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EDITORIAL

This Newsletter marks a new era in S.U.S.S.; "the era of the Press". Instead of the usual "Moby Dick" duplicated publications, most subsequent Year Books, Journals, and Newsletters, will be printed on the S.U.S.S. press. The purchase was initiated by SUSS Productions, the finances of which have been suffering because of an annual charge of £90 for the printing of locations, etc, on the colour slides. After extensive investigation it was found that a suitable press could be purchased for less than £60 which means that after the initial purchase the company will have no annual printing charge and will not have to continue seeking printers who will handle the finicky process of slide printing.

Other advantages include a reduction in the delay involved in having slides printed commercially, and printed publications for S.U.S.S., etc. All that remains to be done is to christen the press with a "Moby" type name.

YEAR BOOK

Please add the following to your Year Book —

DUNKERLEY, Jon. 10 Riverview Rd., West Ryde. WL4333.

PAWSEY, Stuart. 21 Derby, St. Vacluse.

CAMPBELL, Noel. 530 Illawarra Rd., Marrickville.

MILES, Doug. Indonesia.

SAMANEK, Joe. 17 Mary St., Regents Park.

HALL, Margaret. 57 Carlotta St., Artarmon.

PHONE NUMBER CORRECTIONS—

PARTRIDGE, Jeanette — FX 2692 (Home)

THOMAS, Judy & Elizabeth — MML3170

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S.U.S.S. DINNER

The Society's Annual Dinner will be held in the Holme & Sutherland Room of the Union on the 10th. September, commencing around 6.45 when sherry will be served. It will be a sit-down dinner of four courses and both drinkers and non-drinkers will be adequately catered for. Dress: respectable. Admission is by ticket only. These are available from the Secretary for £1. 1. 0.

## TRIP REPORTS

Jenolan. 16th-17th June. Bat Banding.

172 bats were banded in the Grand Arch and Nettle and Arch Cave, all *Miniopterus schreibleri*. There were 3 recoveries, two of which were banded at Jenolan in May, and the other at Katoomba in April.

Wellington. 30th June - 2nd July — Biological.

(1). After extensive digging for bones in the Bone Cave, *Macropus*, wombat teeth, and jawbones were found.

(2). The party impressed the people of Wellington sufficiently to rate a front-page article in the Wellington Times — "an official party of four zoologists and three assistants" — and also mentioned a previous batting trip to Wellington.

(3). They were presented with a dead feather-tailed possum which was duly donated to the Zoology Dept.

(4). They incurred the scorn of the Orange Swimming Club who assisted their entry (down the ladder in full view of the tourist path) into the Mitchell Cave with jeers, stones, and threatened ladder shaking. No one, however, would accept their offer of a free swim in the underground river.

(5). A warning to trogs interested in going caving at Wellington! The camping ground is infested with kangaroos, emus, goats, poultry, etc. These highly intelligent animals have a system for obtaining food — while the emu chases campers around the fire, the chooks sneak into the frying pans, etc. Leaders: Jeanette Partridge and Judy Thomas.

Wombeyan. 7th—8th July. Biological and batting.

Basin Cave — 1 bat was banded, many more were seen but were too high to reach.

Fig-Tree — 186 bats were banded (95 males and 91 females). There were 21 recoveries. Collections were made of cave spiders, *Wetas*, flies, mites, etc. Samples of guano were taken for examination.

Bulleo Cave — A rubber boat was taken in with them and a detailed examination of various parts of the river was made. An odorous sheep encountered on the way imparted a smell which clung to the party till late at night. The dinghy was transported by kit bag and inflated by mouth at the first "lake". All water passages were fully explored and as the water level was low, conditions were good. A boat is almost essential for getting into this area because of the depth of the stream in parts. A promising collection of spiders and Oplionids was made at the first of the base camps that were set up.

Leader: Barbara Dew.

## COMING TRIPS AND EVENTS

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING — New Geog., 3rd Yr. Lab., 20th. Sept., 7.30 PM  
THIS MEETING HAS BEEN CALLED TO DECIDE WHETHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST A MEMBER WHO ALLEGEDLY VIOLATED BY-LAW F.3. ON A RECENT BUNGONIA TRIP. TETANUS INJECTIONS AVAILABLE BY RINGING JOHN LOTZ BEFORE THE MEETING AND ORDERING YOUR DOSE. G.M. WILL FOLLOW.

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