

lar B.For.Sc. to choose courses which gives their degree a stronger emphasis in finance, accounting and business management.

#### Winners, winners

David Jan Derks has been awarded the New Zealand Institute of Forestry Schlich Memorial Prize as the student with the best all-round ability. Jan, whose grades have consistently topped the examination results since coming to the School, is working on the West Coast with Timberlands.

The Works Civil Construction Prize in

Forest Harvesting and Transport has been won by Barry Wells, a B.E. (For.) student, for his top marks in the forest harvesting and forest transportation projects.

Congratulations to both students for their fine work in their last year at university.

#### And more winners

Stephen Reay, who completed his Master's Degree With Distinction last year, has been awarded a University Prize for his research on restoration planting on the Port Hills. Stephen is continuing his ecological research with Paddy Walsh and is

soon to begin a Ph.D. programme.

Three forestry students have been awarded University of Canterbury Doctoral Scholarships: Kate Hewson, a past graduate of the School of Forestry, Didik Widyatmoko from Indonesia, who completed his Master's degree at the School, and Bosai Zou, an Assistant Professor at Siohuan Academy of Forestry in China, who has been working with Professor Sands on soil properties and radiata pine root growth.

**Ron O'Reilly**

## Lincoln University News

#### Dr Frank Woods appointed Vice Chancellor

Dr Frank Woods, the Director of NZ Forest Research Ltd, is to replace Professor Bruce Ross as the Vice Chancellor of Lincoln University. Dr Woods will be bringing to Lincoln his valuable experience of running a Crown Research Institute, as well as a long and deep interest in education and research. Lincoln staff are looking forward to his leadership. In the meantime Professor Roger Field, as Pro-Vice Chancellor, will continue to head the institution.

Dr Glen Murphy has announced that he is to leave his part-time position at Lincoln University's Natural Resource Department. Glen's input to forest engineering at Lincoln will be greatly missed. Glen is moving to an almost full-time position with the Forest Research Institute at Ilam.

#### Overseas travel

Dr Hugh Bigsby visited New Delhi in India late last year to participate in the First Plant Quarantine Workshop on Pest Risk Analysis. Hugh was involved as a lead presenter for economic impact assessment at the FAO-UNDP funded workshop. The workshop was attended by government officials involved with plant quarantine policy in India.

Dr Don Mead was also in India in November and December 1996. Don was consulting on tree nutrition in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal. At the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding in Coimbatore he was involved with Dr Donald and his team on designing nutrient cycling studies in teak. In West Bengal he was assisting the Forest Department in their nursery and field research on tree nutrition and the use of fertilisers, including biofertilisers. This was the second visit that he had made to both of these projects.

Dr Mead also had a very successful visit to Nepal looking at agroforestry in that country. Lincoln University is fortunate in having a number of students from Nepal doing postgraduate studies in Agroforestry and Parks and Recreation.

Lincoln University ecologists, Dr Richard Duncan and Dr Glen Stewart, attended the "Southern Connection" conference at Valdivia, Chile in January 1997. Richard gave a paper on his work on compositional variation in canopy gaps of *Nothofagus* forests and Glen on coarse woody debris in forests.

Dr Scott Chang attended the Forest and

Farm Plantation Management Cooperative meeting in Canberra and the forest management tour which followed that FRI cooperative meeting.

#### Tree ring laboratory

Dr Johnathan Palmer is currently setting up a very sophisticated tree ring laboratory at Lincoln University. He has taken study leave to get this underway. He is currently collecting bog-kauri samples from Northland, and these will form the basis of a long-term tree ring chronology to assist the study of past climates.

## The Faculty of Forestry of Waiariki Polytechnic

The National Diploma in Forestry has been registered on the National Qualifications Framework from November 1, 1996. Units towards this Diploma have been taught by Waiariki Polytechnic since 1994, and the first group of about 15 students have now completed this qualification.

More than 60 applications have been received for the 30 places for New Zealand students on the Diploma in Forestry for 1997; interviews to select the class were held in early December. In addition, six applications from overseas will be considered. The Diploma takes two and a half years to complete full-time. It is offered in modules, so that industry staff can join the full-time classes to complete a few units at a time. The Diploma is particularly strong in forest business management (management of contracts, tendering, production control systems, business plans, safety management, forest estate management).

In November, eight lecturers and a technician from the Faculty of Forestry in

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