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OCCUPATION!



Photo by Duncan Shaw-Brown, External Relations

The scene on level six of the Registry shortly after the occupation began on 5 October. Under the gaze of a TV3 camera, Vice-Chancellor Professor Daryl Le Grew tries to reason with angry students.

University moves to new fee structure

The University Council opted to move to uncapped and differentiated tuition fees at its 6 October meeting, bringing Canterbury into line with other New Zealand universities.

The fees for 2000 were set in five bands: Arts, social sciences, \$3410 (GST inclusive); business, accountancy, law, \$3610; science (except those in band 4), computing, fine arts, music, theatre and film studies, \$3810; physics and

astronomy, chemistry, plant and microbial sciences, geological sciences, zoology, speech and language therapy, \$3970; engineering and forestry, \$4210.

The Council meeting was attended by about 550 students, staff and members of the public, who filled the Ngaio Marsh Theatre and spilled into the Shelley Common Room, where a video feed was screened. The large audience was attentive and respectful after an

appeal by one of the student leaders of the Registry occupation.

Council papers outlined a range of fee options for 2000 and a further alternative was proposed by the Vice-Chancellor in a paper tabled on the day. The paper noted the need to achieve a surplus of 10% on operational expenditure, in line with the benchmark set by the Tertiary Ownership Monitoring Unit (TOMU). ▷ p. 3

UC the marketing campaign?

The University's first integrated marketing campaign is now underway. Billboards will be appearing around the country shortly and advertisements in local and national papers begin this week.

Staff were invited to a preview of the new look last Friday with about 100 people taking up the opportunity. Much to Marketing Manager Brigitte Murray's relief, the response to the concept was extremely positive.

"The 'creatives' produced by our agency, LD&A, were developed after intensive campus-wide consultation. The result is a brand that is unique to the University of Canterbury, playing on our initials 'UC'. The bold styled letters 'UC' will be combined in a series of advertisements – from 'UC the world' and 'UC the value' to 'UC the research' and 'UC the results'. Other phrases will follow as stage two of the campaign begins early next year," Ms Murray said. ▷ p. 2



Student Services Director begins



A Director of Student Services may be a new position for the University of Canterbury but it is an area in which Val Harding has been working for years.

Val Harding took up the new position at the beginning of September after finishing a similar job at the University of Otago. Originally from Christchurch, she said when her previous appointment came up it was the "perfect job but not the perfect place." The Canterbury position completes the picture.

As Canterbury's Director of Student Services she has to oversee a wide range of services as she did at Otago. Prior to that position she had 15 years with Christchurch Polytechnic, gaining similar experience, including lecturing, which enabled her to see both sides of problems that arise for students. She lectured in a range of subjects including hospitality and tourism, communication, sociology and marketing. She was also involved with students with disabilities before shifting to management, where she was head of student services. That work included establishing Christchurch Polytechnic's first residential flats and securing the contract with the Ministry of Education to process loans and allowances for private providers and secondary schools. The contract preceded WINZ taking over the scheme.

The Otago position then added the university version of similar duties, all of which she brings to Canterbury. "The challenge here is to bring all the services together and to identify those which need developing."

Canterbury had a wide range of student services but they were spread across the campus. Val Harding said that meant many were working around very similar issues but they were working alone. She hoped to be able to bring them together where possible and where it would benefit the services.

One of her services was the Students' Association and through that she hoped to work strongly with students to see which services they valued and which needed improving. Writing and study skills was an area she would like to see developed and made more available to all students.

Another responsibility was the Māori Students' Study Centre, which could be extended to support all Māori students and help them reach their full potential. The centre also had great potential to be used for seminars and retreats, she said.

Recreation was another area which had potential for expansion, possibly in the field of sport science.

In terms of student accommodation, she would like to see a more extensive flat-listing service with landlords to enable students to see what accommodation was available without paying any fee. A similar service was available in Otago.

Val Harding is planning an extensive student satisfaction survey next year on the current services and what students think of them.

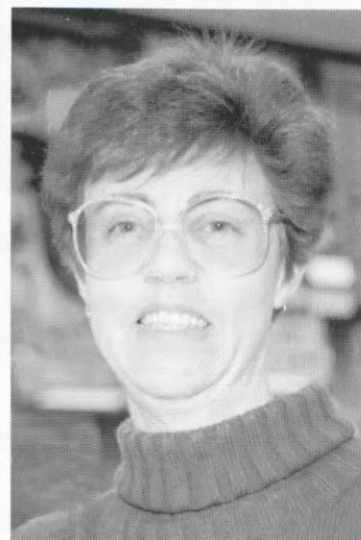
UC the marketing campaign? - continued



The first University of Canterbury billboard on display at Christchurch International Airport.

◁ p.1 The next challenge would be to ensure that all University advertising fitted the new format. In order to gain maximum impact it was

Harassment facilitator appointed



The Harassment Prevention Programme has had its complaints procedure policy adjusted to accommodate a part-time Student-to-Student Complaints Facilitator, Ms Ann Ready.

Employee Relations Consultant Sue Clark said the adjustment was necessary to counteract combined positions in Human Resources and in the management of the Harassment Prevention Programme. That programme remains the same across the University; however, for student-to-student complaints, Ms Ready (Lending Services, Library) has been appointed part-time facilitator. Ms Clark will continue liaising with Ms Ready and with managing the rest of the programme.

Harassment issues and working as a mediator have long been part of Ms Ready's working life, both at the University and in her previous positions. She said she was looking forward to her new role, having already acted in the role of a contact person for the programme. Before coming to Canterbury, she worked as a secondary school teacher (Christchurch Girls' High School), where she assisted students with harassment issues. She has also been involved in the Tops Programme (Salvation Army) and Special Education (CCS), both of which involved teaching life skills and included harassment prevention.

At Canterbury, her library work places her in a central point of access for students, which is useful for the Harassment Prevention Programme.

Ms Ready enjoys helping facilitate complaint resolution, with the goal being to resolve issues with the lowest possible level of outside intervention. Generally that meant assisting students to determine their own course of action, she said. However, for more serious complaints, she was available to mediate between parties and bring in outside intervention should it be required.

The voluntary position fits into Ms Ready's library duties, which are flexible enough to allow her to respond immediately to student complaints.

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essential Canterbury presented only one image in the market. An advertising style guide was next on the agenda, she said. ↗

University's new fee structure decided by Council

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◁ p.1 However, Professor Daryl Le Grew's paper proposed setting a three to five-year period to achieve the 10% rate and accepting an 8% return on income for 2000. The resulting \$16 million gap between income and expenditure would be bridged by a fee increase generating an extra \$8.8 million, leaving \$7.2 million to be found from cost savings and additional income sources.

He referred to a background paper that detailed the University's poor financial performance in recent years and noted one of the causes was Canterbury's low fees throughout the 1990s. He highlighted a University of Otago analysis which showed Canterbury had the lowest fee income per EFTS of all New Zealand universities in 1998 (\$2525), compared with a national high at Otago (\$3711).

"Part of our funding gap is due to the low level of fee," he said. "We have kept it low by using our cash reserves to subsidise them. That was fine while the money was there but it is now used up and we have no cash cow to draw upon."

Professor Le Grew said he had spent five weeks listening to the views of staff, students, consultants, the Association of University Staff, the Students' Association, the Budget Advisory Committee and Finance Committee, and the tabled paper represented a balanced view in a difficult environment.

Dr Roy Holmes said three things were involved: uncapping the fee, which was favoured by all submissions; differentiating the fee; and increasing the level of fees.

Dr Colin Burrows was concerned at the impact on science and engineering students in the higher bands. Professor Le Grew noted the proposed engineering fee was below the University of Auckland's 1999 fee and the proposed science fee was below Otago University's 1999 science fee.

Mr Colin McInnes, Chair of the Council Finance Committee, said he was concerned the University was not exposed to further financial risk and advocated uncapping and differentiating.



Close to 600 students, staff and members of the public attended the 6 October Council meeting in the Ngaio Marsh Theatre. The fees debate lasted two hours.

Engineering Dean Professor Alex Sutherland said he agreed with uncapping and had reluctantly come to the view that it was time to differentiate as well. He sought, and was given, an assurance that the fee would be based on the course taken rather than the degree it was credited to; for example, a classics course would cost the same amount independent of whether it was credited to a BA or a BSc.

Mr David Caygill said he supported the Vice Chancellor's paper. The University needed to generate an operational surplus to cover library and major equipment purchases, to provide for capital expenditure and to generate a reserve for contingencies.

Mr Rakihiia Tau said Council was now paying for past indulgences in subsidising tuition fees. The balance between fee increases and cost savings was a good one and he supported the proposal.

Student President Mr Darel Hall thanked the Vice-Chancellor for listening to submissions and making adjustments to the original proposals. He raised concerns about the effect on enrolments and pointed to a 7000-strong petition seeking no fee increase. He urged Council to limit any rise to an aggregate 20%.

Ms Diana Shand said she hated the position the Council was in, "between a rock and a hard place."

She supported uncapping and suggested the University examine the effect of differentiation on enrolments during 2000.

Student representative Mr Kyle Millar opposed the changes. He said there had been no proper debate on uncapping and differentiation, and the fee rises would deter some prospective students from enrolling.

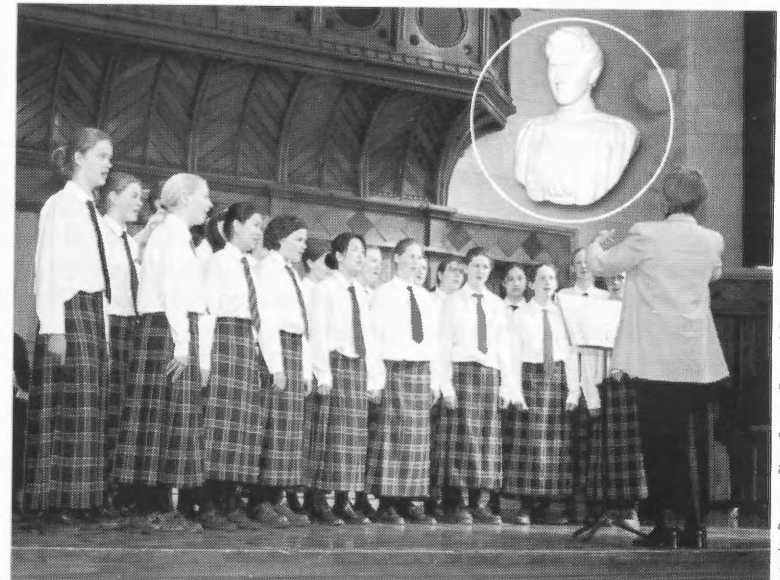
Professor John Burrows said he appreciated the openness and transparency of the fee-setting process. He was sorry the

University was in the position it was but the tabled proposal was the very minimum needed.

Sir Angus Tait said squirming and wriggling for hours would have no effect on the facts, which were that the University had subsidised course costs for years and had run out of reserves to continue that.

Chancellor Dame Phyllis Guthardt said she had spoken out against fees since they were introduced in the 1990s. While she wanted to see no fee increase she agreed with Sir Angus that it was needed. ♪

Women's higher education celebrated



The Christchurch Girls' High School Choir sings at the unveiling of the replica bust of distinguished Canterbury alumna Helen Connon (inset) in the Great Hall of the Arts Centre. The University's involvement in Heritage Week will feature in the next Chronicle.

That was the week that was



Sunday - Fees Week:

I came into work early after noon to organise lecture speaking for the week as I am convinced that only a strong show of support from students and staff will moderate the proposed fee increase. Start to prepare arguments on price sensitivity, comparison of fees with other universities, the need for the new IT system, unnecessary extra spending budgeted for and the equity of possible increases of 56% for engineering students.

Research past Council and Academic Board papers and minutes, University reports, statements of objectives and performance. Check out Tertiary Ownership Monitoring Unit web site for benchmarks. Browse "Canterbury Way Forward". Drink coffee. Drink another coffee. Look at other NZ university web sites to double-check fee comparison data that will be used for lecture speaking and Council arguments. Check out Ministry of Education 1997 comparison data with other universities and AIT regarding Canterbury's high capitalisation, fees per EFTS, cashflow etc. Leave in the a.m. Monday.

Monday: Start lecture speaking at 8am with Engineering Maths in C1. 9am, Info Services Co-ordinating Committee - discussing, *inter alia*, the MIS system. More lecture speaking and organising of rally for Tuesday, ecstatic that other students are lecture speaking and organising rally too.

Tuesday: More lecture speaking, sign cheques and organisation stuff for rally - all looks good. Attend BSAD 202 lecture. Rally - really pissed off when stuff gets huffed at the Vice-Chancellor. He's a bit general for the mood of the crowd, doesn't go that well, but he fronts which is a good sign. Richard does great job of MC-ing the rally and

organising occupation which goes well. The door "pops" open with Jarrod, Richard, George and others leading. I'm not needed, so head off to do more prep for Council meeting with intention to head back later. Arrive back after 9.30pm and spend a couple of hours yarning to people, including strategy for tomorrow's meeting. Back to office to try and finish off material for the Council meeting.

Wednesday: Arrive early. Hear Registry staff not being allowed in. Wasn't there for that decision so advise that may alienate some students and staff, and occupiers will have to take consequences. Meetings with tutees in morning for presentations on Thursday, talking to University Council members etc re fees. At 2.15 pm there is an informal meeting of Council to discuss the MIS system, but V-C has alternative fee proposal 15 minutes before Council meeting. Strategy blown to hell, looks like we're winging it.

Tried to get motion for zero fee increase tested prior to V-C's motion for what looks something like a 30% increase. Doesn't happen and V-C's motion is the substantive one. That leaves me with one opportunity to foreshadow with a motion that has some chance. Having looked at the proposed increases in expenditure, and having assessed the mood of Council, I go for a motion that fees increase by up to a maximum of 20%. This allows for a zero increase (which won't happen), but allows more freedom to set fees with more regard to fees at Lincoln and Victoria, which I think have been analysed poorly. Some confusion over whether the V-C's proposal is 30% or 25%. Bugger, I'm using figures supplied by the University for 1998 fee income from students that are \$1.5 million less than the figures being quoted today (which I also have but I used the first ones I'd been given). It appears there is about \$1.5 million difference in fee income between the V-C's amended proposal and mine. So Council rightly backs the V-C over a minor difference.

Cop some flak from some students who don't understand and/or don't agree with the tactics used at the meeting. More are understanding. Some are cynical about how much the University actually wanted to get from students. My assessment: If we'd done nothing, then the Finance Committee recommendation is likely to have gone through.

Pop back to occupation after Council then attend dinner engagement. Then back to occupation. Leave so I can get semblance of a night's sleep, as I am assessing 12 presentations the next morning.

Thursday: 8am, start grading presentations. At 10am one of my tutees tells me cops are coming. I run over to Registry to discover nothing happening. Run back to hear more presentations. Bail out of Facilities Advisory and Law Faculty meetings, among others, and spend the afternoon negotiating with the V-C, Jeff Field and John Burrows on occupation demands. Our negotiating team includes Ellen Murray (UCSA Exec '97), Jarrod (ex-officio Exec '99, Prez 2000), Georgina (Exec 2000), Mark Johnstone (survivor of August 14 Budget Day), Richard (Grand Orator) and me.

After three and a-half hours I think we get an outcome that is sensible and allows all parties to go forward with dignity - we will get a fairer system of tertiary education no matter who is in government. Have some beers.

Friday: Somewhat shagged after a couple of weeks of late nights and early mornings, turn up to work late. Tidy up media stuff not already sorted by others, get left over stuff from Registry, make sure no major damage there and talk to some staff. Ensoc 60 free kegs of beer, Discipline Committee, Lawsoc court session in the Village Green with Gerry in fine form, Foundry, and then Madcaps (UCSA Performing Arts Awards) where I have to present a few awards and say something vaguely intelligent. What a week.

*Mr Darel Hall,
UCSA President*

Geol. Sciences Head

Professor Jim Cole will be Head of the Department of Geological Sciences for three years from 1 December 1999.

He replaces Associate Professor Steve Weaver

The vanishing photograph returns



The mysterious disappearance from the Department of Physics and Astronomy of a large panorama photograph of Lake Tekapo has been partially solved by its equally mysterious reappearance.

The 3m by 0.5m, 15kg, print, which had been fixed to the wall of the department foyer, disappeared at some point on the weekend beginning 4 September: a time when the department was closed. Then in the small hours of Friday morning 8 October (3am), security staff were alerted to a large object leaning on the side of the Physics building.

Head of Department Associate Professor Peter Cottrell said staff had no idea who was behind the print's disappearance, nor why it was taken. They were similarly perplexed by its return. While they were "moderately happy" with it being returned undamaged, they were not happy at the audacity of those behind the theft, nor that it had deprived so many people of enjoying seeing the print as they went about their business.

The print would not be displayed again until the department was sure it could be mounted more securely. The department was also looking at the security of the building, Professor Cottrell said.

Top travel award for OD Manager



Photo by Duncan Shaw-Brown, External Relations

One of the top Australasian education sector travel awards has been won by Canterbury's Organisational Development Manager, Ginny Ferguson.

Ms Ferguson received the Peter Karmel International Travel Grant at the Association for Tertiary Education Management (ATEM) conference in Wellington late last month. The award recognises "achievement

in educational administration and outstanding contribution to ATEM."

Ms Ferguson plans to travel to Europe, the United Kingdom and the United States next year and undertake a study entitled "Leadership Development in the Tertiary Education Sector". She is currently an executive member (Canterbury/Westland) of ATEM.

The University of Life

What's all the noise about?

The academics have taken over the Registry.

Again? What do they want this week?

They're protesting that their pay was late the last time they occupied the Registry. And they've got their sleeping bags with them.

What was that last occupation over?

Their new-look pay slips. If you ask me, the Federated Association of Really Strident Experts has a lot to answer for.

Can you remind me if the general staff barricade was before or after that?

After. They were upset the academics' occupations were receiving more attention than their own.

But it was the students who started it all off, wasn't it?

Yes. Some kind of protest about fees or something.

You know, Registry occupations are getting a little passé now. What's wrong with the gym or the bookshop for a change? Hello, here's George in a bit of a lather.

Hey - have you heard what's going on over at the Union bar? Half-price drinks for students.

What, no discount for staff?

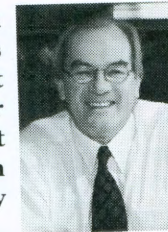
No.
Academics or general staff?

No.

Right, everyone over to the Union now. And you'd better bring those sleeping bags.

Le Grew's View

The run-up to a general election is always a turbulent time and this year the ride looks like it will be rougher than usual for the tertiary education sector.



outside the University and ultimately the Council agreed on an uncapped and differentiated structure. The fee bands were struck at approximately the 1999 levels of our counterparts, which should give us an

Tertiary education, more specifically university funding and the student loans scheme, has rapidly become a major election issue because of events in the past few weeks and I'm pleased about that, even though I don't necessarily agree with some of the tactics which have turned it into such a hot potato.

At the moment Canterbury is a big magnet for established and prospective politicians making the most of our high media profile. We've had local candidates from most of the political parties talking on campus and last week we had visits from Labour Leader Helen Clark and Tertiary Education Minister Max Bradford. In the spirit of free and informed speech I welcome the exchange of views at political meetings and appreciate they can be robust and vigorous. However, I am concerned about isolated incidents of interpersonal conflict during recent visits. I ask that we all respect mutual rights of access and free movement on campus, and respect people's rights to be heard in an environment which is not intimidating and that preserves personal safety and the integrity of personal space.

The subjects on most people's lips around campus have been the setting of next year's tuition fees and the occupation of the Registry. While fees for some courses have risen sharply - a focus for the media, which then compared our 2000 fees with other universities' 1999 fees - it has to be remembered that Canterbury is the first to set its fees. The other six universities are about to go through the same patch of choppy water.

At the heart of the matter was advice from the Ministry of Education that the University was in a financially weak position and that urgent action was required to redress the situation. One of a number of recommendations was to reconsider the fee structure. Advice was taken from within and

advantage in the marketplace for next year.

The occupation was a tense time for many Registry staff, some of whom felt intimidated despite it being a non-violent protest. My thanks to them for their patience, fortitude and good humour. Thank you also to those students who showed consideration in leaving the building in a reasonably clean and tidy condition.

The occupiers left after negotiations about the size of any future fee increases and the level of consultation between University management and students. We have agreed to organise and host a national university education forum at Canterbury in the middle of November, which will allow for inter-university discussions between management, staff and students on relevant matters. You will hear more about this in due course.

In the meantime there are some longer-term issues to be addressed as a result of the occupation, such as rebuilding the good relationship between the University and the Students' Association. Staff know the importance of that relationship and our obligations to all students.

I was delighted to hear Ginny Ferguson, our Organisational Development Manager, had won the Association for Tertiary Education Management's Peter Karmel International Travel Grant for this year. Ginny, who has done outstanding work for the University and for ATEM, will study leadership development in tertiary education in the United Kingdom, Europe and the United States next year.

Finally, my best wishes to all of you who are sitting exams in the near future. One of the things that came out of the occupation for me was an awareness of how many staff are also students. At least 70 members of the general staff are enrolled in more than 100 courses and I wish them, and all students, good luck. ☺

Inside (and outside) the occupation of October 1999

Chronicle editor Paul Gorman was the only Registry staff member allowed continuing access to the building all day on the Wednesday (6 October) of the student occupation. That "privilege" was rescinded the following day. Here he recounts some of his experiences of those turbulent few days.

The look on the student's face is priceless. "Are you staff?" A fair assumption given the clothes and the briefcase. An answer in the affirmative. "What are you doing in here, I mean, how did you get in?", she asks. "Through the door," I reply. "But you can't get in?". "Can't I?". "There's an occupation going on," she says. "Oh yeah, I saw that. Don't worry, there's a secret entrance."

I can see the thoughts and doubts scudding across her face like clouds. Just then my "minder" for the day, an amiable and rather apologetic chemistry masters student, appears. The truth is I've been let in to work on the *Chronicle*. I've left a large blank



A student protestor hurls abuse from the front of the gathering, which stretched up the Central Library steps.

space on the front page to fill at the last minute with a story on the fees decision and student reaction. This conversation is in stark contrast with the robust discussions I had earlier that Wednesday morning with protesting students in the Registry

doorways. I need to get in, I say, to report on the occupation and finish off the *Chronicle*. It is an event which has to be accurately and objectively covered. Most students are sympathetic but only some are willing to argue in my favour and a few have never heard of the *Chronicle*. "Hands up all those who'll be disappointed if they don't get their *Chronicle* this week," one wit shouts. Occupation leaders Jarrod Gilbert, the next student president, and Richard Neal turn up and put the case strongly that it is in the students' interest I be allowed to do my job. "Paul's media. He did a really straight piece (on the last protest) in the *Chronicle*," Jarrod says. That does the trick but I am still roundly booed as I'm escorted up the steps and through the barricading students.

Inside is the eye of the storm. The Registry is quiet and sane while the world around and beyond the doors has gone raving mad. Lunchtime the previous day and <reporter mode on> in the Central Library-Registry quad. A very rowdy rally in the rain attended by, how many would you say? Crowd sizes always one of the trickiest things to estimate. "About 30" often a good bet guaranteed to stir up rally organisers but on this occasion reckon around 1000,

rising as rally proceeds. Stand next to College of Education student who rants about what a recent *Chronicle* article purportedly said about fees. He's talking rubbish. Appalled at reception given to Vice-Chancellor - booing, heckling and swearing. Classic "damned if you do, damned if you don't" situation for him. Students in no mood to listen. Pleased Student President Darel Hall is voice of reason who loudly censures the nutter who throws things at the V-C. Orator extraordinaire Richard Neal exhorts students to keep taking two steps towards the Registry and it is obvious something's going on. Wonder at the wisdom of standing next to the image of a target stretched across the doors.

At the inevitable pronouncement to occupy, Registry staff look slightly disbelieving and students take 10 to 15 seconds to mobilise. Bodies surge towards the locked doors amid shouts to "open up" and "let us in". Some great berk next to me picks up his briefcase and makes to throw it through the concourse window. "Don't be bloody stupid," I say. Then we can see students inside the concourse and they're flooding into the building through double doors whose hinges have been broken, raising some doubts this will in fact be a "non-violent" affair.



Vice-Chancellor Professor Daryl Le Grew addresses the 1000 or more in the crowd. On his left is Student President Darel Hall.



Rain did nothing to deter the student rally in the quad between the Registry building and the Library.

Hundreds of students are acting like tinned sardines in the main stairwell and spill out into the lift foyers. On level six there are confrontational scenes as students shoot questions at the Vice-Chancellor and members of his executive team, but don't wait for or accept any answers. By late afternoon the number of occupying students is down to around 150 but it's clear they're not shifting. Some time that night the occupiers make the decision to up the ante and keep staff out. On the Wednesday morning I am fortunate enough to be allowed in but there's something very intimidating about the threat of what people on a barricade will do to keep others out. The great majority of the doorkeepers turn out to be bright and cordial and ready for a chat but just a few are arrogant and seem to be experiencing delusions of grandeur because of the safety of numbers. The decision to barricade is a turning point in the occupation as far as some Registry staff are concerned. Many Registry staff have a great deal of sympathy for the financial plight of students and, for the second time in less than a month, are prepared to carry on working around protestors while they make their point. A great deal

of that support is lost now they can't get in to carry out their work. So, there I am in the "eye". I settle down to work and my minder pops back every half hour or so to see how I'm getting on. There are no interruptions and the phones are quiet. A few other Registry staff come in briefly to collect essential items. With my minder in close attendance I come and go as I please and the two of us even enjoy a pleasant lunch in my office and a frank discussion on the merits of the protest. In the early afternoon, with the leaders' blessing, we get External Relations designer Alastair Wilson through the barricades to do the *Chronicle* layout.

For much of the morning there are around 100 occupiers inside the building and up to 200 outside. What I find really impressive are the notices on doors, walls and in stairwells setting out the ground rules of non-violence, consideration and showing respect for the building and people's property. The students are in a reasonable mood despite their worries about the fee-setting. Most offices are locked and students use my phone to organise food for the evening. Media attention in the occupation is growing and whenever chanting and shouting start you can tell there's a television camera around.

Council debate on the proposed fees begins at 3.22pm and finishes a minute shy of two hours later. Back in the Registry, announcing the decision to students on the ground floor and on level six, I'm fascinated by the dynamics of the group and their diverse opinions. Many, naturally, want to know what fees they will have to pay next year and quite a few are relieved increases will not be as large as they could have been. But there's a group determined to stay and carry on staying until they get a guarantee fees will not rise at all. By 5.45pm barricades on the doors are being tightened and the mood is turning a bit sour as students haggle about what to do next. At the same time they're offering me fish and chips.

Outside the Registry in the gathering gloom the drizzle is soaking protestors and national media. Students do a bit of a chant for live spots on television news, say they own the Registry and call on the Vice-Chancellor to resign. The V-C and Jarrod Gilbert appear on *Holmes*. Thursday morning and it's still raw and raining. Now I'm locked out too. Despite Jarrod's best efforts to let someone in to print the *Chronicle*, a majority has decided no-one is coming in to the Registry. Feel irritated that all yesterday's efforts have come to nowt. My minder offers an olive branch and tells me the students are offering me a special invitation to their midday rally, but the quad is a public place so I'll attend anyway, I say. He collects my notebook and pen, and delivers a note left on my



Protestors squeeze into the Registry concourse after the order is given to occupy.

desk by students - "Just used your floor to sleep on, hope you don't mind. Understand you've been very supportive of students. Thank you. Sorry 'bout the feathers." Hang round the Registry feeling cold to the core and nursing a wet notebook. Nothing is more depressing for a journalist than a wet notebook. The External Relations photographers' office under the Library provides a warm and dry bolt-hole.

Some students are getting worried they've missed out on demonstrators' pay for the week and ask me if I can have a word with Finance to start sorting things out. Tell them they can't have their cake and eat it too. p. 8 >



Professor Le Grew talks to protestors who packed into the top floor of the Registry.

Letter from Jarrod Gilbert

The Monday after the occupation, organiser Jarrod Gilbert sent this e-mail to all staff in the Registry.

"The occupation of the Registry was obviously and, indeed, purposefully disruptive. Given this, it would be a little rich for me to simply apologise – perhaps explanation is a better term. While many of you, I'm sure, missed dates and were forced to fall behind in your work, these inconveniences need to be put into context when viewing the problems that students face. Many of you appreciated this point and were very supportive of our actions – or, perhaps more correctly, our purpose. It was for this reason that many of us felt awkward keeping you out.

"The respect that we have for you we reflected by doing our best to ensure that nothing was tampered with and that we left the Registry



as clean as we could. Given the numbers that went through the place I feel that both of these aims were remarkably well adhered to. I sincerely hope that that was your experience too. As we are all a part of this University it is important that we all work well together. I look forward to seeing you all again in less confrontational times and hope that there is no undue animosity.

"While students still believe that the fee rise was too large, the concessions that we gained from the Vice-Chancellor are extremely good and give us something positive to work toward. While there is much to be said on this entire matter I have probably held you up long enough (!). If I said that it would be rich for me to simply apologise, I think it is safe to say that I – and all other students – are sorry that the occupation ever had to happen in the first place."

Inside the October 1999 occupation - continued



John Freeman-Moir, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, addresses students at the Thursday lunchtime rally.

p. 7 Here we are at the midday rally and politicians and hopeful candidates are here to piggyback on the students' efforts to put university funding, tuition fees and student loans on the election agenda. The atmosphere is a better one than on Tuesday and the politicians provide a common target. During the rally the numbers on the barricades on the west side of the Registry drop. Manage to get through both sets of doors and into the ground floor. My call of "cooee, anyone home" attracts three or four burly students. "Just checking," I say.

Negotiations start between students and management. I'm determined to be there at the end, as it's been quite an experience. Nothing seems to be happening so head home about 6pm. Students make a symbolic exit 40 minutes later and return to clean the building soon after. Later we hear common ground has been reached on increased consultation between management and students over future fee levels and on holding a tertiary education forum before the election.

UCSA Madcap Awards presented

Considerable hilarity, dashes of excitement, extroverts and extreme intoxication featured in the annual Madcap Awards on 8 October.

The theme of the evening was "The Oscars" and the audience and performers were dressed in kind, with many a glittering tuxedo and formal frock to be seen. Scott Koorey and Jeff Clark were MCs

Neave for UC Law Revue, Michael Fielding for UC Drama Society, Melanie Camp for UC Drama Society, Jeffrey Clark for UC Comedy Club.

University Comedy Nationals Winners 1999: Centuri Chan, Scott Koorey, Jeffrey Clark, Frasier Jackson, Hannah McGowan and Susannah Donovan.



Michael Fielding receives his special commendation for service to University of Canterbury performing arts from comedian David McPhail.

for the evening with comedian David McPhail as special guest.

"Madcaps" aims to reward every aspect of performing arts on campus, and awards ranged from excellence in set design (A Midsummer Night's Dream) to best overall production (A Midsummer Night's Dream).

Best actor of the year went to Aaron Boyce, while best actress was Charlotte Walker, both awards being for their respective performances in Carthaginians.

Excellence in Set Design, A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Excellence in Choreography, The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas.

Best Original Musical Composition, Scott Koorey in A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Biggest Balls Up, Ruth Agnew for falling asleep on stage in A Midsummer Night's Dream and Matthew Plummer's dancing ability in The Lawyer Who Shagged Me.

Excellence in Sound Production, OK Comedian.

Outstanding Lighting Design, A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Outstanding Costumes, A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Special Commendations for Service to UC Performing Arts 1999, Raoul

Best Original Script, OK Comedian.

Best Drama Performance, Carthaginians.

Best Comedy Performance, OK Comedian.

Best Musical Production, The Lawyer Who Shagged Me.

Best Debut Male, Matthew Gibb in OK Comedian; Highly Commended, Brook Pannell in The Lawyer Who Shagged Me.

Best Male, Aaron Boyce in Carthaginians; Highly Commended, Scott Koorey in The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas.

Best Debut Female, Tracey Bruce in The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas; Highly Commended, Sera Kerr in The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas.

Best Female, Charlotte Walker in Carthaginians; Highly Commended, Ruth Agnew in A Midsummer Night's Dream and Bianca Hearfield in The Lawyer Who Shagged Me.

Outstanding Contribution to UC Performing Arts 1999, Andrew Gibson and Scott Koorey.

Best Performance / Supreme Award 1999, UC Drama Society for A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Sarah Wall

Oceans advisory group from CAE conference

Wellington.- A national steering committee on oceans has been recommended in the wake of last week's Centre for Advanced Engineering "Our Oceans: The Next Great Economic Frontier" conference.

The conference at Te Papa on 12 and 13 October attracted about 130 delegates with a range of interests in New Zealand's exclusive economic zone and in the exploration, development and sustainable management of the country's offshore resources. Overseas speakers and New Zealand scientists, engineers and academics talked about opportunities and implications for the country in the light of current research and experience elsewhere.

New Zealand potentially has exclusive rights to the fourth largest area of ocean in the world. National assets of great value include minerals and hydrocarbons, fish and other biological assets and, less obviously, information, communications and energy. Any claim to the extended zone of continental shelf beyond the 200 nautical mile-limit has to be submitted to the United Nations' Law of the Sea Commission by August 2006.

CAE Executive Director John Blakeley said the conference had been urgently needed to facilitate co-operation between government, business, education and science and technology sectors in handling seabed wealth worth billions of dollars. A resolution had been passed at the end of the conference for an "ocean opportunities group" to be established and to consult widely on ocean development and formulate advice to the government on national oceans policy.

"Our Oceans" was launched by Prime Minister Jenny Shipley, who announced a surprise plan to come up with a comprehensive oceans policy in the next year. Senior officials were already consulting with marine specialists and stakeholders on their aspirations for ocean development, she said.

"As Prime Minister I am leading this work myself. We are ready to move, to better position this country for its future as a modern marine nation."

New Zealand had a good foundation of marine research, knowledge and experience upon which to build, including large marine



At the conference were Philip Burgess of Environment Australia (left), Pat Helm of the Prime Minister's Department and John Blakeley.

engineering projects such as the Maui gas fields and the Cook Strait and Southern Cross cables, she said.

New Zealand's ocean areas contributed about \$4.3 billion each year to the economy, a figure which might double during the next decade. The oceans would play an increasingly important role in the social and economic development of the country.

"We know that beneath the ocean lies a vast treasure chest that we must learn to manage wisely and responsibly with the health and well-being of the environment at the forefront of our minds. That is what this conference is about – bringing together ideas that balance economic and environmental concerns," Mrs Shipley said.

There were major challenges ahead to survey and understand the ocean environment.

"The Government has made funds available and this project will be completed by 2004. While the potential benefits are likely to be massive, so too are the obligations to manage the way we get those benefits. Marine resources and marine industries are the new uncharted frontier that we must learn to tame as well as sustain.

"The Government takes very seriously its responsibility for the environment and an effective and integrated approach to our oceans is a key priority. We are determined to have an oceans development plan that is environmentally sustainable." Mrs Shipley ended by inviting delegates to give feedback to the Government as it developed its oceans policy by October 2000.

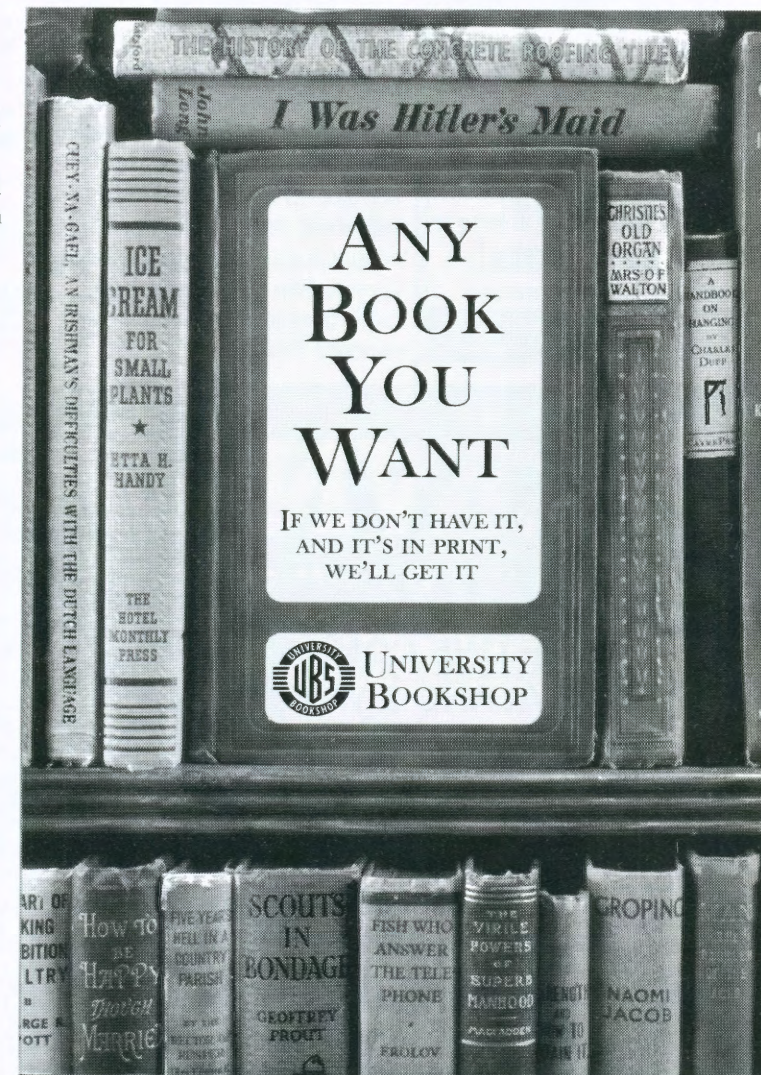
Earlier the Prime Minister was greeted outside Te Papa by several dozen protestors from the Forest and Bird Protection Society and ECO, who said the conference was for "exploiters" of the marine

and the practicalities of ocean development in Canada.

Fisheries Minister John Luxton gave the keynote speech on day two on the sustainable development of ocean resources. He said mineral wealth was ripe for discovery, new fish species were waiting to be identified and other scientific finds were round the corner, but the vast resources had to be managed carefully.

The Government had learnt from the handling of fisheries that property rights over a resource gave businesses a reason to protect it rather than "rape and pillage" it. The private sector would continue to be driven by the need for the highest possible economic returns but these had to be in the context of "sustainable business practices", Mr Luxton said.

Other sessions on day two covered opportunities and implications, strategic issues, and the next steps in the integrated management of New Zealand's exclusive economic zone.



Rubber band technology in construction research

Earthquake simulations have been testing the flexibility of wall connections in the Department of Civil Engineering.

The simulations on three half-scale precast concrete walls are testing the use of unbonded prestressing strands (cables) as wall connections. The experiment is to establish design criteria for this novel connection mechanism in precast wall construction. Researchers will use strain gauges to measure the extent to which the strands may be strained and the required confinement in the ends of the walls under various earthquake magnitudes.

Postdoctoral fellow Amar Rahman (right) likened the technology to a rubber band being stretched and



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then snapping back into shape when the force is released, maintaining its elasticity in the process and returning the wall to its original position.

Precasting involves constructing elements such as columns, walls and beams off-site and is a faster means of construction than cast-in-situ construction and provides better quality control. This method of construction has been in use in New Zealand for some time. Canterbury is one of several universities around the world conducting research into unbonded prestressing strands as a connection mechanism in precast concrete construction.

Dr Rahman said the main purpose of the research was to formulate guidelines for this method of construction. "Existing building codes for construction in earthquake zones aim at life preservation. This project's aim is to go further, to avoid building collapse, lessening structural damage and post-earthquake rehabilitation, and ultimately minimising the economic impact of reconstruction."

Project leader and senior lecturer Dr Jose Restrepo (Civil Engineering) said constructing buildings that would escape structural damage would reduce the disruption an earthquake could cause on society by forcing business closures for lengthy repairs.

Dr Restrepo and Dr Rahman are one-year into the two-year project, which is funded by the Foundation for Research Science and Technology. Dr Restrepo said the hope was to construct new commercial and industrial buildings using this technology in the next 10 years. "The aim is to prove that it is a viable option for the New Zealand precast construction industry."

2nd edition of Statute Law published

More than 500 statutes and amendments are discussed in *Statute Law in New Zealand*, a second edition of the authoritative text by University of Canterbury law Professor John Burrows.

Statute Law in New Zealand, first published in 1992, provides a clear and comprehensive guide to matters of statutory interpretation, preparation and drafting. It includes discussion of the Treaty of Waitangi and the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

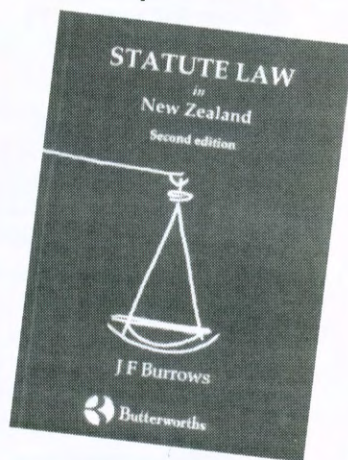
In the second edition, Professor Burrows updates the developments in statute law during the past seven years and, in particular, discusses the impact of the Interpretation Bill which was enacted in July this year. Commenting on the new act, Professor Burrows said one of its merits was that it simplified and clarified the expression of legislation. "It provides the guiding principles for the interpretation of legislation.

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Visiting Erskine Fellowships have been offered to: **Professor Ian F. MacDonald**, University of Waterloo, to be held in the Department of Chemical and Process Engineering from 28 December 1999 to 15 June 2000; **Professor Michael B. Devereux**, University of British Columbia, to be held in the Department of Economics from 19 March to 24 April 2000; **Professor R. Andrew Muller**, McMaster University, to be held in the Department of Economics from 6 July to 10 August 2000; **Professor Clive W. J. Granger**, University of California at San Diego, to be held in the Department of Economics from 1 October to 11 November 2000; **Associate Professor Alan F. Chalmers**, University of Sydney, to be held in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies from 29 July to 30 September 2000.

Adjunct prof. in School of Music

Dr Malcolm Tait has been invited to be an adjunct professor in the School of Music for an initial period of three years.



It also is, in itself, a good example of simple drafting and the modern trend towards making statute law much less wordy."

While used as a student text, *Statute Law in New Zealand* has also become an invaluable tool for practitioners and is consistently quoted in court. *Statute Law in New Zealand* (2nd Ed 1999) is published by Butterworths of New Zealand Limited.

UCSA Blues awarded for 1999

This year's University of Canterbury Students' Association Sports Person of the Year, Daryl Gibson, is an athlete who has achieved excellence in both sport and study.

Currently in the United Kingdom competing in the Rugby World Cup, Daryl has represented Canterbury in rugby at National Provincial Championship level and for the Canterbury Crusaders team in the Super 12 competition.

During this time Canterbury has won both competitions, the National Provincial Championship in 1997 and the Super 12 in 1998 and 1999. He was named in the All Black team to play Australia and South Africa in this year's Tri-Nations Tournament which the All Blacks won.

While competing in a fully professional sport with high demands on his time, Daryl has achieved a high level of academic success, having completed BEd and BCom degrees, a Diploma of Teaching and is now working towards an MEd.

Many years of dedicated coaching with the University of Canterbury Fencing Club have been recognised in the 1999 UCSA Outstanding Contribution to University Sport Award.

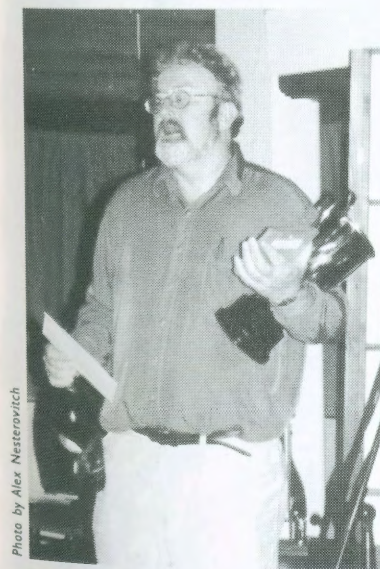


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Recipient Viktor Manuge (above), who receives the STA Travel / Ansett NZ Cup, has been involved as a competitor, administrator and most notably as a coach of fencing since the late '60s.

During that time he has been the cornerstone of the University of Canterbury Fencing Club, helping develop many of its competitors to reach regional and national honours.

Viktor first became involved in fencing in the late 1960s as a competitor, eventually topping the New Zealand rankings competing with the sabre.

Viktor has coached many Canterbury students through the regional and national grades and beyond. One of his most successful partnerships has been with Rangi de Abaffy in the past eight years. Viktor has been Rangi's first and only coach and has helped take him to the top of New Zealand fencing, winning his third consecutive Mens' Epee Championship Title last year, a feat never before achieved in New Zealand.

Viktor's long involvement in Canterbury and New Zealand fencing has included promoting and developing his sport at a national level. He is also an internationally-recognised referee, last year refereeing at the Kuala Lumpur Commonwealth Games.

Viktor has incorporated into fencing some of the techniques he has learned from his karate training. As a coach his approach is aggressive and demanding, always pushing his pupils to bring out the mental and psychological toughness required to be successful in fencing, and it is this quality that has made him the best coach in Canterbury.

University of Canterbury Students' Association "Blues" have this year been awarded to 67 students who have excelled at sport and study. The UCSA Blues Committee awards Blues in recognition of the high sporting and academic standards achieved by its members. These students are some of the most talented of our time, excelling at both tertiary study and their chosen sporting codes.

The UCSA Blues are awarded to students who are attending the University of Canterbury who have been selected for Canterbury senior grade or greater this year. They are students who are achieving

excellence in both the academic and sporting environments.

The UCSA Blues recipients for 1999 are:

Basketball: Tina L. Duff, Kate E. Henry, Andrew J. Johnstone, Christopher D. Langrell, Myles A. Sutherland.

Canoe Polo: Miriam J. Odlin, Freya J.D.O. Sonneland.

Debating: Nicholas F. Flanagan.

Hockey: Anne-Marie Irving, Rebecca Saunders, Rachel A. Sutherland.

Indoor Hockey: Matthew J. Ellingham.

Judo: Larry J. Kirwan, Nicholas A. Whitty.

Kayaking: Leigh D. Barker for the years '97, '98, '99.

Netball: Tina L. Duff, Anna J. Veronese.

Orienteering: Michael A. W. Adams, Aaron W. Prince.

Powerlifting: Jonathan S. McFedries, Kathryn A.A. Spellerberg, Edward D. Walsby.

Rowing: Felicity C. Bradley, Christopher W. Brown, Sarah L. Burgess, Benjamin J. Forrest, Simon P. Hoadley, Ailsa M. Schaper, Foss M. Shanahan.

Rugby League: Gareth M. D. Cook.

Rugby Union: Mathew W. Hocken, Joseph S. Naufahu.

Skiing: Laura-Jean Fitzgibbon, Rupert J. Horrocks.

Smallbore Shooting: Nicholas Lynn, Orlon Patterson.

Snowboarding: Joseph D. Hassell, Nicholas D. McBride, Rebecca M. Olliver.

Soccer: Gavin H. Douglas, James H. Souther.

Softball: Gareth M. D. Cook.

Surf Life Saving: Leigh D. Barker, years '97, '98, '99, Christopher M. Henderson, Christina Hewitt, Vivienne M. Horner, Kirstin M. McNaughtan.

Squash: George D. Crosby, Sally J. Hawkes.

Swimming: John H. Davis.

Touch: Craig A. McHerron.

Trampoline: Matthew C. Cummings.

Volleyball: Jane L. Anderson, Joseph E. Barnes, Brendon J. Gredig, Anna T. Pearce, Michael R. Pepper, Sarah E. Rees, Theresa H. P. William.

Underwater Hockey: Matthew D. Neale.

Water polo: Warren T. Bickley.

Yachting: Philip J. Keen, Stephen M. Keen.

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2000 Jessup Cup in sights of Canterbury mooters

Canterbury law students are proving adept at talking themselves into and out of difficult situations.

Mooting in the School of Law is going from strength to strength, with the recent announcement that Nick Flanagan, Allastair Mace, Jonathan Scragg and Genevieve Haszard will represent New Zealand at the Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in Washington DC next April.

Senior law lecturer and moot master Richard Scragg said

individually and collectively team members had enjoyed a number of successes in recent months.

Nick and Allastair won the New Zealand Law Students' Association Mooting Competition, making them the nucleus of the New Zealand team for the Jessup Cup. Jonathan had received good rankings at the Australasian Law Students' Association Mooting Competition in Hobart along with Jared Holt, while in the School of Law's own mooting contest Nick won the Judges' Cup for best overall mooter and Jonathan won

the Law Faculty Cup for best first-time mooter. Genevieve, who excelled in the fields of international law and conflict of laws, had been invited in place of Jared, who was unavailable for the Jessup Cup, Mr Scragg said.

Another recent success for Canterbury law students was the Family Law Mooting Competition at the University of Otago, at which Jonathan and Katy Ryan put up a good show and Jonathan was recognised as best mooter.

A moot is not a mock trial but a forum where students can research and then argue legal problems in

accordance with court procedures, allowing them to practise skills as advocates. Students at Canterbury take part voluntarily and are coached by Mr Scragg and Associate Professor Scott Davidson.

In the April 1998 Jessup Cup the Canterbury team representing New Zealand made it to the semi-finals, where it was knocked out by the eventual winner, Mexico. In the individual competitions Canterbury students came seventh and 12th in the world.

Next year's Jessup Cup will be held from 3 to 8 April. Y

Campus attracts electioneering politicians



Alliance Leader Jim Anderton.



Tertiary Education Minister Max Bradford.



Labour Leader Helen Clark.



Labour's Lianne Dalziel.