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Lottery science grants for 9 Canty projects

Canterbury University researchers have been awarded a total of \$195,000 in this year's Lottery Science Research grant round.

Nine of 20 projects submitted by Canterbury received funding ranging from \$5000 to the maximum of \$50,000. Nationally, 298 projects were considered and 117 of them received funding to a total value of \$1.83 million.

Acting Research Committee Chair Professor Jim Cole (Geological Sciences) was pleased with Canterbury's allocation, which compares well with the 1994 and 1995 allocations of \$172,000 and \$139,000 respectively. Grants are made for pure research only so the success of applicants in this and in the Marsden Fund (reported in the last *Chronicle*) confirms Canterbury's strengths in pure research.

Professor Cole was particularly pleased that Lottery Science was helping fund purchase of major items of equipment, something which was difficult to do from university operating budgets.

A maximum grant of \$50,000 was awarded to **Dr Pat Bodger** (Electrical and Electronic Engineering) to buy equipment to further his research into high voltage transducers. The money will be used to buy a Schering bridge which can measure high voltage capacitances to standards level.

Dr Bodger is developing both portable and in-situ transducers but has previously had to send prototypes to Australia for testing to get the accuracy of measurement needed.

The other grants were: **Dr Jan Cameron** (Sociology), \$5000 for publication costs associated with her project on intentional childlessness in New Zealand; **Dr Jack Heinemann** (Plant and Microbial Sciences), \$35,000 towards purchase of an ultracentrifuge for controlled concentration of biochemicals; **Associate Professor Robert Jackson** (Zoology), \$14,000 towards equipment which will allow him to generate computer-simulated prey; **Dr Roger Reeves** (Physics and Astronomy), \$5000 equipment and shipping costs for a vibration isolation table; **Professor Ward Robinson** (Chemistry), \$28,000 towards purchase of X-ray detectors for molecular structure analysis; **Professor Roger Sands** (Forestry), \$25,000 as a grant in aid for purchase of equipment to study the growth of radiata pine under soil physical constraints; **Dr Ashley Sparrow** (Plant and Microbial Sciences), \$8000 grant in aid for equipment to investigate fire and grazing as modifiers of the forest-grassland interface; **Associate Professor Steve Weaver** (Geological Sciences), \$25,000 grant in aid towards purchase of an X-ray fluorescence spectrometer for geological analysis.

An indestructible letter box



Second-year fine arts student Rae Culbert has the answer for local residents who have had their letter boxes damaged.

His four-metre sculpture, on show at the entrance to the Staff Club, would defy the most determined of vandals. Inspired by rural mail and milk boxes, the giant installation is built from a concrete mould and the drum of a concrete mixer. A road speed sign serves as an indicator flag. The sculpture will be assessed as part of the end-of-year submission process.

All aboard for the Engineering express

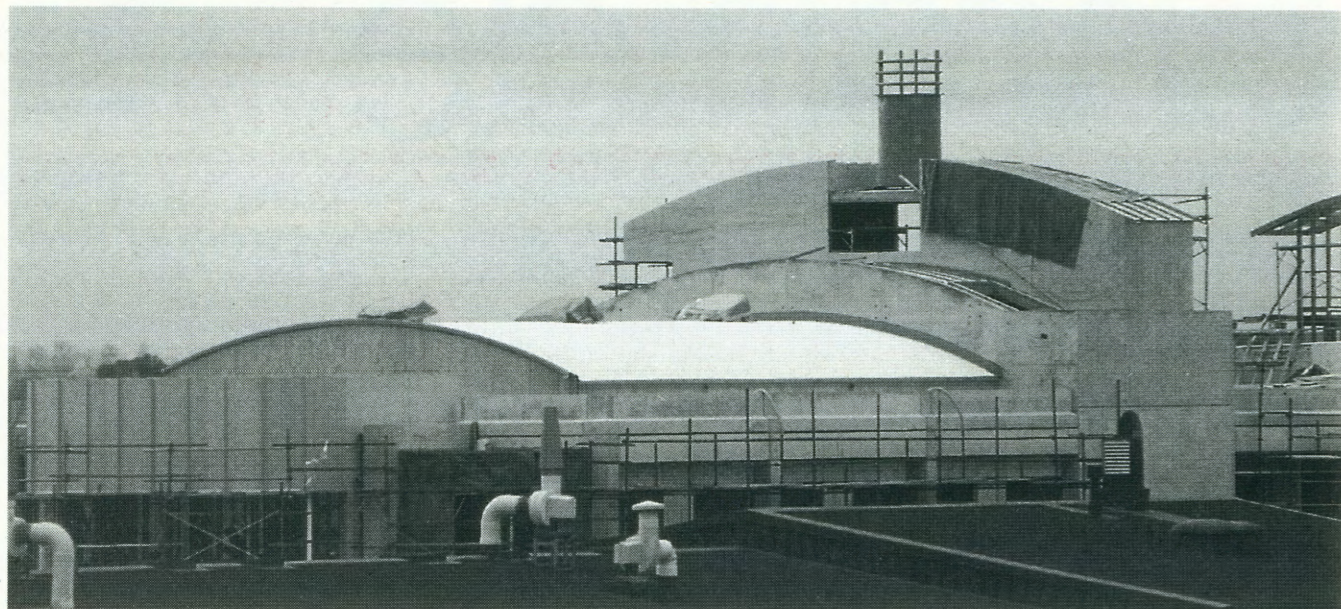


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Graduates elect two to Uni. Council

Dame Phyllis Gutherdt and Dr Roy Holmes were the two successful candidates in the recent Court of Convocation election for positions on the University Council.

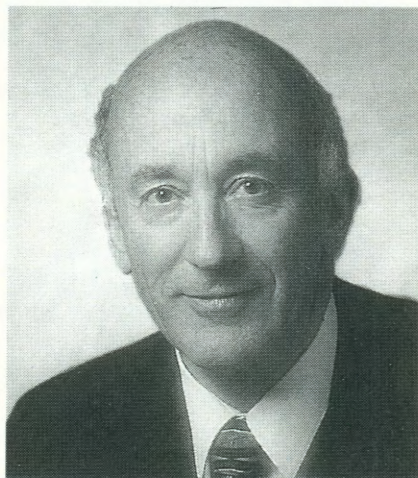
Dame Phyllis received 2176 votes, Dr Holmes 2186 and Dr Denis Dutton (Fine Arts) received 1962. A total of 3323 valid voting papers were returned, compared with 2879 in the 1994 election and 2500 in 1993.

The Court of Convocation, which comprises graduates of the University of Canterbury, elects four members to the University Council. The term of the other two members, Mr Ian Leggat and Ms Diana Shand, expires in 1998.

New Chairman elected for CAE

Mr Brian Wood was recently elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Centre for Advanced Engineering at the University of Canterbury.

Mr Wood is one of New Zealand's leading consulting engineers in the fields of structural and earthquake engineering. He is currently Chairman of Holmes Consulting Group Ltd, a Director of EQE New Zealand Ltd, of Contact Energy Ltd and of Northrop Engineers Pty Ltd in Australia.



Mr Wood replaces Mr Gavin Cormack of Auckland, Executive Chairman of the consulting engineering firm Beca Carter Hollings and Ferner Ltd and Chairman of TradeNZ, who has retired after six years' service on the CAE Board, including three years as Chairman.

Mr Peter Leslie has also retired after six years' service on the CAE Board. Mr Leslie, who was formerly with the Wellington Regional Council has recently been appointed General Manager of PAE (New Zealand) Ltd.

The Centre was founded in May 1987 to mark the centenary of the School of Engineering at the University of Canterbury with the objective of enhancing engineering knowledge within New Zealand in areas identified as being of national importance.

First it was cranes on the skyline, now it's trains.

Thomas the Tank Engine was spotted on campus recently by an eagle-eyed staff member in the Education Department. Given the distance to the nearest railway lines there may well be a case for calling in the Controller Formerly Known as Fat.

Security increased in response to campus safety fears

The University has increased security and moved to support the student-initiated Walk Home Service following a rape on campus last month.

The Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor John Burrows, said the University was very concerned about safety and had arranged to take on extra security staff, bringing the number of security guards on patrol at night up to four. In addition, there is always a guard on duty at the 24-hour security desk in the Registry.

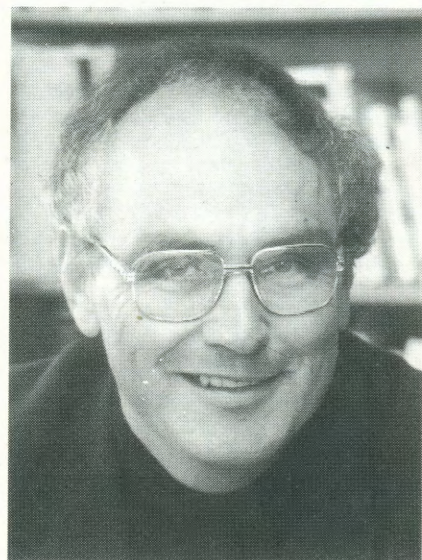
Professor Burrows also responded positively to a request from the Students' Association for financial support for the Walk Home Service.

The scheme, whereby martial arts students are hired to walk students to safe areas, was set up in April but was dropped last term because of budget constraints. The University has agreed to support the service financially for the rest of the year and to review it for 1997.

Mr Derek Clark, who is responsible for campus security, said the University was also looking at various types of emergency telephones and at adding further surveillance cameras. He has also published a list of security tips and urges people to take the same personal safety measures on campus as they would elsewhere.

POLS Head re-appointed

Dr John Henderson has been re-appointed for a further three-year term as Head of the Department of Political Science.



Library's fifth level to be enclosed

Work on enclosing the fifth level of the Central Library is set to start immediately after examinations end.

The area currently open to the elements is to be enclosed to house a nest of computer work stations, the Library's Acquisitions and Cataloguing sections and several small seminar rooms.

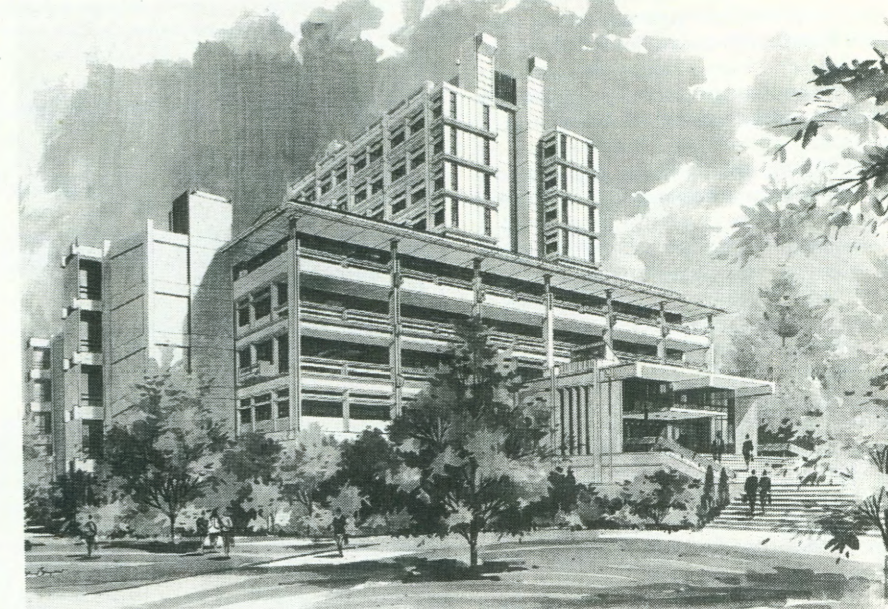
Deputy Librarian Gail Pattie said the eastern wing will comprise a suite of 150 computer work stations for general use - tentatively named "The Roof" - and a small seminar room for training library users and for wider training and development purposes. The west wing will house the two library sections and two small discussion rooms for small group study.

Access to the computer suite will be through the Library during its opening hours and through the Hight tower lifts after hours.

The alterations were designed by architectural firm Shepard and Rout and Fletchers Construction are the building contractor.

The job poses access problems for contractors and all construction material will have to be craned up from the south side of the Library. A large forklift will be used for the lifting work on level 5.

Completion is scheduled for June 1997, but the noisy work will be undertaken during the vacation. After the level 5 project is completed the level 2 area occupied by Acquisitions and Cataloguing will be opened up for library users.



An artist's impression of the Library project showing the top level of the podium as the newly enclosed floor.

4-year labour yields bibliography of post-colonial literatures

English lecturer Mark Williams has written a new reference publication of international significance, a comprehensive bibliography of Pacific and Southeast Asian post-colonial literatures in English.

"This book helps fill in the details of a very large area of topographical and intellectual space," Dr Williams writes in his introduction. "That terrain has already been traversed and mapped in broad terms."

New Zealand critics and authors included range from Karl Stead to Sam Hunt, with Albert Wendt among others in the Pacific Islands section and Robert Yeo included in the Southeast Asian section.

He admits that grouping the literatures of the Pacific and Southeast Asia under "the accommodating rubric post-colonial" is to simplify the differences among them. But in all regions touched by British Imperialism he finds a determination to fashion cultural images and patterns more accurate than inherited ones.

The book took more than four years to compile, with help from staff at the Universities of Waikato and Canterbury.

Post-Colonial Literatures in English: Southeast Asia, New Zealand, and the Pacific 1970-1992 is published by G. K. Hall & Co.

New Head for Psychology Dept.



Dr John Dalrymple-Alford has been appointed Head of the Psychology Department for a three-year term starting on 1 December.

Dr Dalrymple-Alford takes over from Professor Ken Strongman.

US appointee for Chair in Speech and Language Therapy

Dr Ilsa Schwarz, director of the Communication Disorders and Sciences programme at the University of Oregon, has been appointed to the Chair in Speech and Language Therapy.

Dr Schwarz holds BS, MS and PhD degrees in speech-language pathology from the University of Oregon and has held her present position since 1990. She is also programme director and academic advisor for the Oregon State System of Higher Education's joint campus programme in communication disorders and sciences.

She is scheduled to take up the appointment early in 1997. A full profile will feature in *Chronicle* after her arrival.

Head of Linguistics



Associate Professor Kon Kuiper has been re-appointed Head of the Department of Linguistics for a further three-year term, starting on 1 December.

Students' Association awards 57 sports blues

This year's University Blues made history, with the 'sportsperson of the year' title awarded to a team for the first time.

The Canterbury Women's Hockey team was presented with the award at the official ceremony held last Wednesday.

Clubs Development Officer Denise Frost said it was "impossible to separate the achievements of the women in the team".

The other major award, given for 'outstanding contribution to university sport' went to mountain biker Charlie Palmer who has been a member of the university's mountainbike club for six years.

The level of competition this year was extremely high with 57 blues awarded to competitors from a vast range of disciplines, including surf lifesaving, shooting, judo, touch and paralympic sailing.

Ms Frost said that many of the contenders for the sportsperson of the year award had achieved both national and international recognition and some had represented New Zealand.

Some of the contenders included Rob Hickey, recently named as a member of the 'Tall Whites', Nick Beime a member of the world universities rugby league team and Thomas Fillya a New Zealand representative in judo.

The blues award system originates from the historical rivalry between Oxford and Cambridge Universities in England. It is a tradition which has been picked up internationally and aims to recognise excellence in sport.

Blues are awarded by a Blues committee which includes: the Director of the University Recreation Centre, Paul Carpenter; his nominee, Recreation Centre staff member Craig Johnson; two University of Canterbury Club representatives; the UCSA Club Development Officer and two UCSA nominees (Mr Bruce Ullrich, an ex-president of the Students' Association, and Ms Christine Todd, UC Athletics Club). The committee is chaired by the Clubs and Societies Officer.

The full list of Blues recipients is: **Grantley P.W. Judge**, Athletics, 1995 and 1996; **Emily J. Bulman**, Basketball, 1996; **Robert J. Hickey**, Basketball, 1996; **J. Donal Hockey**, Basketball, 1996; **Renee A. Kouka**, Basketball, 1996; **David Langrell**, Basketball, 1996; **Rewi P. Manahi**, Basketball, 1996; **Nicholas J. Burnett**, Canoe Polo, 1996; **Paul M. Macey**, Canoe Polo, 1996; **Alistair J. Rose**, Canoe Polo, 1996; **Katherine E. Surman**, Canoe Polo, 1996; **Rachel Y. Helps**,

Hockey, 1996; **Keryn G. Neale**, Hockey, 1996; **Lisa M. Walton**, Hockey, 1996; **Julia K. Whelan**, Hockey, 1996; **Thomas W. Fillya**, Judo, 1996; **Andrew R. Chung**, Mountainbiking, 1996; **Justin W. Freeman**, Mountainbiking, 1996; **K. Sarah King**, Mountainbiking, 1996; **Christopher N. Palmer**, Mountainbiking, 1996; **J. Charlie Palmer**, Mountainbiking, 1996; **Maryanne Delaney**, Netball, 1996; **Andrew H. May**, Paralympic Sailing, 1996; **Cameron I. Scott**, Paralympic Sailing, 1996; **Warren Hall**, Rowing, 1996; **A. Christian Nielsen**, Rowing, 1993 and 1996; **Catherine Anne Whimp**, Rowing, 1996; **Nicholas A. Beirne**, Rugby League, 1996; **Leith P. Brunning**, Rugby Union, 1996; **David A. Heiler**, Rugby Union, 1996; **Julian J.B. Meates**, Rugby Union, 1996; **Simon J. Woodhams**, Rugby Union, 1996; **Adrian Bell**, Smallbore, 1996; **Kiri-Marie Pope**, Soccer, 1996; **Sophie R. Thompson**, Soccer, 1996; **Tracey J. Van Beek**, Soccer, 1996; **Katherine H. Allison**, Surf Lifesaving, 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1996; **Andrew Landells**, Surf Lifesaving, 1995 and 1996; **Angela J. Collett**, Swimming, 1996; **Debra Hyland**, Touch, 1996; **Gabrielle Marcroft**, Touch, 1996; **Melissa McDonnell**, Touch, 1995; **Karyn Pierce**, Touch, 1996; **Ming May Chan**, Underwater Hockey, 1996; **Tristan K. Reynard**, Underwater Hockey, 1996; **Amy E.S. Holden**, Volleyball, 1995 and 1996; **Sarah E. Rees**, Volleyball, 1995 and 1996; **Stephen M. Keen**, Yachting, 1996.

Belinda Goatcher

University Premier Hockey Team 1996 Canterbury Club Champions



The award winning University Hockey Team, which has been at the forefront of a revival in University hockey, was coached by Economics lecturer Pim Borren (back left). Pictured with him are (back row, from left) Geraldine Dowling, Julie Hamilton, Miranda Barr, Philippa Weavers, Colleen Gubb and trainer Jane Simpson, from the Recreation Centre; (middle row, from left) Karen Mee, Rachel Helps, Anna Lawrence, Julia Whelan, Diana Weavers, Lisa Walton; (front row, from left) Wendy Crawford and Keryn Neale; (inset) Janeen Playle.

Canterbury College reunion attracts 100

About 100 former students are expected for the Canterbury College and Canterbury University College reunion over Labour weekend.

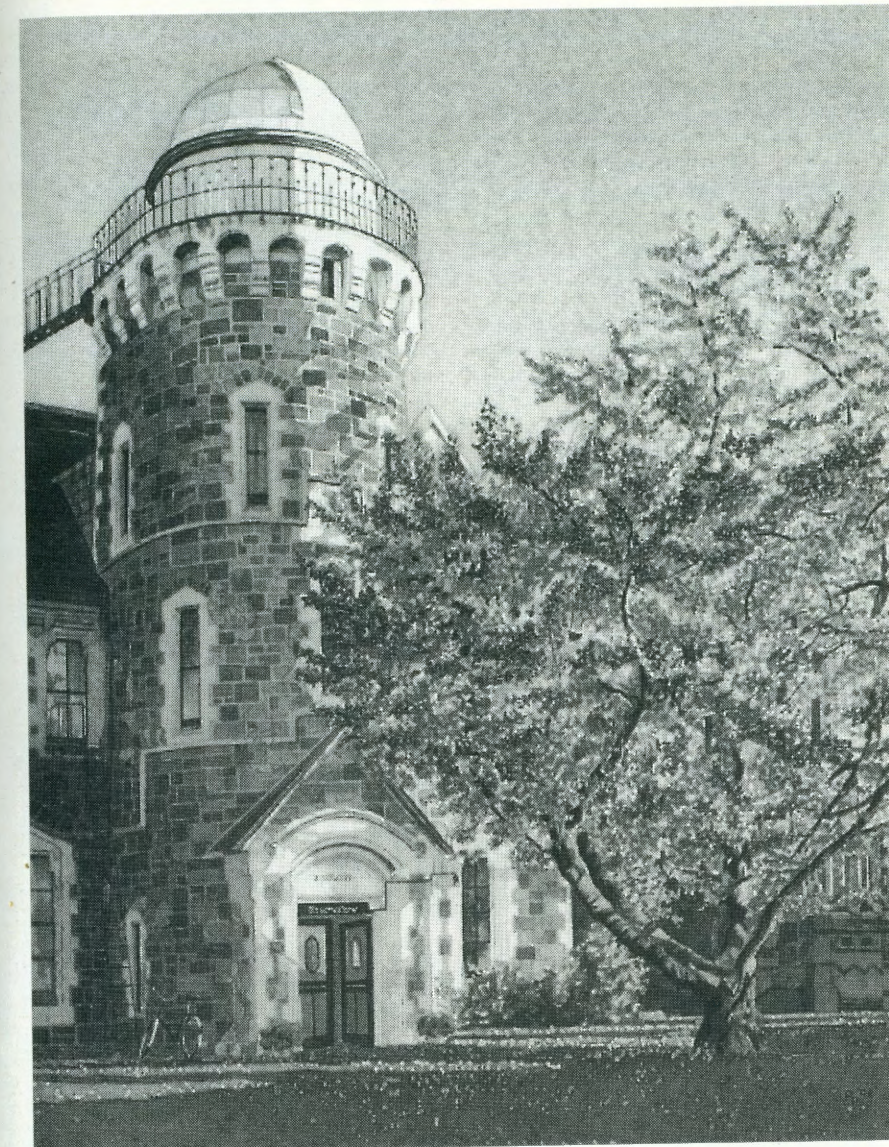
The reunion, organised by Alumni Officer Amanda Sutherland, starts with a cocktail party on the Friday night and includes tours of both the town and Ilam sites, a reunion dinner at the Civic of Canterbury and a barbecue lunch at the Staff Club.

In support of the reunion, arts graduate Mrs Pamela Phillips has made available a range of her watercolours depicting scenes from the old town site. Two of the works are to be auctioned with the proceeds going to the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

Six of the works are being produced as notelets and six Arts Centre cloister scenes are being reproduced on sets of placemats. Both items will be available for purchase from the Alumni Office.

MFA Librarian's art on show

A show of works on paper by Music and Fine Arts Librarian Max Podstolski will be on show at the Salamander Gallery at the Arts Centre from 21 October to 3 November.



The ginkgo tree and the Townsend Observatory in the south quad at the old town site, as depicted by Pamela Phillips.

How (not) to conduct research

It's a situation librarians face regularly – but no-one is safe from the lazy pupil homework assignment syndrome.

The School of Music received this gem recently.

"I am completing a Form 5 research assignment on the topic of 'Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart'. I would be grateful if you

could send me information about the following points: Mozart's achievements; Mozart's family background; Mozart's life as a court composer; The range of Mozart's music; Mozart's music today.

"I have enclosed a stamped addressed envelope. As my assignment is due on Friday 4 October I look forward to receiving this information soon."

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Impenetrable read was author's "most accessible book to date"

Philosophy of art lecturer Dr Denis Dutton knows all about bad writing – but strictly from a professional point of view. As editor of *Philosophy and Literature*, Dr Dutton is spokesman for the journal's Bad Writing Contest, now in its second year. He explains the rules and presents the winners.

The challenge of the Bad Writing Contest is to come up with the ugliest, most stylistically awful single sentence – or string of no more than three sentences – found in a published scholarly book or article. Entries must be non-ironic, from actual serious academic journals or books – parodies cannot be admitted in a field where unintentional self-parody is so rampant.

Note that much of the writing we would consider "bad" is not necessarily incompetent. Graduate students and young scholars please note: many of these writers have worked years to obtain their styles and they have been rewarded with publication in books and journal articles. In fact, if they weren't published we wouldn't have them for our contest. That these passages constitute bad writing is merely our opinion. It is arguable that anyone wanting to pursue an academic career should assiduously imitate such styles as are represented here.

First prize goes to David Spurrett of the University of Natal in South Africa. He found this marvellous sentence – yes, it's but one sentence – in Roy Bhaskar's *Plato etc: The Problems of Philosophy and Their Resolution* (Verso, 1994):

"Indeed dialectical critical realism may be seen under the aspect of Foucauldian strategic reversal – of the unholy trinity of Parmenidean / Platonic / Aristotelean provenance: of the Cartesian-Lockean-Humean-Kantian paradigm, of foundationalisms (in practice, fideistic foundationalisms) and irrationalisms (in practice, capricious exercises of the will-to-power or some other ideologically and/or psycho-somatically buried source) new and old alike; of the primordial failing of western philosophy, ontological monovalence, and its close ally, the epistemic fallacy with its ontic dual: of the analytic problematic laid down by Plato, which Hegel served only to replicate in his actualist monovalent analytic reinstatement

in transfigurative reconciling dialectical connection, while in his hubristic claims for absolute idealism he inaugurated the Comtean, Kierkegaardian and Nietzschean eclipses of reason, replicating the fundamentals of positivism through its transmutation route to the superidealism of a Baudrillard."

It's a splendid bit of prose and I'm certain many of us will now attempt to read it aloud without taking a breath. The jacket blurb informs us that this is the author's "most accessible book to date".

Second prize is won by Jennifer Harris of the University of Toronto. She found a grand sentence in an essay by Stephen T. Tymoczko called "Ricoeur and the Problem of Evil", in *The Philosophy of Paul Ricoeur*, edited Lewis Edwin Hahn (Open Court, 1995):

"With the last gasp of Romanticism, the quelling of its florid uprising against the vapid formalism of one strain of the Enlightenment, the dimming of its yearning for the imagined grandeur of the archaic, and the dashing of its too sanguine hopes for a revitalized, fulfilled humanity, the horror of its more lasting, more Gothic legacy has settled in, distributed and diffused enough, to be sure, that lugubriousness is recognisable only as languor, or as a certain sardonic laconicism disguising itself in a new sanctification of the destructive instincts, a new genius for displacing cultural reifications in the interminable shell game of the analysis of the human psyche, where nothing remains sacred."

Speaking of shell games, see if you can figure out the subject of that sentence.

Third prize was such a problem that we decided to award more than one, but perhaps the most accessible was discovered by the Canadian David Savory in "Tonya's Bad Boot" an essay by Robyn Wiegman and Linda Zwinger in *Women On Ice* edited by Cynthia Baughman (Routledge 1995).

"Punctuated by what became ubiquitous sound bites – Tony, dashing after the tow truck, Nancy, sailing the ice with one leg reaching for heaven – this melodrama parsed the transgressive hybridity of unnarrativized representative bodies back into recognizable heterovisual codes."

Thanks to all the entrants. The next round of the Bad Writing Contest is now open. There is an endless ocean of pretentious, turgid academic prose being added to daily and we'll continue to celebrate it.

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Erskine Fellowships have been awarded to: **Dr G.J.O. Fletcher** (Psychology) to visit the United Kingdom and the United States of America from 16 November to 1 February 1997; **Dr M. W. Milke** (Civil Engineering) to visit Taiwan, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States of America from 20 October to 19 December; **Dr M. D. Pugh** (Mechanical Engineering) to visit Australia, Canada, the United States of America and the United Kingdom from 1 December to 30 January 1997.

Dr Ann Parsonson (History) has been accorded the title of Research Associate, in the Centre for Maaori Studies and Research at the University of Waikato from 1996-97.

Erskine Fellowships have been awarded to: **Mr L. R. Hunt** (Computer Science), to visit United Kingdom, France and Ireland in connection with his teaching and research interests from 14 June to 29 July 1997; **Associate Professor K. Pawlikowski** (Computer Science), to visit Europe in connection with his teaching and research interests from 10 February to 11 May 1997.

Diseased trees cut down



Sandy Crook (holding chainsaw) and Mark Hooper of Treescape have been removing dangerous and diseased trees in the Ilam Gardens. Last week seven 80-year old European ashes were removed; all had suffered storm damage which had allowed disease to enter. Earlier a number of rotten black poplars were removed from in front of the Staff Club. The area is being sown with grass to create a woodland effect.

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Technical officer **Malcolm Gordon** (EEE) celebrated a second success recently when the Territorial Army Second Battalion (Canterbury, Nelson, Marlborough, West Coast) RNZIR Brass Band, in which he plays the cornet, scooped the pool in the B grade of the Canterbury Provincial Brass Band Association Contest at Kaiapoi High School.

Malcolm said the band won the street march playing the march Ravenswood and the trophy for best drum major. In the thirty minute own choice concert programme the band won the hymn tune, the festival programme and the trophy for overall aggregate – four trophies in all. The band are also the best New Zealand B Grade champions having won the National Contest last Queen's Birthday weekend (*Chronicle* No. 10).

Fulbright to support two US postgrads at Canterbury

Two United States graduate students will each spend a year based at Canterbury as Fulbright scholars.

Laura Sessions of Oberlin College, Ohio, will research predation and pollination of threatened New Zealand mistletoes from November this year.

Sarah Snyder of Princeton University, New Jersey, will undertake research into deaf education in New Zealand, starting in January 1997.

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Continuing appointments notified in September include: **Dr V. L. Andrews**, Lecturer in the Department of American Studies from 1 October 1996; **Mrs G. M. Batchelor**, Clerk in the Finance Section of the Registry from 5 September 1996; **Mr P. Blanchfield**, Relieving Mailperson in the University Mailroom from 1 January 1996; **Mr C. M. Haines**, Half-time Library Assistant in the Engineering Library from 26 August 1996; **Dr B. Kaur**, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Education from 16 September 1996; **Professor J. Li Morris**, Chair in Applied Mathematics in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics from 1 September 1996; **Mrs N. J. O'Brien**, Part-time trained Educator in the Early Childhood Learning Centre from 19 August 1996.

Retirements and resignations notified in September include: **Dr R. M. Allen**, Senior Lecturer in Chemical and Process Engineering, Resignation as from 12 February 1997; **Dr D.J.S. Gray**, Director, Student Health Centre, Resignation as from 9 April 1997; **Mr D. Gunn**, Buildings Registrar, Buildings, Retirement as from 31 January 1997; **Ms R. Hanover**, Half-time Tutor, English Language Centre, Resignation as from 30 August 1996; **Mr S. Hemmingson**, Technician II, Physics and Astronomy, Resignation as from 1 November 1996; **Mrs H. Knowles**, Senior Library Assistant, Macmillan Brown Library, Resignation as from 27 September 1996.

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Scientists seeking bad weather for SALPEX

Researchers involved in New Zealand's biggest meteorological field experiment since the 1950s are hoping for foul weather in the mountains and on the West Coast.

Scientists from four countries and 11 different institutions are involved in SALPEX'96 (the Southern Alps Experiment), a field campaign which aims to improve knowledge of how mountains influence weather and climate. Field work started on Monday and will continue until 3 November, concentrating on measurements during wet, windy, north-westerly conditions.

Canterbury staff and students are involved in both planning and measurement, and the Geography Department is hosting staff from the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA), Auckland and Monash Universities and the Melbourne-based CSIRO Division of Atmospheric Research.

Dr Andy Sturman (Geography) is part of the planning team which has mapped out a detailed programme of measurement to be undertaken. A specially-equipped Australian aircraft will operate out of Christchurch, flying over and upwind of the mountains to gather information about atmospheric conditions and about the sizes and shapes of aerosols and droplets which are present. Dropsondes will be released from the plane up to 200 km off the West Coast to monitor conditions at sea.

Special research weather radars on the West Coast and near the Main Divide will measure how rainfall varies with height and time. Weather balloons will be released every 3 to 6 hours from Hokitika and Christchurch Airports to measure wind, temperature and humidity and to study the atmospheric waves caused by winds blowing over the mountains. Two Canterbury students have been contracted to release weather sondes from Christchurch International Airport.

Extra raingauges are being operated in the mountains and a network of automatic weather stations has been installed on the plains to measure strong winds and turbulence. Measurements of the snow-pack will be made at Mount Cook and Meteorological Service data will be correlated with GPS signals to see if they can be used to measure the amount of water vapour in the atmosphere over New Zealand.

SALPEX is being coordinated by Dr David Wratt of NIWA who says it will help scientists predict how much rain and snow falls in the mountains and how much spills over the Main Divide to fill our hydro lakes or cause flooding. It will also allow testing of new computer weather models and new ways of using satellite and radar information in weather forecasting.

In addition to the organisations hosted at Canterbury, there are participants from Otago and Victoria Universities, the University of Salford and meteorological organisations from Canada and Japan. Much of the funding for the project has come from the Foundation for Research, Science and Technology, with substantial contributions from the collaborating organisations.



The Australian research aircraft to be used for SALPEX features an array of sophisticated measuring equipment

Canterbury contribution to EU-NZ Business Briefings

Business links between New Zealand and the European Union were the subject of a series of European Union-New Zealand Business Briefings held in Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland in October. The meetings, organised by the European Commission Delegation to Australia and New Zealand, were designed to raise New Zealand's business and academic communities awareness of the EU as an important trading partner.

Dr Martin Holland (Political Science), who has a special interest in the European Union was invited speaker at the briefings and spoke on the EU's global role in trade, Foreign Direct Investment and the impact of Monetary Union.

Other invited speakers ranged from representatives from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, to the New Zealand Meat Board and Tradenz, who presented specific "Briefings" and discussed the opportunities for bilateral trade. Other topics included the current Single



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European Market, the future of Economic and Monetary Union, the expansion into Central and Eastern Europe and New Zealand companies' experiences of operating in Europe.

Some 200 of New Zealand's leading business people and government officials attended. Of particular importance to both business and academic development is the current negotiations on a Framework Agreement between the EU and New Zealand which would facilitate student and staff exchanges as well as provide an additional avenue for research funding.

The Briefings are also being held in seven Australian centres during October and a more specific policy-focused seminar is planned for 1997. Those interested in the Business Briefings and/or the future Framework Agreement can either contact the EU Delegation in Canberra, or Martin Holland in Political Science.

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