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## Marine studies trust based at Kaikoura

A newly-launched marine studies trust, based at the University's Kaikoura field station, has created "a wonderful opportunity to expand research", says Dr Colin McLay, Head of the Zoology department.

The New Zealand Centre for Marine Studies Trust was officially launched on Wednesday 15 April by the Minister of Conservation Denis Marshall. The ceremony was held at the University's Edward Percival Research Centre in Kaikoura and was followed by a lunch at the Takahanga Marae.

The Trust has strong Maori links and one of the goals of the directors is to raise public awareness about the cultural and historical relationship between the Ngai Tahu people and the marine environment. The Chairman

of the Trust is Christchurch businessman Athol Hutton. The other directors are Tipene O'Regan, Chairman of the Ngai Tahu Maori Trust Board; Bill Solomon, the founder of Kaikoura Tours Ltd; and Richard Oliver of Kaikoura.

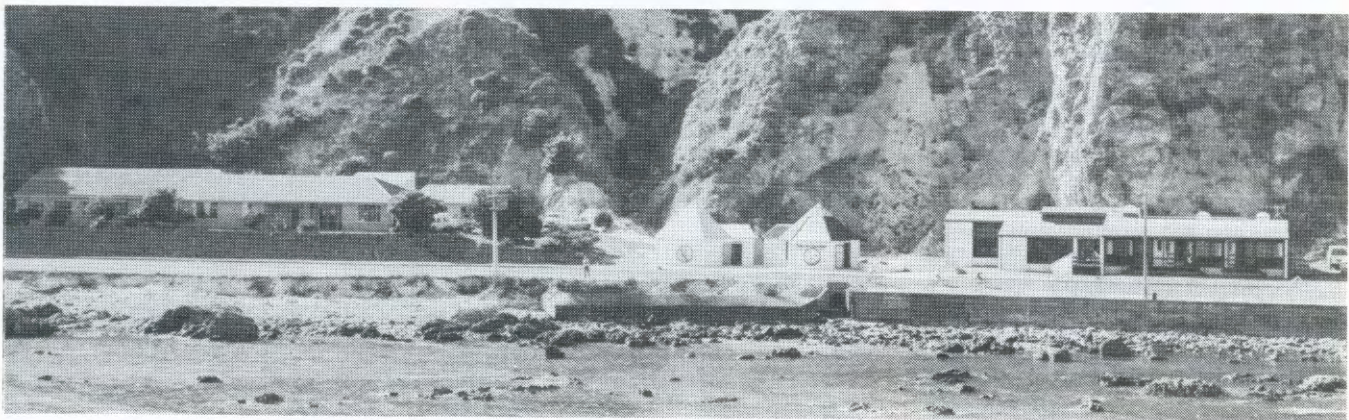
Dr McLay is one of three prominent marine scientists who have agreed to be Advisory Trustees. He is also the Executive Director of the Marine Centre. The other Advisory Trustees are Dr Alan Baker, Director of the National Museum and a world authority on whales and dolphins; and Dr Philip Mladenov, Professor of Marine Science at the University of Otago.

Dr McLay is very enthusiastic about the venture because the Trust will provide finance for new opportunities. The field

station has residential facilities for staff and students and laboratory facilities for maintaining live animals for study. The independence of the University is in no way compromised by the arrangement as the Trust "will wear the results" of the research that is carried out.

The Trust aims to facilitate scientific research into the best ways of managing the coastal marine environment, particularly along the continental shelf near Kaikoura. It has an interest in conserving marine resources, and it's also interested in developing training programmes to provide young people with the maritime skills needed for employment in marine-based tourism and fisheries.

— L.G.



## International award recognises Prof Elley's literacy research

**Professor Warwick Elley (Education) has been awarded the International Reading Association's 1992 International Citation of Merit for his research on literacy. The award will be presented at the biennial World Congress on Reading in Hawaii on 13 July.**

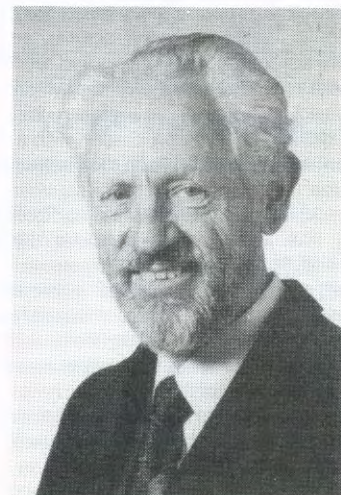
Professor Elley is a world leader in the field of literacy research and the citation is the latest in a series of national and international awards which recognise that.

The award recognises Professor Elley's work on four major projects: The "book flood" programme for raising literacy levels in the South Pacific islands; research on children's vocabulary acquisition; a new English programme in Singapore schools; and his role as Chairperson of the IEA Reading-literacy survey of 32 countries.

Before coming to Canterbury in 1982 Professor Elley conducted a number of "book

flood" projects in the South Pacific, whereby large numbers of high-interest, illustrated story books were placed in schools, and teachers were given help in sharing them with pupils. Evaluations of these projects showed dramatic improvements in the children's language growth, and provided models for others to follow. Professor Elley continues to consult with Islands' educators, as the methodology associated with these projects is spread to other places.

His research on children's vocabulary acquisition involves working with Christchurch primary teachers conducting experiments on the effects of story reading on children's language growth. He has been able to document substantial gains in their vocabulary as a result of listening to stories read aloud under varying conditions. The effects are long-term and at least as beneficial to weak readers as good ones.



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## Bio-organic chemist appointed lecturer

Dr Andrew Pratt, currently a lecturer at Oxford University's Dyson Perrins Laboratory, has been appointed a lecturer in the Chemistry Department. Dr Pratt, who specialises in bio-organic chemistry and biochemistry, will take up the appointment in July.

Dr Pratt's research interests centre on interdisciplinary studies in bio-organic chemistry: new methodology for anti-cancer chemotherapy; synthesis of therapeutic enzyme inhibitors; investigation of biosynthetic enzymes; photolytic manipulation of biochemical processes; and the use of enzymes in organic synthesis. He has published 20 scholarly papers and has been commissioned by Oxford University Press to write two undergraduate texts.

Dr Pratt, 32, took a BA in natural sciences at Oxford's Hertford College then completed an MA and DPhil in Oxford's Dyson Perrins laboratory. He then spent a year as a NATO postdoctoral research fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

## Professor Elley honoured with international literacy award

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The new English programme in Singapore schools began in 1985, assisting the Singapore Ministry of Education with a Book Flood approach to English teaching in the first three grades of primary school. Teachers have been trained to use Kiwi-style Shared Reading and Language Experience approaches, and Professor Elley's monitoring exercises have shown considerable benefits in the children's reading and writing. This project has now gone national.

The IEA Reading-Literacy survey which Professor Elley chairs began in 1988. Professor Elley has been working with researchers in 32 countries, investigating the standards of literacy of representative samples of 9- and 14-year olds in each country, and comparing the various instructional methods used in each place. This mammoth project involves over 210,000 students and 10,000 teachers, drawn from every continent of the globe.

Professor Elley sees it as a major challenge to produce tests which "behave" in similar fashion in each culture, and to secure agreement on analysis and reporting procedures. Much tact and diplomacy are required. Currently, 6 million bits of information are being processed with a view to announcing the results in the Netherlands in June.

In addition to these four projects, Professor Elley has had a high profile in the NZ Reading Association for many years, and served as National Coordinator, Secretary, Research Coordinator, Conference Organizer and regular speaker in various NZRA Councils. He has developed a number of reading tests for NZ schools, as well as word lists, procedures for estimating readability, and other practical tools for teachers. He has also published several books and many research articles on his work.



Dr Pratt was appointed a lecturer at Oxford in 1984 and was awarded tenure in 1989. He is also a Tutorial and Senior Research Fellow in organic chemistry at Jesus College there.

## Student awards in Computer Science

The Computer Science Department has initiated annual awards for its best students. The awards for the 1991 year went to:

Shane Hudson (Stage 1 Computer Science)

Craig Farrow (Stage II)

Mark Cox (Stage 3)

Thoo Lip Chau (Fourth year).

Each of the students received a certificate and an award.

## First physics professor also a Royal Society Fellow

The election of Professor David Lloyd (Plant and Microbial Sciences) to Fellowship of the Royal Society reminded one reader of a similar honour bestowed on a former Canterbury academic.

Professor Clinton Farr, a lecturer in physics and surveying from 1904 and professor of physics from 1911 to 1936, was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1928, making Professor Lloyd the second serving staff member to be honoured thus.

The Royal Society is one of the world's oldest and most prestigious scientific societies and election to Fellowship is a rare honour. Professor Lloyd is just the seventh resident New Zealander to be recognised in this way.

Professor Farr was a popular and effective lecturer whose sense of humour endeared him to students and staff alike. The University's centennial history describes him as an "affable, endearing man, who of all members of the staff came closest to the prototype absent-minded professor... Farr was able and well-versed in his subject and had a ready wit."

Professor Farr was a friend of Ernest

## Astronomy and Physics feature in new Department name

Canterbury's role as the only New Zealand university offering degrees in astronomy has been recognised by renaming the Physics Department the Department of Physics and Astronomy. The change is effective from 25 March, when it was adopted by the Academic Board.

The Department's head, Dr Rod Syme, says the change was supported by an overwhelming majority of staff, but did not foreshadow any move to break the Department into two.

As well as recognising Canterbury's pre-eminent role in teaching astronomy, the new name also acknowledges the research activities of the staff and graduate students as a whole.

Courses with ASTR prescriptions have been taught at Canterbury for 25 years and the new name will alert potential students to the comprehensive nature of astronomy teaching here, the variety of topics and levels at which they are taught, the number of staff involved and the laboratory and research equipment available.

The new name also brings Canterbury into line with overseas practices. Canterbury was virtually the only case internationally of a Physics Department operating a major ground-based optical observatory.

Rutherford and an enthusiast for research, although his own work was on a relatively small scale. He undertook a magnetic survey of New Zealand from 1898 to 1904 and later investigated the properties of liquid sulphur; inquired into the causes of breakdown in the insulators used in the Lake Coleridge hydro-supply line; surveyed the rocks and artesian waters of the country for their radio active content; and surveyed the helium content of the natural gases of New Zealand.

Born in Adelaide in 1866 and educated at St Peter's College and Adelaide University, he was awarded BSc and later DSc degrees. He lectured at Sydney University for several years then at Adelaide for a year before undertaking the New Zealand magnetic survey. He was appointed a lecturer in physics and surveying in 1904 and in 1911 was appointed to the newly-created Chair of Physics. He held the position until his retirement in 1936.

Professor Farr was a leading scientific figure in Australia and New Zealand for 30 years and this was recognised with Fellowship of a number of Australasian societies and of the Royal Society.

## Art Purchases Committee's work of the month

Kura Te Waru-Rewiri's *Genealogy* is the Art Purchases Committee's latest acquisition. Originally part of the Portfolio *New Zealand 1990: Lithographs by Twenty Artists*, curated by Hamish Keith and printed at Muka Studio, Auckland, *Genealogy* was one of several works by leading contemporary Maori artists included in the collection. Its subject and theme of the lines of descent fundamental to Maori tribal and ethnic identity reflects Te Waru-Rewiri's deep commitment to Maoritanga and te mana wahine. She is of Ngapuhi descent.

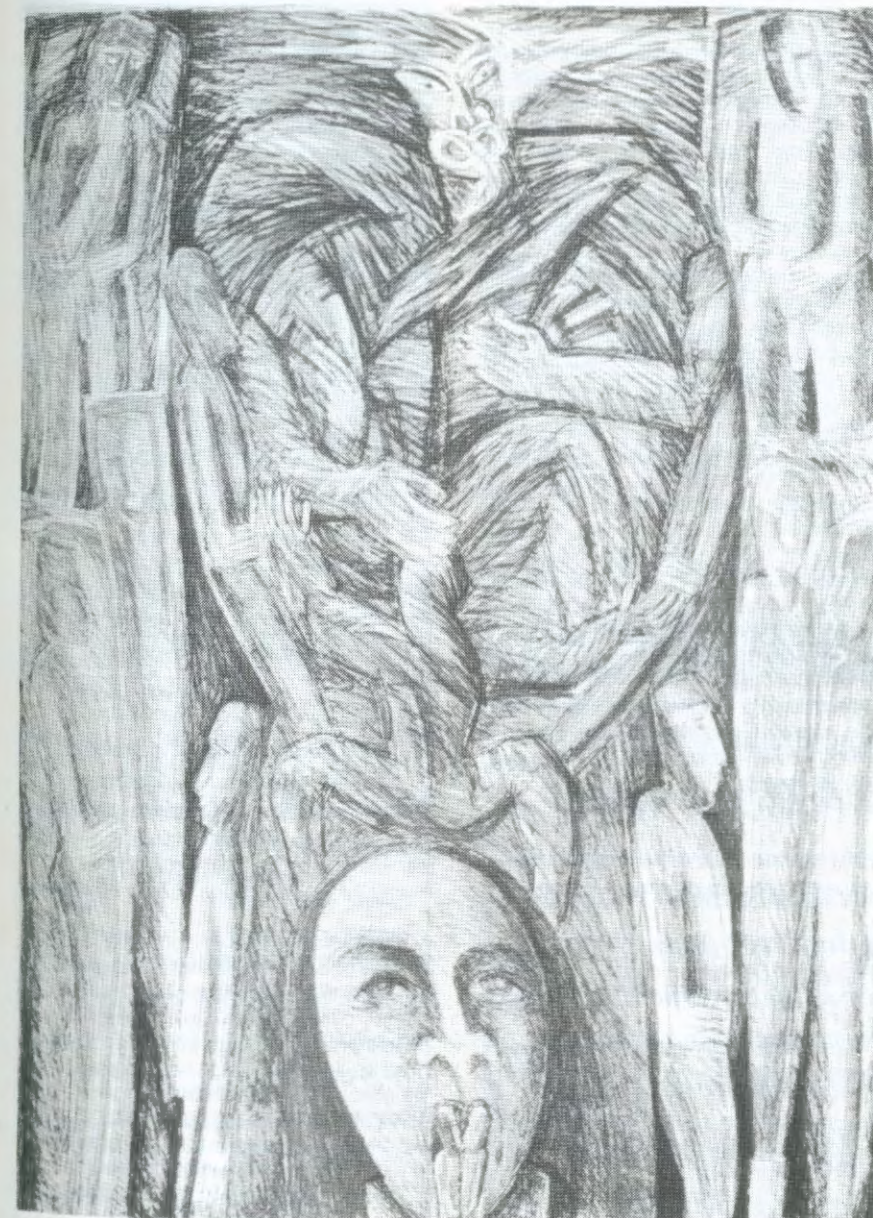
The vigorous drawing evident in the work — which complements the brilliant colour and expressive brushwork in her paintings — is perhaps a legacy of an artistic training in the University of Canterbury School of Fine Arts, which she entered in 1970. A quality of physical

engagement, together with figurative elements adapted from traditional Maori woodcarving (the subject of her Fine Arts Honours thesis) is also apparent.

Although she completed her Diploma in Fine Arts with Honours in Painting in 1973, it was not until the mid-1980s that she began to emerge as a significant artistic contributor to the resurgence of Maori nationalism and culture, producing works of striking originality and power.

In recent years she has been represented in all the major exhibitions of contemporary Maori and Maori women's art in New Zealand and overseas. In common with many contemporary Maori artists the Treaty of Waitangi has been a constant theme in Te Waru-Rewiri's work.

— J.N.M.



## Art Purchases' exhibition of "Acquisitions"

The Art Purchases Committee presents an exhibition of "Recent Acquisitions", including works by Gavin Chilcott, Barry Cleavin, Denise Copland, Mark Lander and Kura Te Waru-Rewiri, in the Gallery, School of Fine Arts from Monday 27 April to Friday 8 May, weekdays only, 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Staff are invited to apply for a work to be placed on loan in their department. Application forms will be available at the exhibition.

## Personal IDs and security

At a recent meeting of the Health & Safety Committee concern was raised about uninvited visitors in buildings, and the possibility of thefts and damage.

Our Security Centre in the Registry Concourse has recently undertaken to monitor all contractors working on University grounds and to issue ID passes to those contractors as they arrive on site.

However, the majority of people, both staff and students, will not be displaying ID and therefore vigilance by all staff in questioning the presence of an unknown person in their building will assist in maintaining general security. It is suggested that questioning be undertaken in a helpful manner which would be appreciated by anyone seeking directions but still allow further details to be extracted if suspicion was aroused.

There have been two recent instances where staff have questioned the presence of unknown people in their building during normal work hours and both cases resulted in them being taken into custody by the police.

Assistance in dealing with any suspicious activity is available by calling our 24 hour 7 day a week Security Desk on Extension 6111.

— D.G.C.

## School paper workshop held

Forty secondary school teachers and students attended a two-day workshop on producing a school newspaper held by the Journalism Department.

They came from as far afield as Invercargill, Fairlie and Hari Hari to gain practical writing and production skills. The workshop was a follow-up to the national secondary school newspaper of the year award organised by the department.

The tutors, Jim Tully and Rachel Scott, will hold similar workshops in Wellington and Auckland later this year.

## Fitting author for book on colonial life 1820-60

It's fitting that a book on life in the British colonies between 1820 and 1860 should have been written by a Canadian who studied in Britain, works in New Zealand and who conceived the idea while on a fellowship in Australia.

It was in 1982, while Dr Mark Francis (Political Science) was a visiting Fellow at the Australian National University, that he was encouraged to write a book about colonial governors as a way of understanding how British colonial societies worked.

The result, *Governors and Settlers: Images of Authority in the British Colonies, 1820-60*, was recently published by Macmillan in Britain and by the Canterbury University Press.

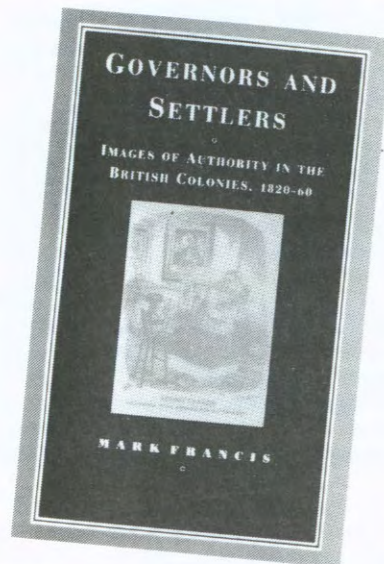
*Governors and Settlers* was originally to be a two-year project but it stretched to 8½ years as Dr Francis found he had to do his own archival work from scratch in Australia, Canada and New Zealand. Also, his initial approach of focusing on the ideas behind colonial government proved unsatisfactory and Dr Francis found himself working at the edge of anthropology, investigating ceremony and ritual in the colonies.

The book is unique in that it looks at colonial culture "from the edge", from the point of view of the settlers and governors. Previous colonial histories, especially those written in the 1960s, looked at the colonies from the British viewpoint, whereas *Governors and Settlers* assesses how close life in the colonies was to the design envisaged at the centre, Britain.

Earlier books tended to ignore ground-level events in the colonies, or become the provincial preserve of colonial historians. However, Dr Francis discovered a common colonial structure, with settlers, Governors and other officials going from colony to colony and perpetuating a colonial culture.

The terminal dates of 1820 and 1860 are significant. Until the 1820s colonial colonies were small, as in New South Wales, or were former Dutch or French colonies in the case of South Africa and Canada. But they grew quickly from then and by 1860 each of the colonies was a unique and diverse society in its own right.

Between those years the Governors were all powerful. They were not only administrators but also statesmen, ceremonial heads and repositories of political wisdom and constitutional maxims. Settlers



looked to them to solve their problems and held them responsible for prosperity, education and culture. It was an environment that saw Governors both vilified and deified.

*Governors and Settlers* includes a substantial chapter on New Zealand's three governors of the period, Robert Fitzroy, Sir George Gray and Thomas Gore Browne, who had to cope with a unique situation where politics was largely a matter of avoiding racial clashes rather than reinforcing colonial authority. It also describes the context in which British and colonial thinking behind the Treaty of Waitangi took place.

Dr Mark Francis, senior lecturer in political science, joined the staff in 1973 after completing a BA(Hons) at British Columbia, an MA at the University of Toronto and a PhD at Cambridge. He specialises in the history of British political thought and has edited two books in the field and published numerous articles in journals. He is currently working with a former student of his, now teaching at Victoria University of Wellington, on a major book on the history of political thought in the 19th century.

*Governors and Settlers* costs \$69.95 retail but is available to staff at a 35% discount price of \$45.50. Contact the CUP office (ext. 6044) for details.

## CAE runs lifeline services seminars

The Centre for Advanced Engineering has conducted one-day seminars in Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland between 10 and 15 April on the subject of "Lifeline Services in Earthquakes".

Lifeline services include water supply, stormwater drainage, sewerage, gas, electricity, telecommunications, broadcasting and transportation networks. A total of nearly 120 people attended from a wide variety of organisations concerned with lifelines and their performance in earthquakes.

The seminars described the findings from

the first major project of the Centre completed in September 1991. A case study approach was used based on the Wellington region.

The keynote speaker at the seminars was Professor Tom O'Rourke who is Professor of Civil Engineering at Cornell University and currently a visitor to the Civil Engineering Department. He is one of the world's foremost authorities on the impact of earthquakes on lifelines and on buried services in particular.

## Perpetual tap a funding solution?

The first of April provided physics lecturer Dr John Campbell with just the opportunity he needed to indulge his sense of humour. Four jokes featured.

The perpetually-running tap (see photo) was accompanied by the caption: "University funding — this recent invention, when perfected, should ensure that the University of Canterbury will be well funded throughout the next century."

The other three displays were of floating rocks, a device for halving power bills (scissors) and a video clip from the *Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy*.



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## Hoods and Gowns hire service in its 70th year

At this time of year when many graduands will be finding their way to The Basement in the Arts Centre to hire academic regalia for capping ceremonies it is good to look back and see why and how this hiring service provided by the Federation of University Women came about.

The FUW itself was formed just after the first World War when three eminent university women, two English and one American, hoped to promote understanding among university women of different countries by forming the International Federation of University Women which would foster international friendships through personal contacts; further international understanding through learning and knowledge; and establish club houses throughout the world where university women would be welcome, thus helping to create an atmosphere of understanding. They sent invitations to women graduates throughout the world and New Zealand responded by forming four Branches: Otago in 1921 and others in 1922.

From its very first years the Branch was occupied with the raising of money: for the relief of students starving in Greece and Russia as a result of the war; for the new clubrooms, Crosby Hall in London; and for the establishment of a Fellowship.

Fund raising activities were begun... Bridge parties, Bring and Buy evenings, garden parties, raffles, stalls in Cathedral Square, musical and drama evenings. Slowly the funds grew but only to a small amount — £148 in 1933. Finally a sub committee of Sadie Penney, Millicent Kennedy, Marian Reese, Olive Perkins, Enid Wachter and Marian Wilkinson was set up to study ways of making some "big" money.

Enquiries were made from Otago about their scheme for hiring out regalia to graduands for capping ceremonies. Canterbury decided to do the same. Working bees were held when the material was cut out and then taken home for machining and the hand sewing of the fur. But there were never enough gowns to go round so members had to go out and borrow from the staffs of the high schools who reluctantly lent them out for a day.

The money came in slowly and more and more working bees were held, but more and more money was being asked for now to assist European refugees after the second world war to help displaced university women and for our own and overseas fellowships. In 1955 £103 was raised from the hire of the Hoods and Gowns and by 1960 it had risen to £195.

In the 1960s there was a large increase in the number of students graduating and an appeal was made to the University Council for assistance. The Council agreed to lend money for the extra regalia, free of interest, and it was to be repaid from half of each year's proceeds from the hire of academic dress until the loan was fully repaid. It was a very satisfactory arrangement for both; but now there was a further problem. Where was the regalia to be stored?

Originally it had been housed in Sadie Penney's home, then it was shifted to a room

in the home of Irene Milnes and then to a sewing room on the third floor of Christchurch Girls' High School. This was never satisfactory as each capping day all the regalia had to be carried down the stairs, loaded into cars and taken to the university and returned the same way.

When the school wanted the room the university offered the use of the old wash-house at No 27 Cashel Street where the Music Department was housed. It was very small, but rails were fitted so the gowns could be hung up, leaving the hoods and trenchers in boxes. All the regalia still had to be carried to the university on capping day. In 1962 better accommodation was provided on the first floor of the West Block of the university. Finally, when the university moved to Ilam it was stipulated in the Deed of Gift that the Branch was always to have the use of The Basement, the area used today for the storage of the Hoods and Gowns.

Today regalia can be supplied for more than 1200. In 1935 our income was just £35, in 1955 just £206. Today many thousands are spent on assisting students with scholarships, fellowships, hardship funds at Canterbury and Lincoln, loan funds, awards and prizes and in assisting students financially whenever there is a need. In the past the regalia was hired out mainly to graduands, but today many professional groups make use of our services and our regalia is sent from Ashburton to Nelson and over to Hokitika.

Now every week a group of voluntary workers can be seen checking stock, repairing, hiring and banking and at this time of year processing the registration forms for capping as they come in. The story of the acorn and the oak is well illustrated by a survey of the work of the Hoods and Gowns Committee of the Federation of University Women.

— S.C.M.

## PeoplePeople

Professor Ken Strongman (Psychology), a University Council appointee to the Arts Centre Trust Board, has been elected Chairman of that Board.

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Dr Neville Bennett (History) has been awarded a Japan Foundation Fellowship and will visit Japanese universities in October and November.

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Canterbury Visiting Fellowships have been offered to: **Professor A.B. Bosworth, University of Western Australia**, to be held in the Department of Classics from 22 May to 22 June 1993; **Associate Professor John Charlot, University of Hawai'i at Manoa**, to be held in the Department of Maori from 1 June to 31 July 1993; **Professor Richard Quinney, Northern Illinois University**, to be held in the Department of Sociology from 15 June to 1 August 1993.

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Erskine Fellowships have been awarded to: **Dr John Hannah (Mathematics)** to visit UK, Canada and Ireland from 11 July to 26 August 1992; **Dr S. Kemp (Psychology)** to visit UK and Germany from 20 August to 24 September 1992; **Dr J.B. Hearnshaw (Physics)** to visit USA, Hungary, Switzerland, Scotland and South Africa from 11 July to 17 August 1992; **Mr A.J. Robb (Accountancy)** to visit Singapore, Holland, UK, Canada and USA from 1 August to 11 September 1992.

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Visiting Erskine Fellowships have been offered to: **Associate Professor Dan Mateescu, McGill University, Canada** to be held in the Departments of Mechanical Engineering and Mathematics from 18 January to 7 May 1993; **Professor J.O. Murie, University of Alberta, Canada**, to be held in the Department of Zoology from 24 May to 20 August 1993.

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## Enrolment figures prompt debate at Council

The tabling of enrolment figures at the University Council meeting of April 2 prompted a debate on the enrolment and limited entry systems.

Student president Joan Smith questioned whether, given the small overall increase in numbers (about 3% up on 1991) and the large number of limited entry courses which were undersubscribed, the system of limitations was necessary. "The figures show it wasn't worth all that anxiety (for students)," she told Council.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Brownlie, said it was easy to look back and be wise but that limitation of entry was an insurance policy to prevent Departments from being swamped by demand. What Departments feared most was a substantial, uncontrolled increase as had been happening when open entry prevailed. Open entry had been disastrous in its effect on staff: student ratios, staff and student accommodation and on library services, he said.

Professor Brownlie said the limitation of entry system was tricky because of the effect of priority pre-enrolments, wait lists, rejections etc. But difficulties and deficiencies in the way the system was operated were not an argument for a return to open entry. Instead, they made a case for considering limitations in the context of campus-wide managed entry.

Professor Brownlie said the Academic Administration Committee was considering the issues involved and that the Vice-Chancellors Committee was examining a central admissions system whereby students indicated their priorities.

Professor Jane Soons (Geography) reinforced Professor Brownlie's comments on the need for limitation of entry. Geography enrolments had fallen short of limits in some courses but all eligible students who had applied had been enrolled. But the reasons for imposing these limits still existed and it was important that limitation of entry remain as a failsafe system, she said.

The reliability of the faculty enrolment figures were questioned by Professor Gerry Orchard (Law), who said the figures for law were wrong. The misleading figures arose because of the way double degree enrolments were assigned. In fact, all law courses were fully subscribed, he said.

Professor Brownlie said the practice of listing enrolment by faculty had deficiencies and the best indicators were tables of enrolment by Departments, and of EFTS numbers by Department.

The Chancellor, Mr Ian Leggat, said the issues involved needed to be examined and at a future meeting Council would consider how many should be allowed to enrol and how they should be selected.

### Applied Psychology MSc

Council approved a proposal for a new subject, Applied Psychology, to be introduced into the MSc degree. The new subject involves a re-organisation of courses in industrial and organisational psychology to make more effective use of the Psychology Department's teaching and research resources.

The new subject will permit course work in addition to a research project; give formal degree credit for second-year postgraduate courses which currently serve only as qualifying courses for the Diploma in Industrial and Organizational Psychology; provide students with more choice among topics within Applied Psychology; provide an MSc qualification in Industrial and Organizational Psychology similar to those offered by several universities in North America, Britain and Australia.

### Meningitis

Dr David Gray, Director of the Student Health and Counselling Service, reported on the meningitis outbreak on campus.

Publicity about it had caused some confusion, he said. In fact four cases of meningitis (where the meningococcal bacteria has caused serious illness) were discovered in university students, mainly those at University Hall. Three of those had been discovered through Student Health. One of the four meningitis cases led to the death of a student.

Dr Gray explained that the meningococcal bacteria is present in the community at all times, with 5 to 10% of the population carrying it without ill effect. However, when it affects a close community such as a Hall of Residence, it can spread easily. Because of that all Hall students were treated with an antibiotic and the spread of the bacteria had been contained.

Dr Gray explained that meningitis was a notifiable disease and hence publicity about it was the preserve of the area health board. However, several Council members expressed concern that the University had not publicised the situation more within the University community.

Dr Gray was thanked by the Chancellor for the strenuous efforts of him and his staff in controlling the outbreak.

### Centre for Continuing Education

The Director of the Centre for Continuing Education, Mr Brian O'Rourke, introduced the latest in a series of reports from various Departments and answered questions from Council.

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## Canadian to give two workshops

Two half-day workshops for tertiary teachers have been arranged by ERAU on Wednesday 6 May. The workshops will be led by a HERDSA Visiting Fellow, Professor Dave Humphreys, professor of Chemistry at McMaster University, Canada, and the recipient of prestigious Canadian and international awards for university teaching and science education.

The workshops are to be held in S8. The first, running from 9 a.m. to noon, is on "The place of frontier material in undergraduate courses." It will explore various sources of information about current thinking and how they can be used to stimulate student imagination and encourage student learning.

The second, running from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., is on "The role of laboratories and experiments in undergraduate education." It will consider the place of alternatives to the laboratory, such as simulated experiments, video tapes, and computers as well as ways of using and organising more traditional laboratory and project work.

The workshops will have general appeal to tertiary teachers and, while many of the examples will be drawn from chemistry, they will also be relevant to other disciplines, especially science-based ones.

Enrolment is open to all tertiary teachers, but numbers are strictly limited and early enrolment is recommended. There is no charge for university lecturers as the visit is being sponsored by ERAU. Cancellations however, may incur a \$20 cancellation fee. Staff should contact ERAU for further information.

The workshops conflict with the Science Faculty graduation ceremony but unfortunately this was the only date available if Christchurch was to be included in the itinerary.

HERDSA, the Higher Education Research and Development Society of Australasia, is an interdisciplinary professional society concerned with improving teaching and learning in higher education. HERDSA Visiting Fellows are chosen for their skill as effective university teachers and for their ability to inspire their colleagues.

## Supervision workshops

Dr Estelle Phillips from the Department of Occupational Psychology, Birkbeck College, University of London, will be offering two half-day workshops for ERAU on Wednesday, 13 May. One will be 'Managing your supervisor' (for students) and the other 'student expectations' (for supervisors).

Dr Phillips is well known for her co-authoring of that 'essential text' for graduate students and their supervisors 'How to get a PhD'.

Notices giving details of these workshops will be distributed to staff and students in due course.

— S.H.

## Notices

### Trained mediators sought

The Sexual Harassment Prevention Committee is seeking people prepared to be involved as mediators in sexual harassment cases.

If you are interested in assisting could you please write to: Sue Clark, Staffing Section, Registry, enclosing an outline of the training you have received and your experience as a mediator.

Potential mediators for the programme will be invited to participate in a Sexual Harassment Workshop during the May vacation. Applications are required by 30 April.

### Lottery Science applications due

Applications for grants from Lottery Science Research, NZ Lottery Grants Board, are now due. Application forms and copies of the conditions are available from Mrs Karen Grubb, Finance, Registry (Ext. 8941).

All applications are to be submitted to Mrs Grubb by 5 June 1992. Applications are only acceptable on the 1992 prescribed form and should not be retyped into a new format.

Only one copy of each application is required. The Board advises that late applications will not be accepted. Please note that the sum requested should be exclusive of GST.

Applicants will be notified in October of the success of otherwise of their applications.

### China Silk Road Tour

From 22 August to 16 September. 22 nights in China and 2 in Hong Kong for \$6,800. Beijing, Xi'an, Jiayuguan, Dunhuang, Urumchi, Kashgar, Guangzhou.

Unique features include hosting by Friendship Association and visit to Shandan, Gansu Province (Rewi Alley School and cooperatives). Further information available from Bill Willmott, Sociology, ext. 6188.

### Staff Club office holders

Listed below at the officers and committee members of the Staff Club for the 1992-93 year.

President: Dugald McDonald, Social Work, Ext. 6444

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## Biological Abstracts and Current Contents now available on disc in Main Library

For a couple of years now social scientists have been able to search the ERIC and PSYCLIT databases on compact discs. Now the life scientists are no longer at a disadvantage; the Main Library has recently received on CD-Rom the 1991 records of *Biological Abstracts*, the world's largest abstracting and indexing service for biological and biomedical research literature.

People who are familiar with the printed version will know how tedious and time consuming it is to search. And although we have been able to search it online for more than a decade now, over the last two or three years it has become prohibitively expensive.

There is no charge for searching the compact-disc version which is marketed by Silverplatter and is very straightforward and easy to use; the education and psychology databases are produced by the same vendor, and the staff of the Information Services Department in the Library are thoroughly familiar with the way they work.

Our experience with the CD-Roms for education and psychology suggests that there will be a heavy demand from students and staff in the life sciences and related disciplines for *Biological Abstracts* on CD. You should make an appointment at the Information Desk and allow an hour for your first search.

We also now have *Current Contents (Agriculture, Biology and Environmental Sciences)* on diskettes. This is the computerised version of the printed edition which many people consult regularly to keep abreast of the current literature. We are now receiving a diskette by airmail every fortnight.

You may like to scan it yourself or, as an alternative, you may prefer to set up a search profile, using keywords; we will run this for you at each update and mail you the results. If you would like to talk about your profile you should telephone Bronwyn Wright at the Information Desk (extension 8722) and make an appointment with her; she will be happy to help you.

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House to let for two months from 1 June. Close to University. Quiet, good location. Suit couple; no children or pets. \$160 per week negotiable. Phone (03) 355 4569.

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Close to University, schools and training College in quiet cul-de-sac, close to park, 3 bedroom home in immaculate condition. New carpet throughout, two sun-decks, 822sqm landscaped section, new large double garage. \$145,000. Phone 348 2309.

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## First Aid

The Safety Committee invites staff and students to enrol for the 1992 First Aid Course. It will run from 10 a.m. to noon each Thursday from 4 June, ending on 30 July. No session will be held during the mid-term break on 9 July. The cost is \$38.00 (including GST) and is payable on application at the Registry Concourse.

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Two flatmates required to share with one 26-year-old graduate student in lovely, well-appointed 3 bedroom summer home from 10 May. \$60 p.w. each. Non-smokers preferred. Please call Tony on ext. 8084 or at home on 351 8601.

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# Bishop Julius Hall celebrates its 75th anniversary

Seventy-five years ago the Anglican Bishop Churchill Julius saw the need for a residential hall for women students. He gave up his home at Bishops court and half his income and on 23 August 1917 "The Bishop's Hostel" opened with six students.

Seventy-five years on Bishop Julius Hall, as it became known, is the only single sex hall of residence in New Zealand and possibly the Southern Hemisphere according to the current Principal Archdeacon Margaret Wood.

This Easter Bishop Julius Hall celebrates its 75th anniversary with a reunion from 17 to 19 April. Included in the programme of events are a conversazione, a formal welcome, decade photographs, a bus tour of familiar places, a jubilee banquet and a service of thanksgiving on the Sunday.

Bishop Julius was a man ahead of his times in his recognition of the crying need to educate women and to utilise their skills and talents in society. He was responsible for initiating the setting up of the Community of the Sacred Name, St Margaret's College (1910) and Bishop Julius Hall (1917).

He also set up the Bible in State Schools League which led to the introduction of scripture lessons in state schools. He was warden of Christ's College and played a part in the extension of its upper college into College House and in the re-opening of Cathedral Grammar School in 1923. He was also on the Canterbury College Board of Governors from 1890 to 1920.

Bishops court (see photo) was a beautiful home for the Hall but demand soon outstripped accommodation. The cost at the time was 19 shillings a week in a cubicle of four or 21 shillings a week in a cubicle of two.

In 1919 an unlined, polite-covered unheated building was built in the grounds of Bishops court — the "Klink", as it was known, had opened.

On the death of Bishop Julius in 1924 the Bishop's home was needed for its original purpose and a new house was bought at 10 Cranmer Square (see photo). The 1920s and 1930s saw many hard years as the Great Depression bit, but in 1935 a new two-storeyed wing was added — the West-Watson wing.

Soon after, World War Two added to the difficulties, with rationing continuing from 1942 to 1950. In 1958 the Old Girls' Association, which still thrives, was formed, then in 1967 the golden jubilee was celebrated and a Who's Who of "Bish" residents was compiled.

With the move to Ilam a new Bishop Julius Hall had to be built. The University gave land on Waimairi Road beside the Avon River but money had to be raised for the building. A successful campaign was mounted and the Hall was completed in time to house the women's section of the Commonwealth Games in 1974.

Today the tradition of Bishop Julius Hall and the community spirit which has distinguished it are still very much in evidence. The University community wishes residents and old girls best wishes for a happy reunion.



Bishops court, the first home for Bishop Julius Hall, from 1917 to 1924.



10 Cranmer Square — home to Bishop Julius Hall for 50 years until the move to Ilam in 1974.

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