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EDITORIAL

In this the first Newsletter for three months, the difficulty involved in thinking of something to write is almost as great as in previous months. One can blame the examinations for the lack of activity, (and incidentally the lack of Newsletters), but when the fraction of members actually involved in examinations is evaluated, then examinations are no longer a valid reason.

To preserve the status of SUSS as one of the elite of Australian speleology this problem must be overcome. However before a solution can be obtained the matter must be clearly evaluated. Why is the speleologist, (to be interpreted as "member of SUSS"), who is not at the University and is not periodically subjected to the torture of examinations, less likely to lead and organise a trip than the student speleologist? A perusal of society records will validate this conclusion for the benefit of any sceptic.

Several suggestions manifest themselves:

a) the worker is so engrossed in his vocation that speleology becomes uninteresting.

b) the worker is so involved in pursuits made possible by the profits of his calling, (at least made more readily persuadable), that he or she loses sight of speleological pleasures, (particularly as a way of life).

c) the former speleologist in his or her growing maturity begins to see either, speleology as a manifestation of psychologically immature minds, (that is speleology as practiced in SUSS), or as a group of unsociable eccentrics.

The above outline is intended merely as a possible line of thought and as a presentation to the members of a real problem. For a complete analysis some thought must be given to the basic differences of newly joined members, (e.g. they may be fanatic cavers, geologists, or just fun seekers). We have the very real problem of integrating this hybrid conglomeration into an organisation which will maintain and if possible extend, on an international level, the respect established by our predecessors.

While the blood is still ringing in your ears, and immediately after forming those good resolutions, jot down the dates of the General Meeting and the Xmas Party.

FORTHCOMING TRIPS

COLONG:

December 4th

Duration about 4 days. Contact John Lotz at JM4974.

WOMBEYAN:

December 4th

Contact Barbara Dew. The purpose of this trip is to band bats and also study some of their habits.

YARRANGOBILLY:

Tony Rodd (WM2756) is intending to lead a trip to Y'by for the purpose of exploring the West Deep Creek Cave. This trip will be limited to a small no. of experienced agile trogs and will take place during December. Those considering themselves sufficiently qualified should apply to Tony so that a suitable date may be arrived at.

TASMANIA: Tom Landecker is threatening to lead a trip to Tasmania sometime during January. The daily changes in arrangements can be ascertained by contacting Tom.

OTHER TRIPS: Due to the resignation of the Publicity Officer - Glenn Chandler members intending to lead trips, should notify the president, Chris Court (Home XM7322 or work 680522 ext. 362) who is temporarily acting as Publicity Officer.

GENERAL MEETING: The last general meeting for the year will be held in the 3rd year laboratory of the New Geography Building on Thursday the 14th December. All are cordially welcome and urged to attend, and it seems certain that many trips during the vacation period will be planned at this meeting.

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Contrary to the previous tradition of semi-aqueous Xmas Parties at Bayview the party this year will be held at the Shatwell residence kindly donated for the purpose. Although Dave is unable to provide water in swimmable quantities, the evening should be enriched by an effective substitute. It has been alleged that a certain member of the monarchy will be in attendance. After the first hour or so of proceedings supper will be provided at a nominal cost providing parties notification of attendance is tendered.

Would all members intending to attend please contact Dave Shatwell at JM1189 as quickly as possible. Don't forget to bring your friends and encourage all and sundry to come along. An interesting surprise is in store for all persons attending and it appears certain that the usual comedy acts will feature on the programme.

For the benefit of those not familiar with the area, a sketch map which should facilitate accurate arrival is given on the back page of this publication.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Prospective members are now unfinancial. This state of affairs will continue until a further 2/6 is produced. Prospective members continuing to be unfinancial in the new year will, due to the flagging finances of the society, be unable to receive any more Newsletters.

Due subscriptions will be gratefully received by either the Treasurer or Secretary at the General Meeting or the Xmas Party, which all prospectives are cordially invited to attend. (This does not mean that all prospectives will be confined to cordial!).

.....PLEASE PAY UP SO THAT YOU MAY BE RETAINED ON THE MAILING LIST!!!!!!

Registration of the Newsletter SUSS

Unfortunately due to technical difficulties, the last issue of SUSS was unable to be sent at the bulk rates, although at the time it had been officially registered. The difficulties have been remedied and no difficulty should be experienced with this issue.

Alterations to the YEARBOOK

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| Additions | (F) | PAWSEY, Stuart | 21 Derby St. Vacluse | FU3038 |
| | (F) | COHEN, Harvey | 84 Arden St. Coogee | |
| | (F) | McCAW, Owen | 22 Nundah St. Lane Cove | JB1900 |
| Corrections | (F) | ANDERSON, David | 62 Wyndora Ave. Harboard | |
| | (F) | ANDERSON, Jenny | 62 Wyndora Ave. Harboard | |

PERSONAL TITBITS

1. Dianna Allan is leaving for the continent some time in January. It is hoped that a farewell party will be held to honour the occasion.

2. Speaking of farewell parties, it has been relayed by the grapevine that the instigator of the greatest ever farewell party has returned from his sojourn overseas. We hope that Dave Drummond will lend to the Xmas Party that which he lent to his own farewell.

3. The Andersons, after a honeymoon that rivals "around the world in 80 days" have taken residence in the flat previously occupied by Jon and Marion Hinwood, (at Harboard).

4. Margaret Innes has been sighted in London by Trevor Shaw.

5. The only extant link with the past - Dr. Fred Stewart - has not been heard of since his marriage in October.

6. Adrian Hunt, subsequent to his marriage, is rumoured to have removed his beard!!

NOTICE OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMMENDMENT

Dave Shatwell has given notice of the following ammendment to clause 2(b) of the constitution.

DELETE: "as a science and a sport."

Notes from the September issue of the ASF Newsletter

1. In future the ASF Newsletter will be mailed members of member societies direct. This innovation is to overcome delays brought about by procrastinating society secretaries, and should be welcome by all those genuinely interested in the affairs of ASF!

2. Warren Peck is still with the RAAF in Darwin. His address for those wishing to correspond is:

Fly. Off. W. Peck (0211609)

5 ACS Quarry

RAAF Darwin, Northern Territory.

3. Gordon Bain, sec. of the Port Moresby S.S., is visiting Australia and is interested in caving with Sydney speleological societies. If suitable trips are available, Gordon would be delighted to come caving with SUSS. For further information regarding his itinerary, members are requested to contact the secretary so that mutual arrangements may be made.

4. The next ASF committee meeting will be held on the 27th January 1962. An elected delegate from SUSS may be sent to this meeting. The delegate will be chosen at the next General Meeting. The location of the meeting is not yet final but should be in the Sydney area. SUSS will be required to assist in the billeting of interstate delegates and the cooperation of members is requested in this matter. Remember that only by our utmost cooperation can we ensure the success of this meeting and the reputation of N.S.W. speleology as a whole.

5. Victorian Cave Recording System, based on the maintenance of a card indexing system in triplicate, appears to have distinct possibilities for the clarification and simplification of speleological record keeping. A joint venture of this type between SUSS and other NSW caving societies would greatly facilitate the interchange of information. The records officer could well bear this suggestion in mind.

Letters to the Editor

In order to facilitate the airing of intra-SUSS grievances in future issues of the Newsletter a supplement containing letters on controversial or important matters will be included. Literarians and grizzlers are urged to take advantage of this free service.

MEMO: Xmas Party Tuesday 12th December
G.M. Thursday 14th December

PROSPECTIVES remember you are receiving this Newsletter purely to inform you of the Xmas functions. Please let your faces be seen at the party.

APOLOGY (to make it alright)

The editor regrets the poor reproduction of this Newsletter, it appears that "Moby Dick" needs a new pad.

LOCATING THE SHATWELL RESIDENCE

