

At the Centre

1994 has begun with a number of staff movements and changes. **Professor Alastair Campbell** has begun his sabbatical leave. Until July 1994 he will be the Tuohy Fellow at John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio, USA. While there he will be presenting a series of public lectures, and pursuing his own research and writing. In his absence, Professor Gareth Jones is acting Director of the Centre, and Associate Professor Grant Gillett, Acting Head of Department.

The Centre now has a third Academic staff member. **Barbara Nicholas**, formerly Junior Research Fellow has been appointed to the position of Lecturer/assistant to the Director, and

has already taken up her new position. As well as assisting in administration and development of the Centre, she will continue to assist with teaching programmes already established, and will be co-ordinating, and teaching with Grant Gillett, the new 300 level course *Introduction to Bioethics*.

John McMillan has been appointed to the position of Junior Research Fellow. John has completed an Honours degree in Philosophy (as well as being a trained chef) and his research interests include contemporary political philosophy, and philosophy of the social sciences.

Funding was made available to the Centre for a summer studentship to research some of the ethical concerns associated with access to records to be used for epidemiological research. **Teresa Wyndham-Smith** has taken up this position which continues until the mid-March.

There are an increasing number of enrolments in the various courses available in Bioethics. As well as those studying for the DipGrad, several students have enrolled for the new Master in Health Sciences degree. Candidates for PhD and MMedSc continue their studies, and are joined by overseas student Scott Hollingsworth (from Indiana, USA) funded by a Rotary Ambassadorial scholarship.

Readers are invited to submit articles on matters of bioethical concern. We suggest a length of 800-1200 words.

We would also welcome letters responding to material published in *Otago Bioethics Report*.



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