

ers is also very impressive – they would not stop work even when the fire alarm (activated by the inadvertent cutting of a power line) sounded!

As well as the new wing, many modifications of the existing building are being carried out at the same time, including the new computing room, and alterations to provide more rooms for postgraduates. We will keep you posted on further progress.

#### More prizes

Three students, competing with others around the country for a total of six awards, have received scholarships from Rayonier New Zealand – David Gover who is studying a B.E. (For) and Justine Wilton and David Skilton, both studying the B.For.Sc. Our congratulations go to these students.

#### Indigenous forest research

The FRST-funded silver beech project “Sustainable Management of Maori-Owned Indigenous Forest”, led by Dr Devoe, is gathering momentum. Two areas in Southland have been included in the project, in close partnership with the forest owners. New staff member Dr Ken Hobson has joined the research team, to study the effects of forest management on platypus beetle populations and look into the potential to reduce beetle populations through competitive-fungal interference with beetle nutrition, and chemical ecological manipulation to misdirect beetle populations away from their beech hosts.

## Lincoln University News

Congratulations to the first group of students to have completed the full three-year programme of the BCom (Forestry) degree. These students graduated at the April convocation. Graduates have been very successful in finding employment and most of those who were actively in the job market are now employed with forestry companies. The types of employment that these students have found includes forestry consulting, mill management, and product sales.

Early February Don Mead spent two weeks consulting in the area of agroforestry in Gai Lai Province of Vietnam. Here he was associated with a Lincoln International team helping minority hill tribes.

Don Mead accompanied a party of seven, including four graduate students, to the Farm Forestry Conference in Palmerston North (April 14-19), while Hugh Bigsby attended the ANZIF Conference in Canberra (April 22-24).

## Students win awards

Four forestry students, Douglas Davidson, David Skilton, Justine Wilton and David Gover, have scooped \$12,000 worth of study scholarships from forestry company Rayonier New Zealand. They are among more than 30 Rayonier grants made nationwide each year to secondary and tertiary students.

The students are from Canterbury University and Waiariki Polytechnic. As well as their scholarships, each student was given a certificate, and a study kit, including a compendium, calculator, and a pen and picture frame crafted from *Pinus radiata*.

David Skilton is in his final year of a three-year Bachelor of Forestry Science, majoring in resource law; while Justine Wilton and David Gover are both completing a Bachelor of Engineering in

Forestry, all at Canterbury University. Douglas Davidson is completing a Diploma in Forestry at Waiariki Polytechnic.

Four forestry scholarships, each worth \$3000, are awarded annually by Rayonier New Zealand. The scholarships are available for students in the final two years of forestry degrees from Canterbury, Waikato and Lincoln Universities and the forestry diploma from Waiariki Polytechnic.

Rayonier New Zealand has awarded a total of \$34,000 to secondary and tertiary students throughout the country for general scholarships. Hundreds of students from Kaitia to Invercargill applied.

Applications for the 1998 scholarships close in mid August this year.



Rayonier New Zealand forestry scholarship winners 1997 with Rayonier's Corporate Relations Manager, Jo Cross: (left to right) Justine Wilton, David Skilton and David Gover.

### Applicants for registration

The following have applied to become Registered Forestry Consultants.

**Peter Gordon Charles Hay**  
**Alan John Phillips Barnes**

**Nelson**  
**Rotorua**

The following have applied to become Registered Members

**Ian Arthur Maxwell Moore**  
**Leonard Edward John Crofskey**

**Wanganui**  
**Taupo**