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On behalf of all our members I would like to welcome to the Society the large crop of Fresher Prospectives recruited in this year'S Orientation Week drive. A complete list of thesex and other new prospective members appears inside. These are the only currently financial prospectives.

To enable these fortunate and privileged people to be introduced to the joys of SUSS politics, the Committee wishes it to be known that an Ordinary General Meeting of the Society will be held in the usual spacious premises of the Geography Department at 7.30pm, Thursday April Ist, 1965, to be followed by unspecified entertainment. As it is some time since we had a map, as I am obviously hard up for material to fill this blurb-sheet, and as it would not do for freshers trying to find the meeting to be picked up by a member of the University Special Constabulary for loitering, a grade 7 traverse of the University (well relevant parts anyway) is appended. access to stencil drawing kit. Find your own way. SUSS wont go bail if you are picked up.)

If any of the withinmentioned prospectives, or anyone else for

that matter, would like to approach me at said meeting, they may avail themselves of a SUSS Yearbook and other unwanted rubbish.

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FORTHCOMING AND BYGONE EVENTS

- Saturday 6th February -- splicing of Thomas Leo Landecker and Elizabeth Anne DeBurgh. Congratulations, with reflections on the infinite patience with which some people are endowed.
- 20-21 March, Jenolan -- co-leaders Bill Crowle and John Dunkley.

Further exploration will be carried out in Lower Level, Mammoth Cave and the Northern River passages will be revisited to follow up a reported new lead discovered on a refresher trip there in January. Not many places left on this trip.

Easter, 16-19 April -- Yarrangobilly (Tom Landecker)
-- Upper Goodradigbee (John Dunkley) (perhaps)
-- Probably other trips to be advised

At Yagby a look may be had at North Deep Creek with its complex drainage system. Some areas outside the Reserve may be visited.

At Upper Goodradigbee, a few miles from Coolemon, another trip will be held to further examine reports last Easter by Michael Shepherd et al. of a number of quite extensive caves in this area.

If past performance is any guide this Easter there will also no doubt be a surveying trip to Jenolan

- May Vacation -- Rumour has it that John Lotz is planning an extended safari taking in Buchan and Yarrangobilly.

 John Dunkley is contemplating a short trip to Brisbane with a view to linking up with any UQSS trips at that time.
- March 6th or thereabouts -- Fresher members are assured that not all, or even many SUSS trips cantre around a roaring conflagration as was alleged by a certain person in Orientation Week. Certainly not right now anyway. The only roaring conflagrations at caving areas this weekend were not instigated by SUSS (Famous Last Words, saith he) but the damage is no less extensive for this. As far as can be ascertained from news reports, the caving areas of Colong, Bungonia and Yarrangobilly were all burnt out to a greater or lesser extent; on the spot assessments should be available soon. Tragic and destructible as they are, such fires may possibly assist in location of new caves by burning out scrub concealing entrances.

Were the founders of this Society SUperTrogs? I'M inclined to Transport think so after stumbling across what evidently purports to be the original ancestor, the Adam as it were, of the reputable, highly disregarded magazine you are now reading. Under the title "Caves title Programme No. 1", this document appeared in November 1948 and set out activities for the Long Vacation thusly:

Dec. 4-5,1948 11-12 18-19	Belubula (18m.Cowra) Bungonia Gorge Borenore (12m.Orange)	Secretary Treasurer Secretary	
Jan. 1-2,1949 8-9 11-14 15-16 22-23 29-30	Colong Bungonia Mole Creek (Tasmania) Rosebrook (9m.Cooma) Tuglow Bendethera (12m Moruya)	Treasurer Secretary	
Feb. 5-6 12-13 19-20 Mar. 546 12-13 11-13	Mitchell River (Victoria) Wombeyan Kybean (20m. Cooma) Church Creek (nr. Yerranderie) Durass Lake (8m. Batemans Bay) Goodradigbee-Goodravale (Wee Jas	D.Robinson J.Russack Secretary	

Considering the difficulties of transport in those early post-war years, and in view of the fact that the Society then had only 25 or so members, the above programme, if it ever came to fruition, was by todays standards a Herculean achievement. And they didnt know where to go or what to look for either. Only one of the foundation members of the Society is still a member, that only after a lapse of more than a decade. I rather think that we are all cut-lunchies these days after seeing the above.

One thing which emerged from my perusal of this Caves
Programme No. 1 and similar documents is that we have no record of the
results if any of thesek trips to exotic places that most of us have
never heard of, although they may have been lost stolen or strayed in
the last 16 years. A properly written and annotated account of each
trip, accompanied where appropriate by sketches etc is a common-sense
requirement of any activity such as caving; the Society's by-laws
merely formalise it. It not only assists subsequent members to find
what work has already been done in a particular cave or caving area,
thus avoiding unnecessary duplication of effort, but it may give the
author a claim to fame in the event that subsequent efforts in a dig
or squeeze started by him lead to vast extensions. I still have not
received from the leaders of quite important exploratory parties of the
last couple of years an account of their work, however brief. Please
have a thought for your descendants and put in those reports. When
doing so, remember that it is better by far to say too much than too
little. Unlike certain other Societies which present the same faces
year after year, wherenew members can always ask older mebers for a
history of a particular area, SUSS by its nature has a rapid turnover
of members, making written records all the more important.