

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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Rotorua went on a study tour to review new developments in forestry and wood processing, and to inform industry staff on educational developments. They visited the Pan Pacific sawmill in Hawkes Bay, where they were shown plans for the \$50 million expansion. They met with Carter Holt Harvey staff in Napier, and were shown chainsaw pruning operations.

On the coastal road south, they saw farmland being developed into forestry, and viewed the Ernslaw plantings. They met with Harwood Trust, to discuss scholarship support for Diploma in Forestry students. In Masterton they visited Juken Nissho to get an overview of forestry operations and processing facilities.

This year for the first time Diploma in Forestry students were eligible for the Rayonier New Zealand forestry scholarships. A Waiariki student received one of the four scholarships which were awarded.



Lecturers from the Waiariki Faculty of Forestry on a field visit at Juken Nissho, Masterton, looking at re-establishment of a forest which was harvested last year.



NEW INFORMATION



Interactive approach for environmental seminar

Following the success of last year's environmental seminar *Greening the New Zealand Forest Industry*, the NZ Institute of Forestry, in association with the Commonwealth Forest Association and the NZ Farm Forestry Association, is holding a second seminar this February.

Organiser Tim Thorpe, convenor of the NZIF Environmental Working Group, says the seminar will be held in Christchurch and Rotorua on February 25 and 27 respectively to offer attendees a choice of venues.

Titled *Green & Growing: An Interactive Approach to Forestry and the Environment in New Zealand*, the seminars will feature a stimulating range of speakers representing social, environmental and political interests, as well as forest growing, processing and marketing.

Four Sessions

"The aim of the *Green & Growing* seminars is to take a holistic approach to the forest industries' interaction with the wider environment," says Tim Thorpe. "Our objective is to create greater practical understanding of forestry's impacts and the complex interrelationships that exist, and to raise awareness of some of the initiatives being undertaken."

A stimulating array of speakers has been lined up for the four seminar ses-

sions, which will examine future trends, marketing and distribution, processing and forest growing as they relate to the wider environment. In the first session of the day Professor Wayne Cartwright, Professor of Strategic Management in Auckland University's Department of International Business, will examine key signals for social, environmental technological and political change, supported by specific commentators from environmental, forestry and local government perspectives.

Under marketing and distribution the keynote session will focus on New Zealand's image from the customer's end of the chain, with commentary on forest certification, the Asian market perspective and corporate marketing.

Processing and the environment promises to be a lively session, with the keynote speaker from Rayonier New Zealand presenting a case study on the company's new MDF plant and commentators on social, environmental and technical perspectives, including Greenpeace representatives and Mayor of Dunedin City, Sukhi Turner.

The final session of the day will focus on forest growing, looking at environmental issues "down on the ground" that affect the practising forester. As well as commentary on technical issues and a Landcare perspective, this session will

particularly focus on the implications of forestry and environmental issues for Maori, with speaker John Ruru.

"We are excited about the calibre of speaker we have attracted for both the Christchurch and Rotorua seminars, and the potential for everyone to be involved in extensive discussion on these important topics," says Tim Thorpe. In a breakaway from the traditional workshop sessions, extended discussion sessions following presentations by each keynote speaker and supporting specialists will provide greater opportunity for attendees to exchange ideas and opinions without fragmenting the seminar into groups. "This interactive format will allow us to back up broad discussion touching on important philosophical issues with specific detail and we're hoping our audiences will take advantage of the opportunity to make their own contribution."

The seminar is being held at the Quality Hotel, Durham Street, Christchurch on February 25 and at the Quality Hotel, Fenton Street Rotorua on February 27. The registration fee is \$75.00 for NZIF, CFA and FFA members, \$35 for students and \$115 for non-NZIF members. Further enquiries and registrations should be sent to Pat Towersey, P.F. Olsen & Co Ltd, PO Box 1127, Rotorua, phone 0-7-357 4135, fax 0-7-357 5185.