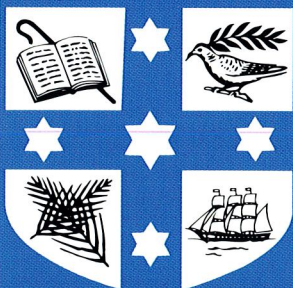


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on seeking a wider **VISION** for the road ahead

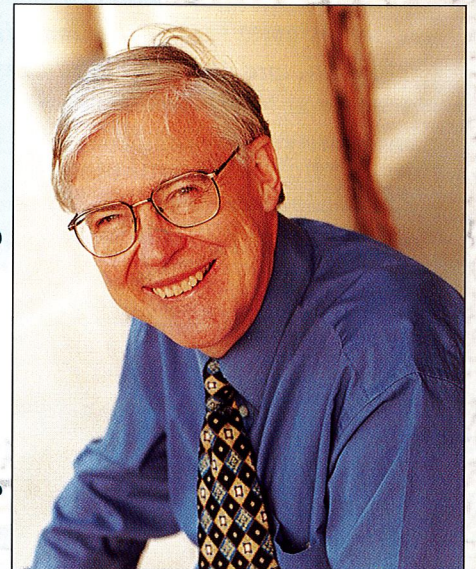
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Long service leave in third term afforded me the opportunity to visit five evangelical seminaries, plus the divinity school of a prestigious university, in the USA. I sought any developments in theological education which might provide further stimulus, challenge and help in the task that we are doing here. I also wanted to speak with fellow systematic theologians about the business of teaching doctrine, and to make new and sustain old relationships.

However, the area of greatest concern for me was the question of growth. The visits enabled me to look at how others had handled this problem in the past, and to see in particular whether they had been able to solve the **problem of community and growth**. I have written previously of the unprecedented growth we are experiencing at Moore. This growth is not only in numbers of students but also in opportunities to teach different programs, including a PhD and Master of Christian Studies, and in the area of Christian Education. **The problem we perceive is that with growth will come compromise in the standards of community which we have valued so highly in the past.**

It seems to be commonly agreed in the US that academic standards as such can be basically maintained with little community. On the other hand, the consensus is that the **intangibles of education are seriously compromised, and that mere academic prowess is not in the final analysis the essence of theological education.**

by Peter Jensen



Many US seminaries are growing by extension, setting up branches in other cities. However the second cannot be guaranteed to replicate the first, and of course there is a vast difference in the size of our two countries. In my judgment, any extension training we offer should be through our existing External Studies, which in style and scope appears to be unique. **By all means let us use whatever avenues we can to extend the reach of our material, while continuing to insist on the necessity for the personal interaction of community in preparation for the ministry of God's Word.**

I returned home with renewed commitment to retaining residence at Moore as we grow, at least for our core task of equipping pastor/teachers. **One of our major problems continues to be a lack of finances.** In American seminaries the President is usually the chief administrator and fundraiser. I saw nothing to make me think that this is the way we would wish to go. However, in maintaining a strongly theological and teaching Principal, a strong and carefully structured support staff will be increasingly essential. The support of Bursar Doug Marr as chief administrator is invaluable to me. Also, Heather Jones reports directly to me and speaks on my behalf in her approach for the funding so essential to future growth. I particularly commend this issue's appeal for further student houses to your generosity.

Together we approach the road ahead, praying that our work under God may continue to flourish.

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psychology and theology

In the Annual Moore College Lectures of August 1999, Dr Alan Craddock examined the relationship between psychology and theology. Senior Lecturer in Psychology at Sydney University, Alan has been a Visiting Lecturer at Moore for many years. While affirming the priority which must be given to God's revelation in the Bible he showed how psychology, as it seeks to examine human phenomena in a scientific and disciplined way, can provide **many insights that complement biblical truth and inform pastoral practice.** He applied this model of complementarity between the two fields to a range of issues including self-esteem, and leadership in the church and family. One lecture looked at pastoral counselling as a process of facilitating insight.

Teacher of Pastoral Ministry at Moore, Keith Condie reports *"These were interesting and engaging lectures. One of their many strengths was that Alan not only drew upon his theoretical background in both psychology and theology, but also his years of counselling experience in a variety of settings. The lectures and their publication in book form will be of great benefit in informing the pastoral practice of college students and those already working in Christian ministry."*

Tapes of the 5 lectures are available from the college office for \$10 each or \$40 per set (including postage).



Alan & Chris Craddock after the final lecture

15 years service

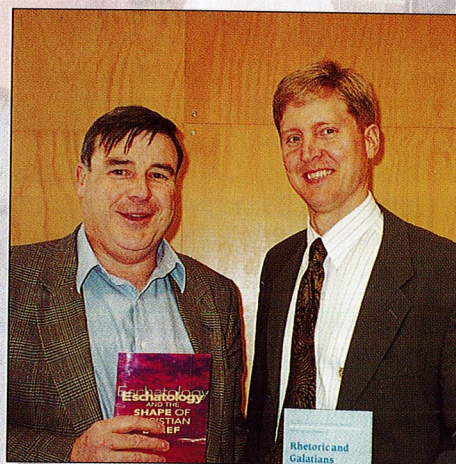
Bursar Doug Marr's 15 years of service as Moore's chief administrator was celebrated with a special morning tea on 15th June. In paying tribute, Principal Peter Jensen said he personally found Doug's contribution indispensable.

Doug Marr responds to Peter Jensen below



Christian hope

A lecture series in May and October by two members of faculty, Peter Jensen and Michael Raiter, and two members of College Council, Bishop Paul Barnett and Dr Barry Newman is now available in print as *Christians and Hope - the New Millennium*, and may be purchased from Moore Books.



Robert Doyle and Philip Kern with their books after the launch

who am I?

The 1999 School of Theology on 15th September addressed the important topic of what it means to be human. Papers by Keith Condie, Mike Raiter, Peter Bolt, Mark Thompson and Robert Doyle of the faculty, plus Anglicare Consultant in Cross-Cultural Ministry Michael Wilson, looked at this issue of Christian Anthropology from different perspectives. Dr Kirsten Birkett added insight on feminist anthropology.

Two faculty publications were launched on the day. Mark Thompson described colleague Robert Doyle's *Eschatology and the Shape of Christian Belief*, as *"an impressive piece of work which has already been positively received around the world,"* mentioning that, *"J B Torrance described it as indispensable reading for any student of systematic theology"* and adding, *"while Robert himself describes this as an advanced textbook, it is remarkably accessible and thereby edifying."*

Peter O'Brien referred to Philip Kern's *"Rhetoric and Galatians"* in the prestigious Cambridge New Testament series as *"an important technical work that examines whether Paul used the forms of classical rhetoric to communicate with his readers."* Said Peter, *"Philip concludes that the apostle did not, but sought to persuade Christians in a way that was consistent with the divine message itself. This study has implications for Galatians and other Pauline epistles."*

A 2-day School of Theology is planned for July 2000 (see back page for more detail).

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... staff, courses and events

NEW youth ministry course in 2000

Already there is strong interest in a new one year course for the *Diploma of Bible and Youth Ministry* being offered at Moore from next year. Colin Bale, who is to oversee the course, reports *"I have just interviewed a 20 year old with tons of energy, excitement and enthusiasm, but who realises he needs some training to be effective as a Youth Minister. His aim is to work with youth for a period, then come back and do a fuller degree."* A bridging course will be available for any later wishing to be accepted as degree students. *"It will be great to have an influx of youthful energy at the college,"* says Colin. This course responds to an increasing demand for trained youth workers.

external studies matters

With so much focus on full-time training it is good to be reminded of the strategic extension training offered through the External Studies Department. Robert Doyle and Mark Charleston provided fine teaching at September's Regional Conference in Brisbane. Also, over 3,500 students from 34 countries enrol each year in the Correspondence Course, with another 550 attending Evening Lectures. This year graduands received their certificates or diplomas from Peter Jensen in a Graduation Ceremony on 28th May. External Studies Director Peter Bolt highlighted the encouraging growth in this area of Moore's work, while Department Manager Elizabeth Smith interviewed two graduating students.

Naval man Howard Petts tells Elizabeth Smith of studying at sea for his PTC (2nd Class Honours)



moore input on mission

Recent CMS publication for individual, small group and church use, *God's Mission & Ours* was edited by Vice Principal Peter O'Brien (second from left). Contributors included (from left) Moore's Registrar Alan Hohne, Mary Andrews College Principal Narelle Jarrett, and Mission Department Head Mike Raiter.



faculty support

In the last two years the college has appealed for help funding two faculty appointments. By the grace of God \$100,500 was received in 1998 from parishes and individual supporters. This year the target is \$140,000, with \$74,000 received to 15th October. Applications for 2000 suggest the urgent need of a sixteenth faculty member and thus an increased 2000 target.

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☐ Moore College General Fund - in support of faculty appointments

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overseas input

Professor Sam Berry and Dr Caroline Berry

The college curriculum was enriched on 22nd July by lectures from Professor Sam Berry and his wife, Dr Caroline Berry who are leading geneticists from the UK. They outlined the medical possibilities that some new techniques will open up, and reminded those present of the glory of God revealed in creation.



Professor Sam and Dr Caroline Berry

Dr Yong Ping Chung

The Bishop of Sabah, Dr Yong Ping Chung and his wife visited Moore College on 30th July accompanied by Wollongong Bishop Reg Piper and his wife, Dorothy. Dr Chung preached to students in the chapel service before meeting with faculty.

Dr Yong Ping Chung with his wife at Moore



for diary 2000

A 2-day School of Theology is planned for 18th-19th July 2000. Speakers will include special guests

Dr Don Carson from USA and **Professor Henri Blocher** of Paris, who gave the 1995 Annual Lectures.

Moore Prayer

*"I call on you, O God,
for you will answer me;
give ear to me and hear
my prayer."*

Psalms 17: 6

give thanks

- ❖ for the encouragement of over 800 prayer partners
- ❖ for the enrichment of Annual Lectures '99 and School of Theology
- ❖ for outreach opportunities in Newtown, and scripture teaching in local schools
- ❖ for the new Youth Ministry course, and for the numbers and giftedness of students applying for 2000

and pray

- ❖ that God use recent faculty publications to challenge and strengthen his people
- ❖ for students and their families at exam time, and wisdom and fairness for faculty in assessing results
- ❖ for Peter Jensen and the Council to have wisdom in all decisions on community and growth
- ❖ for generous response so that new townhouses may be built pre GST
- ❖ for students and families leaving the college to take up new positions

moore books

Impact Books Limited has operated on the college campus for over 30 years and has supported the ministry of the college by making important books available to students, the college library, graduates and the Christian public. To enable this important role to expand, the assets of the bookshop have been transferred to the College Council and the bookshop is now a department of the college, operating as Moore Books (tel 02 9577 9966).

visiting fellow appointed

The College Council in May unanimously accepted the Principal's proposal that the Rev Bruce Smith be appointed a Visiting Fellow of the college. Just the second such appointment (Professor Alanna Nobbs in 1997 being the first), Bruce lectured full-time at Moore 1955 to 1975, achieving in the latter stages the status of Senior Lecturer and Head of the Department of Christian Thought (Theology, Philosophy, Ethics). Since 1976 he has continued to lecture part-time at Moore.

"Over the past 45 years" says Peter Jensen, "Bruce's contribution to the college has been outstanding. He is an insightful and eloquent witness to the gospel of God's grace." Congratulations Bruce!

Bruce Smith

