Secondly, I would like to clarify some aspects of Greenpeace’s attitude and approach to plantations, both internationally and nationally. John wrongly claimed that “Greenpeace is pursuing a one-world solution”. We have different solutions for each different national situation, and even regions and local areas within countries. What all the national solutions do have in common is a set of overarching internationally agreed principles and guidelines, and in a certification framework, this means the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Principles and Criteria for Forest Management.

I think it is important to point out that the New Zealand plantation model cannot be separated from the international context, especially when the NZ industry employs evangelical industrial monoculture pushers to travel the world and preach their doctrine at international fora. New Zealand is probably the leading proponent of exotic monoculture plantations, including inappropriately in tropical countries where in some parts plantation establishment is driving the conversion of natural forests. To promote plantations on degrading pastureland in Aotearoa is one thing, but to push the NZ-style plantation model as the saviour quick fix to hypothetical future world wood shortfalls is ecological folly. Herein lies the importance and the link of the New Zealand plantation situation to the global forestry scene, and thus Greenpeace’s efforts to reform the industry here to take account of broader society values.

Greenpeace views tree systems as the key to our sustainable land-use future in New Zealand. We encourage tree planting and reforestation. However, the inadequacies of the monoculture model lead us to look at the potential of what could be achieved with modifications to this model, which is nothing short of exciting. Certification through the FSC offers recognition and rewards for these modifications.

Our biodiversity goals and vision are developed and are being put to land users as a whole, whether they be foresters, farmers, urban developers or horticulturists. Our 1995 “Biodiversity and Landuse” information sheet attests to this. It is not correct to claim that we are just targeting forestry, even though we are putting more effort into transforming forestry because we have a positive outlook for it, and we are being forced by the industry that is making spurious greenwash claims. We are engaged also through the certification process where principles, criteria and performance standards on plantations are being defined that can be communicated and are a credible assurance to a growing number of environmentally sensitive wood consumers.

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EDUCATION NEWS

School of Forestry News

Another expansion of the School of Forestry building
As the photo shows, the School of Forestry is undergoing yet another expansion, this time at the north end of the existing building. The new two-storey extension will house the School Administration offices, plus study offices for staff and postgraduates, as well as a large lecture room with all the modern audiovisual facilities. The staff of the South Island Unit of the Forest Research Institute will also be housed in the new extension, which is due to be completed in time for the beginning of term in 1998. The excavation has also revealed totara stumps estimated to be 1500 years old, pieces of which are now safely stored in Karl’s office.

New lecturer to join the staff
Dr Kenneth Hobson, who has a Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, has accepted a lecturing position with the School of Forestry. Dr Hobson is a specialist in forest entomology, forest ecology and insect ecology, and has carried out research work involving forest pathology. At present a Post Doctoral Research Associate at the University of Wisconsin, Dr Hobson will be lecturing in the final-year Forest Health course as well as at the postgraduate level. Ken, who is married with one small son, will be taking up his post in time to lecture in the second half of this year. Welcome aboard, Ken!

Commerce - Forestry conjoint degrees attracting students
The conjoint degree programme, whereby a student can obtain a full Bachelor of Commerce degree and a full Bachelor of Forestry Science degree in five years of university study, has started to prove popular with both new entrants and students who have partially completed their forestry degree. At last count, close to 10 students had enrolled in the programme, which takes advantage of Commerce’s ability to credit outside courses and Forestry’s recent emphasis on “business” courses as options within the degree. A spin-off of the conjoint programme is the increased ability of students in the regu-
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 Widiantomoko from Indonesia, who completed his Master's degree at the School, and Bosai Zou, an Assistant Professor at Sichuan 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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