



Declaration of (Departmental) Independence LIBRARY

American Studies has for some time been a department in all but name. On 3 April it became official when the University Council agreed that it should achieve independence.

Since 1968 it has been possible to graduate in American History. MA Honours were offered from 1971 and the first Ph.D. student enrolled in 1989. Until recently staff were appointed to either the English or History departments, even though five of them are now fully committed to teaching the American Studies programme.

Evidence of the discipline's popularity — and its cost effectiveness — is the student/staff ratio of 28:1, the highest in the University and almost twice the average of 16:1.

At the most recent Council meeting the Vice-Chancellor endorsed the application for full departmental status, saying that the only immediate problem was accommodation. The current proposal is to place the department in the new Law building. "This will relieve pressure on the History department and assist future accommodation of Feminist Studies."

The Head of the new Department, Brian Wearing, says it'll be good to have a home of their own. "It's all been grace and favour to date." He says that Departmental status will also eliminate a number of administrative difficulties.

Brian Wearing is looking to "a period of consolidation and refinement" for the department and stresses that they will continue with the interdisciplinary approach that has been developed in the past. "It's a modern version of the Oxbridge 'Greats', covering e.g. the history, the literature, the music and the politics."

Apart from a drink at the Staff Club, it's been business as usual since becoming a Department. The major celebration of American Studies' new status will come in July as host of a conference of the Australia, New Zealand American Studies Association.

The two major themes of the conference will be ethnicity and foreign policy. As well as invited participants, satellite communications will allow discussions to take place between New Zealand, Australia, Washington and the Pacific.

Also in July, the department will host three lecturers from Bethany College, West Virginia. This is the reciprocal side of an exchange that saw Bethany College host Professor Keith Jackson (Political Science) and Graeme Dunstall (History) in January.



Photo by Duncan Shaw-Brown, AV Centre

Yvonne Reineke, Brian Wearing, Ken Harris, Leonard Wilcox and Maureen Montgomery — staff of the new American Studies Department.

Physics and Astronomy combine in 1991 Winter School

One hundred and three of the country's top physics students will converge on Canterbury in May for the First Winter School in Physics and Astronomy.

Previous Winter Schools have been extremely successful but have involved either physics or astronomy, rather than both at the same time. The 1991 Winter School will focus on "the scale of the Universe, from quarks to the cosmos."

The 103 participants are all sixth or seventh formers and cover the bulk of the country, from Auckland to Invercargill, with 45 of them being North Islanders.

The Winter School, which runs from 19 to 24 May, aims to give top science students a chance to study physics and astronomy in a university setting. Lectures by Physics Department staff will be supplemented with hands-on experimental work in the undergraduate laboratories, campus visits to research groups, libraries and computer facilities and a number of off-campus trips.

The students will visit the National Radiation Laboratory, Princess Margaret Hospital's medical physics unit, the Birdlings Flat Upper Atmosphere Physics Research Station and will make a geophysical field trip to Banks Peninsula.

The School's welcoming address is to be given by the Minister of Education, Dr Lockwood Smith, and another Cabinet Minister Mr Simon Upton will visit for a panel discussion on "Physics and astronomy in the 21st century". Dr David Malin, one of the world's foremost astronomical photographers, is visiting from Australia and will talk about his work.

Staff involved in the Winter School include the organisers, Dr John Hearnshaw and Dr Philip Butler, Dr William Tobin, Professor Geoff Stedman, Dr Archie Ross, Mr Graham Batchelor, Dr Rod Syme, Dr Peter Cottrell, Professor Jim Cole (Geology), Dr Colin Hooker and Dr Andrew Taylor. Mrs Gill Evans is the manager.

Sponsorship has been provided by the Todd Foundation, the Ilott Foundation, the Kingdon-Tomlinson Trust, the Bank of New Zealand, Lottery Youth and the Physics Department.

Outstanding Japanese Scholar remembered

Barbara Mito Reed's doctoral thesis, completed at Princeton University, gave rise to the comment: "From today on, the study of Japanese won't be the same."

Dr Mito Reed was one of the first graduates of Canterbury's Department of Asian Languages and, to date, its most successful. Her thesis was on Japanese language structure and literary form.

Dr Mito Reed died of cancer on 1 March last year, aged 35. She had been teaching at Cambridge University when the diagnosis was made at Addenbrookes Hospital. Later she moved to the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London but continued to return to Addenbrookes for treatment.

"I have always felt secure in their hands and never more so than in these past weeks, and grateful for their treating me in such a way that I could continue life as normal for the large part," she wrote in a letter to friends not long before she died. She went on "... I hope you will all go home not with the feeling of a battle lost, but many victories for life having been won, for this is the way I feel."

The Barbara Mito Reed Award has been established in her memory. Its current value is \$1,000 and it is aimed to help outstanding graduate students of Japanese in the Department of Asian Languages to further their studies for a higher degree. It is open to graduates of the University of Canterbury.

The Award has been established by her husband, Takamichi Mito; her family, who live in Christchurch; and her friends. Dr Mito Reed met her husband while studying in Japan for her Masters degree. He has remained in London, working for Citicorp, and keeps contact with Addenbrookes by raising funds for cancer research.

Each year, around the time of his wife's birthday, a piano-playing Mr Mito and various other talented friends give a performance to raise those funds. So far they've given around \$10,000.



Photo by Duncan Shaw-Brown, AV Centre

Takamichi Mito (left) meets Jolisa Gracewood, first winner of the Scholarship awarded in memory of his wife, Dr Barbara Mito Reed.

The first recipient of the Award is Jolisa Gracewood who is doing her Masters in Japanese Literature. She is studying the contemporary female writer, Sawako Ariyoshi, with particular reference to her novel *Wrong Colour*, the story of a Japanese woman who married a black GI and settled in America.

Ms Gracewood says war brides had a privileged life while they were in Japan and

many saw marriage as an "... escape ticket. But it was a false image of what conditions would be like in the States, where their privileges melted away and they met a lot of racism."

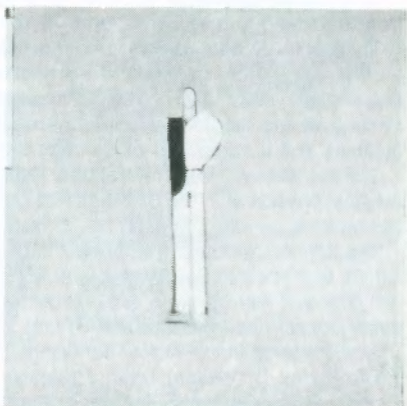
Ms Gracewood is not only pleased to be awarded the scholarship, but also that her area of study is similar to that of Dr Mito Reed herself.

Fine Arts staff exhibitions

The staff of the School of Fine Arts will be exhibiting their work in a series of three exhibitions to be held in the Fine Arts Gallery.

"Views from the Centre and the Edge" will be mounted as follows:

- No. 1.
Wednesday 17 April - Friday 26 April.
No. 2.
Wednesday 1 May - Friday 14 June
No. 3.
Wednesday 5 June - Friday 14 June.
The Gallery will be open Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Riduan Tomkins' "Single Man" (48in x 48in, oil on canvas) is one of the works which will be on display in the staff exhibitions.

Arts in concert

Music, drama, poetry and dance will be combined in a concert organised by composer Chris Cree Brown later this month.

Chris Cree Brown, a lecturer in Canterbury's School of Music, will be joined by two other performers with University connections: Dr Alexander Ivashkin, who recently took up a position as Lecturer in Cello; and Bernadette Hall, Christchurch poet and this year's Writer-in-Residence.

Poet Graham Lindsay, dancers Bronwyn Judge and Carol Brown, director Gail Tatham and actors Helen Moran, Judy Cleine and Carolyn Davies will join them in a concert which aims to show each of their disciplines and to "share each other's audience".

Chris Cree Brown says all the works presented have been written in the last five years and the occasion will provide Canterbury with a concert of "on the edge" art. It will take place in the Limes Room of the Town Hall at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday 28 April.

Attenborough and the argyroides

Two hundred tiny New Zealand spiders — and friend — were flown to Britain courtesy of the BBC to star in Sir David Attenborough's latest natural history series.

The friend in question was Zoology Ph.D. student Mary Whitehouse. Native to New Zealand and Australia, the *argyrodes antipodiana* are the subject of Ms Whitehouse's thesis.

In 1987 she gave a talk on her spiders to an international ethological conference being held in the United States. In the audience was television researcher Nick Upton, who asked if she would be interested in taking part in Sir David's latest project. Not the sort of opportunity lightly turned down but Ms Whitehouse heard nothing for nearly two years. Then there was a phone call and in late April 1990 she and 200 *argyrodes* were on their way to the BBC Natural History Unit in Bristol.

The series, the first episode of which has just screened in New Zealand, is called *The Trials of Life* and looks at survival strategies in the animal kingdom. The spiders star in the third episode which deals with the problems of feeding.

Argyrodes are kleptoparasites... they raid the larders of larger spiders. They do this in two ways. Either they invite themselves to dinner and feed off the same morsel as the unwitting host or they indulge in a take-away service, literally stealing bits of food and scuttling back to their own web strung out on the edges of that of the larger spider.

Ms Whitehouse became interested in spiders in her third year at Canterbury, influenced by Dr Robert Jackson's enthusiasm. "But I've always liked creepy-crawlies. It was a problem for my mother. At one stage I had 300 caterpillars but she drew the line at that and they had to go outside."

She and the spiders weren't entirely new to television, having once shot a short sequence with Television New Zealand, but she says they weren't so well behaved for the BBC crew. "The guys packed a sad. They'd only feed with the host spider. They wouldn't steal."

Like all prima donnas, they were eventually coaxed into performing and can be seen by home fans on Sunday 28 April on TV1 at 7.30 p.m. There was another short sequence shot of the males fighting for access to the females. Ms Whitehouse says it was a particularly striking battle but she hasn't heard if it will be used.

She thoroughly enjoyed her experience and would like to do more work with natural history television. Her only regret is that, for reasons of quarantine, "the guys had to stay behind", fortunately in the care of a British fellow enthusiast.

New home for University Press

The University of Canterbury Press is now located at 45 Creyke Road, and its new phone numbers are:

Acting Editor, Eric Beardsley ext. 6046
Secretary, Carolyn Lewis ext. 6044

Both work part-time and calls after 1 p.m. are unlikely to be answered.



Photo by Duncan Shaw-Brown, AV Centre

Mary Whitehouse's interest in arachnids has not gone unnoticed among friends.

Ngai Tahu focus for 1991 History Conference

For the first time Maori history will be one of the major themes of the biennial History Conference (Korero o te wa) being held on campus from 10 to 14 May.

The Conference, organised by the New Zealand Historical Association, has three main themes: Ngai Tahu history, British/European history and New Zealand's settler society.

In keeping with the innovative Ngai Tahu theme, Tipene O'Regan, Chairman of the Ngai Tahu Maori Trust Board and part-time lecturer in the History Department at Canterbury, will deliver the conference's foremost address, the Beaglehole Lecture. An audience of conference members and invited guests will hear Mr O'Regan speak on the subject of "Old myths and new politics — some contemporary uses of traditional history."

The Ngai Tahu sessions have been mounted in the wake of 2 years' presentation of evidence before the Waitangi Tribunal, and the publication of the Tribunal Report earlier this year. Representatives of the Ngai Tahu Maori Trust Board will review the Law Claim process, and the Report itself, along with researchers from the Crown Law Office, and the Waitangi Tribunal.

More than 150 historians have registered for the conference and daily registrations are expected to boost the total substantially.

The opening address, "History in the community", will be given by Australian historian Peter Donovan who will talk about the growth in contract histories of public

bodies and other institutions. Other distinguished overseas speakers include Professor John Pocock, formerly on the staff at Canterbury and now history professor at Johns Hopkins University, and Professor William Doyle from the University of Exeter. Professor Pocock will speak on "The ideas of 18th century and early 19th century indigenous land rights and European political perceptions at that time," while Professor Doyle will talk about his specialist area, "The French Revolution".

The most popular of the three conference themes is New Zealand settler society, with participants being divided into two streams. Among the subjects to be covered are "Women and Work, 1870-1970" (Melanie Nolan); "The Boxing Day riots in Canterbury, 1879" (Sean Brosnahan); "The development of mountain climbing as a European recreation activity in New Zealand 1839-1914" (Graham Langton); "Imprisonment for debt in New Zealand" (Peter Coleman); "The origins of children's health camps in N.Z." (Margaret Tennant); "Public health in a settler society" (Geoff Rice); "Long Waves in New Zealand: the conjuncture of 1895" (Neville Bennett); and a symposium and panel discussion chaired by Raewyn Dalziel on "Resource and research materials in New Zealand women's history."

Conference programmes and registration forms are available from the Conference Secretary, N.Z. Historical Association Conference, Department of Continuing Education.

1991 roll up 6.7% on 1990

The University's roll is up 6.7% on last year, with 10,332 students enrolled on 31 March compared with 9,685 enrolled at the same time last year.

The number of first-year students enrolled was 2631, up 108 on last year's figure of 2523. There were 343 overseas students enrolled, compared with 408 last year. Only 32 of the overseas students are first year enrolments.

Enrolments by faculty on 31 March were:

	1991	1990
Faculty of Arts	3738	3371
Faculty of Science	2420	2270
Faculty of Law	900	893
Faculty of Commerce	1268	1299
School of Music	100	91
School of Engineering	973	926
School of Fine Arts	179	177
School of Forestry	113	74
Education	641	584
Total	10332	9685

University Council report

Co-opted member

There was a postal ballot to decide which of the three contenders for Council membership would be co-opted. The results were as follows:

Ross Hutton	3
Alison Kuiper	6
Malama Meleisea	7

Dr Meleisea was duly elected and Council determined that his term of office would be 2 years.

Council fees

Mr Justice Tipping, seeking to clarify a resolution of the previous Council meeting, tabled a motion confirming that no fees would be paid in 1991 but that at some time in the future it might be appropriate to pay all or some members of the Council.

He spoke briefly of the motion which was then carried with no discussion or dissent.

Academic Board

In response to a query from Dr Roy Holmes, the Vice-Chancellor Professor Brownlie said Council would continue to decide on matters of University policy, and that the powers delegated to the previous Professorial Board would remain with the Academic Board. Anything involved in a statute would be regarded as an issue of substance and, therefore, would be a matter for Council to decide.

With regard to the Academic Administration Committee, the Vice-Chancellor saw it as a defect in the legislation that there was no mention of the responsibility for the appointment of examiners and assessors. It was accepted that this should be a responsibility of the Committee.

The Academic Board had recommended student representation on the Academic Administration Committee, but that would be contrary to the legislation. The Vice-Chancellors' Committee had told the Select Committee considering the bill that it thought this was unsatisfactory, but to no avail. The Vice-Chancellor thought this a matter of particular concern to the Disciplinary Committee, which now might have to be deemed a committee of Council, so it would be possible to have student representation.

Endowment Lands

The Endowment Lands were vested in Canterbury College by the Provincial Government in the 1890s to provide a source of funding. Existing leases are under the Public Bodies Leases Act 1969 which means that the returns are severely restricted. Despite considerable landholdings in the high country and on the downs and plains, the total net University revenue is \$134,619, which represents .19% of the University budget.

Professor Brownlie said there had been some sale of land on the downs and plains, with the money used to buy properties near the campus. He drew attention to land claims before the Waitangi Tribunal and the Ngai Tahu claim in Greymouth. The success of those claims may make it possible for the University to lobby Government to be released from the high subsidy it provides in terms of renewable leases, he said.

Corporatisation

Mr Colin McInnes felt it important that Council should be discussing survival strategies in the face of the possibility that universities might be turned into SOEs. The Vice-Chancellor said that as soon as information comes to hand it will be passed on to Council members.

He went on to make the point that Canterbury University, in terms of the Education Act, is already corporatised.

"If Government were to require a rate of return, it would need to nationalise the University of Canterbury, then sell it back."

He agreed with Mr McInnes that "we must be very alive to what is happening".

University Charter

Twenty-seven submissions on the Charter have been received. Final decisions have to be made by the end of June. The Executive Committee, Professor John Burrows of the Law School and interested Council members will consider the submissions.

All Council members present indicated that they would like to receive copies of the submissions.

Dr Holmes expressed a concern that the Charter should not commit the University to what it could not achieve, given possible funding difficulties. Dr David Novitz felt it was implicit that the whole Charter was subject to funding. The Reverend Phyllis Guthardt said the constraints were very clear but she would be dismayed if the University was providing less than the best.

Scorpions and wetas vie for attention

The Zoology Department was host recently to some younger-than-usual students. The group of 5-8 year olds were from Merrin School which has chosen to use the "1:20 component" scheme to take this group of children and give them special tuition for two hours each day.

Principal Jim Baird believes that if a school is looking to provide equality of opportunity, it must look at both ends of the spectrum. "A lot of resources have been put into helping the less able child, but not so much into the very able."

Hamish thought scorpions and beetles and, oh yes, case moths and stick insects were his favourites. Thomas firmly came down on the side of the wetas. All were there in abundance, having been drawn from the Department's collection. PhD student Mary Whitehouse was a definite winner with her spiders but Peter Johns (Zoology) earned himself a few stares when he declared his affection for cockroaches.

The children work in four-week blocks on different subject areas and Mr Johns was happy to give his time to the insect project "because these are our students of the future. Also, about this age children get phobias about insects. With this sort of experience perhaps they won't."

Raewyn Baldwin Denton has been teacher of the "Merrin Potential Group" since the beginning of the year. She says one of the benefits of the mixed grouping is that it breaks down the age barriers so common among school children. The group has a different composition with different topics but "there is a core of very able children."

The aim is to provide the child with an extra challenge in an area in which he/she has shown particular aptitude. The Assistant Principal and class teachers are the selectors and they base their choice on three criteria: verbal and reading skill; task commitment and understanding.



Merrin School youngsters engrossed in what spider expert Mary Whitehouse has to tell them.

Top Commerce student takes Law scholarship

The 1991 Kensington Swan Law Scholarship has gone to Peter Boyce, a fourth year LL.B.(Hons) student. The scholarship, one of four offered annually at each of Otago, Canterbury, Victoria and Auckland Law Schools, is worth \$4,000.

Mr Boyce already has a B.Com, achieved entirely with A+ grades. He tutors in the Accountancy Department as well as studying for his Law degree and his ambition is to practice in some area of commercial law.

As well as the honour of being chosen, he believes that Kensington Swan will be a valuable contact when he completes his degree. Nor is the money insignificant as his old car has just given up the unequal struggle.

Kensington Swan is looking for students not only with high academic standards, but also with a wide range of interests. The firm believes that it is important to be a good allrounder because in all aspects of practice lawyers need to be able to relate to people in one way or another.

Mr Boyce's involvement in music and sport obviously strengthened his candidacy, but it had been a very strong short-list of 3 women and 5 men. The firm has been offering these scholarships for 6 years and feels that the standard of students at Canterbury was so high this year that it was very difficult to choose.

Based in both Wellington and Auckland, Kensington Swan are one of the largest law firms in the country. Senior partner Richard Cathie says that as well as getting to know the top students, the firm also feels an obligation to put something back into the Law Schools. The level of the scholarship is generous because they believe it is important to make it a meaningful amount that will be of real assistance to a student.

The firm will keep a future eye on all these top students, but the day was not over with the announcement of Mr Boyce as winner. All the finalists were taken out to dinner with Mr Cathie's two colleagues, Gerald Fitzgerald and Ann Brennan (a Canterbury graduate and past winner of the scholarship).



Richard Cathie (left), senior partner in Kensington Swan, presents Scholarship winner Peter Boyce with the welcome cheque.

Travel booking system on line

A new domestic air travel booking system in the Registry is not only simplifying procedures but also saving money for the Departments using it.

The Carina Easy system uses Air New Zealand software to connect the Registry to Air New Zealand computers, allowing on-line bookings for all their domestic flights.

Travel organisers Alison Grubb (ext. 8936) and Sandra Anderson (ext. 8937) say the new system makes their job far simpler. Staff just ring them and they check flight times and seat availability on the spot.

The system generates a printout of the booking which is immediately sent out as confirmation. The ticket is generated within the Registry two to seven days before the flight and sent out by internal mail. Auckland and Victoria Universities also use the system so return flights from those centres can be booked through their Registries.

Canterbury University is one of the three biggest customers for Air New Zealand in Christchurch so Air New Zealand supplied the system free and offers a discount on fares, including special price fares. The Registry passes the discount on in full to Departments.

With an average of 50 to 60 tickets booked per month the system has generated significant cost savings for the University.



Alison Grubb (left) and Sandra Anderson make an Air New Zealand booking using the Carina Easy system.

Canadian academic and poet to deliver lectures

Associate Professor Christopher Levenson of the English Department, Carleton University, Ottawa, will be visiting Canterbury's English Department from 18 to 19 April. His visit is under the auspices of ACSANZ, the Association of Canadian Studies in Australia and New Zealand.

Professor Levenson is a practising poet as well as an academic, and the author of four volumes of poetry. He has special interests in twentieth century literary autobiography, contemporary Canadian poetry and Indian poetry in English.

While here he will give two lectures: Thursday 18 April, 1 p.m. A11 on 'Canadian Women Poets' and Friday 19 April, 1 p.m., Room 104, English Department on 'Literary Autobiography'.

Distinguished graduates from Chemistry

Dr Colin Freeman, Head of Chemistry, has on his office wall a photo taken at an Auckland seaside resort with a background of pohutukawas, of two Canterbury chemistry graduates, Professor Warren Roper FRS, of the University of Auckland, and Professor Robin Clark FRS, Head of Chemistry at University College, London.

Dr Freeman explained that the particular significance of the picture is that these two distinguished Canterbury graduates were elected to the elite Fellowship of the Royal Society of London in successive years — Professor Roper in 1989 and Professor Clark in 1990. It is surely most unusual, to say the least, for two scientists out of one and the same university department to achieve this honour in such quick succession.

Enlarging upon the background, Dr Freeman said there is more to it than this. When Robin Clark was appointed as Head of Chemistry at University College, London, in July 1989, he succeeded Professor Max McGlashan in the prestigious Sir William Ramsay chair; and Max McGlashan too is a former student, and staff member also, from Canterbury.

His name is to be found on the commemorative Honours Board in the Students' Union, as he served as the Association's honorary secretary in 1945. Besides the demands of that office he found time to take an active part in the Drama Society productions of the day (then very much under the direction of Dame Ngaio Marsh) as well as preparing himself for his First-Class honours M.Sc. degree.

Max McGlashan's interests lay particularly in the field of chemical thermodynamics, to which he was introduced at Canterbury by Professor Hugh Parton. He held a lectureship and readership at the University of Reading before becoming professor of physical chemistry at Exeter and later the holder of the Sir William Ramsay Chair at University College.

As a result of his research interests he played a central part in promoting the use of the SI (International System) units in British science, as well as in furthering the use of metric units generally. He is author of an elegant monograph 'Chemical Thermodynamics' and continues as editor of the Journal of Chemical Thermodynamics and a member of the British Gas Corporation Research Committee.

Robin Clark, whose full professional career has been within the Department of Chemistry at University College, is distinguished for his work on the application of spectroscopic methods for interpreting the bonding in metal complexes, and in particular, those structures containing direct metal-metal bonds, and bonding combinations that build up long-chain semi-conductors. It is of interest that in a recent Royal Society of Chemistry prestige lecture, Clark mentioned that some of the foundation work on metal-metal bonding was in fact done by members of the Canterbury chemistry staff — Jack Fergusson, Ward Robinson and Bruce Penfold.

Warren Roper's election to the Royal Society Fellowship has been the outcome of work done entirely in New Zealand, first as:



Distinguished Canterbury Chemistry graduates — Professor Clark (left) and Professor Roper.

lecturer and later professor at Auckland. It is believed that this represents the first such achievement for a physical scientist whose accomplishments have been entirely within New Zealand.

Professor Roper's researches stem especially from an interest in developing synthetic methods for obtaining compounds where non-metals are bonded to platinum-related metals. They have led to the

formation of quite novel types of chemical compounds and to a deeper understanding of aspects of industrial catalysis.

The published work of all three men, said Dr Freeman, has been the result of purely scientific enquiry, but it is certainly the kind of information which the highly competitive work of chemical industry is anxious to know about.

—C.J.W.

Professor Henry Field — Obituary

Professor Henry Field, professor of education for 32 years from 1937, died in Christchurch recently aged 87.

Henry Edward Field was born in Christchurch in 1903 but spent most of his childhood in North Otago and South Canterbury, attending Timaru Boys' High School before training as a teacher at Christchurch Teachers' College.

He then enrolled full-time at Canterbury College, winning a senior scholarship in 1924 and completing an MA with honours in philosophy and psychology. He was an assistant lecturer in philosophy for four years before being awarded a Rockefeller fellowship in 1929.

Two years in the United States broadened his experience and introduced him to his future wife, Helen Campbell, a young Scots doctor. He then completed a Ph.D. at the University of London on the English Borstal system, and worked as a lecturer there until 1936.

In 1937, aged 33, he took up the chair of education at Canterbury University College, replacing James Shelley who had become Director of Broadcasting. Many and varied were the duties then expected of university staff and Professor Field taught a wide range of courses, served on many committees in the community and gave psychological assistance to individuals referred by schools and other agencies. His two main interests were remedial education and teacher training.

Professor Field took over directorship of the

W.E.A. from Shelley, as well as the university's adult extension programme, and gave his active support to organisations such as Marriage Guidance, PTAs, the Canterbury Institute for Educational Research, the Canterbury Philosophical Society and the Psychological Society. He was also active locally and nationally for the Crippled Children's Society, serving as its local chairman for 11 years.

Professor Field campaigned to link teacher training more closely with university study and his expertise in that area was recognised with membership of two national advisory councils and his appointment as first chairman of the Christchurch Teachers' College Council, an appointment he held for seven years.

His services to the College were recognised when its Library was named the Henry Field Library and his long and distinguished service to education in the community were rewarded with an O.B.E.

With graduation nearly upon us it is timely to conclude with Professor Field's adroit handling of one of the first capping stunts in 1938. As he was speaking at graduation some students slowly lowered a large bone from the ceiling until it dangled over the Council. To loud applause, the bone was accompanied by confetti and a blast on a klaxon horn.

"At least," said Professor Field, "I am to have the comfort of support — anatomical, floral and musical. But I trust that the musicians will remember that the role of the accompanist is to accompany, not usurp."

Canterprise fees top \$1 million

Canterprise Director John Blakeley reported recently to the Faculty of Engineering that total fees invoiced since Canterprise was established in October 1988 have now topped \$1 million, of which \$473,750 was earned during the 1990 calendar year.

The appointment of Dr Denis Breese as Manager of Canterprise was noted, along with his strong background in marketing. A plan for the future promotion and marketing of Canterprise both within and outside the University has been developed and will be progressively implemented over the next twelve months.

Mr Blakeley also noted that the contract in the Chemistry Department with a major Spanish pharmaceutical company had been renegotiated for a further 15 month period. In addition, several other larger projects have been contracted by Canterprise recently including:

- Development work on the Continuous Harmonic Analyser in the Electrical and Electronic Engineering Department over a six month period to July 1991, being funded by Trans Power New Zealand Limited;
- Pavement testing work using the CAPTIF facility on behalf of an international oil company, being carried out in the Civil Engineering Department;
- A hydraulic model study of the Waitara Outfall Diffuser, also carried out in the Civil Engineering Department.
- Construction of a high voltage rubber goods tester being carried out in the Electrical and Electronic Engineering Department for Power Build New Zealand Limited.

— J.P.B.

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Professor David Giles (Economics) has been appointed to the Advisory Board of the Sorites Group, a US based software company.

Erskine Fellowships have been awarded to:

Dr A. J. Bowen (Mechanical Engineering) to visit the USA and Canada in connection with his teaching and research interests from 22 June to 21 July 1991; Professor J. W. Cole (Geology) to visit universities and institutions in Australia, the UK, Europe and the USA in connection with his teaching and research interests from 20 July to 28 September 1991.

Visiting Erskine Fellowships have been offered to:

Dr D. C. Clary, University of Cambridge, England, to be held in the Department of Chemistry from 1 March to 2 May 1992; Professor I. W. D. Dalziel, University of Texas at Austin, USA, to be held in the Department of Geology from 1 July to 28 September 1992; Professor Maurice Gaucher, University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, in Biochemistry from 16 March to 27 April 1992; Professor K. L. Johnson, University of Cambridge, England, to be held in the Department of Mechanical Engineering from 29 February to 16 April 1992; Professor M. J. N. Priestley, University of California, San Diego, USA, to be held in the Department of Civil Engineering from 12 March to 12 June 1992; Professor A. P. S. Selvadurai, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada, to be held in the Department of Civil Engineering from 1 March to 1 June 1992; Professor Staffan Sjöberg, University of Umea, Sweden, to be held in the Department of Chemistry from 2 March to 5 May 1992; Professor Steven J. Wright, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA, to be held in the Department of Civil Engineering from late February to late May 1992.

Notification was received in March of the continuing staff appointments listed below:

Professor R. H. Blank, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Political Science from 1 August 1991; Mrs H. M. Doidge, Assistant Librarian, Cataloguing Department, University Library from 11 March 1991; Mrs M. E. Hooper, Secretary in the Department of C & P Engineering from 28 February 1991; Mrs K. M. Hughes, Secretary for Canterprise and the Centre for Advanced Engineering from 25 February 1991; Mrs R. A. Knight, Technician I in the Department of Zoology from 18 March 1991; Mr P. G. Lambert, Technician II in the Department of E & E Engineering from 4 March 1991; Mrs Judith Nechemias, Secretary in the Department of Mathematics from 25 February 1991; Mrs S. M. Bell, Secretary in the Department of Mechanical Engineering from 1 March 1991.

Retirements and resignations notified in March include:

Mr André Christian, Printing Assistant, Printery, resignation as from 28 March; Mr R. L. J. Erickson, Supervisor, Mail Room, retirement as from 14 June; Miss N. Kingston, Bindery Assistant, Library, retirement as from 3 March; Mrs J. N. L'Eef, Receptionist, Student Health, resignation as from 2 April; Miss K. D. Perry, Library Assistant, Library, resignation as from 25 April; Mr G. B. M. Wilson, Technician I, C & P Engineering, resignation as from 11 April.

Notices

Staff Club Saturday opening

Some Staff Club members may not have realised that the Staff Club is open every Saturday evening, 4.30 - 7.00 p.m. With the approach of winter, the Homestead is a particularly attractive place to relax in front of the fire with a quiet pre-dinner drink and a few friends.

The number of people using the Club on a Saturday is presently very low and the Committee is considering whether it is economical to continue to open. If you would like this facility to remain please make use of it.

Staff vacancies

The University has a policy of equality of opportunity in employment and a smoke-free workplace policy.

Assistant Continuing Education Officer (To co-ordinate an equity New Start Programme) Department of Continuing Education

Applications are invited for the above position which has been established for an initial period of one year. The aims of the programme are: to encourage and support adults who might consider enrolling for university studies, especially for those from groups which have traditionally been under-represented within the university (eg Maori people, women, Pacific Islanders, people from working class backgrounds, and people with disabilities); and to seek to break down some of the barriers which prevent many from undertaking university studies.

Applicants should be university graduates with experience and skills in planning and organising community and continuing education programmes, an ability to work well with people and to communicate effectively with individuals and relevant groups and organisations, and an empathy with an in-depth knowledge of the needs and interests of some of the above mentioned groups.

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Staff vacancies (continued)

The salary will be within the range \$26,946 to \$30,467 per annum, depending on qualifications and experience, in accordance with the scale contained in the New Zealand Universities Academic Support Staff Award. Conditions of Appointment may be obtained from Concourse or the Staffing Section of the Registry. Applications, quoting Position No CO31, close on 19 April 1991 and must be addressed to the Registrar.

Technician Grade 1 or 2 Department of Zoology

Applications are invited for a position of Technician Grade 1 or 2 in the Department of Zoology. The successful applicant will be a person with electronic qualifications and experience and will be capable of routine maintenance and repair of laboratory equipment. It is anticipated that the appointee would be expected to give occasional help with undergraduate laboratory preparation. Some experience in photographic darkroom procedures would be advantageous.

The salary for Technician Grade 1 is on a scale from \$19,105 to \$24,388 per annum and for Grade 2 is on a scale from \$25,180 to \$28,942 per annum; commencing salary according to qualifications and experience.

Conditions of Appointment may be obtained from Concourse or the Staffing Section of the Registry. Applications, quoting Registration No ZO28, close on 26 April 1991 and must be addressed to the Registrar.

Technician (Computing) Department of Psychology

Applications are invited for the above position in the Department of Psychology. The position may be filled either full-time or as two half-time positions. Applicants should have a BSc degree in Computer Science, or equivalent experience and proficiency in some, but preferably all, of the following: BASIC, C, PASCAL, and Hypercard.

The appointee's primary duties will be programming Macs and IBM PCs in research and teaching applications. Tasks include data collection and analysis, hardware, interface, graphics, and real-time programming. The salary for Technician Grade 1 is on a scale from \$19,105 to \$24,388 per annum; commencing salary according to qualifications and experience. Conditions of Appointment may be obtained from Concourse or the Staffing Section of the Registry. Applications, quoting Position No PS29, close on 26 April 1991 and must be addressed to the Registrar.

Bindery assistant

A vacancy exists in the University Library Bindery for an experienced assistant to do hand and machine sewing and general preparatory work on books. The salary will be in accordance with experience.

Applications, quoting Position No LI33, which must include copies of qualifications and testimonials, full details of work experience (dated) and a telephone number, close on 22 April 1991 and must be addressed to the Registrar.

Conference Accommodation Officer Three-year term (half-time)

Applications are invited from suitably experienced, mature persons for the above half-time position. Duties include the co-ordination of vacation letting of University halls of residence, liaison with groups and/or individuals wishing to hire University halls over vacation periods and the promotional work associated with vacation letting. Although the position is a half-time one, hours worked will not necessarily be one half of each working day but the total hours worked each year will equate to half a full-time appointment. The hours of work will be reviewed after one year.

Applicants should possess good communication skills and have good organisational ability. The commencing salary will be within the scale \$24,330 to \$28,651 per annum for full-time employment, depending on qualifications and experience. Conditions of Appointment may be obtained from Concourse or the Staffing Section of the Registry. Applications, quoting Position No AN24, close on 26 April 1991 and must be addressed to the Registrar.

Senior Administrative Assistant/ Administrative Assistant (Services)

Applications are invited for a position of Senior Administrative Assistant or Administrative Assistant (Services) in the Buildings Section of the University Registry. The appointee will be primarily responsible for organising, co-ordinating and arranging for work to be carried out by appropriately qualified contractors or University staff and for a variety of tasks including the planning, organisation and oversight of Cleaning, Caretaking, Dangerous Goods, Emergency Services, Parking and Traffic Controllers, Safety, Security, Signposting and Telephones.

Applicants must:

- i) have experience in at least one of the major areas of responsibility listed above;
- ii) be able to display a work record showing an ability to organise and co-ordinate work;
- iii) have experience in the control of staff;
- iv) be able to analyse problems and write reports; and
- v) be familiar with PC computer operations (preferable using spreadsheets and databases).

The salary for this position is on a scale from \$24,330 to \$36,666 per annum, depending on qualifications and experience, in accordance with the New Zealand Universities General Staff Award. Conditions of Appointment may be obtained from Concourse or the Staffing Section of the Registry. Applications, quoting Position No BU34, close on 30 April 1990 and must be addressed to the Registrar.

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