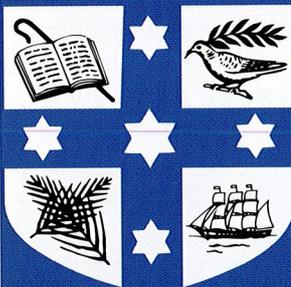


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the battle of the **bulge**

We started using this term for a famous battle in World War II. We also use it in fun for the need to keep our weight under control. Now we are using it for the problems posed by the number of students at Moore College.

first the good news

The college has record enrolments. We have been praying to the Lord that he would continue to send students to train with us - and he has. In 1998 we have 203 full-time students. As I look out over the 90 students in my 1st year class, I give thanks to the Lord that he has raised up so many enthusiastic, godly and well-equipped young men and women. I remember when there were less than 90 in the whole college.

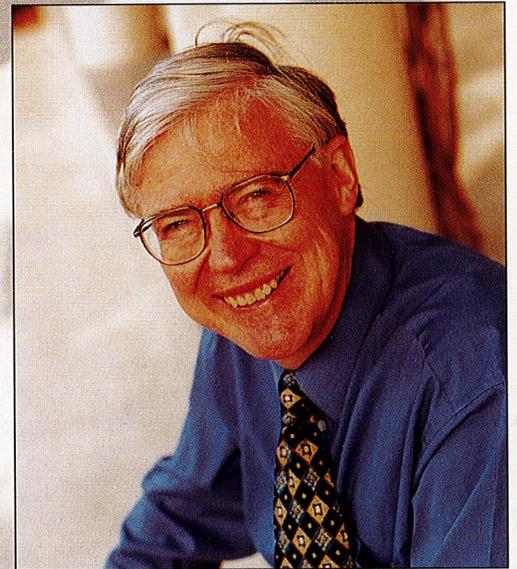
There are also many opportunities for these students to be employed in the Lord's work.

Indeed, we seem to be living at a time of a special movement of God's Spirit, and we need to respond well to the challenges of growth and blessing.

We are told that people in their 20's and 30's are no longer in our churches and that we are in decline. But the evidence at the college is of a special work amongst this age-group, and an enthusiastic spiritual response to the challenges posed by the gospel.

now that bulge

Our resources are stretched. Through God's good provision, we have 61 student houses - but we have 144 married student couples. We try to keep the number of support staff to a minimum, and they work efficiently and with zeal, but it gets increasingly hard to meet the demands. We have increased the number of faculty, but there is an ever greater load of pastoral care, teaching and preaching, as well as the task of defending the faith and strengthening our fellow believers. Furthermore, there are other opportunities in lay education which we would like to take up.



by Peter Jensen

and the challenge

While the student numbers put extra pressure on our ability to provide sufficient accommodation, they also make it even more important than ever to be a residential college. The larger the community, the harder the task of knowing personally and developing good nurturing relationships with one's fellow members. It is so important to ensure that as the college grows we do not let any of our students slip into anonymity. Residence is our best protection.

And slimming is not the answer, when God wants more of us !

As he has heard our prayers, we may be confident that he will continue to do so. But we need your continued support in prayer and giving in order to accommodate students, meet their basic needs, and enable faculty to give themselves to the task at hand. This edition of *Moore News* provides further information about the college as well as the opportunity for you to respond to what God is doing. May I ask that you please play your part in this great work.

faculty moves

No sooner was the June 1998 issue of Moore News distributed than it was out of date. The page 2 gallery of faculty photographs received much positive response from readers. (*They're not a bad looking bunch are they ?* Ed.) The most impressive were those enterprising readers who had cut the page out and pasted it to their office/study wall as a prayer prompter. What marvellous support for the college faculty from these prayer giants !

Since the last issue, following Mike Ovey's return to the UK in July to join the faculty at Oak Hill College in London, has come Dr Philip Kern (*top left*) to fill the vacancy. Philip trained at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School USA, then gained a PhD from Sheffield University UK for a thesis on Pauline theology. He commenced teaching New Testament to 2nd and 3rd year students in

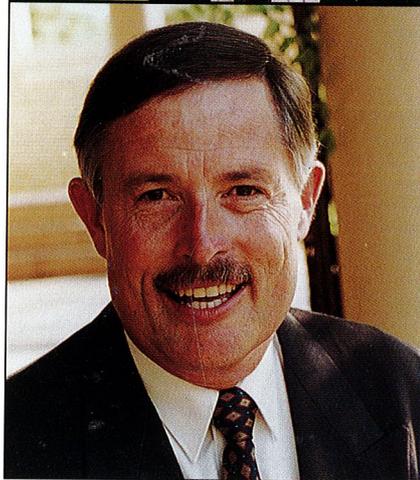


third term. Of his first weeks on the college faculty Philip comments, "I am enjoying college and life in Newtown, aided immeasurably by the encouragement of faculty and students."

The college community welcomes him, his wife Amy, plus their two young children, Alexandra and Philip.

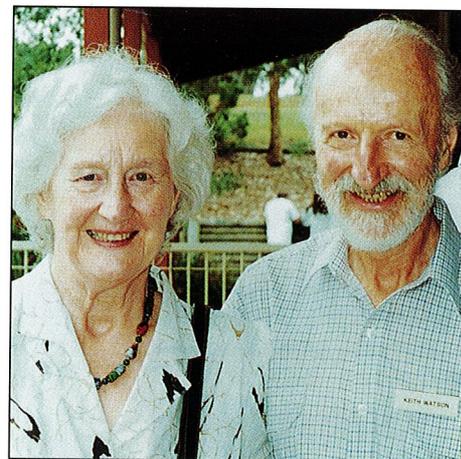
Another leap of faith,

necessitated by the record student enrolments, sees a fifteenth member of faculty appointed from January 1999. The Rev Colin Bale (*bottom left*) with wife Gillian and their children Robert, Elizabeth and Edmund, is to move from Bowral where he is currently Assistant Minister, to a college house on the But-Har-Gra campus at Croydon Park. Colin is a Moore graduate who will teach Church History & Christian Education. He fills the black "wanted" space in the June issue's line-up. The *leap of faith* involves trust that funding for this appointment will be sustained.



30 yrs service

Keith Watson completes 30 years service on the College Council this year. Formerly Associate Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of NSW, he also served over 20 years with Scripture Union. The college community extends grateful thanks plus best wishes to Keith and his wife. At Keith's final Council attendance on 17th September, Peter Jensen paid tribute to his service. In reply Keith reflected, "In a theological college it is not easy to combine good teaching, effective pastoral care of students and their families, high-quality academic research and writing, professional administration, a gracious godliness in the entire staff team and an involved, wise and efficiently-structured governing body. I believe under God's good hand that pattern is being achieved at Moore. Long may it continue." Hear, hear !

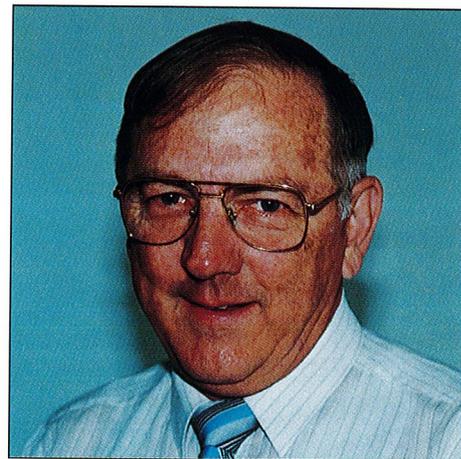


Keith and Bonnie Watson

on the road again ! - an itinerant ministry

Moore graduate and member of the College Council, Neil Prott has until recently been Rector of Kurrajong Parish in the foothills of the Blue Mountains west of Sydney. For more than 20 years Neil has had close connections with churches in country areas of NSW, and is appreciated by those who know him as a gifted pastor and encourager.

It was no surprise therefore, when he resigned from parish ministry in April this year in order to support and encourage Christian pastors and other church leaders across the state. As opportunity allows, his wife June also speaks to women about their vital role in the kingdom. With 34 years' experience in parish ministry, Neil and June have many resources and ideas. However, their priority says Neil "is to apply the principles and promises of the Bible to the vital task of reaching Australians with the message of the cross." He expresses concern that "with approximately 3% of the population in church each week, there is a pressing need for more workers and ongoing support."



Neil Prott

a vision realised

Moore College is firmly committed to being a residential college. However the College Council has for a number of years been concerned about the standard of housing offered to its married students. Many of the 61 student houses owned by the college are in poor, even slum condition. Many have outdoor lean-to toilet, bathroom and laundry facilities, and are in a generally run-down condition.

As funds have permitted, every effort has been made to renovate and upgrade these houses. Funds have been required also to purchase further strategic properties adjacent to the campus as they have come on the market. Ideally, the college should be aiming to have at least 120 houses to offer its married students.

When the previous townhouses at 2 & 4 Little Queen Street were condemned as unsafe in 1994 and demolished, much planning was put into replacing them with new townhouses which would be **benchmarks for the future**. These represent the standard aspired to for all future student housing development at Moore. When finished, they will be attractive and functional while remaining unpretentious and cost effective.

a vision realised indeed !

what it means to us

Perhaps the hardest task of all - more than supervising the building or raising the funds - was that of allocating these townhouses on completion to two of so many worthy student families. Jan Hall, as Accommodation and Conference Manager, and Michael Hill, as Dean of Students, shared this unenviable task and the decision went in favour of the Kaldor family for No. 2 and the Jolliffe family for No. 4. With the grace expected of the college community, all delight with these two families in their good fortune. Asked what it meant for them, Chris Jolliffe (Year 3) replied on behalf of Narelle (Year 1), Bronwyn and Lillian,

"We consider ourselves very privileged to be the first to be allocated No. 4 Little Queen Street. We are so grateful to those who have given generously to this project. Narelle is looking forward to doors and windows that open and shut ! I'm looking forward to a house that will be termite and rat-proof, and will need no major maintenance."

Peter (Yr 3) and Bettina (Yr 1) Kaldor currently live off-campus. Peter says,

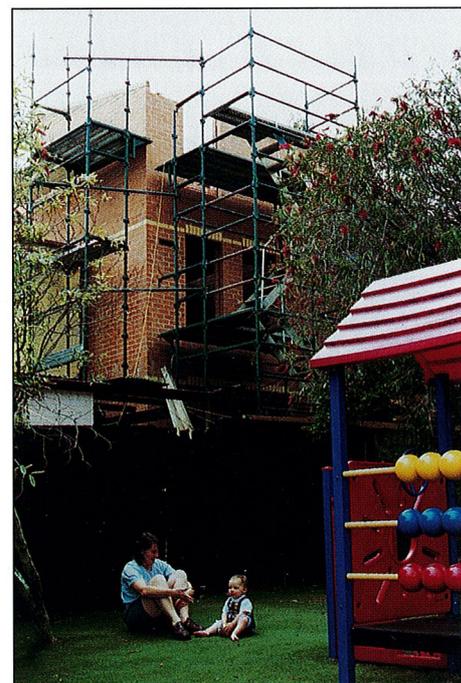
"It's a privilege to be able to christen one of the new Little Queen Street houses ! But above all, we're excited at the prospect of living in the college community. Bettina, Sophie, Isabel and I can't wait to move in."



The two fortunate families - Kaldors (on left) and Jolliffes (on right)



Property Manager Neil Ferguson (on left) discusses progress at 2 & 4 Little Queen Street on 16th October with architect Kerry Fyfe of AJ+C and builder Garry Tuckerman



Student wife Helen Keen with baby Annalise in playground onto which rear courtyards of the new (in photo) and old Little Queen Street houses open

School of Mission in 99

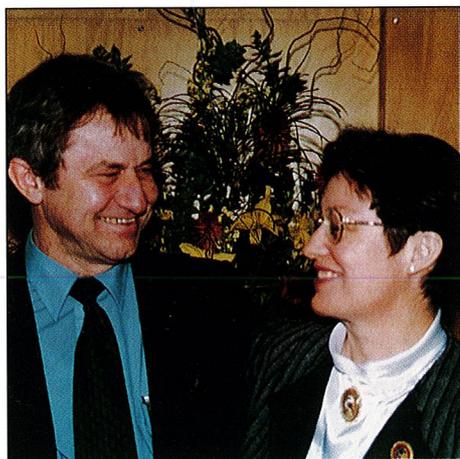
Head of Moore's Department of Mission, Michael Raiter is planning a one-day School of Mission at the college on Wednesday 28th April 1999. This will be open to the public. The theme will be *"How far can we go ? - Contextualisation and the Church in Australia"*, with speakers Michael Raiter, Graeme Goldsworthy, Joshua Ng and Tony Payne addressing various aspects of this topic. The day will provide a forum for discussion on issues pertaining to cross-cultural ministry of the gospel at home and overseas. Please reserve this day in your diary. More details will be available from the college office on tel: 9577 9999 from February 1999.

Webb report *Dr Choong Chee Pang visit*

Moore College Annual Lectures presented in August 1998 by Dr Barry Webb, Head of Moore's Department of Old Testament and Hebrew, attracted record attendances. In this series of five lectures Barry explored those small books of the Old Testament which function as Israel's festival scrolls - Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes and Esther. He explained each book in its Old Testament context, then gave guidance on how we should understand it as Christian Scripture.

Faculty colleague Mark Thompson reports, "Barry's lectures were each characterised by careful attention to the text of the Bible and warm devotion to the Lord Jesus and his people. Many of those present have testified to the helpful way Barry excited them about God's message to us in these books, and their relevance to Christians in the last days. We can't wait for the book that will come from these lectures." Tapes of the five lectures are available for purchase from the college office for \$10 each or \$40 per set (including postage).

Barry and his wife, Alison are interested in ministry to Chinese and Alison has recently won a scholarship to study Mandarin in Beijing for five months.



Barry Webb is warmly congratulated by his wife Alison after his 4th lecture, on Ecclesiastes

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Australian College of Theology is planning to introduce a Doctor of Ministry (D.Min) program and Moore College expects to offer the course from 1st term 1999.

Dr Choong Chee Pang is a graduate of Moore (1972) who later received a PhD in New Testament and Missiology from the University of Aberdeen. He was Principal of Trinity Theological College in Singapore 1982-91 and continues to serve on the faculty there. He is a Visiting Scholar at Harvard University, Visiting Professor at Beijing University, and is a sought-after speaker and respected leader amongst Chinese Christians.

Chee Pang spent several weeks at the college in June. For one week he lectured the combined student body on the Christian identity in Asia, contextualisation of the faith and other aspects of cross-cultural ministry and mission. One evening he gave a special lecture in Mandarin and Cantonese to members of the Chinese community in Sydney.

Students and others who attended his lectures spoke glowingly of his passion for mission, his ability to communicate, and his depth of understanding of both Asian and Western cultures. All who attended are richer for the wisdom and experience Chee Pang was able to share.



Dr Choong Chee Pang gives a special lecture in Mandarin to members of Sydney's Chinese community, aided with the Cantonese translation by Moore College 2nd year student, David Yue

a sure and certain hope

The turn of the millennium provides a unique opportunity for this generation of gospel preachers. This year's **School of Theology** on 16th September examined the place of hope in our gospel and in our world *at the edge of time*. Papers were presented by Michael Hill, Bill Salier, Graeme Goldsworthy, Peter Jensen, Robert Doyle, Keith Mascord and guest speaker, Greg Clarke. Peter Bolt reports, "from all accounts this *School of Theology* seemed to be the best one yet. Not only was each presentation stimulating in its own right, but the speakers involved had worked hard on integrating the papers into a coherent whole." He said, "The resulting *Explorations* issue should be a marvellous resource for those who wish to understand these unique times and preach the gospel of hope to those who have lost touch with the past and have no real view of the future." The sixty plus people who attended the school were enthusiastic about their day, which one described as "long, stretching, but thoroughly worthwhile."

The next school, on *Christian Anthropology*, will be held on Wednesday 15th September 1999. Papers presented each year are published as an issue in the *Explorations* series and may be purchased from Impact Books, 21 King Street, Newtown. This year's edition will be available in mid-1999.

at the edge of time

countdown!

The *Little Queen Street Appeal*, launched June 1997 to build two new townhouses on college-owned land at 2 & 4 Little Queen Street, had raised \$276,000 of the \$350,000 total cost by 20th October. Thanks to all supporters!

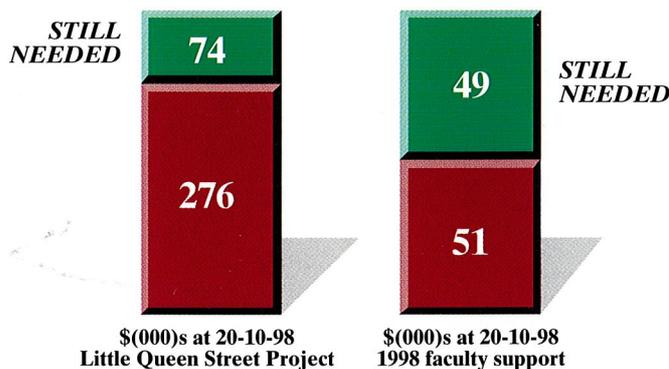
Building proceeds apace (see page 3), two student families hope to move in by start of Term 1, 1999 and so the *countdown is on!* This project depended from inception on private funding and the Principal, Peter Jensen has urged the college community to pray for its debt-free completion.

\$74,000* and 13 weeks to go!

(*gifts over \$2 are tax deductible)

The funding for *two faculty appointments* (\$100,000pa) must also be raised outside the college's general funds. Parishes throughout the Sydney Diocese and beyond are being asked to help. In 1997, \$60,000 was received for this purpose. Income for 1998 stood at \$51,000 at 20th October. There is no doubt last year's result will be exceeded, but an extra \$49,000 is required to achieve the target \$100,000pa. With the need so urgent, a new appointment from January 1999 has been made in trust of this higher level of support (see p 2).

another \$49,000 needed in 98!



forward prayerfully...boldly

This year has presented much challenge and seen many blessings, as under God's good guidance we have confronted the *Battle of the Bulge*.

In Development it would be all too easy to be overwhelmed by the enormity of the ask - faculty appointments to fund, a desperate shortage of student housing with much of the existing in need of renovation, a library bursting at the seams! **Where** to start? **What** to tackle first? **How** to convey one's passion for the college, one's conviction of its strategic importance for the spread of the gospel? **Why** not someone better able to extract \$millions than me?

If that was the whole story it would be a daunting task indeed. But as the extent of the needs has driven me to prayer, "to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine", he has provided much. The provision has involved not only the generous responses of his people, some of these truly magnificent, but also an unexpected wealth of relationships. I have been privileged to share some deeply moving encounters, to hear some dramatic testimonies of faith, to worship and form bonds of friendship with some of God's bravest and most faithful warriors. And of course he has taught me that it is his work not mine. And so I look back in gratitude for the year nearly over, and forward prayerfully - daring to ask boldly, and trusting God to move hearts.

Heather Jones

give thanks

- for the expectation of another record 1st year enrolment in 1999
- for the stimulation and challenge of Barry Webb's Annual Lectures and the School of Theology
- for building progress at 2 & 4 Little Queen Street and for many generous supporters
- that Colin Bale is able to join the faculty in January 1999

Moore Prayer

"and (we) will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word" Acts 6:4

and pray

- that staff and faculty cope with the stress of heavy workloads with grace and love
- for continued funding for faculty appointments and student housing developments
- for the right appointments for all students leaving college and for patience and trust for those whose future is still undecided
- for wisdom for Peter Jensen and the College Council in key decisions, also for all those involved in student interviews



those were the days!

The third *Graduate Fellowship* reunion in recent years was held at the college on 29th August for all students who entered Moore 1946-1949 inclusive, plus their spouses. The nineteen able to attend enjoyed a time of worship in the Cash Chapel, inspection of the old (though much changed) parts of the campus and the new Knox Centre, followed by lunch with the students and many reminiscences over coffee. The four women graduates present visited old haunts at Mary Andrew's College (previously Deaconess House).



as they were - the female student body of seven in 1949, their uniforms a far cry from student dress of today (bottom right), with two boarders and the Principal Miss Stokes (centre). Students Valda Carter (far L), Joan Tindall (5th from R), Dorothy Lennox (4th from R) and Jean McDonald (far R)



and now - all three Class of '49 women and one from '48 enjoyed revisiting "Deac House". From L - Dorothy Black nee Lennox ('49), current Principal Narelle Jarrett, Joan Ostler nee Tindall ('49), Jean Radford nee McDonald ('49) and Valda Corbett nee Carter ('48)

women entering Moore's Class of 1998

First year 1998 is not only a record overall, it includes a record 47 women students - 26 full-time (of whom 13 are enrolled for 3 or 4 year degrees) and 21 part-time. This is particularly encouraging and a dramatic increase from just 3 females in the Class of 1949! (see top right)



Some of the 47 full and part-time women students in 1st year 1998 at Moore

Brisbane Conference II

Following the success of the inaugural Brisbane Regional Conference in April, a second conference was held in this city from 18th-20th September. Michael Raiter and Perry Wiles addressed Old and New Testament Wisdom over the three days of the conference, their teaching appreciated by external students and others who attended.

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