insists on job protection for existing staff. There should be a people plan developed with provision for voluntary redundancy and early retirement and transfers where appropriate.

6 Initially the Corporation should concentrate on the present operations. Future diversification should be a considered move.

7 There will be a need for individual profit centres with transparent and uniform accounting systems.

8 The Corporation must manage its forests for long-term sustained wood supply. There should be annual auditable state of the forest reports.

9 There is a need for a coordinated and internationally uniform radiata marketing organisation now.

W.P. Studholme
President NZIF

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**FORSOC NEWS**

FORSOC (Forestry Society) is an on-campus club which was formed to further sporting and social interests amongst students undergoing studies in Forestry at the University of Canterbury. Events organised by FORSOC are primarily aimed at increasing social contact amongst students, although events which foster awareness in current forestry are also held.

This year is the third year FORSOC has been active (after an absence of five years) and presently we are trying to change towards a more educational vein away from the purely social theme. Presently FORSOC with School of Forestry staff is planning a bird population study in the proposed School of Forestry educational reserve in the State Forest. It is hoped that this will become an ongoing study which will enable students with little indigenous experience to become acquainted with the "other" side of forestry. The Society also annually produces a magazine, "Te Kura Ngahere", which is a publication that recounts the year's events, both of FORSOC and at the School of Forestry. Contact from both old graduates of the School and Forestry organisations is welcomed, as are subscriptions to the magazine and articles from the forestry sector which will allow students to be informed of current forestry issues.

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**FROM DUSKY SOUND TO MANAPOURI**

**SOUTHLAND BRANCH TRIP**

On Wednesday evening, February 5, 1986 a party of 16 assembled at Te Anau. The following morning two float planes took the party, in two trips, to Supper Cove. Fortunately the flight was smooth and the bacon and eggs stayed down but after viewing the steep terrain some may have questioned the notion that tramping can be fun.

Because the hut was occupied at Supper Cove, seven of the party stayed on to fish and the other nine went on to Loch Maree. The day was fine and the track, formed in 1903, was good. During the night it poured and the alternative route up the Seaforth River flats disappeared under a metre or two of water. With only 15 in the 12-bunk hut we were reasonably comfortable. The next day was shower but the fittest explored the track to Hauroko. Strangely the hill is called Pleasant Range, but the track starts off very steeply and some described it as similar to walking up a waterfall. That day the rest of the group arrived soaked, but as the hut resembled Wellington Railway Station four went on to the next hut. Even then with 23 in the hut it was a little crowded.

On Saturday we sloshed on to Kintail hut while part of the group kept one hut ahead of us.

The next day we went on over the feared Centre Pass to Spey Hut. As we fought our way up a vertical tangle of tree roots then great slabs of bare rock, we were rewarded with great views as the mist cleared. The pass above the bushline was quite easy except for the steep parts on each side. Going down the Spey River, the sides of the track were very steep, especially where a recent large slip had wiped off a swathe of forest. However, in the valley a forest of Hoheria was in full bloom. Masses of white flowers covered the trees; the scent was a nice change from dirty wet socks!

The photographs taken cannot capture the vast majesty of the area but will keep memories alive and prove that we've been there.

— Ted Ramsay