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EDITORIAL

After having full volumes of *Tane* in 1982 and 1984 we have been struggling to find enough material to fill a volume this year. The main reason for this is the lack of Field Club scientific trips which have formed the bulk of papers in previous years.

However, this may not be a bad thing as it has forced us to consider papers from other sources. This year we have as usual received papers from past Field Club members, but we have also received papers from past and present graduate students who have not contributed before.

For the first time, we have also published results from undergraduate student field trips to the Kauaeranga Valley. I hope this will become a regular feature as it could be very helpful to present ecology students and it would encourage a high quality of work on future field trips.

Recently, undergraduate ecology courses have had a lot more field trips as part of the course work and this could account for reduced interest in Field Club scientific trips. It would be good to see more accounts from these trips written up in *Tane*.

This year there have been 3 scientific trips to Kawerua, and a lot of research was done on the terrestrial and marine ecology of the area. One paper from these trips has already appeared in *Tane 31*, and we should see a lot more appearing in *Tane 32*.

With these papers, and papers from the recent Offshore Island Research Group trip to Whale Island, we should again have a full volume of *Tane* next year.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Auckland University Field Club plans to hold a large trip to Kawerua during Queen's birthday weekend 1987, to celebrate the 21st birthday of the field station. All past and present Field Club members, and friends of the Club are welcome.

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