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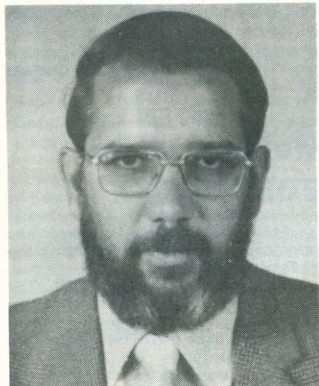
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Chronicle

New Classics, Economics And Engineering Professors

*Dr Lee*

Dr K. H. Lee, a distinguished Australian classical scholar, has been appointed to the Chair of Classics from which Professor D. A. Kidd has retired.

Dr Lee, a senior lecturer in classics at the University of New England, Australia, edited *Troades* by the Greek tragedian, Euripides, and is now preparing an edition of *Heracles* in the authoritative Teubner series. He was recently awarded a travel grant by the Myer Foundation and the Australian Academy of the Humanities to examine manuscripts in Florence and to consult scholars in Germany and Britain about the book.

After graduating B.A. with first-class honours in classics from the University of New South Wales, Dr Lee went to the University of New England and completed an M.A. with first-class honours in Greek. His thesis on Euripides was subsequently published by Macmillan.

He was appointed a lecturer in classics in 1967 and a senior lecturer in 1972. This year he completed a Ph.D.

Dr Lee's other interests include the writings of Julius Caesar, Plato's theory of knowledge and Roman satire. He has published papers and reviews covering both

*Professor Manning*

Greek and Latin linguistic, literary and historical topics.

At New England, Dr Lee has lectured to Greek and Latin classes on classical texts, (Sophocles, Euripides, Plato, Caesar, Ovid and Juvenal are his chief specialties) and has also taught widely in ancient history courses. He has also developed a popular course on Greek political, moral and social ideas and lectures in the English Department on Greek tragedy and its influence on English drama.

Dr Lee, who is 37, is married with six children.

Professor Richard Manning, an associate professor of economics at the University of New South Wales, has been appointed to a chair in economics at the University.

A graduate of the University, and formerly a senior lecturer in economics, Professor Manning is an economic theorist with special interests in the economics of education, information, growth, and international trade, and in the theory of general economic equilibrium. He has published many papers in economics journals on his

*Dr Erasmus*

research, and has talked at numerous national and international conferences of economists. He enjoys teaching, and regards this as of as much importance as his research.

Professor Manning, who is 35, is the youngest of a Dunedin family of nine. He was educated at King Edward Technical College and the University of Otago, where he completed a B.A. in 1964. In 1966 he was awarded the Bank of New South Wales scholarship at this University and finished an M.A. with first-class honours in economics the following year. From 1969-71 he worked on a Ph.D. while lecturing at La Trobe University, and completed this in 1972.

He joined the staff of the Economics Department at Canterbury in 1972 as a lecturer, and was promoted to senior lecturer in the next year. In mid-1974 he was appointed a senior lecturer at the University of New South Wales, where he has been an associate professor since 1976.

Apart from his academic duties, Professor Manning has active interests in pottery and acting, is an avid reader of novels, and enjoys cooking and listening to all kinds of music.

He will take up his position at Canterbury in the middle of next year.

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Students' English

Decline In Standard Not Proven, Survey Shows

Nearly 200 members of the academic staff (just over half of the recipients) replied to a questionnaire circulated in August by two of the English Department's language lecturers, Mr A. J. Deverson and Mrs E. M. Gordon. The questionnaire, devised by Mr Deverson with assistance from Marcia Henderson, was one of a number of projects undertaken by Mrs Gordon's M.A. class which investigated the topic "language in the University".

A major aim of the questionnaire was to survey the state of opinion among the teaching staff of the University concerning the current standard of undergraduates' written expression. Asked to rate students' written performance in general on a scale from very good to very poor, staff responded as follows:

Very Good	0
Good	18 (9%)
Moderate	117 (60%)
Poor	45 (23%)
Very Poor	6 (3%)
Don't Know	10 (5%)

A further question asking whether respondents felt that standards are improving, much the same, or declining, compared to say 10 years ago, gave the following result:

Improving	7 (4%)
Same	110 (56%)
Declining	48 (24%)
Don't Know	31 (16%)

Mr Deverson and Mrs Gordon comment: "These results show that roughly a quarter of our respondents regard student writing as generally poor and/or declining in quality. That figure may well be too high for the staff as a whole, however, since one could argue that those who are critical of present standards would have been less likely to pass up this opportunity to register their opinion than those who are moderately satisfied.

"In any case, the results tend to confirm our initial hunch that expressions of concern and dismay about student writing which are publicly voiced from time to time by members of the academic staff do not necessarily reflect the majority view.

"Having spent some time this year examining samples of excruciatingly bad student English from our own and other departments, we would by no means wish to

claim that there is no substance at all in such complaints. On the other hand, some student writing is remarkably good; and our own assessment that there is a full range of abilities, with the majority of students having at least a reasonable competence in written expression, seems to be supported by a little over two-thirds of our respondents.

"Of course a survey of opinion is just that, and by itself it does not confirm or deny a particular state of affairs. The suggestion was made more than once that we carry out a more objective study of student writing. There is, however, no single, straightforward criterion of good English or index of bad English, there is also the difficulty of divorcing expression from content, which means that in many cases only the specialist in a particular discipline can fairly judge whether writing in his subject is of an acceptable standard. Poor expression in our view is closely associated with failure to grasp adequately the concepts and terminology of the discipline the student is writing in.

"Subjective impression is particularly involved in judgements of whether or not standards are in decline," they added. "Our inclination is to agree with those of our respondents who detect no significant rise or fall in students' writing ability, but it must be stressed that positive conclusions are impossible in the absence of materials which would allow a valid comparison to be made with past performance.

"We are now alert to the desirability of 'laying down' samples of student writing (rendered suitably anonymous) for future reference and comparison. It is sad to

consider, for example, how much valuable data in the form of examination scripts has been fed year after year to the shredder!

"In the meantime we merely record our respondents' impressions, and note that cries of declining standards have been repeatedly and regularly voiced over the years, and indeed over the centuries, and that the more favourable view also deserves to be heard.

"Responses to other parts of the questionnaire have not yet been fully analysed, but a number of other issues were raised which we feel ought to be generally discussed. It is clear that requirements and attitudes in respect of written English vary both between and within departments, and students may not always be sure about what is expected of them. For example, some markers have no objection to a first-person style, while others dislike it intensely or see it as improper for their subject.

"Another issue is what the University should do for those students whose written English is unquestionably deficient. Over half of our respondents said the University does have a responsibility (or at least a necessity) to provide remedial assistance, but what form it should take and who should organise it are highly debatable matters.

"We thank our respondents for sparing the time and patience to complete the questionnaire and for providing additional comments, even those which related to the English of the questionnaire itself and the accompanying letter. Regrettably though, we were unable to solve the mathematical problems set for us in retaliation for our grammaticality 'test'!"

New Professors

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Dr L. A. Erasmus, an expert on metal fracture, who has made significant contributions to the steel and construction industries in New Zealand, has been appointed a professor of mechanical engineering.

Dr Erasmus, a reader in mechanical engineering in the School of Engineering since 1973, has undertaken considerable research on yield in steel and developed non-strain-ageing steels for use in reinforced concrete, New Zealand's most important structural material.

He is responsible for the establishment and operation of New Zealand's largest metal fatigue testing laboratory and an electron microscopy laboratory at the University, where research which has won international recognition has been undertaken. It includes metal fatigue, strain ageing, the identification of electron diffraction patterns and computer development of stereographic projections.

Dr Erasmus, who is qualified both as a mechanical engineer and as a metallurgist, graduated B.Sc. in engineering from the University of Cape Town in 1958 and worked in the British steel industry. He later graduated M.Sc. in engineering and Ph.D. He joined the staff of the University of Canterbury as a lecturer in 1965.

He has published numerous research papers in technical journals, presented others at national and international conferences and has lectured at seminars for practising New Zealand engineers on the testing of metallic materials and other topics. He has also appeared as an expert witness at several major accident inquiries.

Dr Erasmus has been admitted to fellowship of the British Institution of Metallurgists and the New Zealand Institution of Engineers and is a member of the British Institution of Mechanical Engineers. He is a founder member of the New Zealand branch of the Australasian Institute of Metals and a member of the Iron and Steel Sectional Committee of the Standards Association.

For Sale

New 14" Lawnmaster, reel mower \$300 o.n.o. Save \$60.00. Phone D. J. Sumner, Extn. 757.

Printery To Expand

The Printery, hard-pressed for space as the demand for printing has risen to over 10 million impressions a year, will expand from the basement of the Registry into the ground floor next year.

The move, which will also result in the Information Officer moving to the fifth floor of the Registry, has been made necessary by the purchase of a second collating machine to deal with the increased volume of printed material sought by departments. There was no space in the basement for the new collator and it was agreed that if the University Council authorised its purchase, space be provided by transferring some equipment and staff to the office occupied by the Information Officer on the ground floor. The Council has authorised the purchase of the \$22,000 collator.

The typesetting and paste-up section of the Printery will be moved upstairs to provide the additional space in the basement. The section uses I.B.M. Selectric typesetting equipment to set "copy" for numerous University publications—the *Student Handbook*, *Guide for Future Students*, *Awards Handbook*, *Chronicle*, brochures for the Extension Studies Department, circulars, stationery and the catalogue cards for the University Library. The equipment produces "cold type" in a range of types and styles according to coded instructions given the machine.

When the material is set, it is pasted on to pages ready for printing by the small offset Multilith presses in the basement.

Two of the presses are automatic and are used to produce the millions of copies of lecture notes, manuals, tests, examination papers, reports, agendas and minutes that are required for teaching, research and administration. The originals, produced by typewriters in departments and in the Registry, are photographed, a cheap master

is produced and the required number of copies is printed automatically.

The two other presses, operated manually, are used principally for better printing using material set by the Selectric system. From 1979 an additional printer will be employed to operate the second manual Multilith. This will ease the pressure on the Printery in the first term each year, when departmental requirements reach a peak, and ensure that reasonable deadlines are met.

Golfing Society Established

A University Golfing Society was formed after the annual match with Lincoln College at Templeton Golf Club last Friday.

The society aims to bring together from time to time, the golfing fraternity of the University and Lincoln College in a series of tournaments to be played on courses in and around Christchurch. The Ilam Hackers' Trophy, for interdepartmental golf, is to be played for at Waitikiri Golf Club on 14 February next. Entry forms will be sent out to all concerned shortly.

Officers of the society are: Patrons: Professor A. D. Brownlie and Professor J. D. Stewart; President: Professor John Ritchie; Secretary: Eric Beardsley; Lincoln Representative: Neil Gow; Club Captain: Ian Bennett.

Best individual results in the Lincoln match were: A Grade: K. Humphries (L); G. Niven (C); D. Pocknall (C); I. Bennett (C). B Grade: J. van Boven (L); A. Teague (C); R. O'Heilly (C); G. Whyte (C).

Twos: B. Arnst (L); Best Gross: A Grade, D. Pocknall (C); B Grade, A. Papesch (C); Most honest: D. Gunn (C); Most senior: H. Adams (C); Best lady: Jean Bates; Runners up: Ann Bonshor, Dorothy Bell, Mary Boswell.

End Of Term Reports

The Engineering Faculty examiners' meeting just after 25 November looked at the records of four external candidates who had undertaken considerable work in the previous month and came up with the following recommendations: Muldoon, R.D.: Passed three years as a whole. Term work poor, but passed the examination.

Rowling, W. E.: Marks stand, aegrotat pending.
Kunowski, A.: Marks stand, with a recommendation that he be excluded.
Beetham, B.C.: Passed one; to repeat remainder, to be sent warning letter.

Finances For 1979

The University is budgeting for a deficit of \$444,831 in 1979 to be met from accumulated surpluses.

The annual estimates approved by the University Council last week show expenditure at \$18,628,723 (up

\$643,000) and income at \$18,183,892 (up \$403,000).

Salaries, at \$13,354,692 (up \$668,475) are the major item of expenditure.

Income and expenditure are shown below:

	Income	
	1978	1979
	\$	\$
Government Block Grant	16,376,119	16,740,482
Tuition Fees	871,900	895,660
Extension Studies Fees	44,000	44,000
Interest	225,000	225,000
Rentals	95,000	110,000
Computer Centre Charges	80,000	80,000
Endowed Staff Positions	37,500	37,500
Miscellaneous	51,250	51,250
Total Income	17,780,769	18,183,892
	Expenditure	
	1978	1979
	\$	\$
Salaries	12,686,217	13,354,692
Working Equipment		
— Recurrent grants	671,875	739,015
— Non-recurrent grants	140,417	812,292
Re-Equipment Fund	100,000	110,000
Research Fund	130,000	175,000
Computer Centre		
(Salaries, Operating Costs, Equipment)	459,675	468,450
— Non-recurrent grants	15,000	474,675
Library		
(Books, Periodicals, Equipment)	580,000	650,000
— Non-recurrent grants	68,000	648,000
General Expenses	2,904,306	3,131,566
— Non-recurrent grants	230,500	3,134,806
Total Expenditure	17,985,990	18,628,723
Expenditure in Excess of Income	205,221	444,831*
	17,780,769	18,183,892

* Provision for non-recurrent grants in 1979 yet to be made.

General expenses include maintenance (\$650,000), cleaning and caretaking (\$590,000), heat, light and water (\$510,000), telephones, tolls and postages (\$275,000), grounds

(\$164,700), study leave (\$150,000), printing and stationery (\$115,000) and student health and counselling (\$113,300).

Orders Placed For 1979 Books

The University Book Shop reports that orders have been placed for all books recommended for courses in 1979 for which lists have been sent to the shop. Some stock has already arrived and the rest is expected before mid-February.

The Manager, Mr David Ault, said Book Shop liaison officers have received summaries of provisions for 1979 and all teaching staff were urged to check these and satisfy themselves that the provisions were adequate. "The Book Shop is conscious of economic constraints in ordering supplementary reading in particular and therefore is reliant to some degree on more specific recommendations that appear on book lists.

"Already many discrepancies between the lists appearing in the Calendar and Book Shop lists have been discovered," he said. "It is essential that staff members check their departmental Book Shop liaison officers to verify the titles the Book Shop has ordered. For obvious reasons we are unable to order books we are not advised will be used. Any titles used in 1978 which do not appear on 1979 lists will be returned to their publishers.

"Students place great reliance on Book Shop lists once term is under way and we are most anxious that they are as complete as possible, even to the extent of containing out of print, or library reference titles which are referred to in classes," he said. "There is still time to order additional titles for use in March."

The Book Shop will be open throughout the vacation for the normal hours 8.30 a.m. - 5.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Many books published for the Christmas season are now available, along with the usual range of stock, diaries, calendars and the like.

The University is to build a house and two flats at Tekapo for accommodation for staff of the Mount John University Observatory.

Two sections at Tekapo were bought two years ago and the Council agreed last week that a quotation from Hallmark Builders Ltd for \$81720 for construction of the accommodation be accepted.

91 Years Of Service

Board's Farewell To Retiring Professors

The Professorial Board last week expressed its gratitude to three retiring professors for

91 years of service as academics at Canterbury.

77 years as Heads of Departments.

72 years as professors.

12 years as Deans.

11 years as Pro-Vice-Chancellor.

Several spells as Acting Vice-Chancellor and (in the words of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Professor J. A. Ritchie)

"An accumulated century or so on a variety of committees which even our B6718 would find it difficult to disentangle and compute".

Professor Ritchie, who was adding the Board's good wishes to Professor A. Crowther, Professor J. C. Garrett and Professor D. A. Kidd, in their retirement, said of Professor Crowther that he was one of the few truly picaresque comedians to have adorned the institution. "He was able to give the appearance of Don Quixote while getting away with the pranks of Till Eulenspiegel and Robin Hood," he said.

"I well recall the arrival of John Garrett. There was a touch of class about the dark, handsome immigrant with the unusually attractive accent. Those were the days when *To The Lighthouse* was the New Testament of the Arts Faculty and the English Department was staffed by some brilliantly eloquent teachers—Winston Rhodes, Ray Copland and Lawrence Baigent. Being Head must have been demanding, not because they were difficult, but because of their brilliance. Yet within months of his arrival the department developed a scrum-like homogeneity and effectiveness.

"Had it not been for John Garrett, I daresay the Library might now be occupying the bookshop," Professor Ritchie added. "We are well aware of the legacy which his cajolery and agitation resulted in and we all appreciate it."

Professor Kidd had in many ways the most difficult job of all, steering his discipline and department along a path threatened by the fashions of pragmatism and utility well described by Professor Thody in the last *Chronicle*.

"One need only compare the Calendar of 1947 with its entry, Greek History and Literature 'including lantern slide lectures' with the variety of courses offered now not

only to appreciate the growth factor but also the imaginative response to the problem posed by classically sterile school-leavers," Professor Ritchie said. "Certainly he has shown us all how to behave with equanimity and common sense when the temptation to abandon them must have been strong. But what would you expect from a man who was on the Murmansk convoy run in World War II?"

"So, it's farewell to a Scotsman an Englishman and a Canadian; but one of the happiest outcomes is to know that all three, far from returning whence they came, will stay on close by. We hope you will join us often—not on the Board, not attending the Board is one of the perks of retirement—but in the Staff Club, the Common Room and the departments you have served so faithfully. In the conviction that 1913 was a truly vintage year we wish you what you have deserved—contented and rewarding retirements."

Three Emeritus Professors

Professor D. A. Kidd, the retiring Head of Classics, is, by a few hours, senior to Professor J. C. Garrett, the retiring Head of the English Department. They were born, one in Scotland and the other in Canada, on 9 May 1913.

The coincidence emerged when they were met by members of the University Council after its final meeting for the year last week and advised that they, and the retiring Head of Psychology, Professor A. Crowther, (who is two months older) had each been elected a professor emeritus.

The Chancellor (Mr B. F. Anderson) said that the three professors had served the University faithfully and well for a total of more than 90 years. They had controlled three important departments with distinction, and served in key positions and on key committees. But they would be remembered above all for their primary role as teachers—for their ability to impart their knowledge and love of their subjects and for the breadth and depth of their scholarship.

Wishing them a long, productive and happy retirement, the Chancellor said that if there was sadness at their departure, there was also enormous gratitude for what they had achieved—from the generations of students they taught, from their staff and colleagues in other departments and from the University Council.

Replying, Professor Kidd expressed his thanks for the honour and his gratitude to the Council for its support during his term as Head of Classics.

Professor Garrett said he was not entirely sorry to have reached retiring age, but he would regret losing daily contact with students. Though one grew old, University life and its contact with students kept one from being old, he said.

Who has the Parton Ashes, the symbol of cricketing supremacy as between the staffs of the University and Lincoln College?

When the University team was narrowly beaten by Lincoln at Ilam last month, the trophy could not be found and the victors, after a torrid time in the field, made do happily with the hospitality of the Staff Club.

Lincoln, batting first, made 166 (R. Skelton ret. 35, A. Sykes ret. 31, R. Field

Professor Garrett's work for the establishment of the postgraduate course in journalism was recognised by the news media last week. Representatives from the *Christchurch Star*, *The Press*, radio and television met Professor Garrett and presented him with a cheque for the Garrett lecture fund. In expressing his thanks, Professor Garrett said he had always been interested in journalism—his brother was a journalist—and he had foreseen that the establishment of bursaries would enable young men and women to go to university rather than begin a journalism cadetship when they left school. By the time they graduated few were interested in starting at the bottom rung of journalism on a low salary and they looked for different careers. Establishment of the postgraduate course had enabled those passing it to enter journalism further up the scale and it appeared to have been highly successful. One of the major difficulties for Brian Priestley now was to select students for the course from the large number of applicants.

27; K. Kuiper three for 27, E. T. Beardsley, two for 14).

Canterbury's hopes fell when the only shooter of the day skittled Dick Corballis, but fighting knocks by A. W. McInnes (ret. 32), Archie Ross (ret. 30), A. Wilkinson 23 and Bob Long 20, put victory tantalisingly close. The Lincoln victors ringed the boundary in the final overs and Canterbury failed by six runs to match the Lincoln total.

Erskine Bequest

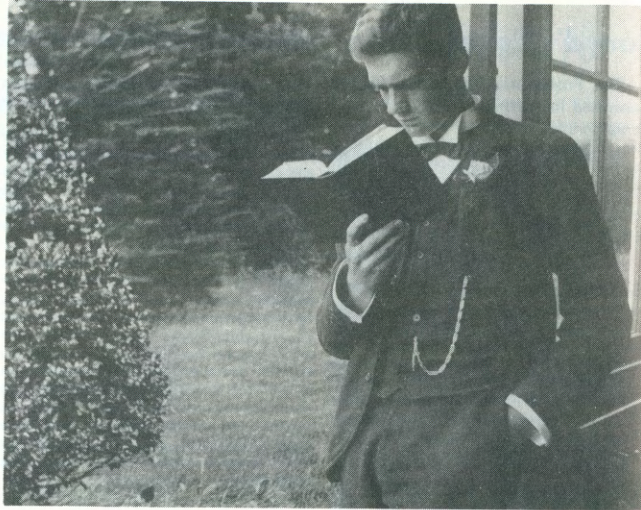
Another Look At Donor's Life

In the Science, Engineering and Commerce faculties of the University, John Angus Erskine is regarded as something of a Santa Claus, but amazingly little is known about him. Dr John Campbell (Physics) recently visited Invercargill to talk to descendants and friends about him and to search the archives of his home town. As a result, Erskine is now emerging as a real person. There are still some gaps and it is hoped that this article will bring to light information to fill them.

Robert Erskine migrated to Southland from Scotland as a 16-year-old boy in 1862. He set up a bookshop in Esk Street and later became president of the Southland Building Society. He was, to say the least, very thrifty, a trait he passed on to his eldest son, John Angus, who was born at Invercargill in 1872. John was educated at South School (a primary school) where he won an Education Board scholarship, but he did not take it up as he preferred to assist his father in business.

He enrolled at South Boys' High School in 1884 and reputedly again in 1887, although his name is not in the class lists in the annual report for that year. An old friend says he worked at the ironfounders—engineering firm of Johnstones. Following the December 1890 examinations he was third equal on the Junior Scholarship list (Rutherford was fourth in the previous year) thereby becoming the first Southland youth to win a Junior Scholarship. In 1891 he enrolled at Canterbury College (a year after Rutherford) and passed the B.A. degree in 1893, taking the Senior Scholarship in Physical Sciences for the University of New Zealand. At this stage his address was 4 Conference Street, Christchurch.

With the start of the new term in April, 1894, Rutherford and Erskine applied for the use of the basement room in order to carry out electrical experiments. It was in this room that John carried out his investigation into the magnetic screening of high frequency oscillations by various metals. (This work was probably carried out mainly in 1895). Following the November 1894 exams he passed M.A. with first class honours in Mathematics and Mathematical Physics and first class honours in Experimental Physics—the sixth person to obtain double first-class honours in New Zealand (Rutherford was the fifth).



John Angus Erskine as a student.

Erskine was in charge of the Mathematics and Mathematical Physics Department for six weeks towards the end of the 1895 session whilst Professor Cook was overseas. In 1896 he was awarded the 1851 Exhibition Scholarship, which he took up at the Frederick-William University of Berlin. In 1897 he and Rutherford went on holiday in Germany together. He spent 1897-8 at the University of Leipzig, 1899 at University College, London, 1900 in London translating from the German Helmholtz's *The World's History* for the publishers, Heineemann, and he then returned to New Zealand for a short period. The only work he could get in Invercargill was as a boiler stoker. In June, 1901, he addressed the Canterbury College Engineering Society on the subject "Conservation of Entropy". He was attending the School of Engineering that year and obtained first-class certificates in Strength of Materials, Advanced Steam, Applied Mechanics and Mechanics of Machinery.

In 1903-4 he worked for the General Electric Company in U.S.A., 1905-11 for the Sulphide Corporation at Broken Hill, 1912-20 for General Electric in Australia and thereafter was labelled as retired or in private practice. In actual fact he played the stock market.

After this, though based in Melbourne, he spent many summers in Invercargill and regularly competed in the New Zealand chess championships, being champion at

least once (1928-29). When he died in Melbourne in 1960 he left a considerable sum to the University to establish the Erskine Bequest.

These are the bare bones of his life. A selection of some of the photographs, negatives, letters, books and papers concerning Erskine that have been borrowed from his relatives is currently on display in the main Library. Copies of this material will be the basis of an Erskine Collection in the Library.

New Head Of English

Professor Derek Davy, has been appointed Head of the English Department as a result of the retirement of Professor J. C. Garrett.

Professor Davy, who joined the department last year, is professor of language and linguistics. He was formerly deputy-director of the Survey of English Usage, at University College, London, which was established to record and describe the current structure and usage of English.

People

Miss A. F. Borrie will be retiring as Accommodation Officer in April next year. The University Council recorded its appreciation of her services to the University both as a member of the Extension Studies Department and as Accommodation Officer and expressed its best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

The University Council at its last meeting passed a motion expressing its regret at the death of the Director of the Canterbury Museum, Dr Roger Duff.

Professor L. F. Phillips (Chemistry) will present a paper at the American Chemical Society—Chemical Society of Japan Congress in Honolulu, 31 March-8 April.

Dr C. J. Burrows (Botany) will be presenting papers at the 49th Congress of the Australia and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science in Auckland 22-26 January.

Dr D. I. MacKinnon (Geology) and Dr M. J. Winterbourn (Zoology) will attend a symposium on the biology and evolution of mollusca at the Australian Museum in Sydney in May.

Professor B. J. Clarke (Accountancy) has been awarded an Erskine grant to visit universities and other institutions in the United States in connection with his teaching and research in August and September next year.

Dr M. H. Smith (Mathematics) has been awarded an Erskine grant to attend the Australian Mathematical Society's 19th Summer Research Institute in January and February.

Professor E. L. Ellis will be acting-Head of the School of Forestry during the absence of Professor P. J. McKelvey on study leave and Dr David Shelley will be acting-Head of the Geology Department during the absence of Professor A. R. Crawford overseas until 10 January.

The University Council, at its last meeting for the year, expressed its appreciation of the work of the retiring student president, Mr Michael Lee.

Congratulations have been sent to Mr A. D. Holland, who was recently appointed a judge of the Supreme Court, by the University Council. Mr Holland was a part-time lecturer in law for many years.



They're off—all 160 of them—in last week's University fun run, won by a team from the Forest Research Institute, which finished only eight seconds from its nominated time for the course.

The F.R.I. team of W. Green, M. Thomas, B. Warburton, G. Bagnall and J. Polson nominated a combined time of 61 minutes for the course and finished in 61 minutes 8 seconds.

They were followed, though not closely, by what looked the least likely of the four Registry teams entered—M. Sykes, Leda Keereweir, Molly Hodder, Judy Cockle and Sally Webb—which nominated a time of 10 hours and finished 40 seconds short, breathing quite evenly after a 45 minute stroll over the course interrupted by a leisurely meal at the Staff Club.

Third came another F.R.I. team, R. Burrows, G. Stewart, K. Platt, R. Allan and A. Barnett, 1 minute 5 seconds faster than its nominated time, and fourth was Education (B. Haig, J. Irvine, D. Hughes, G. Nuthall and J. Davies) 2 minutes 1 second faster than expected.

Excitement, competition or the fervent cheering of the massed ranks of the Ilam School caused many runners to increase their pace and some teams finished up to 15 minutes faster than they thought they could go. Watches, of course, were banned.

The course is nearly two miles. Thirty-two teams from 20 different departments took part.

Fewer Council Committees

The University Council's Executive Committee recently reviewed the Council's committee structure and recommended the disbanding of one committee and the merging of three committees with other committees.

The Executive's recommendations, adopted by the Council last week, were that the Naming Committee be disbanded, that the responsibilities of the Patents Committee be assumed by the Finance and Property Committee and that the responsi-

bilities of the Gymnasium Planning Committee and the Student Health Counselling Committee be assumed by the Student Liaison Committee. It also agreed that in future the Energy Conservation Committee report to and be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor.

The Academic and Finance and Property Committees were requested to review their activities and to recommend to the Council those powers and duties they considered appropriate for the Council to delegate to the two committees or any other committee or person.

The Council's committees will now be: Academic; Appointments; A.U.T. Liaison; Common Fund Management; Dismissals Advisory; Disputes; Erskine Trust Management; Executive; External Relations; Finance and Property; Honorary Degrees; and Student Liaison.

Best wishes to the University Rugby Club's under 19 team, which will visit California and Vancouver in January, has been expressed by the University Council.

Notices

Representation On School Boards

Members of the staff who wish to participate in the administration of high schools are reminded that vacancies occur from time to time for University representatives on the schools' boards of governors.

The Registrar would be pleased to hear from interested persons for nomination by the University Council when vacancies occur.

U.S. Fellowships

The Smithsonian Institution is offering postdoctoral scholarships and doctoral and graduate fellowships in anthropology, biological sciences, cultural history, earth sciences, history of art and history of technology and science for 1979-80. For further information, consult Mrs F. P. Barnes (Registry). Applications close in Washington on 15 January.

Management Journal

The Administrative Staff College of Nigeria is planning a journal *Decision Studies*, to provide an opportunity for the review of management theory and methodology of management research, to promote research in management and public administration and to keep senior administrators and business executives informed about the latest developments in management theory, practices and techniques. The first issue is expected to be published next June. Enquiries about subscriptions and contributions to the journal will be welcomed by Dr M. J. Balogun, Editor, Administrative Staff College, P.M.B. 1215, Ikeja, Nigeria.

Research Grants

A grant of \$8000 has been made to Mr D. J. Byers (Electrical Engineering) by the Scientific Research Distribution Committee for additional work on the University's experimental electric car.

Dr D. C. McNickle (Economics) has been awarded \$1800 by the Department of Education for research on secondary school enrolments and Mr W. N. Vant (Environmental Sciences) has been awarded \$1500 by the Trade and Industry Department.

Accommodation

To Let

Old colonial home with modern conveniences and comforts, Glandovey Road, fully furnished, three bedrooms available, all appliances, portable TV and piano. Rent by negotiation. Available late May to late September 1979. Phone Rodney Wilson, Ext. 495 or 515-675.

Available October 1979 to September 1980, fully furnished house Sumner, 4 bedrooms, carpeted throughout. Garden care and rental by negotiation. Phone Ext. 613 or Sumner 6633.

Available mid-March to mid-November 1979 (or by arrangement) 2 bedroom furnished flat Highgate Avenue, 1½ miles from University. Rental \$60 p.w. Phone 557-827.

Four bedroom furnished house Halswell Junction Road, 60p. section with lawn care and weed control if necessary. Available late February to late June or possibly end of second term 1979. Phone 227-080.

Bryndwr Road, 3 bedroom fully furnished house available February/March to September/October 1979. Phone 518-495.

Furnished house near Westburn Terrace, 1½ miles from University, available for two years commencing early February 1979 to early February 1981. Three bedrooms, lock-up garage, two carports; rent about \$55 per week. One tenant for the two-year period greatly preferred as the owner will be overseas for that time. Apply A. Cargo, 16 Braco Place, Christchurch 4. Phone 58-648.

Fully furnished ownership flat Purchas Street from 26 December to late October 1979. 12-15 minutes from University. Garden and lawn care optional. Carport. Rent by negotiation. Phone 62-170.

SHORT TERM LETTING Some of the transit houses will be available for short-term letting from December on. Rentals for these fully furnished houses and flats are reasonable and all are within easy walking distance of the University. They accommodate from 3 to 6 people. Tenancy will be on a week-by-week basis. Please contact Supervisor of Accommodation, Registry Ext. 853.

Furnished 4 bedroom house Roa Road available from 28 December. Garage. 48p. section with garden and lawn care required. Rental \$250 per calendar month. Please phone 482-203.

Konini Street, 3 bedroomed furnished house from January 1979 to December 1980. Garden and lawn care required but some assistance available. Rental \$50 p.w. Please contact Dr J. Irvine, 26 Konini Street, Christchurch 4.

Large unfurnished 4 bedroom house; river backing, 5 minutes' walk to University. Available from 5 January 1979. Reasonable rental. No groups. Phone 41-520.

Fully furnished 4 bedroom house Stratford Street, available for two years from 1 February 1979. 26p. section with little garden and lawn care required. Rent by negotiation. Phone 515-393.

Three bedroomed unfurnished house (fully carpeted plus drapes) from mid-January 1979 to November 1980, Wroxtton Terrace. Rental by negotiation. Suitable adult family. Phone 558-323

Fully furnished, commodious modern split-level house, 3 bedrooms plus study, double garage in Grahams Road. Available mid-January for one year. Rent negotiable. Phone 584-787.

Overseas Accommodation

February 1 to mid-May 1979, 3 bedroom spacious modern house in Los Angeles. Rent by arrangement. Contact Professor R. E. Trueman, 4919 Dunman Avenue, Woodland Hills, California 91364, U.S.A. Exchange with Christchurch residence for the same period considered.

Emeritus Dean Milburn D. Wright of San Jose University, California, would be interested in home exchange in Christchurch from March 1 to April 15, 1979. Please contact him at San Jose University, 19400 Redberry Drive, Los Gatos, CA 95030, U.S.A.

LONDON Two fully furnished flats to let, preferably on reasonably long term, i.e. up to 1 year, but very suitable for anyone spending several months in London. Convenient for Bloomsbury and West End. Particulars from Staff Registrar.

Accommodation Required

Visiting lecturer in Department of Geography requires single accommodation from beginning March to mid-June, thereafter additional for wife and children. Please write Dr G. E. Jones, Department of Geography, University of Strathclyde, Livingstone Tower, 26 Richmond Street, Glasgow G1 1XH (Scotland).

Visitor to Physics Department requires furnished accommodation for himself, wife and two small girls for January, February and March, within walking distance of University. Please phone Dr Hearnshaw, Ext. 771 or 519-552.

Unfurnished or partly furnished 5 or 6 bedroomed house required. Please contact Dr Ian Harvey, Lincoln 703.