the gifts that God has given us in each other. Finally, the parish almost inevitably has much to teach members of the College.



From the Treasurer

Campus Development

In 1891 the College moved from Liverpool to its present site in Newtown. At the time of the move there were 4 students and a teaching staff of 1. Today the College has 170 students and a full-time teaching staff of 12. The College has never been bigger and with the continued growth of our city, diocese and nation we can only expect that the College will continue to grow during its next 100 years.

Contemplation of the future growth of the College with the need for larger resources, however, only serves to highlight the shortcomings of the present facilities to meet existing needs. Any further growth will only exacerbate existing problems. Examples of these problems are the

less-than-adequate library building and the lack of sufficient lecture and tutorial rooms.

Visitors and students cannot help but notice the inadequacies of our teaching and library facilities, particularly in comparison with what is available at other tertiary education institutions where many have previously been students.

The two most pressing needs are for additional lecture rooms and for an improved library.

Plans have been drawn up to convert an existing College building into two lecture/tutorial rooms each with a capacity of 50 students.

Subject to the cost of the work and the availability of finance it is hoped

to commence work during the next 12 months. Present cost estimates exceed \$250,000 and this is causing a re-appraisal of the project.

The College was recently offered for sale the Kelly & Sons Real Estate office at 49-51 King Street. We have agreed to purchase the property and, after a short term leaseback to Kellys, will use it as the administration centre. This will enable the present administration and library building to be used solely for library purposes and result in the library area increasing by 50%. The cost of the new building is \$945,000 and settlement is due on 29th June.

To enable the College to proceed with this project it has been necessary to arrange a substantial loan. The burden of repaying the loan and meeting the interest costs will prevent any further major improvements to College facilities for a number of years.

To help the College meet this significant financial commitment we are appealing to our friends and supporters for donations to assist in meeting the purchase price. Settlement is due by the end of June and all donations received by then will reduce the amount of the loan required to purchase the property. Donations can be made to the "Moore College Building Fund" and would be fully tax deductible.

Please give your serious and prayerful consideration as to how you can assist in meeting this serious need.

John Creelman
Hon. Treasurer

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