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from the Archbishop

Dear Friends,

Moore College has an international reputation for evangelical commitment and scholarship.

As the Anglican Church in Sydney prepares to strengthen its witness and to make the Gospel available to all people, no matter where they live, let us be mindful of the needs of those who are training to be our leaders of the future.

Our endeavours to witness to the Lord Jesus Christ in Sydney depends to a large degree on the leadership and training of those who pass through the College.

With the retirement of Canon Knox, Moore College enters a new phase. Our new Principal, Dr. Peter Jensen assumes office with our prayers that the College's ministry will continue to be enhanced.

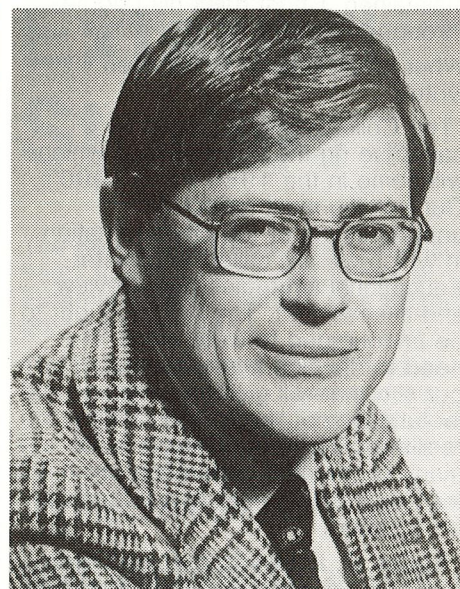
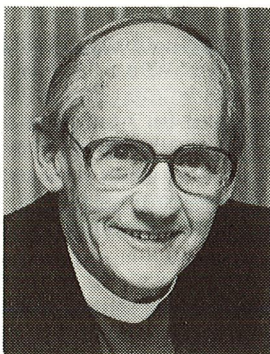
Dr. Jensen has a clear understanding of the challenges that face the College and its graduates.

I ask you to do two things. Firstly to pray for our College, for its students and for its staff. Secondly, to consider how you might provide practical assistance for its needs.

Yours sincerely,



The Most Reverend Donald Robinson
Archbishop of Sydney



THE NEW PRINCIPAL

On July 9th, Dr. Knox announced to the faculty and students that the Trustees had appointed Dr. Peter Jensen to be the Principal of the College from March 1st, 1985.

Peter has been a member of the teaching staff since 1973, specialising in systematic theology. He trained at Moore (1966-69) and has had a long association with student work, having been at St. Barnabas' Church, Broadway.

Between 1976 and 1980 he studied at Oxford University. He and his family now worship at St. Matthias Church, Centennial Park.

Peter and his wife Christine have five children whose ages range from 3 to 14. Their last born were twins, which has given them an insight into the needs of large families, and the ability to move quickly when necessary!

As Peter sees the College it has a number of strengths, most important of which are its strong faculty and the quality of its student body. The level of competence and experience in the students is high and their deep

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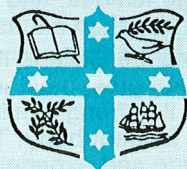
commitment to the gospel is most impressive.

The study of scripture is central to the curriculum and must be maintained. Christ rules his people through his Word.

What of the future? Dr. Jensen writes:

"The College is well placed to capitalise on the opportunities which will come in the 1980's and 1990's. Our training must reflect an understanding of the city and nation in which we are called to minister. Educational strategies need review and assessment. The faculty ought to be encouraged to write more. We need to develop a long-term plan for our site that will give us adequate lecture rooms, library and lecture facilities. The opportunity to train many of the next generation of leaders in south-east Asia is there to be grasped.

"Above all, however, our graduates must continue to be men and women of well-formed Christian character, prayerful and obedient to Christ, willing to experiment in the forms of ministry appropriate in the society in which they are placed. It is an exciting prospect and I am looking forward to being involved in the development of our work. I hope that Christian brothers and sisters will join with us in prayer."



News from the College...

Coming up

Coming events include . . .

Service to mark the inauguration of Dr. Jensen as Principal — 4th March 1985.

Commencement of Ministry 1985 — 11th March 1985.

These dates are tentative, but publicity about places and dates will be sent out in good time. All friends of the College are warmly invited to attend. The Commencement is a graduation function at which we take the opportunity to farewell those who have trained at the College and are beginning their ministries.

Societas . . . coming soon

Societas, the College student magazine, is a little later than usual in appearing this year, but should be available soon. It is an indispensable guide to the College from the student's point of view!

School of Theology

The annual School of Theology was recommenced this year after a lapse of some time and, although numbers were small, owing to a late decision to hold the School, all who attended agreed that it was excellent. The theme was "Holiness". The College faculty presented papers and led discussion, but the enthusiastic participation of all Conference members was a marked benefit. Corporate prayer was a feature of the two-day programme. The date has already been set for next year's School — May 20th-22nd. The theme has not yet been finalised, but it is likely to centre on a re-examination of the theology of the Church. The School is especially geared to Christian workers (and their spouses) and is residential or non-residential as is convenient.

M.A. for Michael Hill

Former faculty member and visiting lecturer, Michael Hill (now Rector of Seaforth), has recently obtained his M.A. degree from Sydney University in Philosophy. Michael's academic interests are in philosophy and ethics, and the College has benefited greatly from his contribution in these areas.

Moore College lectures

The eighth annual College Lecture series was delivered this year by Professor Kenneth Kantzer of Trinity Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois. Professor Kantzer's theme was the importance of the Reformation for today. His lectures proved to be very interesting, and we look forward to their publication in due course. Dr. Kantzer also met with the Faculty to discuss theological education. It was encouraging to learn that so many of the insights which had helped to build Trinity College up are shared by Moore as well. The lecturer for next year's series also comes from Trinity Divinity School. He is the young New Testament scholar, Professor Don Carson, and his theme will be of a study of 1 Corinthians 12-14.

Farewell Dr. Bill Dumbrell

Dr. Bill Dumbrell and his wife, Norma, received five farewells in a row when they left the College in August! They were exhausted, but it was a mark of the appreciation with which they are held by all at the College. Over a hundred of their friends gathered for a Dinner at the College on the 17th August and tribute was paid to the contribution they both made. The Dumbrells are now settling in to their new ministry at Regent College, Vancouver.

New Vice Principal

Dr. Peter O'Brien, at present Head of the Department of New Testament of the College has been appointed to the position of Vice-Principal from March 1st 1985, in succession to Dr. Bill Dumbrell. Peter has been lecturing at the College since 1974, having been a C.M.S. missionary in India. He and his wife, Mary, have four children, David, Stephen, Elizabeth and Sarah. Peter is well qualified for the job, especially through his experiences at Union Bible Seminary in Yeotmal. He is at present writing a commentary on Philippians, having published a successful volume on Colossians two years ago.



Director of External Studies

T.C. Hammond honoured

T.C. Hammond was honoured at a function held in the Hammond Common Room in June this year. It was the annual Library lecture and the opportunity was taken to invite Rev. Carl Hammond, Archdeacon Hammond's son, and Mrs. Doris Taplin, his daughter, to speak about their father. Dr. Knox also addressed the gathering about the teaching of the Archdeacon. The meeting was very well attended, with many of T.C.'s old students being evident. We were able to play part of a tape recording of T.C. Hammond reminiscing which is held in the College library.

In memory of an old friend

Another link with the past was recently severed with the death of Mrs. Grace Davies, widow of Archdeacon David John Davies, who was Principal for 24 years between 1911 and 1935. Mrs. Davies was 97 years old. When she was interviewed for this News Bulletin some years ago she recollected that she had not at first wanted to be a parson's wife or to live in Australia! She met Archdeacon Davies when she was a student at Newnham College, Cambridge.

College Library

Although it is open to the public between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., the College library is not a lending library. Books are borrowed by students, but only if they live on Campus. The College does have a lending library of about 5,000 volumes however, and under the leadership of Glenn Davies this will come into operation again. It is located above Impact Bookshop and may be used during normal shop hours.

Moore College Fellowship

About three hundred interested persons gathered in July to hear Bishop Harry Goodhew speak on the Ministry. This was a most successful renewal of the Moore College Fellowship, and it is hoped that regular meetings will be held especially for those interested in the possibility of study at the College.

Former staff member returns

Bill Dumbrell's place on the Old Testament staff is to be taken by Barry Webb who is due to return to the College early in 1985. Barry is completing a Sheffield Ph.D. in Old Testament studies. He is also lecturing for a term at Trinity College, Bristol before arriving in Sydney in January. Barry's teaching skills are still remembered at the College and we are looking forward to having him and Alison with their family back in the ministry here.

New Bursar

Another new arrival at the College is Mr. Doug Marr, the new Bursar. Doug replaces Mr. Herman Odijk who served the College for three years. Doug was formerly Assistant Group Accountant at N.R.M.A. Insurance Limited and is a Churchwarden at St. Dunstan's, Denistone East. His wife, Kaye, is expecting their second child in November.

Bequest helps College

The College has been grateful to receive notification of two bequests in recent months. Mrs. Wilga Hanlon of Oatley generously left part of her estate to the College in her will. Miss Mary Jones, daughter of Principal Nathaniel Jones (1897-1911) bequeathed her entire estate to the work of the College. We thank God for the thoughtfulness of these servants of the Gospel.

The Rev. Denis Kirkaldy has recently been appointed full-time Director of External Studies, and will take up the post early in 1985.

The External Studies Department of Moore College seeks to extend the ministry of the College to people who are not in a position to engage in the full-time course.

There are three branches to the work.

Firstly, the correspondence course provides a well rounded study programme covering the whole Bible, important aspects of Church History, and the central truths of Christian Doctrine. Different subjects are offered each term, and anyone can enrol in any term. Currently about 1,300 students from many parts of Australia, and from overseas are engaged in this course.

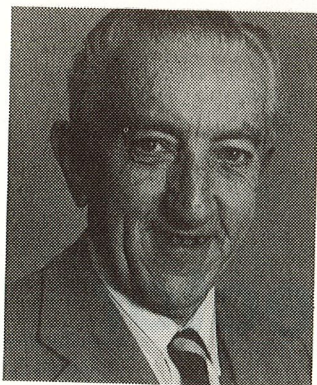
Secondly, the Evening Course is a lecture course conducted in three centres: Parramatta, Chatswood, and at the College. Lectures are offered one night a week at each centre.

Thirdly, a less structured opportunity for Christian teaching to a large number of people is provided by tape cassettes. Sermons from the College chapel, and some lectures, are available on cassette.

Mr. Kirkaldy will take special responsibility for making the courses more widely known, and looking into ways in which they can be made even more effective in helping Christians grow. Please pray for him, and for Mrs. Lilian Phipson who manages the busy office of the Department, and for Miss Carol Watts, her assistant.

If you would like further information about any aspect of our External Studies we would be glad to hear from you. (Phone 51-2437)

From the Treasurer...



The church today in this Diocese is facing a challenge unparalleled in its history, particularly with the expanding urban development in the west and south areas of the Diocese.

To meet this challenge it needs not only material resources but men trained in the widest possible sense to proclaim the Gospel.

Students at the College are required to pay fees at a level that covers the cost of tuition and accommodation provided.

Those costs rise each year and therefore students are required to pay more.

Fees for students have risen over the past three years as follows:

Increase in Year 1982 — 17.9%

Increase in Year 1983 — 15%

Increase in Year 1984 — 15%

You can assist in the future ongoing ministry of these men by contributing to the General Account an amount to act as assistance in the fee income.

Will you make this special appeal a matter of prayerful concern.

You are invited to decide quietly and deliberately what your response will be.

Neville Malone

Students count the cost

Training for the ministry is both exciting and rewarding. And yet there is a cost of commitment that each student has to count.

We asked two students, one married and one single, to outline some of the "costs" of going into College.

Firstly, there's the money needed. The College relies heavily on student fees to meet its expenses. Therefore, students must make provision for these together with living expenses over the four years of the course.

Most students would have a significant amount saved before entering College. Many have to rely on vacation work or financial support from their family.

Secondly, there is the intensive work load and added parish responsibilities leading to a sacrifice of time. For the

single student this often means a drastic cut down in social life.

For the family, adjustments are more complex. There may be new roles for husband and wife. Then there is a difficulty in maintaining strong links with family and friends.

Thirdly, consideration has to be given to the housing and local environment. Living in a Christian community can be supportive and fun. Yet the standards of the accommodation, which the College can provide and Newtown's aesthetic lifestyle both leave much to be desired!

Finally, all students determined to enter College need to devote adequate time to preparation. This usually means wide theological reading and learning Greek. Still interested?!

POINTS FOR PRAYER

Friends of the College are asked to remember in their prayers: the Staff and Students; the Committee; the 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 1985**, that God may send many into the ministry.
- **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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☐ Please send me information about regular monthly donations towards the cost of training men for the ministry.

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