
MOORE NEWS

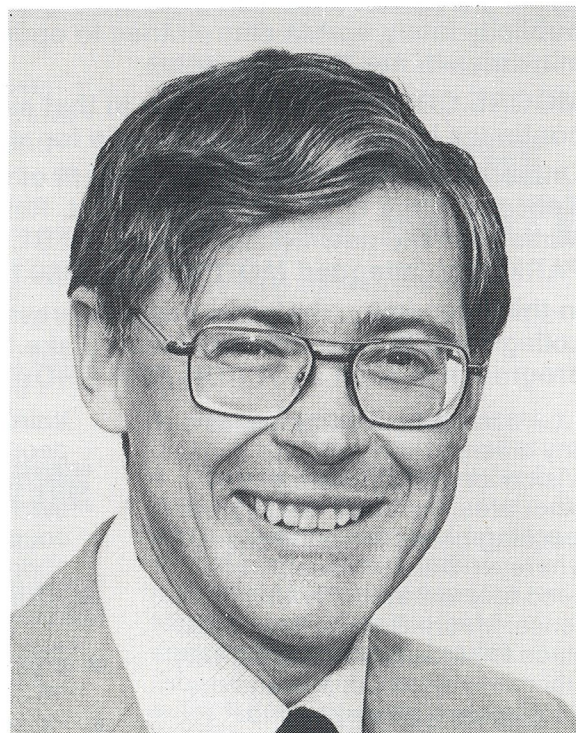


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The Principal Writes



Dear Friends,

'They really know the Gospel' — that was a welcome tribute paid to our graduates by a supporter in Queensland recently.

I heard it at a conference for Baptist pastors which I addressed on the subject of the Resurrection of Jesus.

Several of these ministers took the opportunity to say how much they valued the stance of the College and the leadership which we provide. It was a refreshing reminder of the importance of our work, not just in Sydney but in the whole of Australia.

But the times call for effort rather than self-congratulation. The College must continue to develop its resources and skills if we are to train effective leaders.

Michael Hill has rejoined the College staff specifically to develop our teaching and thinking about how Christians are to live in today's society.

Bill Lawton is continuing to introduce and maintain Australian Studies in the College — an analysis of our world in the interests of the Gospel and church planting. Later this year he is taking leave in order to research further into this important area.

The media course run by David Peterson and Clifford Warne is successful and popular.

We are continually working at increasing our usefulness to the Lord and his people.

Will you support us? The College needs better buildings and better equipment. Please pray for more students — and please give generously toward our building fund.

With your help we will continue to send out men and women who 'really know the Gospel'!

Yours Sincerely,

Peter F. Jensen

Training for Growth

The Anglican 'Vision for Growth' programme in Sydney's western suburbs has had a great deal of publicity lately, as the church tries to open up ministries in new housing areas.

MOORE COLLEGE is a vital link in that strategy as it continues to train and equip people for ministry.

One of those who's gained the benefit of the College's work is **TONY PATTERSON**, Resident Minister at the new housing district of **ST. JOHN'S PARK**, who attended **MOORE** from 1980 to 1983.

In this interview... he gives some impressions of the college and the contribution it can make to programmes such as **VISION FOR GROWTH**.



"...I don't think it really makes any difference whether it's in the 'Vision for Growth' area or any other area, the basic theological teaching needs to be the same, wherever there are people they need to know the truth. In that sense, Moore College is an ideal place to study because it's a very biblically based College and the lecturers are all very sound."

Q: Did you find your years at the college difficult?...

A: "...I think the minister at my church prepared me well enough for what would happen at the college. I was surprised at the intensity, the amount of work we were expected to do, that was the only thing that really surprised me. We had four children, so it would have been probably as stressful to us as anyone... but once having got into the swing of things... that took about one term... providing you had the right attitude and didn't waste time, it wasn't difficult to cope with."

Q: Is there much interest from your congregation members in training?

A: "There's maybe a myth around the diocese that you need to be super-intelligent to become a clergyman or to do the

training. I think may put some people from this neck of the woods off, before they even start. Even so, I've had a couple of people who have approached me and asked my advice regarding ordination or entry into Moore College."

Q: Why would you recommend **MOORE COLLEGE**.

A: "To commend it, one of its strengths which is making it into a unique place is that it's one of the few colleges with any sort of academic status that is still soundly biblically based.

I would recommend it on that point, very strongly. The lecturers vary, of course, but I've found them to be particularly stimulating. When I was there, I found **BILL DUMBRELL**'s Old Testament studies, personally, to be very exciting and stimulating, and those sort of things are quite important.

Q: How does the time you spend at College, help you now.

A: First of all, it helped me academically. I know I keep labouring this, but that was the greatest contribution the college had to my development towards where I find myself now, and that's

really what it's meant to do. I did my curacy at **ST MARK'S DARLING POINT**, where you have a high rate of education and highly intelligent people. To relate to that kind of people you need a sound theological training, people who will question what is said and want to debate. Out in this sort of area, you still are relating to problems on a theological level. The problems are slightly different and you're dealing upfront with more active heretical groups. For example, Mormons are very active in the area and so the theological base is still very important but applied in a slightly different way. One of the most striking points of my biblical education was the overview of the scriptures I gained, and it's good to see how that is also coming out in the external studies course. When people enrol for the **P.T.C.**, they now do an introduction to the Bible which has a similar overview. It's helpful because people often go astray when they start looking very closely at some little portion of scripture. The overview gives you perspective."

PANANIA ESTABLISHES LONG TERM SCHOLARSHIP

The Anglican parish of Panania has established a 'Jubilee Fellowship Fund' for students at Moore College or Deaconess House, who may need financial assistance. The first grant of more than one thousand dollars will be available from March next year. The fund has been established through donations from the parishioners of Panania, and the investment of the money will provide ongoing support for financially disadvantaged students. People wanting more information about the fund should contact one of the Trustees, Doug Johns through Holy Trinity, Panania.

PETER O'BRIEN IN CAMBRIDGE

Vice Principal Peter O'Brien is still excited about the results of his recent study leave in Cambridge. From May to September last year Peter spent his leave working on a commentary he's been commissioned to write on Philippians. The book will be part of the New International Greek Theological commentary series, which already includes titles by authors such as Howard Marshall and F. F. Bruce. Part of the time was spent at Tyndale House, a research library in Cambridge, and Peter says the contact with overseas scholars studying there was quite valuable. He says in one two-week period, he counted fifty people who he'd met and talked with about the state of northern hemisphere theological colleges.



PRAYER SUPPORT NEEDED

Continued prayer for the College staff, students and the expansion of the work, is a valuable support for us. At the start of April, representatives from several parishes gathered at the college for a prayer and praise night. Lecturers led several small groups in praying for all those associated with the college, and those who took part benefited from an increased knowledge of the work. We must also thank God for the success of the recent College Missions, and the enthusiasm and skills of the students.

We would appreciate prayer over the coming months... for the following matters:

PRAYER FOR THE COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION AND ANCILLARY STAFF

Thank God for the great blessing of caring and committed workers.

Pray —

- for our Bursar, Doug Mari, as he deals with a demanding and stressful position
- for our office staff
- for Jock and the kitchen staff at Moore College and Deaconess House
- for our librarians (Kim and John) and bookshop manager (Brian)
- for the ancillary staff responsible for the maintenance of College properties.

PRAY FOR THE STUDENTS

Thank God for the 142 students He has given us.

Pray —

- for continued growth in love expressed in practical concern for one another
- for increased

commitment to the practise of prayer • for a deepening of a love and commitment to the Bible • for growth in Christlikeness • for the single men and women in Moore College and Deaconess House and the particular stresses communal living entails • for married students, especially that God will guard their relationships • for the wives as the husbands face a demanding study programme • for safety from harm and crime. • for weekend catechist work • for financial needs of students.

PRAY FOR THE COLLEGE FACULTY

Thank God for teachers committed to the gospel and the word of God.

Pray —

- for our Principal, Peter Jensen, and his constant need for wisdom in decision-making
- that God will sustain the faculty as they teach, preach, write and prepare
- for Narelle Jarrett and her leadership role in Deaconess House. Thank God for the encouraging response to the Biblical Foundations course.
- for faculty studying overseas, Graham and Julie Cole (Cambridge) and Glenn and Di Davies (Sheffield).

PRAY FOR THESE PARTICULAR NEEDS

Pray —

- for new students for the College that God will continue to give us a supply of godly and able men and women
- for the university and College students who board at College
- for our financial needs
- for plans to build new lecture rooms and extend the library, and for the required funds
- for our College Council and, in particular, its Chairman, the Archbishop
- for the continued growth of the ministry of the Department of External Studies, under the leadership of Denis Kirkaldy.

Your Theological College Needs Your Support

As a new financial year starts, we at the COLLEGE are looking forward to an expansion of our work, but that can only happen through the expansion of facilities. Already the College buildings are inadequate for the workload, especially the library, which is struggling to accommodate all the stock. At the moment, gifts to both our general and building funds are well behind normal.

YEAR	GENERAL BUILDING	
1985	46,021	78,013
1986	51,340	47,341
1987 to date	10,181	5,289

You can show your practical support for the work of the gospel with a donation to either fund. All Donations of two dollars and over to the Building fund are tax deductible, and as the financial

year ends on June the 30th, donations before then will be deductible for the 1986-87 year. Will you please make the needs of the college during this vital time, a matter for prayerful concern.

There are three things we urge you to do:—

- Make an immediate gift the college using the coupon below.
- Approach your Parish council/ church committee and request your parish support the College.
- Consider making a bequest to the College in your will, to help ensure the continuing presence of evangelical theological education in Sydney.

STOP PRESS: BUILDING PLANS UPDATE

Our architects have completed overall plans for the building programme, and the plans are about to be submitted to the City Council. We are hoping to launch a special appeal shortly for the first stage of the work, involving library expansion and two classrooms. The College will also be seeking funding from Synod and will embark on a borrowing programme. A multi-million dollar scheme is involved, but the College Council has given a great deal of thought to the College's present overcrowding and its future needs. When completed, the work will provide a direct benefit to both day courses and the evening lecture series. If we are to fulfil our aim to expand the work of the gospel in Sydney, and attract students from all over Australia, an improvement in our facilities is vital. Please consider this in your response to the financial appeal below. If you, or your Church group require further information about the building plans, you are most welcome to call our Bursar, Doug Marr.



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I want to
help our
students

Please accept this contribution to Moore College so that we can keep our student fees to a minimum.

I would like to make a contribution of

☐ \$30 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$200 ☐ Other \$

to the ☐ General Fund ☐ Building Fund

All donations of \$2.00 and over made out to the "Moore College Building Fund" are tax deductible.

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