TELFORD RURAL POLYTECHNIC

Course emphasises practical

Telford Rural Polytechnic as New Zealand’s foremost provider of land-based education, has for over 30 years provided excellent vocational training in land-based industries for students at its campus in Balclutha, South Otago. Telford’s Certificate in Forestry is a 34-week course that covers all aspects of forestry production, from land preparation, planting, silviculture, forestry health through to harvesting and log extraction.

Now in its sixth year, the Telford Certificate in Forestry has an exceptionally high employment rate for its graduates. On average over 90 per cent of the students who graduate the course have found employment in the forestry sector. For 1999, two Certificate in Forestry courses are running, with a third planned for later in the year. The focus of the course, as with all courses at Telford, is on developing the practical skills and abilities of the students. Students on average spend four days a week out in forests, under the watchful eye of their tutors.

For the last six years Laurie Milne has overseen the development of and is now Head Tutor for all the forestry courses run at Telford. Laurie is a registered forestry industry trainer/assessor with the Logging and Forest Industry Training Board. Laurie has a strong belief in a learning process that links industry and education. Like Laurie, Telford’s other forestry tutor, Graeme Moodie is also a registered forestry trainer/assessor and also holds a National Certificate in Harvesting. Together, they bring a wealth of ability and experience to the forestry courses at Telford.

CANTERBURY SCHOOL OF FORESTRY

Honour for Lindsay Poole

Lindsay Poole, C.B.E., has added to his list of honours by being conferred an Honorary Doctor of Science from the University of Canterbury In the 1999 Graduation Ceremony. Lindsay has had a long and distinguished career, graduating B.(For.)Sc. in 1930, obtaining an M.Sc. in Botany, and becoming Director of the Botany Division, DSIR, Assistant Director then Director-General of the New Zealand Forest Service from 196 – 71, and Chair of the Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Council from 1971 – 78. Lindsay Poole was President of the Ecological Society and the Institute of Foresters, and in 1959 he became a Fellow of the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture, and in 1962 a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand. In 1972 he was made an Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Foresters in Britain. Lindsay’s friends and colleagues gathered for a celebratory dinner at the School of Forestry on the eve of the Graduation Ceremony to congratulate Lindsay.

Chris Goodwin, a Year 4 B.For.Sc. student, has been elected as the first President of the Canterbury University Chapter of the Golden Key Honour Society. The Golden Key Honour Society, an internationally recognised non-profit academic honours organisation, was founded in 1977 on the principles of scholarship, service and recognition. Membership, which is by invitation only, is based purely on academic merit, and is limited to the top 15 per cent of bachelor’s degree students who have completed at least one year of university study. Well done Chris!

Staff of the School recently presented a 4-day workshop on Forestry for employees of Carter Holt Harvey In Auckland, the third such workshop aimed at company employees who do not have a forestry background.

The School held a one-day workshop on Maori Issues recently, with the aim of becoming more sensitive to Maori Issues in the teaching of the B.For.Sc., and to more effectively provide students with the necessary tools to work in an industry with a strong Maori component.

Dr. Robert Douglas, visitor to the School from the University of New Brunswick, presented the latest in The Dean’s Lecture Series. Dr. Douglas, a geotechnics and road engineering spoke on “Roading and Transportation Research In Eastern Canada: How to Walk Softly and Carry a Big Load of Logs”.

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

Lincoln University News

Mark Bloomberg has joined Lincoln University to teach part-time for the 1999 academic year. Mark will be teaching into silviculture courses, replacing Scott Chang who has gone to North Carolina. Mark is a Christchurch-based forestry consultant and brings a wealth of practical experience into his teaching.