

sawmill, and work experience at sawmills in Te Kuiti. Also at the TiTC, John Kelly, from Lockwood, will be joining the staff as a timber machining lecturer.

The Forest Harvesting Section of the Faculty has developed various new programmes this year. This includes the Waiariki Certificate in Forest Harvesting, and a new course in high-technology logmaking. Another first for this group is that we now have a female logging lecturer, Raeleen Moses, who teaches the use of Timber Tech, a new computerised logmaking tool.

On the international front, four nursery managers from Tonga have been on a four-week horticulture, forestry and nursery management short course and three groups of senior Indian forest managers have been on short courses in conservation forestry, nursery management and research management. Gordon Acres went to Fiji twice this year, to undertake forest business planning consulting and training opportunities have come from this, resulting in plans for some staff to teach forestry in Fiji next year.

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## North American study beckons

The School of Forestry and the School of Engineering at the University of Canterbury have entered into

arrangements with the University of British Columbia in Canada and with Virginia Tech in the U.S.A., that allow University of Canterbury students to spend a year studying wood processing. Second or third year students will be able to take a year of wood processing courses, such as Wood Anatomy, Machine Design, Wood Products Manufacturing, Wood Adhesives and Coatings, and Wood Drying and Preservation, at either of these institutions. Students will complete their four-year degree with courses from the School of Forestry and the School of Engineering. The New Zealand Forest Industries Training Council have provided scholarships for up to five students each year for five years. The forestry industry is providing work experience for the students before they travel overseas. Also, the University of Canterbury has established a new course, "Engineered Wood Products", to be offered from 2000, which will focus on the technology of wood-based composites and provide students with hands-on experience in manufacturing and testing MDF and other wood composites.

### Beech Market Study

Drs. Ted Bilek and Nora Devoe have been awarded a 2-year University of Canterbury Fellowship, to evaluate market opportunities for New Zealand Beech. They will be hiring a recent Ph.D. graduate to join them in their PGSF-funded research programme "Sustainability on Maori-Owned Indigenous Forest".

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