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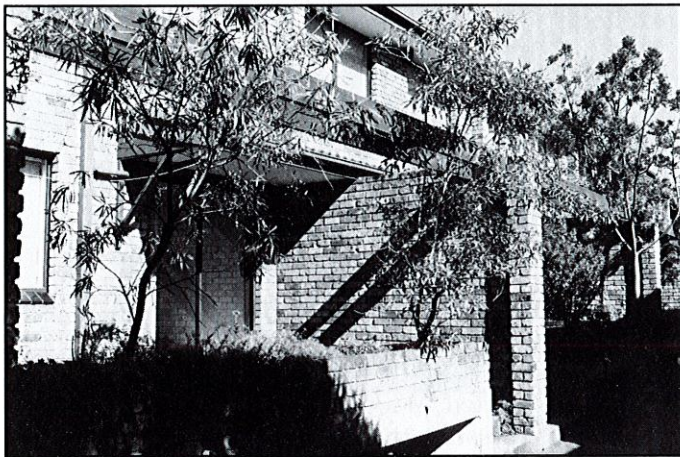
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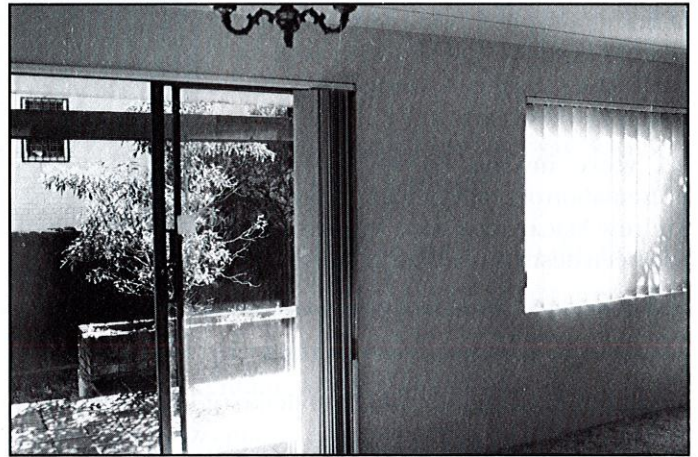
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STUDENT HOUSING COUP – 12 modern townhouses purchased

In a bold initiative for the College, contracts were exchanged in April for the purchase of 12 townhouses in Queen Street, Newtown, within 2 minutes walk of the existing campus. Moore now owns 15 of these small but modern 2-bedroom townhouses in a development of 51, so that there is a developing sense of College community around the leafy, green courtyard of the complex.



The front balcony of one of the new townhouses



Looking out from the living area

Message from the Principal

We rejoice in the unique opportunity to increase student housing by 12 units within the same development and so close to the College campus. Residence is a most important aspect of our training for ministry, allowing for learning to take place beyond the classroom as faculty, students and their families relate to each other informally in day to day situations.

In its Moore Vision statement last year, the College Council announced a target of 40 new units of student accommodation by the year 2006, the College's 150th Anniversary. This current purchase is a great leap forward towards achieving that aim. Suitable property is not always readily available in congested, inner-city Newtown. Notwithstanding its continuing commitment to maintain and upgrade existing properties, the Council supports the purchase, where possible, of such suitable property as does become available.

But the funding of such development is a constant restraint. It has been a bold step in faith to take on an additional commitment of \$2M for these townhouses when there remains just under \$1M to raise for the Broughton Knox Teaching Centre. Other townhouses were available had it been prudent to extend our debt still further.

May I urge all to give thanks to our sovereign and bountiful God for the exciting advances on campus in the past year and to pray that he will move those who are able to support generously the work of Moore.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Jensen'.

Principal

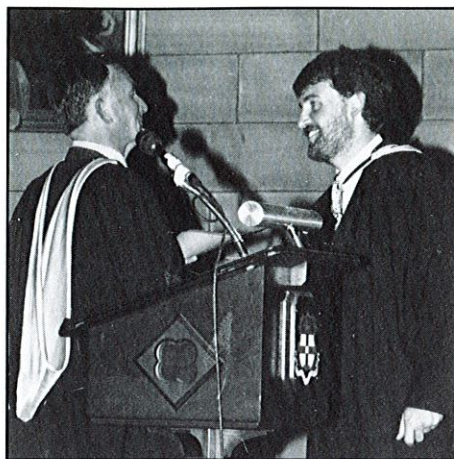
Graduation 1994

On 14th March 1994, 79 students of Moore were conferred with one or more of the various diplomas and degrees offered by the College. The wonderful atmosphere of the Great Hall at Sydney University and the clear, balmy autumn evening were enhanced by the stirring chimes of the carillon before and after the ceremony.

Phillip Jensen in his address stressed that the 4 words, "*Jesus Christ as Lord*," from 2 Corinthians 4:5, encapsulated the gospel and thus the reason for studying at Moore. "*The academic achievements and plaudits are great*," he said, "*but this is not why one comes to Moore. Nor is it about the jobs one gets on leaving College. It is all because of the gospel of Jesus Christ.*"

As the degrees and diplomas were conferred the Vice-Principal, Peter O'Brien, supplied brief details of the current ministry and situation of each candidate, adding a warm, personal touch to the occasion.

All were moved by the surprise presentation of a replacement degree for Andrew Macaulay whose original copy had been destroyed in the January fires.



Chairman Rod West presents Charlie Brammall with his BTh



Graduation address by Phillip Jensen

Graeme Goldsworthy to rejoin faculty

The College community is delighted that the Rev Dr Graeme Goldsworthy has accepted an invitation to rejoin the faculty in 1995. Currently a Senior Associate Minister at St Stephen's Coorparoo, Qld, with a special interest in Christian Education, Graeme has served on faculty on two previous occasions (1958-59 and 1963-68). He has won wide acclaim for his 5 books, among them *Gospel and Kingdom* and *According to Plan*.



Graeme Goldsworthy

Moore College Missions

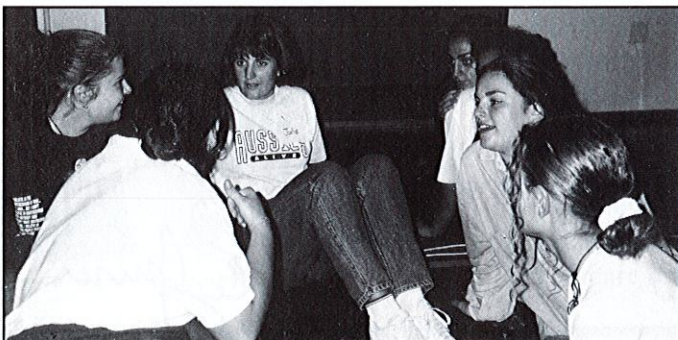
In April this year eight teams of college students, each of 21 to 23 members, conducted "Moore College Missions" in different parishes throughout the Diocese. Teams went to Belmore, Eaglevale, Frenchs Forest, Gerrigong, Glenbrook/Mt Riverview/Blaxland, Oakhurst, Sans Souci and Tahmoor/Bargo/Thirlmere.

The mission at Sans Souci was well received by the local parish. "*It was great in that it really encouraged the people in the parish to invite others and to be thinking about mission. It has had a real impact in people's lives. We are now very busy following people up and have quite a few doing 'Christianity Explained' courses*," said the Rector, Nick Speyer.

"*Many people responded positively at the various meetings at which the gospel was explained*," said Mark Thompson, the team leader. He added, "*It got the mission off to a great start when a teenage boy became a Christian on the first afternoon at Youth Group.*"

The students were greatly encouraged. "*It was great to see one of the ladies we met while door-knocking come to church the next week with her family*," commented 4th year student Ian Hadfield, while second year student Ross Rowe added, "*We were also excited to see so many of the parish members work hard at getting friends along to evangelistic meetings.*"

Nick Speyer summed up, "*We've had men's dinners and other outreach meetings before, but having them all in one week created a terrific air of excitement and expectancy in the parish. The week of College Mission created a dynamic that you don't get in a series of one-off events.*"



Julie McKay with students from Moorefield Girls' High



Men's Dinner at the St George Sailing Club

The Broughton Knox Teaching Centre

GRAND OPENING CEREMONY

On Saturday 9th April 1994, in the presence of some 450 friends and supporters of Moore, Archbishop Harry Goodhew officially declared open the new Broughton Knox Teaching Centre.

The Principal expressed thanks to all involved in the design and construction, and to students and faculty for their forbearance during the upheaval of building work. He chose this moment to announce the acquisition of the new student housing.

After the brief ceremony those present were free to inspect the new centre, including a display of the College's history, to take an escorted campus tour and to enjoy afternoon tea and warm fellowship.

Despite unfinished landscaping owing to a rain-interrupted schedule, it was an occasion for much rejoicing in the provision of such wonderful new facilities.

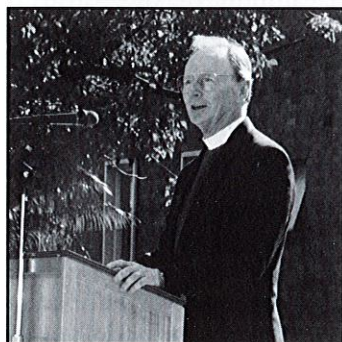
As Peter Jensen said in concluding his address, "... we render all thanks to the one from whom we receive every good and perfect gift, the Lord God himself. To God alone be the praise."



Assembled on the northern patio for the ceremony, guests sing "Be Thou My Vision"



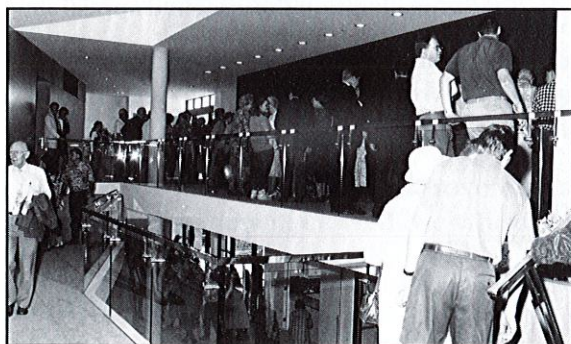
Ailsa Knox with flowers presented by Heather Jones



The centre is declared open by the Archbishop



Some well-known faces in the crowd



Guests inspect the Foyer and the historical display



A happy moment for the President of Council and the Principal

The Centre in Use

In use since the first day of the academic year, the new centre has in the Principal's own words, *"already proved to be all that we could hope for."*

Students and faculty comment:

"... really comfortable, clean and user-friendly,"

Alison Cornford, Bible & Missions

"... particularly well designed. The lighting, acoustics, air-conditioning and furnishings all contribute towards a very positive learning environment. You can concentrate on the lecture without the distractions of noise, heat, cold, draughts, etc.,"

Geoff Leader, Year 2

"A group learning environment free from distraction and unnecessary discomfort,"

Tony Payne, Year 3

"Each lecture room has its own distinct character. All are aesthetically pleasing. The acoustics are so good that teaching in them is a pleasure,"

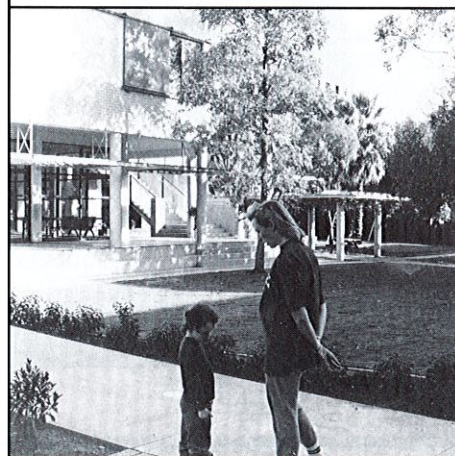
Keith Mascord, Faculty

"... much easier; more intimate; better sound and light,"

Robert Doyle, Faculty

"The design of the lecture rooms enhances lecturer/student interaction" and "The landscaping (when finished) will provide a greater opportunity for the informal learning that takes place outside the classroom,"

Glenn Davies, Faculty



Update on landscaping progress

Past Student News

Andrew Baartz studied at Moore from 1989 to 1992 and during his last 2 years he was catechist at St Philip's, Church Hill, which is just 400 metres from the demographic centre of Sydney's CBD. With a background in accounting and marketing he was well-suited for the task of assisting St Philip's city ministry and in 1993 he was asked to stay on as curate.

The church plays a key role in evangelising the business community within the CBD, and Andrew is involved in a busy mid-week schedule of bible studies, prayer and dialogue meetings.

Christians in the workplace are encouraged to form prayer triplets, small group bible studies and to develop their own network of Christian and non-Christian contacts. Courses are run to foster and develop ministry skills in "personal evangelism" and "follow-up" and each Thursday lunchtime there is systematic teaching of the bible with "The Bible Talks in the City".

Public evangelistic talks are given each quarter for which leaflets are distributed at Wynyard Station and Bus Terminal.

"It is exciting to have members of the business community captivated by the Word of God and grappling with who Jesus is," says Andrew.

With all this activity, Andrew has assumed the role of encouraging the various groups by publishing a monthly newsletter, "City News", to keep them informed and to share ideas. If you would like to receive "City News", know others who would, or if you would like to become involved in city ministry please call Andrew on (02) 247 1071.



Andrew Baartz

Moore Prayer Points

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God; that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." 1 John 5:14

Give thanks —

- for the completion of the Broughton Knox Teaching Centre and for the wonderful facilities it provides for teaching and learning
- for the success of eight College missions in which college students were challenged and stretched in evangelising, and during which many people came to know Christ
- for the opportunity to acquire 12 modern townhouses in Queen Street for student accommodation
- for Graeme Goldsworthy's rejoining the faculty in 1995

and pray —

- that three new students from overseas will adjust quickly to our culture and will feel welcomed and cared for by their fellow students
- for the Bible Study groups and "Christianity Explained" courses being held for university students boarding at Moore College and Deaconess House
- for wisdom and grace for Bishop Ray Smith and the Ordination Chaplains as they interview candidates for ordination and assess their gifts for pastoral ministry
- that the extra financial demands of the new student housing will be met by the generosity of God's people, and that the work of this College may continue to grow in the service of his Kingdom.

Did you hear?

- That a message left to ring Di Nicolios was relayed by the son of a doctor friend as "Please ring gynaecologist" (SMH Col 8) (That's taking ministry to women a bit far, Di)
- About the student heard referring to the new centre as the Fort Knox Teaching Centre (the doors to King Street are usually locked)

Development Office Desk

I paused recently in the busy schedule to reflect on the first 12 months of Development at Moore.

One of the nicest aspects of my job is the people I meet, whether it be the lay professional who has just written a cheque for \$10,000 or the elderly pensioner who sends \$20 regularly from the little she has. Both are giving generously, both gifts are equally welcome and I am constantly reminded of our Lord's words concerning the widow's offering, "... *this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.*" Mark 12:42

What is exciting is the commitment to Moore, the realisation by so many of our church family that the work of this College is vital to the spread of the gospel.

Indeed our very purpose is, "... all because of the gospel of Jesus Christ." Phillip Jensen, Graduation 1994.

With some dismay, I have discovered one cannot do this job without being changed oneself. I find I am constantly challenged to examine, and re-examine, my own attitude towards giving.

None have, perhaps unconsciously, influenced me more than the godly faculty here at College and some of those in full-time Christian work whose ministries I have been privileged to witness.

Unlike the alumni of our Church Schools, the majority of Moore's past students have turned their back on a life of material wealth to serve their Lord. Yet the generosity of many of these men and women in supporting the work of the College has been inspiring.

It is my prayer that their example will stir lay men and women who have been richly blessed with this world's goods to reconsider their own priorities.

May I commend to all for prayerful consideration the attached appeal slip.

Development Officer