

Durie, formerly from Te Aute College and Peri Mathew Hoskins, from Whangarei Boys High School who will be studying law.

Stephen John Bignell, Hamilton Boys High School, Joanne Mary Baxter, Queen Charlotte College, and David Dean Manag, Nga Tapuwae College who will be studying medicine.

Brian Morgan, Whangarei Boys High School, will be studying engineering, and Kim Kiriwaitai Phillips, Penrose High School, will be doing an arts degree.

Douglas Jonathan Martin, formerly of Church College, Hamilton, will be studying Management Studies at Waikato University.

Kerry Ann Jones, Campion College, will be studying law at Victoria University.

Andrew John French, Rotorua Boys High School, will be studying Social Science at Waikato University.



home because he had not attended the required number of days. He worked in a labouring job in Palmerston North and studied part time to regain his bursary in 1979.

#### Young vet

Originally Matheus had wanted to become veterinarian and was one of New Zealand's youngest to qualify in the field of artificial insemination. He sat this exam in his fifth form year at school. However, he was unsuccessful with his preliminary Bachelor of Science. He went back to a career in Technology on his return from overseas.

Matheus admits the last year was hard to "stick out" but it all seems to have been worth it.

He has a brother doing his final year in medicine at Otago University, another working at Napier Harbour Board and the other at U.E.B. Industries. His elder sister works at Whakatu Works and three other brothers and a sister are still at school.

#### Bigger odds

His mother, Mrs Pauline Vermunt-Eady of Napier (Ngati Kahungunu-Mahia) says, "It's not easy to keep propping up one's family when they sometimes want to give up, but when one thinks of our ancestors fighting bigger odds in the past, then we realise it's worth it."

She is thankful to the Maori Education Foundation for their support over the years.

She implores other parents to support their children in whatever job they want to do whether or not it is acceptable to the parents. "Success", she believes, "comes from the aroha our people have to share with each other."

## HE KUPU WHAKAMIHI/Profile

# Nelson to get Marae

**The target is finally in sight for Nelson's Maori community. A marae of their own becomes daily more of a reality. "We have set our own homes in order, and we have come a long way," stresses Andy Joseph who heads the Whakatu Multi Cultural Marae Committee. "The mana of the scheme in the Nelson province is now terrific," says Mr Joseph of his group, an Incorporated Society.**

In fact the timber is ready for the meeting house, seven and a half thousand square feet plus 50 tons of logs. Loans have been organised. Construction is pending.

For Nelson the marae is a strange dream that for so long has been so near — yet so far.

The marae is on .7 of a hectare in Nelson. The land was given to the Maori community by the Nelson City Council. But there was a problem. The land was re-claimed land, and many felt that this was simply not suitable for a marae.

#### At all costs

Those in favour said that the priority was for a marae at all costs. Still, the Nelson and district Maori community has nowhere to lay their dead. Nowhere to hold a tangi. These are still held in private houses.

The argument had see-sawed back and forth for years. At one stage it embroiled the Nelson City Council in a par-

**Andy Joseph and wife Ramari on their hillside house overlooking the bay ... getting the project moving.**

tisan contest.

Then, two years ago independent-minded Nelson businessman Andy Joseph was co-opted to do something about the clash of wills. Above all, to get the project moving. Andy Joseph had moved into Nelson from the outlying region just a year or two before. He wanted to be on hand while his children went through their secondary education.

#### For the task

A successful businessman in his own right, Joseph was considered the man for the task. Initially, as he puts it, most of his energies as president of the Whakatu Marae project were spent behind closed doors "making sure that everyone was pointed in the same direction."

This has now been achieved. In fact work has already started carving the gateposts. And the project represents numerous backgrounds. On the carving project are six Maori, six Pakeha, and a Chinaman. Later, the carving of the meeting house will be under the supervision of a mastercarver, who is still to be engaged.

But the outlook is now positive. In June, the kaumatua blessed the materials, and gave the project their official go-ahead. And the marae committee is working other ways too. In May next year the committee will host the New Zealand Maori Golf Championships. More than 500 are expected.

But it will be the completion of the meeting house that will give Nelson its first focal point for the Maori community.

