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The Principal writes... **REPORT TO SYNOD**

New Students

This year I've had the privilege for the first time of interviewing most of those thinking of coming to College. It has been quite an experience! Naturally I've met a whole range of people. In case after case, however, two things have become clear:

First, the impact of God's word on the lives of people. Each person has a testimony to God's grace bringing him to Christ. Sometimes I could only marvel at God's ways.

Second, the maturity of many applicants. I believe that the years of sound teaching in parishes across the diocese are 'paying off' in the quality of people offering for training.

What will they find when they come?

Faculty

There are 11 members of our Faculty, all well-equipped to teach their subjects. The quality and unity of the Faculty is most impressive.

Students

The real workers of the College, however, are the 150 students. College spirit is high, but attention needs to be given to the conditions under which they train. Our graduates are in demand for many spheres of Christian service — the ordained ministry of course, but also youth work, missionary work, scripture teachers, student workers, parish assistants and other specialist tasks.

Courses

There is a basic 4-year course, majoring on the Bible, but changes and adjustments are always being contemplated or effected. This year, for example, a group of students spent 5 days with Clifford Warne and others at Anglican TV learning about communication skills. At the end of 1984 the College was given responsibility for setting and marking its own exams by the Australian College of Theology, a procedure agreed by all to be very successful.

Buildings

There are many areas needing development on our campus, not least more and better library and classroom space. If the College is to develop its numerical strength we are going to have to make progress here. The Council has commissioned an architectural survey of the campus as an initial step.

New students — again

Next year students will find a place which gives strong Christian, spiritual and Biblical training. Are we going to continue to find new students, however? This depends largely on the Christian community in Sydney. Without people trained in Gospel-ministry, our churches will cease to grow and evangelise. The College exists for that ministry. Concerned Christians can do two things:

First, pray that God will raise up those with gifts and will for ministry. Second, seek out and encourage such people to come to College.

COLLEGE MISSIONS 1985



Second term opened with students and faculty involved in week-long missions at Wahroonga, Kurrajong, Windsor, Northmead, Dapto and Mittagong. The students were usually billeted in the different areas and involved themselves in a wide range of evangelistic activities including dialogue, meetings, visiting and street questionnaires. Local enthusiasm was considerable.

Rev. Len Abbott of Windsor wrote after the mission:
'I write to thank you and the College for the work done here in this last week by David Peterson and the student team . . . The team was forewarned but went into the work with enthusiasm, integrity and skill. The result here is not only new commitments but goodwill for the College . . . I believe neither team nor Parish will ever be quite the same again. Personally I found the quality of the students very encouraging. "Would that it were possible again next year!"'

One feature of the missions was the evangelistic experience shown by many of the students. It seems that the work being done in parishes through such programs as Evangelism Explosion and the training of the Department of Evangelism is

having a profound effect. This was a point particularly picked up by Rev. Neil Prott, whose team at Kurrajong demonstrated abilities in advance of those displayed in earlier missions in which he had been engaged.

Rev. Allen Quee of Dapto was particularly appreciative. He wrote:
'This was the first time I have been able to share in this form of evangelism using such a large team. They are a gifted group, full of good humour and of the joy of the Lord. As one warden expressed it last Sunday after the final service, "How blessed is the Diocese to have such men and women coming forward for ministry in the future."

'We have been privileged to see folk respond to the claims of Jesus Christ and we are now full steam ahead in "follow-up". Although the 13 Dialogue Meetings were not as well-attended as we had hoped for those who opened their homes in this way have almost all agreed to have some more in the future . . . In all, it was a tremendous week of sharing Jesus with people of all ages and I would be prepared to have another in a month's time!!'

Preparations for Mission in 1986 are already in hand . . .

FELLOWSHIPS

Members' Fellowship

('The Old Students Union')

The quaintly named 'Old Students Union' has been in existence for many years, but it lost whatever vigour it once possessed. Now it has changed its name and been revived. The Members' Fellowship is open to all who have been enrolled at the College, and must be joined by deliberate choice! The Members will receive regular news of the College and be invited to pray and support its work. Alumni who have not replied to their invitation to join, or who did not receive one should get in touch with the College.

Women's Fellowship

One of the best institutions of College life is the Women's Fellowship, to which all wives and women students are invited. It meets on Wednesday nights. Its aim is to build up the members spiritually and to equip them for ministry. Events this year have included: Discussions of ethnic ministries; Session on small group Bible studies with Mrs. Ballantine-Jones; Visits from clergy wives in the growth areas; Alan Craddock on "Guilt and Depression"; Mrs. Judy Taylor: "Introduction to children's books".

Moore College Fellowship

In July the auditorium groaned under the weight of over 300 enthusiasts who came at the invitation of the Fellowship to be challenged about ministry and studying at the College. They were warned by Glenn Davies both not to come to College and to come. We think that the message was clear, and pray that God will raise up the right people to be trained. Contact the College office for details of the Fellowship's work in general.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Retiring Registrar

'Retiring' is not generally a word applied to Glenn Davies . . . but in this case it is true. Glenn, Di and the family have left for Sheffield where Glenn is going to study for a Ph.D. in New Testament. In the last 12 months Glenn has played a most significant role at the College as Registrar and his contribution is going to be greatly missed in this as in many other areas.

W.J. Dumbrell

The inimitable Bill Dumbrell will be back in College next year for the month of June. We have an extensive program of lectures for him to give — perhaps a whole year's work in one month? Norma will accompany him and they plan to stay at the College.

Visitors

Second term saw three visitors from North America come to the College. Dr. Bill Dyrness of New College, Berkeley and Dr. John Rogers of Trinity Episcopal School, spoke to the faculty.

Dr. Rogers has continued the work founded by Bishop Alf Stanway and was able to give information about the growing Evangelical presence in the Episcopal Church of the U.S.A.

Dr. Ward Gasque spoke to members of the student body on 'Things they don't tell you in theological college'. It was a stimulating address — and now we know!

Visits

In the July mid-term break, John Woodhouse and Denis Kirkaldy visited the Riverina for a week to teach the external studies course. About 30 students gathered, including 2 local pastors. This ministry was very well received and could be duplicated in many places if we had more staff and more energy! In August Peter Jensen gave a lecture to the AFES in Brisbane on prayer, and then spent a week at St. Jude's, Carlton in Melbourne, as part of a teaching program called 'Carlton 85'. About 100 people, some from Adelaide and New Zealand enrolled in 'Carlton 85' and the event was most worthwhile. Peter made sure that he distributed external studies literature in both interstate venues! Also in August Kim Robinson, our librarian, took part in a conference in Adelaide and delivered a paper connected with the mysterious art of being a librarian.

Departure

After 9 years of service Mr. Charles Mann has retired from his role as manager of Impact Bookshop. A dinner in his honour was held on Friday 20th September. During the time of Charles' faithful service the shop has grown in size and significance and served a wide Christian public. Mirek Bayscho has become the new custodian of the shop.

EVENTS & OTHER PEOPLE

The Boarders

Mention should be made of the key role now played in College life by the boarders — that is the 30 or so Uni students who co-exist in the singles quarters with the ever diminishing band of single theological students. Geoff Piggott has taken over from Adrian Lane as their 'minder' — Adrian has left for Gordon-Conwell seminary near Boston. We're proud of the quality of these boarders and very pleased that they failed, through youth and inexperience to win the annual touch-football competition! Which leads to the next topic . . .

Touch Football

The Dining Hall rang to the sound of raucous football songs and ceremony when the Fourth Year Team (captain John Gray) arranged their own presentation as the winners of this year's competition. Each member of the year was awarded a (paper) pennant prepared by an enthusiast in the group. They should make formidable curates!

This Principal Broadcasts Too

Former Principals of the college, such as T.C. Hammond and Broughton Knox, have been well known exponents of the radio talk. Peter Jensen, too, has a programme — he gives three minute 'magazines' on 2CH just after 6:35 on Sunday evenings. This is a far cry from the old 15 minute 'Protestant Faith' broadcasts, but they are sometimes also published in the *Church Record*!

The Annual School of Theology

The School, held in May, examined the subject of God, Sexuality and Christian Ministry. It was attended by about 40 persons in addition to the faculty and was generally much appreciated. While numbers were an improvement on the previous year, they still remain below what they should be. The topic of next year's school will be announced soon — but the dates have been settled already: May 19th — 21st. It's for full time Christian workers — why not plan to be there now?

Media Course

A highly successful course on communications and the media was inaugurated for 2nd year students in the August vacation. It was held at the Anglican T.V. Association and was led by Clifford Warne and David Peterson. Students were amused and edified when David had the chance to be interviewed on T.V. during the course of the week. He performed well, though could do with some coaching in a few areas!



The Ferrie lectures

The Presbyterian Church has done the College the honour of inviting the Principal to give this year's lectures, which he has agreed to do on the subject of 'Are the Catechisms Dead?' The use of the sketch, reproduced here in publicity has created some comment already. The lectures are to be given on 15th and 16th October at Annandale and 24th and 25th October at Hurstville.

The Moore College Lectures

Professor Don Carson's visit to give the Moore College lectures has proved to be a highlight of the year, despite the distractions posed by the Leighton Ford Crusade at the same time. We look forward to Dr. Carson's book. Bill Lawton has accepted the invitation of the committee to lecture next year and the topic promises to be of great interest: "Christian Ministry in Contemporary Australia."

College Library

The College library is open to the public between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday. The library contains over 95,000 books and subscribes to a wide range of journals.

The library will be closed for part of the Christmas vacation to enable a stock-take of all books to be conducted. If you are thinking of visiting the library during this time we suggest you contact the College librarian, Mr. Kim Robinson, on 519-2644 to find out if the library is open.



Your Theological College needs your support

The Anglican Church in Sydney stands on the threshold of a new and exciting future.

As the church in Sydney grows, it is vital that its Theological College remains effective in training men for the ministry.

The quality of theological education at the College remains high, however higher interest rates and rising costs continue to place great pressure on the financial resources of the College. This ultimately means greater pressure on the students at the College through higher fees.

Gifts to our General Fund and Building Fund this year are well behind previous years.

Year	General	Building
1982	\$38,637	\$87,271
1983	\$41,226	\$63,416
1984	\$43,848	\$62,365
The 9 months to September 1985		
	\$30,637	\$42,103

The Building Fund is some \$10,000 behind where it was this time last year and the General Fund \$1,000 behind.

You can help ensure that the College continues to be a strong and vital force in the church in Australia through practical support.

Will you make the needs of the College a matter for prayerful concern.

There are three things that we urge you to do:

- Make an immediate gift to the College using the coupon below.
- Approach your Parish Council/ Church Committee and request that your parish support the College.
- Consider making a bequest to the College in your will, to help ensure the continuing presence of evangelical theological education in Sydney.

POINTS FOR PRAYER

Friends of the College are asked to remember in their prayers:

the staff and students;
the new Council;
Administrative and Domestic staffs;
the Selection Committee;
the Department of External Studies.

Prayer is also asked for:

- **Students completing their courses this year**, that they may be aware of God's commission and power as they commence the work of the ministry.
- **An increased number of students in 1986**, that God may send many into the ministry. Praise for the high standard of students being interviewed.
- **The financial needs of the College**, that the work of training men for the ministry may not be hindered by lack of finance; and that more people, recognising the opportunities of the church today, might support the College by their gifts and prayers.



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