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ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE!!!

All members who have not yet paid their annual subscriptions to the Society are now unfinancial. Owing to a presidential oversight, a Committee recommendation that certain classes of membership fees be raised was not put to the vote. Consequently rates will remain as last year :-

FULL MEMBERSHIP (undergraduate)	10/	(graduate)	£1
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP	£1		
Prospective Membership (6 months)	5/		
CORRESPONDING MEMBERSHIP	15/-		

Payments should be made to the treasurer, Glenn Hunt, as soon as possible. Until then you will not have voting rights.

The next meeting of the Society will be held in the usual place, room 403, Griffith Taylor building, at 7.30pm THURSDAY, 5th AUGUST, 1965.

Mr MICHAEL SHEPHERD, intrepid explorer and adventurer will address the assembled multitudes on the recent Star Mountains Expedition. He will be assisted, it is hoped, by Mr THOMAS HAYLLAR, noted wit, rabble-rouser and veteran native-baiter fresh from triumphs in India, Kashmir, New Caledonia and West Irian

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 10 June, 1965

The following Committee was elected:

PRESIDENT	Tom Landecker	VICE-PRESIDENT	John Lotz
SECRETARY	John Dunkley	Ass't SECRETARY	Geoff Butlin
TREASURER	Glenn Hunt		
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	(Full) Richard Roberts	(Associate)	John McConnell

It was with some regret that the meeting learnt that John Lotz was not running for President again; we are all well aware of the excellent work John has done in his capacity as figure-head of the Society. The image of the President of a Society often determines the impression some people gain of the Society itself. We welcome Geoff Butlin to the Committee, also the return of John McConnell who has been lying dormant for a while.

The meeting accepted with mixed feelings the announcement from Alex Jones that due to the increasing burden of work falling on the Convenor, he felt obliged to tender his resignation from the position of Convenor of the Subcommittee for remote and inaccessible places. Rick Crowle was elected to the position but it seems probable that the position will no longer attract the prestige and aura that it once did.

LIBRARIAN Dennis Ward was elected

PUBLICITY OFFICER This most essential position was filled later by the appointment of Alison Jessup. Attention is drawn to Section D1 of the ByLaws, as amended in 1964, which requires that the leader of an official SUSS Trip shall notify the Publicity Officer of the details of same not less than 10 days before departure. This requirement has not been adhered to in the last year, and this amounts to a form of selfishness in that members not in contact with the Society regularly have no way of knowing what is going and when. So-o-o

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CORRECTION

In the last newsletter it was stated, inter alia, that the Glass Cave at Wombeyan was not on the Reserve and could be visited with out permission of the Tourist Bureau. THIS IS NOT CORRECT.

The situation is that although the cave is as stated on the Mining Lease no 3, the Lease and the Reserve are not mutually exclusive, the Leases being regarded as part of the Reserve

BRIEF REVIEW Cave Research Group Newsletter no 94, December 1964

Contains an excellent illustrated account of some simple methods for the construction of lightweight all-metal ladders.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTSLOST AND FOUND

Lost just inside Fossil Cave, Bungonia about 2 months ago -- one only
G-pick. REWARD: A big kiss -- VENITA 952288

WANTED KNOWN

Urgently required material for SUSS Journals. Any worthwhile contributions gratefully received. Need not be scientific, original reports on trips to new areas, humorous anecdotes, poems etc (for inspiration see past issues)
Editor of next Journal JOHN LOTZ 994271

CONGRATULATIONS

To Glenn Hunt who attains the age of 21 in July

CONDOLENCES

To Tim Gosling, who takes a consolation prize in the 20-years-old lottery.

ENTERTAINMENT

5/8/65 Mike Shepherd on the Star Mountains (see page 1)

16/9/65 ANNUAL SUSS DINNER. Probable Venue: Blackburn Room Extension, Manning House. More details later. Tom Landecker for enquiries.

1/8/65 Football Match with the Bushwalkers is OFF owing to Bank Holiday. A further date will be arranged and advised shortly.

Now screening at the Victory Theatre, George Street, Sydney, is the Commonwealth Film Unit's "UNDER THE NULLARBOR" which has noted speleological personality JOE JENNINGS as narrator. The main attraction does not seem to be much of an attraction (H.Mills)

NEW MEMBERS, ALTERED ADDRESSES

Erik Halbert	22 Felton Road, Carlingford	(still no phone)
Cmdr. Trevor Shaw	"The Retreat", Brentor, Tavistock, Devon, U.K.	
Tom & Elizabeth	4/24 Middleton Street, Petersham	

Prospectives

Bob Montgomery	22 Carlton Street, Waverley	
Jennifer Peak	2 Turon Avenue, Kingsgrove	
Annabel Wheeler	Women's College, Carillon Avenue, Newtown	
Lynne Johnston	60 Rogers Street, Lakemba	UL2833

(last of the rugged individualists with letters in their phone no.)

Did you hear about the second-year Psychology student who never used a sigma in his statistical work as he was a bit of a standard deviation himself?

Next Meeting is on 5th August.

TRIP REPORTSMullamullang in MayCrowle, Heffernan & DUNKLEY

In one 41-hour session, most of which time was spent sleeping at the lake 1 1/2 miles in, the cave was pushed to what is probably an Australian record length of 4 1/2 miles. One immense cavern, triangular-shaped and an est'd 350' a side and 100-150' high was entered (discovered Easter by WASG). There are still possibilities in side passages but the main tunnel seems blocked.

Nelungaloo, near ParkesJuly 10Jessup and Dunkley

Reports of possible vast innumerable dwindled in reality to a water-worn passage barely 100' long but local press and radio seemed happy. However the trip was interesting in that caves were found in limestone not even recorded by Trickett or by Carno and Jones.

JenolanJuly 3Erik Halbert

Lower Level plus abortive attempt to reach Northern River Extensions.

SPACE-FILERS

J.C.Coleman; The Caves of Ireland, Anvil, Taloo, Republic of Ireland, 1965
(courtesy Irish Tourist Board, Sydney)

This, the author believes, is the first book to be devoted entirely to Irish Caves. He has endeavoured to summarise briefly all the available information regarding caves and associated phenomena in Ireland, the scope apparently being similar to the proposed AUF Handbook on Australian Caves. The caves of Ireland are surveyed overall as well as individually and it is interesting to note that none are Tourist Caves. Extensive archaeological excavation has uncovered remains of mammoth, reindeer, arctic, fox, bear etc. as well as man and various artifacts but Palaeolithic Man has not yet been proved or disproved. The bibliography is very extensive and apparently exhaustive.

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This issue is devoted to Cherokee Cave, part of which is to be demolished to make way for an extension of Interstate Highway 55. The cave, situated under a building at 3400 South Broadway, South St Louis, Missouri ("10 minutes from the heart of downtown St Louis") has had a fascinating history. It served as the natural storehouse for myriad pleistocene bones, has been the lagging house for 2 different breweries and was a commercial cave from 1950 until purchased by the Highways Department in 1961. A similar cave in Sydney would be located on Broadway, near the University perhaps!!

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Is devoted to batting; the mechanics of banding bats, bats and and biologists, bands and bats.etc.

Speleo Digest 1960, Pittsburgh Grotto, N.S.S.

The 1960 edition of this invaluable annual compendium is now available in the Library.