

News

UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND

Professor Keith Sinclair retires as head of department on 30 April and will spend his short leave in England. He has commenced work on the centennial history of the University of Auckland. Dr Margaret Lamb and Dr Raewyn Dalziel are on sabbatical leave. Dr Valerie Flint has taken up a visiting fellowship at the Humanities Research Centre, Australian National University, Canberra. Associate-Professor Jim Holt and Dr Hugh Laracy go on short leave at the end of Term II. Dr John Stagg has been promoted to senior lecturer and has been awarded a J. Franklin Jameson Fellowship in American History by the American Historical Association and the Library of Congress. He will spend his short leave continuing his research on the war of 1812 at the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. Dr M.E.R. Bassett has been re-appointed senior tutor. Dr Stuart Wallace, a graduate of the department who recently gained his Ph.D. from Edinburgh University, has taken up a lectureship, specializing in modern European history. Mr Hugh Jackson, a graduate of Melbourne and Cambridge Universities, is a new lecturer in Australian history.

Professor Sinclair received the National Book Award for non-fiction for his biography of Walter Nash. Professor Nicholas Tarling has been appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor. He was a recipient of the Queen's silver jubilee medal.

MICHAEL STENSON MEMORIAL APPEAL

Dr Michael Stenson, a specialist in Southeast Asian history, died in Rangoon in November, while on study leave. To commemorate his contribution to scholarship and his services to the community, his colleagues invite donations to a fund which will be used, if necessary, to subsidize the publication of his last book, *Class, Communalism and Colonialism in West Malaysia : the Indian Case*. Alternatively, the money raised will be spent on books reflecting Dr Stenson's interest in Asian affairs, local body politics and the environment. The collection will be housed in the University Library. Donations may be sent to the Cashier, University of Auckland, Private Bag, Auckland, New Zealand. A tribute to Dr Stenson appears on p. 95 of this issue.

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO

Dr L.H. Barber has been promoted to senior lecturer.

MASSEY UNIVERSITY

Dr J.C. Belchem has taken up the lectureship to which he was appointed in 1977, and Ms M.A. Tennant has been appointed junior lecturer. Dr A.H. Hanham has been promoted to senior lecturer.

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

Mr J.O.C. Phillips and Ms P.E. Bunkle are on leave until May. Mr M. Fairburn is on leave until June.

Professor F. Ross Peterson of Utah State College will be a visiting Fulbright scholar in the department during the second half of the year.

CANTERBURY UNIVERSITY

Dr Geoffrey Rice has been promoted senior lecturer. Ms Ann Parsonson has been appointed as lecturer.

Dr John Cookson is currently holding a research fellowship at the Australian National University. Dr Len Richardson and Dr Rice will be going on leave later in the year.

UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

Dr W.F. Laws has resigned and has returned to England. Mr T. Brooking has been appointed assistant lecturer, specializing in New Zealand history.

Professor W.H. McLeod and Dr J.A. Airo-Farulla are on sabbatical leave. Mrs D.P. Page and Dr R.H.C. Hayburn have returned from sabbatical leave.

Emeritus Professor W.P. Morrell was honoured in the New Years Honours list. He is still a much-loved and appreciated figure around the university and one of unabated intellectual vigour.

MANUSCRIPT HOLDINGS

The General Assembly Library, Wellington, has transferred its manuscript holdings to the Alexander Turnbull Library so that these materials may be more readily accessible to researchers. Several of the large collections will be sorted and inventoried during the year. Researchers who propose using any of the collections should write to the Manuscript Librarian to check that the collection concerned is available before making the trip to Wellington.