

computer server is a major departure in the way most companies run their computing systems in Rotorua.

PF Olsen and Company Ltd, which is better known for its leading role in forestry, is now making available to businesses its application service provider (ASP) system.

The company has installed a new server "farm" and can offer an expanded network of services to a range of small to medium sized companies.

## New master's degree offered at Lincoln

Opportunities to improve individual and company performance in the transport industry are being offered in a new master's degree from Lincoln University.

It is one of five specialist courses in a new professional studies programme, starting in February and offered initially in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. Each is focused on the professional development of people in the workplace, from undergraduates to senior executives.

They are off-campus courses for people who want further tertiary qualifications without being committed to full-time enrolment, or on-campus lecture schedules.

Professor Tony Zwart, director of professional studies at Lincoln University, said the new master's studies were an important initiative in Lincoln's development of programmes for line-long off-campus learning.

"The world is moving faster, changing faster, and more than ever people must be able to update their personal skills," he said.

The courses were specialised to reflect industry needs for better qualified and capable people. They had been built around the industries and professional areas where Lincoln University had extensive relationships and teaching and research experience.

## Native tree forum attracts huge response

New Zealand's ability to take full advantage of its varied natural

forestry resource is being seriously impeded by the sector's focus on exotic species. This was one of the main conclusions to come from a Native Tree Forum held at Waikato University in early October.

## Applicants for Registrations Review

The following person has applied to become a Registered Forestry Consultant:

**John Hornby Nelson**

The following Registered Forestry Consultants have applied for their Five Yearly Review:

**Alan Laurie Waimate**  
**Jim Carle Mt Maunganui**

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The Registrar, NZIF Registration Board, PO Box 1340, Rotorua.

### Rotorua members fill Registration Board positions

There was a good number of Institute members willing to sit on the Institute Registration Board, when two positions were up for election earlier this year.

The Board has two members who represent the Registered Forestry Consultants. One of these positions became available after Peter Keach (Rotorua) stepped down after seven years of exceptional service to the Board.

Due to a high percentage of ambiguous returns, the election for this position had to be run again, using a clearer form. Congratulations go to Theo Vos (Rotorua) for being the successful candidate.

The second position was for the election of a Members' Representative. This position became available following the death of John Holloway of Wellington. This election saw two candidates willing to stand, with Dave Field of Rotorua being successful.

The Institute thanks those members who put themselves forward for election.

The Consultants' Representative position is for a term of two years, while the Members' Representative is for a term of four years.

## LINCOLN UNIVERSITY



## China link provides window

In October, Hugh Bigsby and Don Mead spent two weeks as guests of Nanjing Forestry University. The visit, funded by Asia 2000 and Nanjing Forestry University, was a follow up to an earlier visit by faculty staff from Nanjing Forestry University to New Zealand.

The purpose of the visit was to facilitate the development of collaborative linkages between Lincoln University and Nanjing Forestry University. Future linkages could include exchanges of staff and students, and joint research projects. During the trip, visits were made to natural and plantation forest and to wood processing plants.

The link with Nanjing Forestry University is seen as an important step in providing a 'window' for forestry education in China, and in assisting New Zealand students understanding the forest sector in China.

-Hugh Bigsby

## WAIARIKI INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

## New courses and visitors

In collaboration with WINZ and two sawmills, a half-year wood processing programme has been offered to students from Te Kuiti. The programme consists of theory classes delivered in Te Kuiti, one week study blocks at TiTC's training

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.

#### CANTERBURY SCHOOL OF FORESTRY

## 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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