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WHO IS SUITABLE FOR TRAINING?

Mr. Neville Malone, College Treasurer, and a member of the Selection Committee, writes about the task of this Committee in admitting students to the College for training.

The Selection Committee acts as a sub-committee of the College Committee and is comprised of representatives of the Episcopate, the Clergy and the Laity.

It generally has a membership of eight to ten including four or five laymen. It meets twice a year, and has the primary function of assessing whether a man is suitable for admission to the College, either as a Diocesan Ordination Candidate, or as an Independent Student.

Each candidate has a discussion privately with the Principal, completes the application form and secures the appropriate references from his Minister and others. He is then interviewed by three panels of two, (one clergyman and one layman) from the Selection Committee on the day the Committee meets. He is then recommended or otherwise to the College Committee.

What is the Church looking for?

The words of Bishop Barker in his Presidential Address to the Sydney Diocesan Synod in 1877 are still pertinent today:

“The great want is of men, men of God, educated and divinely taught, mighty in the Scriptures, and men of much prayer, men who love the Saviour, and the souls of men, men who are true, wholehearted members of the Church of England, . . . and faithful to the order and discipline of the Church, men of a missionary spirit, not seeking their own things on earth, but the highest things of God and Christ for themselves and others.”

(p.89 “Hewn from the Rock” M. L. Loane)



What Equipment Does a Man Need?

This may be summed up as follows:

- (a) A life yielded to God and controlled by His Holy Spirit.
- (b) A restful trust in God for the supply of all needs.
- (c) A sympathetic spirit and a willingness to take a lowly place.
- (d) Tact in dealing with people, and adaptability towards circumstances.
- (e) Zeal in service, and steadfastness in discouragement.
- (f) Love for communion with God and for the study of His Word.
- (g) Some experience and blessing in the Lord's work in the local parish scene.
- (h) A healthy body and a vigorous mind.

How Does a Man Feel Called to this Full Time Service?

A man must believe God has a plan for his life. He must believe that God will reveal His will; that through

prayer, waiting, listening, and seeking the guidance of God's Holy Spirit be convinced of this call.

He needs to examine his motives for wishing to enter a Theological College. He may need to seek the counsel of other Christians mature and wise enough to give wise and Godly counsel. He needs to remember that the final decision rests between him alone and God.

The Selection Committee seeks to test this vocational call.

How is a Man Selected for Training?

In making a recommendation for entrance to the College, the Committee is interested to discover a number of facts.

- (a) How he came to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, and what was his conversion experience.
- (b) How he relates in his own Church and his responsibilities and Christian service.
- (c) His experience and length of time in secular employment, and why he decided to give it up; how he related to those with whom he worked, particularly the non-Christians.
- (d) His ability to communicate, and his experience in giving talks or preaching.
- (e) His financial situation. For although the Diocese gives him financial support, and he is able to earn a small income as a Catechist, he still has to keep himself for four years. If financial problems occur subsequently, help is available.
- (f) His personal spiritual life. Is he a disciplined person in Bible Reading and Prayer?
- (g) If he is a married man, the Committee will want to know his attitude to his wife and family as a student; the attitude of his wife and family to the rigors of the four years of concentrated study and college life; his wife's attitude to his call and her share in the work of the Ministry with all its demands, stresses and sacrifices upon her husband, herself and her family.

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COLLEGE NOTES

Overseas Students

Four overseas students entered College this year.

Koo Tuck Su, who is just completing his studies for the degree of Bachelor of Optometry at the University of N.S.W., comes from the Diocese of Sabah.

The Church Missionary Society is sponsoring two clergy from Sumatra — the Rev. Victor Sihombing who will be studying Christian Education; and the Rev. Oberlin Siahaan who will be studying Evangelism. The College is providing Bursaries to cover fees and accommodation.

The Rev. Milorad Loncar, a Serbian Orthodox Priest stationed at Mount Druitt, N.S.W., will be doing a year's study at the College.

Distinguished Visitor.

In March, the College was privileged to have a visit from Dr. Helmut Thielicke, a leading evangelical theologian from Germany, and a well known writer.

Dr. Thielicke was a leading member of the confessing church during the Nazi control of Germany, and was forcibly removed from his Heidelberg professorial chair, prevented from travelling outside his small pastorate in Ravensburg from 1940-45, or from writing.

New Students.

This year, 35 new students entered College; 15 are candidates for the Diocese of Sydney; 1 is a candidate for the Diocese of Grafton; 9 are Independent Students; 4 are overseas students; 3 are doing the Youth Department's Course for Youth Leaders; and 3 are training for the Ministry of the Presbyterian Church.

Moore College Annual Lectures

The second series of Moore College Annual Lectures was delivered by Dr. James Packer of Bristol, England, last September on the general theme of "We Preach Christ Crucified".

They were extremely well received and were heard by an evening audience on the five nights of something like 2,500 people. In the course of his visit, Dr. Packer was able to spend some time at the College itself, and he very ably presented a series of four morning Bible studies from 2 Timothy to the students on the general subject of ministry.

Dr. Packers' evening lectures will be published in the future. Tapes both of his evening lectures and his morning Bible studies are available from the College Office, 519 6460. It is also to be noted that Professor F. F. Bruce's first series of Moore College lectures have now been published under the title of "The Time is Fulfilled", and should be available from the College Bookshop in April.

It has given great pleasure to the Committee responsible for the organisation of the Annual Lectures that the Principal of Moore College, Canon D. B. Knox has found himself able to accept their invitation to present the third series of lectures in September this year. Full details of the programme will be available later.

Students Magazine

For a number of reasons, the Students magazine, "Societas" was not published last year. A number of people asked for copies to be sent to them. These names have been listed, and when the next issue is published, a copy will be sent to them.

Donations Through the Post

Donors are asked not to use the special Appeal Envelope as a mailing envelope, but to enclose it inside an ordinary envelope.

From time to time, donations go astray in the post and it is wiser not to draw attention to the contents.

Addresses

The Hon. Organising Secretary would be pleased to be advised of change of addresses, especially of the Clergy outside Sydney Diocese and overseas. He would also like to be advised in cases where names are duplicated on his mailing list.

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(h) If he is a candidate for ordination in the Church of England, his attitude to the 39 Articles, the Episcopal structure of the Church, and the need to be a man under authority.

(i) His academic ability to pass the required examinations.

(j) His personality characteristics to fulfil this vocation.

(k) His physical and medical condition.

The Committee's Final Recommendation.

Following the interview at which the above and other points are probed, the Committee meets for discussion and reflection on each candidate in order that views and assessments can be shared in the spirit of Christian understanding and discernment.

If there is not a consensus of opinion on a candidate, he is requested to attend a further short interview on the same day, after which a decision is made.

In this area, counselling of the candidate is of the utmost importance, that a man having been sure of a call to this ministry, is counselled on what other more experienced men think of his call. All the interviews are of a confidential nature with trust and pastoral discretion being exercised throughout. The final recommendation is made to the College Committee, after which the candidate is notified of the decision.

This is only the first occasion when a student's vocation will be tested. It will be tested whilst in College during the four academic years, and later by the Examining Chaplains and the Bishop.

At this point, the Committee is saying to the candidate: Yes, you can go forward, but you still have a long

IMPORTANT NOTICE

IMPACT BOOKS

(the College Bookshop)

is moving in April to larger premises at

18 KING STREET, NEWTOWN

(near City Road, and opposite the former shop.)

Come and inspect our large range of devotional and theological books.

Church bookstalls supplied.

For any information, ring Charles Mann at 51 2225

MAINTAINING AND USING OUR PROPERTIES

Over the years, the College Committee has purchased properties adjacent to the College. As most of these are very old, they require continual maintenance. The Bursar, Trevor Blundell, keeps an expert eye on our properties. He reports on the property situation.

1978 — A Year of Consolidation and Expansion

During 1978 the College was able to upgrade many of its property holdings as a direct result of the generous support received from friends of the College.

In the area of married student housing, many of the properties received allocations of funds for essential plumbing repairs. Other structural repairs were carried out which not only enhanced the value of the properties, but improved the safety afforded to the student families.

Perhaps the most exciting development during the year was the completion of the "Mews Project" about which a student has written elsewhere in this Bulletin. The parents are very thankful for funds being made available for this project.

The College area has been extended to include a property at 16A King Street, Newtown, which will be used for married student housing. The College is maintaining its policy of being a "residential College" by providing accommodation for families, and this is the first property

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way to go, because while you are being tested, you are in fact testing yourself.

During his college course, a man must work hard and develop a life of prayer, perhaps even greater than before. But we know that whatever the difficulties may be, God is able to bring a man to the goal of full time service, and to make him truly a man of God.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend F. D. Coggan said recently:

"When I ordain a man as a Priest, I'm not looking for a good organiser, a financier, or an entertainer; I want a man who has seen the Lord, and who has a Gospel big enough for the world and its needs."

Jesus calls us to deny ourselves and take up the cross and follow Him. It is clear that God continues to call men from every walk of life to full time service, and if any man is called, he must answer, "Here am I, send me."

Is God calling you? Are you rejecting His call? What is clear is that God is calling and you must answer.

purchased for married student housing since 1973. The properties which are suitable for incorporation into the campus area are generally older type cottages and require some repairs as is the case with 16A King Street.

In the area of staff housing, the College added an additional staff house by renovating a two storey terrace house at 37 King Street. This has overcome the problems of demolishing an existing building and erecting a new building, the costs of which would have been substantially more. Again, the donations of friends have assisted in this project.

In conclusion, 1978 can be seen as a year of upgrading the property holdings of the College as well as acquiring much needed additional campus area for the future.

1979 — A Year of Need

This year, the College was faced with the demand for married student housing exceeding the supply. To help alleviate this problem, the College is converting six properties to married student accommodation. Only one of these has previously been used for this purpose. It will require a considerable amount of money to place them in a proper state of repair, and also to maintain the other properties used by the College for married student accommodation.

The College is beginning to outgrow its office space at 7 King Street, and plans are under way to move the bookshop to an alternative site on the campus. This will not only increase the facilities available for the ministry of christian literature to students and the public; but it will

also make available more space for the External Studies Department and office administration.

There are some houses that are still in need of repairs to seal them from water penetration, and this generally entails re-roofing, guttering and painting. Some of the properties are currently undergoing these repairs.

Considerable planning is needed for the future. At the present time, a 15 year plan, in three stages is being considered by the College Executive Committee. The purpose of the plan is to define the areas of re-development so that funds are not wasted on properties which will be scheduled for re-development in the near future.

The needs for married student housing continue to be a major problem which the College will face in 1979, both as regards quantity and quality. Maintaining the properties owned by the College as christian stewards has been greatly assisted by the financial support in the past by friends of the college, and without such support, the College could not have developed as it has.

The campus is being extended, (where possible), to cater for the needs of the College as a residential college, and the area required should be almost twice as much as is currently held.

The College assists married students with dependent spouse/children with subsidised rents on the basis of dollar for dollar to ease the financial pressures on students during their studies at College.

Repair costs in 1978 escalated repeatedly, and there is no reason to believe this trend will change in 1979. Your support this year will allow the College to maintain its properties, and hopefully, continue to upgrade the married student housing for the benefit of the present and future students who have received a call to the Ministry of God's Word.

ARE YOU A WELL-INFORMED CHRISTIAN?

Let Moore College help you to a better and a deeper understanding of the Christian Faith.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

You can commence this two year course in Second Term. The subject for Term 2 is Doctrine 1, and for Term 3 in September, the Epistle to the Romans.

Second Term commences on 4th June, and enrolments close on 7th May.

EVENING LECTURES.

These are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the College. They are given by members of the College staff and other competent lecturers.

Second term commences in July and the subjects include New Testament, Old Testament and Doctrine.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE COURSES, FILL IN THE FORM ON PAGE 4, OR RING JEANETTE LOGAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL STUDIES, 519 6460.

MOORE COLLEGE APPEAL

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REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE FUND

Please read carefully the Bursar's article in this Bulletin where some of our needs are clearly set out.

A number of our readers have made possible much progress by their annual donations.

Our appeal this year is particularly to the much larger number of readers who as yet, do not support the College. We ask you to consider this matter and respond to our Appeal so that we may be assured of your interest in the College, and be enabled to carry out our plans for 1979.

PLEASE PLACE YOUR GIFT IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE AND FORWARD IT TO THE COLLEGE

Donations to this Fund are allowable deductions for Taxation purposes.

FROM A RUBBLE JUNGLE TO A GRASSY PLAY AREA

Over the past years, the number of married students with children at College has greatly increased. Last year, from the houses that backed on to "The Mews" (a back lane) came 29 children with virtually nowhere to play.

As a result of discussion among married students, the College Committee was approached to see whether it would provide the funds to demolish the unused toilets and falling down walls; to clean up the

area; to grass it and fence it off. The Committee agreed to do this; and the students offered their voluntary labour to assist in the work, and to maintain the area afterwards.

Work started in the middle of winter with a bulldozer, and the top-soiling and turfing was completed by the students at the end of second term. The result was spectacular. From broken glass, wood, rusty metal and broken down brick-work — to green grass!

Now approximately 50 children and parents are able to use this area. It is a great meeting place for the mothers as well as the children, and it provides a very much needed relaxed atmosphere.

Some equipment has been installed by the students — a climbing frame and a big "fort". This came from a kindergarten which had closed down. We are very grateful to a group from the Armidale area who provided the money to pay for the installing of this equipment. As well as this, we have a set of swings and an adder-ladder.

There is much more that still needs doing to provide better facilities for families, but the much needed provision of a play area has been tremendous, and is greatly appreciated by all who use it.

*John Cornford,
3rd Year Student.*



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to pray for

- ★ *The Staff: the Principal, the Vice-Principal and all other members of the teaching staff in their teaching and pastoral care of the students; and for those who are continuing their studies at home or overseas.*
- ★ *The Students: for all the students in their studies, and for their work as Catechists; and especially for all the new students for their growth in knowledge and in spirituality.*
- ★ *College Government: the Trustees and College Committee; the Secretary, Mr. P. Nicholson; the Treasurer, Mr. N. Malone, and the Hon. Organising Secretary, Rev. R. Palmer.*
- ★ *College Administration: the Bursar, Mr. Trevor Blundell, and his office staff; the Matron, Mrs. J. Pitkin, and her staff.*
- ★ *The Department of External Studies: for all studying the Correspondence Courses, the Evening Course, and especially for the overseas students.*
- ★ *The Bookshop: giving thanks for its growth; and for the opportunities of providing Christian literature for the deepening of a knowledge of the Christian faith and for the growth of Christians; and for the Bookshop Manager, Mr. Charles Mann.*
- ★ *Finance: giving thanks for the response to the appeals in 1978; and praying for a further increase to enable the Committee to undertake an extension programme.*