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DEFENDING THE CHOKE POINT

For a nation, a choke point is like an air passage. It is a narrow strait or canal through which vital supplies of oil or goods must pass. Such a route is a great blessing since it shortens otherwise great distances. But, precisely because it is so important, it also needs protection and care.

Moore College acts as a choke point for the church. Through the teaching of the College, God's word goes out into the community.

The External Studies courses have ensured that generations of scripture teachers, lay readers, fellowship leaders, parents and other faithful Christians have been instructed in the truth.

The Faculty members are active in explaining and applying the Bible through speaking and writing.

Most importantly, the College attracts and trains the future leadership of our churches. Moore is a vital supply point of men and women equipped for gospel ministry. Graduates are not confined to Sydney. They serve God in all parts of NSW and Australia, and in mission fields throughout the world.

If the choke point was closed, these ministries would not be supported and extended. It is hard to overestimate the importance of the College for the life of the churches we serve.

From the final command of Jesus Christ:

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

Matthew 28:19-20

comes the modern mission of Moore College:

To equip men and women to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in all the world – to care for the churches, build up their fellow Christians and seek out the lost.

Will you take your place in the protection and care of the College?

We need **PEOPLE, PAPER** and **PRAYER**.

PEOPLE - a continuous supply of suitably gifted men and women to train for ministry.

PAPER - gifts, loans and bequests to support the development of the College.

PRAYER - our intercessions to the Lord that he will defend Moore College against the evil one, and provide for its spiritual vitality.

Principal

New students to train for ministry at Moore

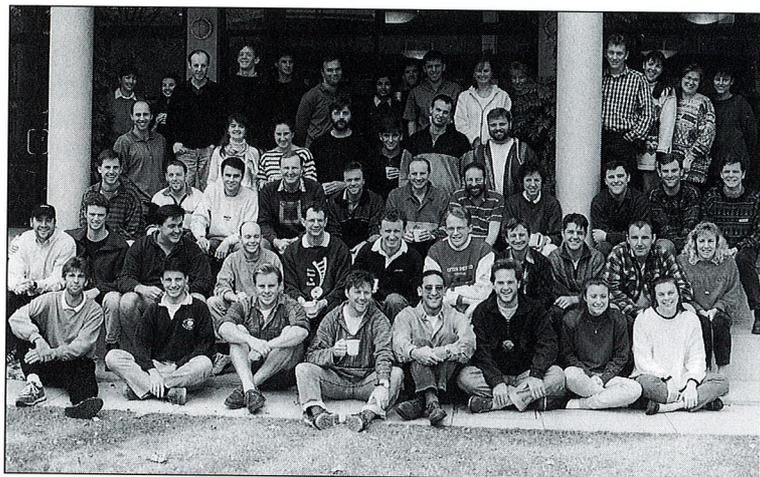
In 1995, we rejoice in a record number of full-time students enrolled at Moore (186), and particularly in the 69 full-time, plus 30 part-time, 1st year students who commence their training for gospel ministry.

Students may enrol for just one year, usually in the Bible and Missions (B & M) diploma course, or for 3 to 4 years in the Bachelor of Theology (BTh) and Bachelor of Divinity (BD) degree courses. All courses are essentially full-time, but partners of full-time students are able to undertake the Bible and Missions course either in whole or part.

Each year group is special - unique - and represents a diversity of backgrounds, gifts and experience. The 1995 intake is no exception.

Anatomy of 1st Year '95 (full-time)

- 69 students (53 male, 16 female)
- 52 BTh/BD students
- 17 B & M/1st year only students
- 26 single (1 engaged)
- 43 married (3 couples)
- 19 students' children
- Age range 22 to 47 years
- Average age 28 years
- 55 Anglican
 - 4 Presbyterian
 - 4 Baptist
 - 6 Other denominations
- 24 Sydney Diocesan candidates
 - 2 Armidale Diocesan candidates
 - 43 Independent students
- 5 overseas students - from USA (2), UK (2), Pakistan (1)
- 5 foreign languages spoken - Flemish, German, Japanese, Swahili and Urdu
- 40 employed in catechist positions
- 58 with university degrees (8 with a 2nd or Masters degree) representing arts, science, education, engineering, law, social sciences, medicine and pharmacy
- 5 with tertiary diplomas eg. in nursing



1st year 1995 students outside the Broughton Knox Teaching Centre.



Overseas candidates (from L to R) - Gillian Brockbank, David Henry, Philip Lewis, Carey Hughes and Frankla Shabeen.



Some of the sixteen full-time female students in 1st year 1995.

Orientation Houseparty for 1st years

As a break from an intense three week introductory course in Greek, the new 1st year students spent a weekend, 10th-12th February, at an Orientation Houseparty at Gilbulla, the Diocesan conference centre. This was an opportunity for them to get to know each other in a relaxed atmosphere.

Students were able to discuss their expectations, hopes and uncertainties about coming to College with senior students and members of faculty while they ate, prayed, worshipped and played together for the first time.

The Orientation Houseparty is a regular feature of the Moore College calendar. Students in more senior years prepare a handout booklet, full of helpful tips and advice on life at College, for the incoming group.

Of the houseparty, 1st year 1995 students said,

"It was really helpful to see so many Christians keen to know God, as well as seniors and lecturers keen to care for us as 1st years."

"A great way to fast-track good friendships, particularly between singles and marrieds. By day 1 of term 1, Moore College looked a lot less ominous and a lot more homely."

"It achieved in a weekend what would otherwise have taken a whole term."

"It helped me to understand why we are required to live in community."



New 1st year students get to know senior students and members of faculty at Gilbulla.

Top award for graduate

The 1995 Moore College Graduation ceremony was held in the Great Hall of the University of Sydney on 13th March.

Archbishop Harry Goodhew conferred Bachelor of Theology degrees upon twenty students. Two students, Kirk Patson and Tony Payne, received theirs with 1st class honours. Tony additionally received the Felix Arnott Prize which is awarded each year by the Australian College of Theology to the top student receiving 1st class honours in this degree in Australia and New Zealand. Tony is currently Editor of St Matthias Press in Sydney.



Tony Payne receives the Felix Arnott Prize at Graduation.

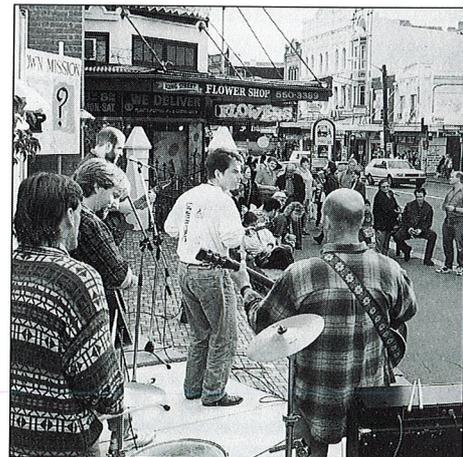
Mission Week

In a departure from the parish-based missions of previous years, the students divided into four groups from 30th April to 7th May for outreach events in the Central Business District, the campuses of the Universities of Sydney and NSW, and the community-based Newtown Uniting Church.

Each group was led by two members of the College faculty and worked in association with local ministry teams.

The Newtown Mission members were challenged to be flexible and compassionate as they shared the gospel with the lonely, those caught up in the occult and homosexual lifestyles, and many from other cultures. They were involved in door-to-door evangelism, public Bible readings, drop-in meal times and a visit to the Children's Hospital.

Excited by much openness to the gospel, they also experienced and learned to cope with raw hostility. The students felt that they grew in perseverance and compassion.



Combined Newtown/student team shares the gospel on King Street via music, drama and the Word.

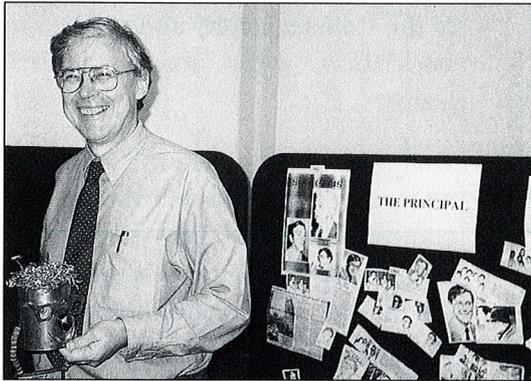
Students on the other three missions also reported positively of experiences in a variety of evangelistic approaches, and of new souls won for Christ. All received fresh encouragement in the power of the gospel.

Celebrating 10 years as Principal

1st March 1995 marked the 10th anniversary of Peter Jensen's becoming Principal of Moore College. Peter graduated from the College in 1969. He was Curate at St Barnabas' Broadway 1969-76, also lecturing at Moore from 1973. After three years leave of absence to obtain his doctorate from Oxford University he returned to Australia in 1980 to again lecture at the College. When Broughton Knox retired in 1985, Peter succeeded him as Principal.

Peter has provided not only fine leadership during a decade of much growth for the College, but also distinguished scholarship. He continues to lecture in Doctrine and has contributed to a number of theological works and written "At the Heart of the Universe."

Peter's wife, Christine, is herself a graduate of Deaconess House. She is President of Moore's Prayer and Support Group and is widely involved in women's ministry within the College. Both Peter and Christine are held in high esteem and much affection by the whole College community.



Peter Jensen with the tin caricature presented to him by the staff at a special afternoon tea to celebrate this 10th anniversary.

Fond farewell to Glenn

After 12 years as Lecturer and Registrar at Moore, Glenn Davies has left the College to return to parish ministry. He commenced as Rector of St Luke's Miranda on 27th April 1995.

Alternatively known as "The Covenant Man" or "The Laugh", Glenn has enriched the lives of staff, students and other faculty members during his time at Moore. He, with Dianne, Simone and Michelle, will be greatly missed. We wish them Christ's richest blessings in their new ministry.

Joining the faculty at the end of May is Michael Ovey, who is a graduate of Oxford and Cambridge Universities in law and theology. We look forward to welcoming Michael, his wife, Heather and baby son, Charles.



Glenn Davies at farewell function.

Moore Prayer Points

"Pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

Give thanks –

- for Peter Jensen's service to the College and his wise leadership over the past decade as Principal
- for answered prayer in the number of students entering College to train for ministry
- for the College Missions – for all who came to know Christ and for the students who gained confidence in evangelism
- for Glenn Davies' ministry at Moore over the past 12 years – for his teaching, his godliness and his warm fellowship

and pray –

- for all living in College housing, that they will adjust to any difficulties and inconveniences, and benefit from the fellowship and mutual support which residence provides
- for overseas students, that they adjust well to the new culture and are not too homesick
- that Michael Ovey and his family settle in to College life smoothly and quickly
- for the faculty and other clergy who teach the Evening Course for the Diploma of Biblical Studies, and that those who attend will grow in their knowledge and love of God

moore taLK about ministry

moore taLK about ministry meetings are intended for anyone who is (or should be) considering the possibility of working in gospel ministry – both men and women, in ordained or non-ordained ministries. The meetings aim to present the nature, needs and challenges of such ministry.

moore taLK about ministry meetings for 1995 are:

Monday, 5 June, 8.00pm at St Michael's Wollongong

Speaker: Matthew Pickering

Thursday, 8 June, 8.00pm at St Alban's Lindfield

Speaker: Brian Telfer

Thursday, 15 June, 7.30pm at Moore College Newtown

Speakers: Archie Poulos and Di Nicolios

If you are thinking about gospel ministry, come and ask others to come with you.

From the Development Office

People, people, people!

May we never forget that Moore College is all about **people**.

If we have written of buildings, of property, of **THINGS** in previous issues, let us not forget that while these may be necessary they are always subsidiary.

Moore College's mission is,

To equip men and women to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in all the world – to care for the churches, build up their fellow Christians and seek out the lost.

We are about **people**.

But more specifically, we are about one person – **Jesus Christ**. For it is our Lord's Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) which calls forth our mission.

In the first issue of Moore News for 1995, our focus is on **people**. We celebrate a record number of full-time students, rejoicing in the depth and variety of their gifts and experience. We give thanks for the provision of new and able faculty members and for the ministry of our graduates at home and abroad.

Our grateful thanks to all who have supported, and continue to support, this College in prayer, in encouraging suitable candidates to train for ministry, and with generous financial assistance.

Peter Jensen warns us that Moore College represents a choke point, a point at which the Devil would delight in attacking Christ's church. An alarming analogy but a timely warning. This College must remain strong.

So please persevere in your prayers and in your generosity, that together we may deny the evil one so much as a foothold at Moore.

Your support may be indicated overleaf. Please do not hesitate to telephone me regarding further information or to arrange a visit to the College.



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