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EDITORIAL

At last evidence of a reawakening in SUSS is becoming apparent. The secretary has reacquired his arm, the president has returned from Melbourne, and the Treasurer and Assistant Secretary have returned to the Botany Lawn after a sojourn in Tasmania. Probably coincidental with these occurrences, trips have begun to ~~xx~~ rediscover the schenew of our "forefathers" great speleological triumphs. However this burst of enthusiasm on the part of SUSS members both old and new, is not new, it happens during this particular period of each year. The reflective speleologist may devote some thought to this phenomenon. Is it simply that being Lent term the student speleologist has nothing: or is it the desire to foster speleology by encouraging new blood? Both of the suggested hypotheses have logical discrepancies. Could these sudden bursts of enthusiasm have a deeper significance?— possibly Lent is to the speleologist as is spring to the creatures of the wild! For the sake of brevity these few remarks conclude the introspective section of this Editorial.

In conclusion I feel that the greater activity, particularly in the caving field, has provided and will to a much greater extent ~~x~~ continue to provide the urgently required "shot in the arm" for SUSS caving. In this the final Newsletter before the A.G.M. I wish every member and interested person the very best in caving and express

the hope--that Greater SUSS shall attain coincidence with its aims,-- and go on to even greater heights as an International Speleological power.

Past Events

Bungonia Trip-- January, the Drum. descended for the thousandth time with a new wrinkle, namely a 20 ft. shortage of ladder. The experience of descending 15 ft. in a tenth of a second on the stretch of a 140 ft nylon rope by three intrepid adventurers was shared with the belayers. It has been likened to dangling in space on the end of a rubber band. Six bats were duly caught and kept alive for several days on a diet of boiled Bull-Ants and evaporated milk.

Bayview-- February ; The N.S.W. State elections were sheperded in a Bayview by a qualified team of "one bottle screamers"

Wee Jasper Fresher's Trip: Seventy one serious cavers awoke from a deep dream of peace to find themselves at Wee Jasper. The Sydney to Wee Jasper trip proved that a 42 seat bus, inhabited by fifty people, cannot be beaten for conviviality and expense. About 20 freshers were introduced to the pleasures of Dip and Punchbowl. The 90 foot in the Dip Cave was assailed and abseiled by the vice-president. The performance was stopped half way down so that the feat could be photographed. The results will probably be on show at the Annual General Meeting, see below.

The society took this opportunity of welcoming to the joys and pains of speleology those new to it, and of welcoming back many absent friends.

Cliefden Fresher's Trip: The features of Cliefden are alluvial gold and thistles. Several more freshers were introduced in the

Wee Jasper manner, and a remarkable number of people seemed to be indulging in their second Suss trip. The Taplow Maze and the Main Cw Cave were the principal actors. The latter was not abandoned by a party of eight for some eight hours, a trifle against their will.

SUSS JOURNALS:

Once again the SUSS JOURNAL is riding the waves. Published since 1950, now read in 17 countries throughout the world, including Cuba and four countries behind the Iron Curtain, the latest issue, Volume 6 No.2 was published in February. This journal is now available from Tom Landecker, at the ridiculously low price of 3/- a copy. Contents include: the latest on Mammoth exploration, a controversial article on the origin of foul air, an article introducing you to the Kempsey caving area.

Previous issues of the Journal are now available as follows:

Volumes 1,2,3,4, and 5: Any six journals for 9/-

Any four journals for 6/6

Volume 5 no.2 and Volume 4 No.2 5/-

Various reprints are available at 1/6 each.

Members wishing to obtain copies of Volume 6 No. 2 are advised to make haste, since Volume 6 No.1 has already been sold out. This journal will be reprinted soon.

At the last committee meeting it was decided that two journal editors should be appointed to produce two separate journals in 1962. Dave Drummond and Tom Landecker will produce these and enquiries from prospective contributors should be addressed to these two. It is predicted that speleological publishing

history.

Anybody interested in the society's glorious history of exploration and adventure at Jenolan, Yarrangobilly, Bungonia, etc. etc. are advised to consult Suss Journals, available as above.

COMING EVENTS

WOMBEGAN TRIP, 31 March- 1 April, Tom Landecker FL 3931

TUGLOW TRIP, 14-15 April, Ian Williams. To include Trickett's Arch. YARRANGOBILLY EASTER TRIP Glen Chandler,

JENOLAN EASTER TRIP Henry Shannon FU 3144

Mt. BOCOBAL (MUDGE) EASTER TRIP Pete Knowland WM 2756

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING !!! ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING !!!

The Annual General Meeting of the Sydney University Speleological Society will be held on APRIL 5th at 7.30 PM in the Fourth Year Laboratory, Third Floor, New Geography Building, University of Sydney. Business includes the election of the Committee for the year 1962. Subscriptions for the year will be fixed at the A!G!M! Subscriptions must be paid within 21 days of the Meeting in order to maintain financial membership. Reports will be delivered at the A.G.M. by the President and the Secretary covering the past year's activities, and those for the year to come are also to come under discussion.

APRIL 5 , 7.30 PM..... NEW GEOGRAPHY BUILDING.....!!!