

## At the Centre

### Consultancy

A consultancy contract with the National Advisory Core Health and Disability Support Services Committee led to a temporary expansion of staff at the Centre.

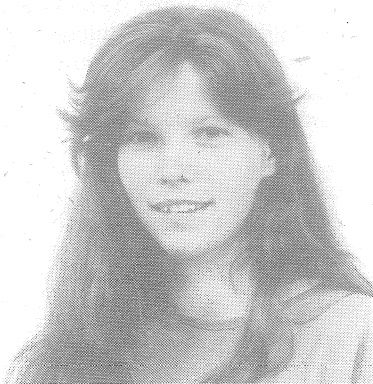
Nicholas Crang joined the Centre from early June to the end of August as a Research Assistant, and undertook some of the additional work required to prepare briefing papers on the ethical issues underlying the definition of Core Health Care and Disability services. Nicholas has a law degree, and has now moved on to complete his professional law qualifications.



### Overseas student

The Centre has also enjoyed the presence of Louise Wade, a final year Medical Student from the UK. She writes:

I am a final year medical student from the University of Manchester, England, doing an eight week elective in bioethics (with a clinical attachment to



neurosurgery), at the Bioethics Research Centre. I have been writing case studies of neurosurgical patients including a discussion of ethical issues relevant to those particular cases. I have also attended neurosurgical operations, student teaching in neurosurgery, and neurosurgery/neurology/psychiatry meetings, and have been a participant in the postgraduate bioethics seminars and an observer of some of the undergraduate bioethics teaching. In addition, I went to the Australasian Association of Philosophy conference which was held in Dunedin.

Bioethics is not taught in Manchester Medical School at the present, so it has been interesting to see how it is taught here. The teaching and experience I have gained here will be of great value to me. Despite my medical school's lack of interest in the subject, I feel there is an increasing need for the teaching of bioethics to health care staff from all specialities. I think the UK could learn a lot from New Zealand in this respect.

### Resources

The Centre is quietly developing its collection of resources. These include many of the specialist journals in the field of Bioethics - *Bioethics*, *Bulletin of the Institute of Medical Ethics*, *Hastings Centre Report*, *Journal of Clinical Ethics*, *Journal of Medical Ethics*, *Journal of Philosophy and Medicine*, *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*, *Medical Humanities Review*, and *Second Opinion*.

Other resources supplement those available through libraries - newsletters from various centres, and collections of articles and reports on specialist ethical topics. We are also building up the library of tapes - recordings of papers given at the 1992 Summer School, and of public seminars organised by the Centre.

### Preliminary Announcement:

#### New Post

It is hoped to appoint a Lecturer/Assistant to the Director at the Centre in 1993. Full details will appear in the public press. Preliminary enquiries to the Director, Bioethics Research Centre.

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### Public Seminar programme

The lunchtime seminar programme arranged by the Centre continues to attract interest.

The first seminar this term was on *Medical Confidentiality in the Computer Age*. This attracted

considerable attention from the media, with the General Manager of the Otago Area Health Board, Mr David Bolitho being interviewed on "Morning Report"; and on the National mid-morning radio.

The second seminar on *Changes in the Health System - will the elderly miss out?* takes place as this Newsletter goes to print.



Sandy Forsythe addresses the lunchtime seminar on *"Sexual Abuse in the Professional Relationship: Some responses from the Professions"*.

### Travels Abroad

During study leave Professor Gareth Jones, (the first Director of the Centre), fitted in a variety of ethics speaking engagements, besides his neurobiological commitments. These included lectures on the "value of human life" and "fetal neural transplants" at the Annual Bioethics Conference of the Sydney Adventist Hospital, and the Templeton Lecture at the University of Toronto on "The

human embryo". Other ethics lectures were given to scientific audiences at the Edith Cowan University, Perth (where he was a Visiting Fellow) and to the Centre for Human Biology at the University of Western Australia. When in San Diego, he was invited to speak on the ethics of fetal neural transplants to one of the leading research groups on neural grafting, that of Professor Fred Gage.

In response to requests from the community we now record public seminars organised by the Centre.

Audio tapes may be purchased from the Centre for \$7.50 each plus \$3.40 postage and packing.

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