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# Chronicle

## Deputy For Vice-Chancellor; Professor Ritchie Appointed

The office of Deputy Vice-Chancellor has been established as a result of new administrative arrangements approved by the University Council, and the offices of Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Rector have been disbanded as from 30 June, when the terms of office of the existing incumbents ended.

The person elected Deputy-Chairman of the Professorial Board is to be appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor. Professor J. A. Ritchie has been appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor until 30 June next year when his present term of office as Deputy-Chairman of the Board ends.

The Vice-Chancellor (Professor A. D. Brownlie) said at the Professorial Board last week that much of the work undertaken by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor has been absorbed into the new Academic Administration Committee of the Board and similarly much of the work of the Pro-Rector will be undertaken by the new Academic Policy Committee. It seemed appropriate therefore that the two offices should lapse.

The role of the Deputy-Chairman of the Board had been much enhanced by the changes in committee structure, Professor Brownlie said. He was ex officio chairman of the Academic Administration Committee and deputy-chairman of the Academic Policy Committee and it was thus appropriate that the person who was elected Deputy-Chairman of the Board should also be appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor will undertake such duties as the Vice-Chancellor may require, with special reference to academic administration and policy. He will retain his

existing academic appointments, but his department will be entitled to one additional assistant lectureship during his term of office.

Referring to the position of Assistant Vice-Chancellor, Professor Brownlie said it was not clear at this stage what additional assistance he would need under the new administrative arrangements. He considered it prudent that the office of Assistant Vice-Chancellor be continued in the meantime and he was grateful to Professor A. M. Kennedy for agreeing to an extension of the term of his office until the end of 1978.



Professor Frye

## Lecture By Northrop Frye

Professor Northrop Frye, the internationally famous scholar and critic, will be visiting the University as a Commonwealth Prestige Fellow from Friday 21 July to Wednesday 26 July.

Professor Frye was educated at the Universities of Toronto and Oxford. His first book, *Fearful Symmetry*, a study of William Blake, received wide recognition. His most celebrated work, *Anatomy of Criticism*, which was published in 1957, was immediately recognised throughout the world as one of the most important and original works of critical analysis to appear in the twentieth century.

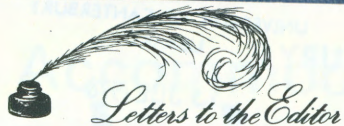
In the following years, Professor Frye has written more than a dozen other books, and scores of critical articles. He has been awarded honorary degrees by twenty-seven universities; he has been decorated as a Companion of the Order of Canada, which is reserved for the most distinguished Canadians; he is an Honorary Fellow of Merton College Oxford, a Fellow of the British Academy, and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. Although many uni-

versities of great prestige have tried to lure him away from the University of Toronto, he has remained there throughout the whole of his career, and is now Senior Fellow of Massey College and University Professor of English.

Professor Frye's *Anatomy of Criticism*, his most influential book, attempts to establish a systematic framework for the study of literature. Coupled with this is his doctrine that every age has its structure of ideas and images, which he calls "myths". These "myths" become the recurring metaphors and plots of literature, and are fundamental to man's imagination and expression of his fate or experience.

Professor Frye will be lecturing to students of the English Department, and will give a public address on "Literature and Mythology" on Tuesday 25 July in Lecture Room A3 at 8.15 p.m.

The University has rarely been visited by a scholar of such distinction. The range of his knowledge of literature, history, philosophy, psychology, music and art is extraordinarily wide, but he is able to expound even the most difficult ideas in simple language.



## Quiet, Please

The Editor,

Sir,

I wish to lay a complaint to the student body about the very prevalent habit of chattering in the library. I have sent the same letter to *Canta*.

The library is chiefly a place for scholarly study. It has a silence rule, but many undergraduates seem to be unaware of this or have not yet achieved the self-discipline needed to observe it. I can understand the occasional need for students to discuss a piece of homework and I think this is unobjectionable, provided that the exchange is quiet and does not disturb others. However, recently I have, while trying to prepare lectures and some research material in the library, been forced many times to intervene to stop loud conversations about nothing in particular, so that I and other people nearby could continue our study undisturbed.

I wish to ask other academic staff and library staff as well as responsible students, if they would please join me in efforts to make the library a suitably quiet place in which to work. My approach to the problem is to remind those people who are chatting near me, in the working areas of the library, about the silence rule and to ask them to stop talking. Only once have I had any impertinence from the students concerned. The ultimate weapon is to refer the problem to the library staff, but this is hardly likely ever to be necessary.

Some advice to those who find it difficult to control their tongues—do not try to work in the library with your friends and there will be less temptation to talk.

Colin Burrows  
Reader in Botany

## A Family Chair

Sir,

I was interested to read your item on noteworthy achievements as recorded in your issue of 26 May 1978.

No doubt it is unusual for a son to succeed his father in a university chair, but that may well be the 'first' such occasion occurred in the University of Edinburgh when Alexander Monro *secundus* succeeded to the chair of anatomy held by his father from 1720 to 1758, holding it in turn until 1798 when his son, Alexander Monro *tertius* took over, resigning in 1846.

Thus the three Alexander Monros held this chair for 16 years. For a chair to pass from father to son and then to grandson must indeed be rare.

Yours etc  
Harry Erlam  
Philson Library  
School of Medicine  
University of Auckland

[We also quoted the A.C.U. *Bulletin* as saying the first woman professor in Britain was Mary Williams, who was appointed to University College, Swansea, in 1921. Leonard Cina, public relations officer of the University of London, says Margaret J. Benson was appointed to the chair of botany at Royal Holloway College, in 1912.—Ed. *Chronicle*.]

## Snowballs

Sir,

The closing of the University on Thursday, 29 June raises several questions. In particular, how was it decided, on whose initiative, and for what reason, to close after everyone had successfully braved the snow? The buildings were adequately heated, and presumably (?) University staff and students may be trusted to make the return journey home at the usual time rather more competently than the average primary school child. Were any members of the academic staff consulted? The decision, including closing the library, completely ignored the disruption to classes and other activities which are, after all, the University's reason for existence. Moreover, no efficient system exists for notifying the whole university population of such a decision. At lunchtime some academics were still unaware of the closure.

While snow was at times heavy, there was no indication from the Meteorological Office that conditions were liable to deteriorate. Can we be assured of less panicky, more sensible and informed reactions to modest climatic stress in future?

Yours etc  
Jane M. Soons,  
Professor of Geography.

Sir,

If the snowfall on 29 June did constitute an emergency it was important for essential services to be maintained. The closing of both telephone switchboards isolated the University from the rest of the city and country and no information could be obtained by people phoning in. Staff who remained on the premises could not be contacted by their families and were unable to phone other parts of New Zealand at a time when it was important to reconfirm or modify travel arrangements for meetings or fieldwork.

Should future emergencies occur I suggest that arrangements for telephone services be organised by the committee which makes a decision to close the University. This could best be done by a roster of people who live within easy walking distance of the campus.

Yours etc.  
R. G. Cant,  
Senior Lecturer in Geography.

Sir,

It is only in moments of crisis that we fully appreciate the decision making calibre of our administrative staff. I am writing now to express the gratitude, that I am sure I share with many of my colleagues, for the prompt and far-sighted actions of the University authorities in the destructive wake of last Thursday's snowstorm.

The danger to life and property averted by the closure of the University may only be guessed at, suffice to say that with snow lying inches deep on the ground for several minutes at a time, the situation was critical. It received the decisive response that we have come to expect from our administrative masters. We all know how great the temptation must have been simply to send the students home and permit the academic staff to continue their work in the appalling conditions then prevailing. It was, however, a situation fraught with danger and in retrospect we must all feel profoundly relieved that half measures of this sort were not adopted. The Vice-Chancellor and his team, anticipating how treacherous conditions would soon become in such apparently protected areas as the Computer Centre and the Library, boldly ordered their closure, thereby causing the cessation of any research activity that staff members might misguidedly have turned their attention to with no proper regard for their own safety.

Let us hope that this experience will provide a blueprint for our future management of similar climatic upheavals.

Yours etc.  
Jeremy Astley,  
Mechanical Engineering Dept.

[Our correspondents obviously do not live on the hills. Staff and students from Cashmere, for instance, much appreciated the opportunity of slithering home before darkness increased the hazards.—Ed. *Chronicle*.]

## Staffing Committee

The election for two representatives of the lecturers on the Academic Staffing Committee of the Professional Board resulted in the appointment of Dr A. W. S. Baird for a period of two years and Dr A. J. Sutherland for a period of three years.

# New Lecturers

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Mr Britton



Mr Tarr

Mr A. A. Tarr, who is completing an LL.B. at the University of Cambridge, has been appointed a lecturer in the Law Department. A graduate of the University of Natal (B.A. and LL.B.), Mr Tarr was a graduate assistant in the Law Faculty there. He was a member of the Law Students' Council and took an active part in the Legal Aid Clinic run by students in the faculty to assist indigent clients with legal advice. As part of his LL.B., which he gained with distinction, Mr Tarr undertook research on the influence of sterility on the validity of marriage in South African law. He was granted an Evan Lewis-Thomas Award to Sidney Sussex College and completed his Cambridge examinations last month.

Mr G. A. Britton, who is completing a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering, has been appointed a lecturer in the Mechanical Engineering Department.

Mr Britton completed an aircraft engineering apprenticeship with the National Airways Corporation and gained the New Zealand Certificate of Engineering in 1972, won the Walsh memorial award and spent a year with Rolls-Royce in Britain studying aero engine design and development. He worked as an aircraft tradesman and then as an inspector with N.A.C. and completed a B.E. with first-class honours at Canterbury in 1975. He worked for a year as an aeronautical engineer on stress analysis, design and aircraft performance analysis before beginning Ph.D. research in 1976.

Whatever the times there are things which happen in universities which are amusing (provided the institution is not one's own). In his study leave report, Dr D. R. Breach (Mathematics) quoted two.

"First, a committee of inquiry at the University of Waterloo recommended the discontinuation of the Department of Human Relations; the reason given was that members of the Department could not decide on a common policy of development and operation.

"Secondly, I overheard a slightly worried young member of a certain department in a certain university saying to a new graduate student: 'Last year we had exams for the first time'."

## Visiting Professors

Professor Charlotte Froese Fischer, professor of computing science at Pennsylvania State University, will be giving a series of post-graduate lectures on topics in atomic structure during her visit to the University on an Erskine fellowship.

Professor Fischer obtained her Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics at Cambridge University in 1957, working under the late Douglas Hartree, and is the author of the book *The Hartree-Fock Method for Atoms*. Her researches have ranged over topics in oceanography to many aspects of the practical calculation of the properties of atoms.

Professor Fischer's lectures will commence at 9 a.m. on Wednesday 12 July in the Physics Seminar Room P701.

All rooms electrically heated. Conveniences include dishwasher, automatic washing machine, tumble drier, freezer, refrigerator, 2 bathrooms, 3 toilets, and large swimming pool. Garden, lawn and pool care arranged. Rental by negotiation. Phone M. McEwan, Ext. 265 or 583-780.

Professor Robert Kaplan, who will be visiting the university on 13 and 14 July, is professor of applied linguistics in the University of Southern California.

He has been in Australia as a visiting Fulbright Scholar for six months, and will spend three weeks in New Zealand as a Vice-Chancellors' Committee visitor before returning home to the United States. Professor Kaplan will lecture and take seminars in all six New Zealand universities.

Professor Kaplan has written and lectured widely on a variety of topics, but his predominant research activities have been in the fields of English communication for foreign students, problems concerning second language learning, and the development of a unified theory of applied linguistics. In 1972 he was made Director of the English Communication Programme for Foreign Students at the University of Southern California.

While at Canterbury, Professor Kaplan will address an open forum on "What are Applied Linguistics and what are they for?", to be held on Thursday 13 July at 4.15 p.m. in E104, Ground Floor, English/Education Building.

## Accommodation

To Let

Three bedroom modern furnished house with garage near University (7 mins. by cycle) from early September 1978 to early July 1979. Quiet back section. Prefer tenant who will cut lawns and maintain garden. Rent by negotiation. Contact Peter Bryant Ext. 686 or 519-037.

Three bedroom fully-furnished open plan house, insulated with underfloor electric central heating, garden easy to maintain, five mins from University by bike, available end of October 1978 until July 1979. Rent by negotiation. Ring Ext. 8595 or Home 517-788.

Fully furnished modern 4 bedroom house Avonhead on half acre landscaped lawn and gardens close to shops, school and buses available mid-November 1978 to mid-November 1979. House including double garage and carport is 3100 sq.ft. with large lounge, livingroom, games room and study,

# Universities' Finances

## Shortfall Put At \$15 Million This Year

The shortfall in the combined income of New Zealand universities caused by inflation in non-salary costs is conservatively estimated by the University Grants Committee at \$9 million in 1976, \$12 million last year and more than \$15 million this year.

In its annual report tabled in Parliament, the U.G.C. says three major items of university non-salary costs—heating and power, equipment and materials and library books and periodicals—had risen so much by 1977 that the universities absorbed a shortfall of at least \$12 million in combined total income.

The report said that for some years, it had been usual for the universities to spend about 80 per cent of their income on salaries and wages, but in the last two years the rising cost of items other than salaries and wages had led to a drop to about 75 per cent in the expenditure on staffing. For the other 25 per cent of their expenditure, the universities had no assured adjustments of their grants to meet rises in costs which occurred after the grants had been calculated.

The committee acknowledged that since the level of grants for the current quinquennium was established, fuel costs for heating and power had increased in price by an average of 133 per cent by mid-1977. "On the other two items, large sums are spent on direct orders overseas where price changes arise from cost variations in other countries and fluctuations in exchange rates.

"The present block grants were based on prices in the second half of 1974 and since then the prices of equipment and materials, on which the universities now spend nearly \$5 million a year, have increased almost 60 per cent. On library books and periodicals, the universities spend over \$2 million a year and prices have increased 89 per cent."

Problems such as these had caused the U.G.C. to carefully assess the difficulties of quinquennial planning, but the report reaffirmed the importance of such an approach. "The settlement of block grants for periods in advance, usually five years, has had important advantages for the universities. Indeed, it is difficult to see how they could operate under a system of annual allocations, since most of their financial decisions take the form of forward commitments for staff and supplies of equipment and library materials ordered overseas: even a modest new academic development takes several years to reach full cost," it said.

"The present system has worked well in times when cost increases have not been excessive and when reasonably accurate estimates of student numbers have been possible, or when rises in costs have been offset by a shortfall in student numbers. But when both these variables move against the universities as they have recently, so that they are faced with increasing student numbers and price inflation, their financial circumstances can deteriorate rapidly and markedly."

The extent of that deterioration in a country where the total income last year for the seven university institutions was \$82,424,000 was conceded by the U.G.C.

Admitting that their estimates are conservative, the Committee said that if the

calculation of the grants for 1976 had been based on the number of students who actually enrolled, and if only the three major items of non-salary cost had been provided for at their current rates, the grants in that year would have been \$9 million higher.

"In 1977 they would have been \$12 million higher and on present estimates of student numbers, and assuming no further increases in costs, the shortfall in 1978 will be over \$15 million."

The two unprecedented grant supplementations this year to cover some of the cost increases in non-salary items cover only about 20 per cent of the U.G.C.'s estimate of the shortfall.

## Incomes And Expenditures

Differences in the incomes of the major New Zealand universities, as shown in their annual reports to Parliament for 1977, reflected the cost of special schools, the Vice-Chancellor (Professor A. D. Brownlie) told the University Council. What was interesting was that the salaries bill at each university was in the range of 70 to 75 per cent of income.

The figures are:

Auckland	
Income:	
Government Grant	20,618,000
Student Fees	1,533,000
Other income	156,000
	\$22,307,000
Expenditure:	
Salaries	16,391,000
Departmental and equipment grants	1,331,000
Library Grant	807,000
Maintenance and servicing of buildings and site	2,191,000
General Expenses	1,462,000
Surplus for year	125,000
	\$22,307,000
Canterbury	
Income:	
Salaries	10,913,058
Departmental and equipment grants	1,046,719
Library Grant	538,500

Maintenance and servicing of buildings and site	1,634,053
General Expenses	950,884
	\$15,083,214
Financed from:	
Government Grant	13,562,267
Student fees	931,888
Other income	551,500
Accumulated revenue surpluses	37,559
	\$15,083,214

Otago

Income:	(\$000)
Government grant	18,304
Student fees	1,002
Other income	639
Deficit for year	...
	\$19,945

Expenditure:	(\$000 )
Salaries	13,920
Departmental and equipment grants	1,620
Library grants	651
Maintenance and servicing of buildings and site	2,169
General expenses	1,554
Sub-total	19,914
Surplus for year	31
	\$19,945

Victoria University of Wellington

Income:	
Government Grant	10,823,000
Student fees	771,000
Other income	561,000
	\$12,155,000

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# Science Index

## Why Subscription Is Being Retained

As part of the exercise to curtail expenditure on periodical subscriptions, the University Library has recently conducted a survey on the use made of *Science Citation Index* and its value to staff and research workers. On the basis of the report of this survey, the Library Committee has decided to continue the Library's subscription to this important bibliographical publication, which is housed in the Physical Sciences Library.

Since the survey generated some interest among science and engineering staff, it was felt that it would be helpful to have the results of it published in the *Chronicle*. It was also felt that it would also be valuable to bring this *Index* to the attention of members of staff who may be unaware of its existence and potential. The report of the survey, compiled by Miss Barbara Harris, Sciences Librarian, reads in part as follows:

In order to obtain some more precise information on the value of *Science Citation Index* to the University, questionnaires were sent out to academic staff and post-graduate students in the Departments of Botany, Chemistry, Computer Science, Geology, Mathematics, Physics and Zoology. By request, copies were sent also to some of the staff in Chemical Engineering and Electrical Engineering. Approximately two hundred questionnaires were sent out and ninety-five completed ones were returned.

The key question was: Would you feel disadvantaged if SCI was not available at the University? Many thoughtful and in some instances lengthy contributions were made in the general comments section.

Dividing the replies by the answers to question 3 gave the following statistical results: Would feel disadvantaged 48; would not feel disadvantaged 44; no strong feelings 3.

Of the 48 who would feel disadvantaged, 27 were academic staff, and 21 were

### Income (from previous page)

Expenditure:	
Salaries	8,725,000
Departmental and equipment grants	496,000
Library grant	330,000
Maintenance and Servicing of buildings and site	1,065,000
General Expenses	1,451,000
Surplus for year	88,000
	\$12,155,000

post-graduate students. Of those who would not feel disadvantaged 30 were academic staff and 14 post-graduate students.

Those favouring continuing the subscription usually put forward well-reasoned supporting statements such as the following extract: "SCI has changed the course of our research a number of times, saving months of experimental work at a time. In a wide-ranging area covering several disciplines it is often hard to predict where the valuable work will be published..."

Some of those urging cancellation expressed strong views also: "I believe SCI to be an extravagance which we can do without—its cancellation would alleviate some of our problems with Library funds—please let us do that!"

It is apparent from many of the replies that the scope and uniqueness of the *Index* has not been fully understood. To quote from one respondent who had no strong feelings either way: "If it (SCI) has failed I am sure it has failed because of inadequate publicity and lack of knowledge about it..."

The University's set is the only one in Christchurch, and the only other South Island set is at the University of Otago. The Christchurch Clinical School Library does

not intend to subscribe, at least in the immediate future. Thus, not only is the University's set used by members of the University but, in a wider sphere, is made available to teaching staff and research workers from the Christchurch Clinical School, the Wheat Research Institute, Lincoln College, the Wool Research Organisation, the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, and people referred to it by SATIS. The quarterly superseded issues of SCI are deposited in Lincoln College Library when the annual cumulations arrive.

Computerised information retrieval systems are now becoming commonplace overseas, but their high cost and technical difficulties as yet make it impracticable for New Zealand to introduce them except on a limited scale. Until these systems are available here, it would be a disservice to scientists at the University working in fast-changing disciplines to deprive them of a bibliographical tool which materially assists them in their efforts to keep up to date with teaching and research.

Further information about *Science Citation Index* may be obtained from Miss Harris. She has a tape/slide programme describing it.

## Seminar With Ivan Illich

An informal seminar with Ivan Illich, head of the Centre for Intercultural Documentation, Guernavaca, Mexico, will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday 12 August. Staff who wish to attend the seminar and meet Dr Illich are invited to get in touch with Mr B. Wearing (History).

The work of Dr Illich on educational research has gained wide attention. Aged 52, he was born in Vienna and educated at the Gregorian University, Rome and the University of Salzburg. He was ordained in the Roman Catholic Church and for five years was a parish priest among Puerto Ricans in New York. He became vice-president of Santa Maria University, Puerto Rico, in 1956 and then lectured in political science at Fordham University. His books include *Celebration of Awareness*, *Deschooling Society* and *Tools for Conviviality*.

### STAFF CLUB MEMBERSHIP

All full-time members of the University Staff are eligible to apply for membership of the Staff Club.

Benefits of membership include:

- \* an excellent and varied lunch at reasonable prices.
- \* bar facilities.
- \* a range of social events.
- \* private hire of the Homestead for a limited range of activities.
- \* access to wholesale grocery and hardware purchasing at GUS Ltd.

Membership fees are \$18.00 per annum. Enquiries for membership should be directed to the Secretary, Mr D. C. Hughes, Education Department.

# Study Leave

## The Costs And The Benefits

Dr C. L. McLay (Zoology) found going on study leave with his family at the University of Queensland was a severe financial strain, especially on a New Zealand salary. In spite of the grant provided by Canterbury a real sacrifice was required.

"All my research expenses had to be met out of my own pocket and when added to the cost of living this rapidly consumed all our income," Dr McLay said. "Dollar for dollar the cost of living in Brisbane is about the same as in Christchurch, but of course, an item worth Aust. \$1.00 cost us approximately NZ\$1.15. I found many Australians complaining about their income but they really have little idea of how well off they are. For example academic salaries are almost double those in New Zealand at least for sub-professorial posts, whereas the cost of a house is about the same and the cost of a car and petrol, substantially less.

"I wish to thank the Council for the opportunity to take study leave and to take this opportunity of pressing for continued support of the study leave scheme," he added. "I am broke, but my leave has been most worthwhile from a research viewpoint, with several publications in the pipeline, and

it has been a rich and rewarding experience."

Dr B. J. Cochrane (English) gives this assessment of the cost of living in Europe in his study leave report:

London: expensive  
Cambridge: tolerable  
France, Italy, Austria: tolerable (for the tourist)

Germany: very expensive  
Sweden: appalling—find a grant, or face destitution.

"Anyone planning to spend leave in Cambridge should contact the Society for Visiting Scholars, St. Botolph's Lane: they have an accommodation service (I found a 2-bedroomed house for £90 a month, all furniture marked 'Property of Lady Keynes'!) and will introduce visitors to the social and academic life of the University.

"And a last word: air-travellers as neurotically convinced of imminent doom as I am will take the advice of the Registry and travel Air New Zealand, an airline which provides exceptionally comfortable accommodation for those disposed to melancholy meditation," he said.

Dr G. E. Stedman (Physics) found on study leave in Oxford that American academics were complaining that with high British rents and the fall in the value of the dollar, leave in Britain was becoming more expensive than at home.

He said the generous award of a Royal Society Commonwealth bursary induced a Micawber transition from poverty to comparative affluence. Without such help conference attendance would be difficult, given the current scale of registration fees.

"Oxford is a very pleasant place to stay," he said. "Membership of the Common Room at Merton College conferred many of the novel advantages of collegiate life, not least of which was access to the chapel organ for music practice. We were fortunate to obtain a (modernised) 400-year-old cottage on a secluded acre of ground in the delectable Boar's Hill area—an ideal furlough for an English staff wife. (Does any reader require accommodation near Oxford this October? Perhaps we could do more to emulate one Indian physics department, which possesses one gaberdine overcoat, worn by whichever staff member is currently on leave in the U.K.)"

## N.Z. Lit. At Cologne

Among unexpected pleasures on Dr B. J. Cochrane's study leave was the opportunity to participate in seminars on Allen Curnow, Denis Glover and Katherine Mansfield at the University of Cologne.

Dr Cochrane, a lecturer in English, said the seminars were especially illuminating in their revelation that Mansfield's New Zealand stories contain *lacunae*, not apparent to a New Zealander, which for German students of English constitute an incomprehensible gap in the logic of the narrative: the celebrated economy of technique evidently assumes a knowledge of the customs of the country, even of such geographical facts as the windiness of Wellington, to the extent of puzzling those who have no inborn command of the facts.

"In Cologne, too, I discovered a German rendering of a Sargeson story where 'He felt crook' was engagingly, if mystifyingly, translated as 'He felt as if his back were bent'."

## 100 Years Ago . . .

From the *Canterbury College letter-book, 1878*—

The Chairman, College Committee, Cauty College. Sir, I have the honour to call your attention to the salary the Porter of the College and the Caretaker of the Girls' High School are in receipt of. When they were appointed in November last the salaries were £75 for Porter and £25 for Caretaker, at that time duties were not severe, but at the present time they have increased to a very great extent. Porter's duties commence at 6.30 a.m. and continue until 11 p.m.

without relief and also a short time on Sundays. The Caretaker's duties in cleaning and attending on the Girls' High School occupies eight hours daily. For which they solicit your favourable consideration as to a higher rate of salary.

I have the honour to be sir, Your obedient servant, John McGregor, Porter, E. McGregor, Caretaker.

The heating system in the gymnasium has now been repaired and the acting Physical Education Officer (Miss Rosemary Davies) promises warm and comfortable conditions again.

# People

The election of one member of the Professorial Board to the University Council resulted in a tie between Professor Jane Soons (Geography) and Professor K. K. Ruthven (English). At last week's meeting of the Professorial Board the tie was resolved by lot and Professor Ruthven was declared elected.

The resignation of Professor W. Eversman (Mechanical Engineering) was accepted with regret by the University Council from 30 November. Professor Eversman, who was appointed in 1973, is going to the chairmanship of the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at the University of Missouri.

Two other resignations were accepted with regret, those of Dr David Lindley (Mechanical Engineering) from 22 September and Dr J. E. Barker (Forestry) from 3 September.

From 26 July to 1 September Professor R. H. T. Bates (Electrical Engineering) will attend and present a paper at the General Assembly of the Union Radio Scientifique Internationale in Scandinavia: attend and address the International Federation for Information Processing TC-4 Working Conference on Computer Aided Tomography and Ultrasonics in Medicine in Israel; attend and present a paper at the International Astronomical Union/Union Radio Scientifique Internationale Colloquium on Formation of Images from Spatial Coherence Functions in Astronomy in Europe: and attend the 18th Conference on Physical Sciences and Engineering in Medicine and Biology in Australia. Next year Professor Bates will take up a visiting foreign lectureship in Canada and will make visits in the United States, Sweden and Europe between mid-February and the end of May.

Dr D. F. Robinson (Mathematics) will attend and present a paper at the Sixth Australian Conference on Combinatorial Mathematics in Australia, 28 August to 2 September.

Mr H. L. Wrassky (Russian) will attend and present papers at the Australasian Conference of the International Association of Teachers of Russian in India.

Mr D. E. Browne (Philosophy & Religious Studies) will present a paper at the Environmental Philosophy Conference and make visits in Australia, 24 October to 1 November.

Mr J. A. George (Economics) has been appointed acting-Dean of the Commerce Faculty for a period of six months from 1 August.

Appreciation of the services of Professor B. R. Penfold (Chemistry) a retiring Professorial Board member of the University Council, was expressed in a resolution passed by the Council.

Professor A. M. Kennedy (Chemical Engineering) will attend the Institution of Chemical Engineers Conference on Alcohol Fuels and make visits in Sydney, 7-12 August.

Dr I. A. Snook (Education) will attend and present a paper at a public lecture on "Children's Rights" and participate in

seminars in Australia, over the period 26-30 September.

Dr J. D. Bradshaw (Geology) will carry out field work at Marie Byrd Land, Antarctica, this summer. He has been granted leave for 70 days from early in November to early in January 1979.

Mr K. R. Daniels (Psychology & Sociology) will present a paper at the International Congress of Schools of Social Work and attend the International Conference on Social Welfare and a symposium of the International Federation of Social Workers in Israel from 9 to 29 August.

## TWO IMPORTANT N.Z. BOOKS

### OXFORD BOOK OF NEW ZEALAND PLANTS

by L. B. Moore and J. B. Irwin

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# Notices

## Research Applications Invited

There are two sources of funds for research within the university system: the University of Canterbury allocation for relatively minor requests and the University Grants Committee funds for major projects.

Staff members requiring support for research, other than for research assistants, should apply to the Registrar not later than 14 August 1978. (This is for the University of Canterbury September meeting and the University Grants Committee November meeting).

Forms for this purpose are available from the cashier, Registry Concourse. Applications and any attachments should be typewritten and forwarded through Heads of Departments. Mineral Resources applications should be titled as such at the head of the form. Extra copies of applications are not required, but where supporting data for larger grants run to more than two sheets, the original plus 13 copies should be supplied for forwarding to the University Grants Committee. A photo-copy of the relative form will be returned to each applicant in September as an acknowledgement and record of his or her application.

## German Exchange Scheme

The German Academic Exchange Scheme Service offers scholarships to students and young graduates in all academic disciplines as well as in the fields of music and fine arts.

The scholarship, which is generally awarded for a period of ten to twelve months, offers a monthly allowance of between DM650 and DM1000, travel, medical and book allowances. Scholarship candidates should be between 18 and 32, have a good academic record and possess a knowledge of German adequate to follow lectures in German and to carry out studies in German universities.

The scholarships are valid for a course of study or further training at universities, technical universities and academies of art and music in the area of the Federal Republic of Germany including Berlin (West).

Information and application forms are available from the Registry (Miss Perry Ext. 700). The closing date for applications is 1 August 1978 at the Registry.

The University will itself finance in whole or in part some of the smaller applications. Larger applications will be considered here and referred to the University Grants Committee for support.

Funds for research assistants will continue to be allocated separately.

## Alley Scholarship

Applications are invited by the Registrar of the University of Waikato for the Rewi Alley Scholarship in Modern Chinese Studies. The Scholarship has been established to mark the occasion of Rewi Alley's eightieth birthday and in recognition of his humanitarian and literary work in China over more than 50 years. The Scholarship is administered by the University of Waikato.

The value of the Scholarship is \$400 and will be open to persons, normally not less than 18 years of age, who are New Zealand citizens, or who are ordinarily resident in New Zealand, for study of any aspect of life in modern China. The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage study and research on China preferably in New Zealand and at a university or other institution. Fuller details of the Scholarship including its possible tenability elsewhere, and application forms, are available from the Registry, Miss Perry Ext. 700. Applications close 22 August 1978.

## New A.C.U. Publications

The Association of Commonwealth Universities has published the 22nd edition of *List of University Institutions in the Commonwealth*.

As well as full postal addresses, the *List* gives the personal names of the executive heads of universities and of the officer at each to whom general enquiries should be addressed. It should be of practical use to those keeping international mailing lists, to admissions officers and others interested in universities abroad. Three hundred institutions are listed.

Up to six copies of the *List* will be mailed free on request; seven or more copies will be charged at cost.

The A.C.U. will publish the following new editions during June and July.

*Higher Education in the United Kingdom: A handbook for students from*

## Rhodes Scholarship

Applications are invited for nomination for Rhodes Scholarships to be awarded at the end of this year for tenure from October 1979.

Copies of the conditions have not yet been received but it is not expected that there will be any major changes from those in last year's memorandum. It is expected, therefore, that: candidates must be unmarried British subjects male or female with at least five years domicile in New Zealand; over 19 years of age but under 25 on 1 October 1979; and have achieved academic training sufficiently advanced to ensure completion of a Bachelors degree by October 1979. For full details of the Regulations for the 1977-1978 award see pages 49-52 of the 1978 University Grants Committee Handbook.

Application forms are available from the Registry, Level 3, (Miss Perry). Applications close on 1 August 1978 at the Registry. A notice will be circulated if further information is received.

## Discipline Regulations

The Calendar Revision Committee intends to examine and redraft the discipline regulations. In the first instance it will be looking at, and if necessary reporting to the Professorial Board on, the adequacy of the present regulations and would welcome any comments or suggestions for change from members of the University. These should be forwarded to Mr A. C. Wildbore, the secretary of the committee (Extension 80-864).

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*The Compendium of University Entrance Requirements for First Degree Courses in the United Kingdom, 1979-80.* Price £3.75 (postage overseas 43p extra).

*Research Strengths of Universities in the Developing Countries of the Commonwealth.* Second edition. Price £3.50 surface postage included.

The address is: Association of Commonwealth Universities, 36 Gordon Square, London, WC1H 0PF.

The July meeting of the University Council will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday 24 July, as stated in the University Calendar. The "Important Dates for 1978" card gives the meeting date incorrectly as Monday 31 July.