

NEWS LETTER ofThe National University Speleological SocietyEDITORIAL:

As most of you probably know N.U.S.S. was accepted for affiliation to the Sports Union at a Special General Meeting of the Sports Union convened for that purpose. Certain prominent members of the Sports Council did not like the way in which our affiliation was forcibly accepted by the Sports Union. We were accused of stacking the meeting! If the students of this University are so apathetic towards the affairs of the Sports Union and cannot be bothered to attend meetings of the Sports Union to voice their opinions then there is no valid reason for accusing us of such plebish behaviour. Following the outcome of this meeting there have been strong rumours of a proposed constitutional amendment to remove clubs which do not appear on the list of sporting clubs of the Australian Universities Sports Association. Also a further motion would be forced at the Annual General Meeting to remove N.U.S.S. from the Sports Union since N.U.S.S. can only be removed from the Sports Union by a General Meeting decision or by the Sports Council for non-compliance with the Affiliated Clubs Regulations. I would, therefore, urge all members to attend this meeting which will be held on the 11th May in the Childers Street Common Room

The next General Meeting of the Society is on

7th May in Room 123, H.A. Building.  
at 8 p.m.

TRIP REPORTS:

Easter: A trip to Orange was undertaken to investigate some "caves" on a property called "Wongabi" about 10 miles west of Orange on the Orange-Cudal road. We were shown a small limestone outcrop on the property by the next-door neighbour. This outcrop contained two very interesting entrances which, unfortunately, didn't lead anywhere. The appearance of numerous small dolines and a deep (about 15') collapse doline indicates the presence of a cave somewhere under the limestone. After spending two days searching the small outcrop and the surrounding countryside, a very disappointed party left for Barenore, about seven miles north of "Wongabi" on the Orange-Forbes road. Here the limestone is much more extensive - quarrying for red-white marble has been undertaken in this area. Numerous blind holes were found by the party and a cave named the Small Cave was found. This cave has a large entrance and an efflux which flows into the creek. The cave consists of a single passage which appears to be about half a mile long, and leads into a little valley high above the main creek. Apparently the water from this valley would reach the main creek via the cave during flood. A small side passage which did not appear to have been entered had a fossilised skull in its roof. This may warrant further investigation.

On the hill above the main creek two very deep holes were found. These holes are in the order of 50-70' deep and warrant further investigation as they do not appear to have been entered. The Verandah Cave was also found. This is a gigantic solution cavity under a 50' high cliff on the main creek and looks quite spectacular.



MT. FAIRY: A large party went to Mt. Fairy on Sunday 12th April. The main cave and its maze of side passages were thoroughly explored. The surface was also searched, in vain, for an efflux. Due to trouble arising from the theft of materials from the Mt. Fairy mine this will probably be the last trip to this area.

WEE JASPER: A one day trip to Wee Jasper was held on Sunday 26th April. Punchbowl Cave was entered and every brown passage and chamber, except for the high level passage connecting the Basin Chamber to the Pitch Chamber explored. Helix was also entered. The rack file at the bottom of the cave appeared very unstable and much freshly fallen rock was on the ground.

FUTURE TRIPS:

Wee Jasper: Leader David Fenn Ph. Chemistry Department  
S.G.S. Extension 82.

Purpose of trip to enter Dog's Leg  
and examine water traps.

DON'T FORGET - next General Meeting is on

Thursday, 7th May. There will be slides after the meeting.