**EDUCATION NEWS**

**Lincoln University News**

**Staff News**
Drs Hugh Bigsby and Lucie Ozanne have received an Asia 2000 grant to develop collaboration in the area of Forest Products Marketing with the University of the Philippines at Los Banos. Dr Ozanne will participate in an FAO-sponsored workshop in Manila in November as part of this grant. Drs Hugh Bigsby and Lucie Ozanne have also received a Lincoln University grant to carry out research over the summer into consumer attitudes towards environmental certification of forest products.

During the university mid-term break, Drs Don Mead and Scott Chang visited Northland and made contacts with company foresters and FRI researchers. They visited fertilisation, species (*Eucalyptus*), thinning, and provenance trials. They were hosted by Al Pearse, Ray Krippner, Lindsay Cannon, and Dave Fish of Carter Holt Harvey Ltd and Malcolm Skinner of FRI. On the same trip, they participated in the Northland Farm Forestry Association farm forestry field day held on Ingleby Coxe’s farm. Ingleby is studying the effect of various treatments on tree topping for her Master’s degree. Her work was featured in a recent issue of Northland Forestry.

Dr Scott Chang has received funding from the University to study the effect of pasture/tree interaction on N dynamics in the Lincoln University Agroforestry Trial. He will employ nitrogen isotope techniques to investigate soil nitrogen mineralisation/nitrification in the agroforestry systems.

**Soil Science Department**
An ongoing research programme in the Department of Soil Science is examining the effects of plantation forestry on nutrient cycling and soil processes. The objective is to investigate the effects of exotic tree species on the nature, distribution and availability of soil nutrients in relation to the establishment of plantation forestry on hill and high-country land developed under pasture in New Zealand. The programme is being organised and led by Dr Leo Condron, and collaborators include Ian Cornforth and Don Mead (Lincoln University), Murray Davis and Alan Nordmeyer (FRI), and Bill Dyck (Carter Holt Harvey Forests). The research is being carried out by a number of postgraduate students at a variety of levels (Honours, Masters, PhD), and current project topics include ‘organic nutrient dynamics in soil under conifers’, ‘soil phosphorus transformations in an agroforestry system’, ‘conifers and soil fertility in Northland’, influence of conifers on soil properties and processes in the Mackenzie Basin and ‘conifers and soil acidity in the South Island high country’.

**Internet Connections**
Information on the B Com (Forestry) can now be found on the web at Lincoln University’s web page (http://www.lincoln.ac.nz/ecmt/bcomfore.htm). The information includes a description of the degree and provides additional contact addresses.

**Hugh Bigsby**

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**Another planting of students has reached maturity.**

17 Bachelor of Commerce (Forestry) students from Lincoln University will be ready to enter the employment market at the end of the year. Having been part of one of New Zealand’s leading forestry programmes, they have much to contribute to the future of forestry.

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