Professor Paul Bourke indicated that he was standing in for Professor Brennan who was unavailable for the November Council meeting and that he would highlight points made in Professor Brennan's Director's Report. That Report made clear that 1995 had been greatly influenced by the requirements of the Reviews of the Institute of Advanced Studies and of the School. These had significantly affected the management and staff of the School and raised serious questions about the compliance costs of these exercises. In the event, the Review gave a ringing endorsement of the School's performance which was a source of considerable satisfaction.

A number of the achievements are emphasised by Professor Brennan: Professor Frank Jackson's delivery of the John Locke Lecture at Oxford; the publication of Professor Paul Bourke's Washington County written with Professor Donald DeBats of Flinders University; the publication of Dr Michael Smith's The moral problem and the publication of Professor Brennan's Democracy and decision written with Professor Loren Lomasky of Bowling Green State University. These books were highlighted because each of them was the subject of special symposia by major scholarly bodies in the US during 1995.

A further important initiative for the School completed in 1995 was the appointment of three women as Professors following an intense competition across all disciplines in the School.