

Capping Parade, 1963



Canterbury University students celebrate the arrival of their computer in their annual procession (or: "procesh") in 1963. To translate the joke: Mr Bruce Moon (later to publish the first book on programming in New Zealand) was the director of the computer centre and there is a pun on ICBM as Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, as at the time the US had announced plans to send a man to the moon—photo courtesy of Mr Moon.

Both the Auckland and Canterbury 1620 computers were later purchased by Mr Ron Dent, who used them to run a data processing service from West Auckland well in to the 1980s.

(Photograph courtesy of Mr Bruce Moon, caption courtesy of Professor Bob Doran, see <https://www.cs.auckland.ac.nz/historydisplays/FirstFloor/IBM1620/IBM1620Main.php>)