

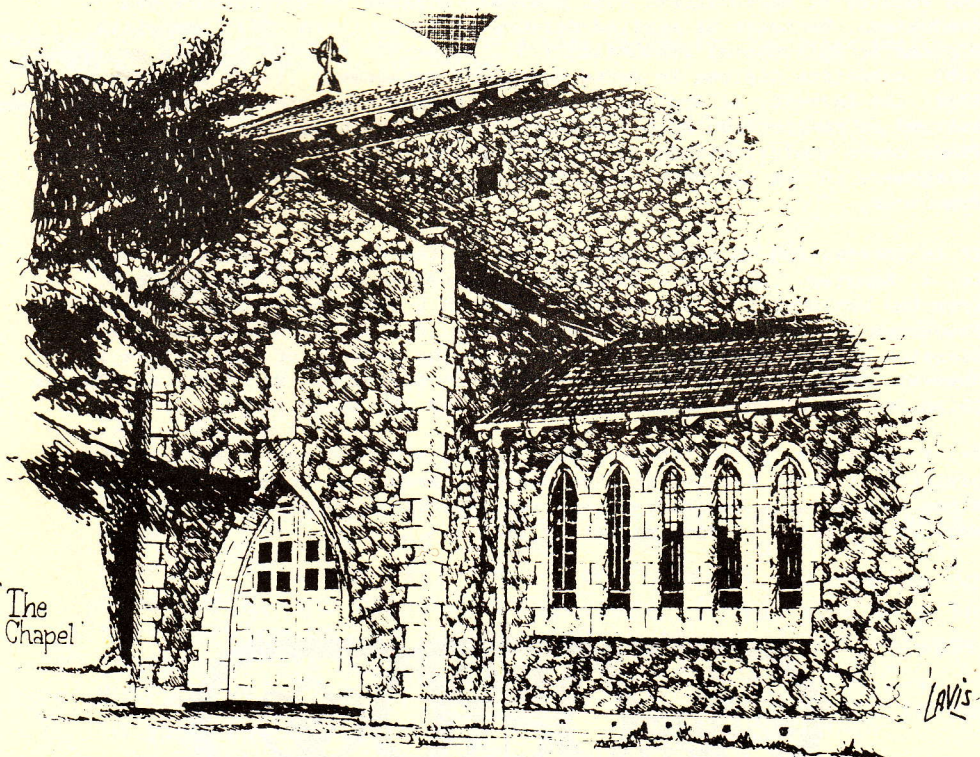
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The
Chapel

The Memorial Chapel, Roseworthy Agricultural College.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I attended the presentation of Awards on Graduation Day recently on the 10th April. There were a number of Past Presidents of the Association present at the Ceremony, among them the most recent, Mr. Harry Stephens, who served the Association well.

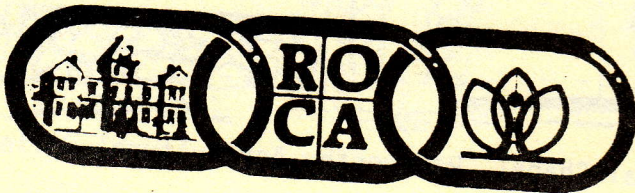
Roseworthy is a dynamic institution in a constant change mode. I don't think the rate of change has ever been greater than it has been during recent years and will continue to be during ensuing years. Such change always bring with it, anxieties about the uncertainties which inevitably accompany the decision to make the change before the results of it are known.

Let me illustrate my point.

This year was the first occasion upon which the Bachelor or Applied Science in Agriculture was awarded. Furthermore, it is interesting to note that there are now five categories in which people can obtain qualifications in the Faculty of Agriculture, viz. Graduate Diploma in Agriculture (14 Graduates), Bachelor of Applied Science in Agriculture (27), Associate Diploma in Agricultural Production (17), Associate Diploma in Farm Management (15), Associate Diploma in Horse Husbandry Management (14). In addition to that, the Bachelor of Applied Science in Natural Resource Management (48), was awarded in conjunction with the Graduate Diploma in Natural Resources (5). These seven qualifications go to make up the total of the Division of Land Management in the two faculties, that of Agriculture and of Natural Resources.

It is interesting to note that the Dean of the Faculty of Natural Resources, Dr. V. Squires, (who has a Hawkesbury Diploma of Agriculture, MA(Hons.) from the University of New England and a Ph.D from the College of Natural Resources in the the Utah State University, U.S.A.) is also Head of the Division of Land Management. The Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture is, however, Deputy Head of the Land Management Division. He is Mr. K. Edwards (B.Ag.Sc. (Melbourne), M.Ed.Admin (UNE), and Dip.Ag.Ec.(UNE).

Dr. A. Markides, (B.Sc.(Hons.), Ph.D.(NSW), a recent appointment to the position of Dean, Faculty of Wine Science, presented Graduate Diploma in Wines Awards (16), Bachelor of Applied Science in Oenology (12) and Associate Diploma in Wine Marketing (12).



In all, a record number of students graduated this year (180). They all received 'mini diplomas' from ROCA. This has been the practice for several years now and, the Committee believes has helped recruit members to the Association. Notwithstanding this fact, I believe the Old Collegians Association has a profound image problem with the current student body and the very recent graduates - judging by remarks made to me by senior academic staff and some graduating students. We are seen to be conservative, reactionary, irrelevant and out of touch with the current role and future function of the College in the academic scheme of things. (For instance, the Head of the School of Land Management and the Dean of the Faculty of Natural Resources prevailed upon graduating members of the Faculty to each make a donation toward the provision of a prize for the Best All-round Performance of a Student graduating with the degree in Applied Science in Natural Resource Management and called it the Natural Resource Alumni Association Trophy. Last year in June, he arranged a well attended meeting (following an informal dinner) for all previous graduates (diplomates) of Natural Resources courses. A similar meeting has been organised again this year.)

In order to bridge this "image gap" your Committee have moved that I and our able Secretary, Greg Mitchell, make at least one if not more visits, to meetings of the full student body in the Student Union Building and engage in some discussion and explanation of what we are and what we stand for with members of the S.U.C. Moreover, I will also be asking the Committee to agree to have talks with senior academic staff at the College.

One last point for consideration. Would a name change for the Organisation make any difference? What do you think?

Peter Lewis.



YOU CAN HELP

Students are required to get practical experience away from the College (and the home farm), as part of their courses. This can vary from 5 to 26 weeks, depending on the course, and previous experience. If you can help in this service to the College and to the students, please contact :- The Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, R.A.C., ROSEWORTHY 5371. Full details will be forwarded to you so you can help.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Roseworthy Agricultural College, as a small, specialised, non-metropolitan college of advanced education, occupies a special place in post-secondary education in South Australia.

During 1986 the College reached its highest ever number of enrolled students, in part because of expanding interest in the College's courses offered externally. This record has been exceeded in 1987.

1986 was the first for several years during which new buildings were constructed, and more are on the way for 1987. The Graphic Communication Centre provided much-needed modern space for the printing and graphics activities; the Small Animal House for Natural Resources Management courses; a modern Farrowing Shed in the piggery; extensions to the Agricultural Engineering Building, for the new course Associate Diploma in Agricultural Engineering (Mechanisation), and extensions to the Community Club will improve conditions for staff and students.

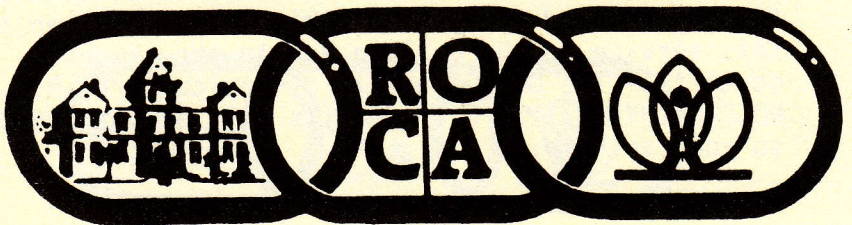
A two-semester academic year will be introduced in 1989. Each of the ten courses will need to be restructured, and the aims, objects and content of each will be reviewed critically.

Numerous donations and loans are received each year, but the Australian Wheat Board's donation of two Belaris tractors was of particular note.

The College received numerous expressions of thanks for work during the World 3-Day Event, when the College was home base for competing horses, riders and team members.

Despite continuing pressures on recurrent funds provided to the College, useful provision was made for reduction of the College's deficit and build-up of reserves to meet accumulated long service leave.

---Barrie Thistlethwayte.



1987 REUNION AND DINNER

The 1987 A.G.M. and Reunion Dinner will be held at the Renaissance Tower Restaurant, Rundle Mall on Friday 11th September. Meeting 5.30; Dinner 7.00 for 7.30pm.

This will be another 'mixed' dinner, so wives, husbands or friends of Old Collegians are welcome.

10 and 25 year groups are being organised, and will be featured as usual. Contacts are:-

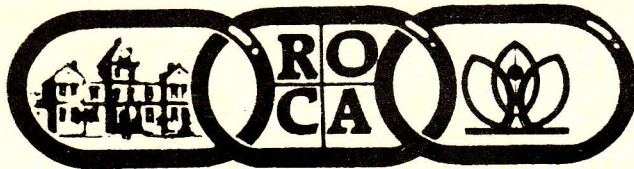
10 year group;-

Janet Munro, C/- Post Office, Normanville S.A. 5204

25 year group:-

Peter Lewis, Box 164, Tailem Bend S. A. 5260

5 nad 50 year groups are particularly invited, but you can arrange a table for your year - just let us know.



CHANGE OF R.O.C.A. CONSTITUTION

The Constitution allows one member from the Graduating year on the Committee.

With the expanding numbers of students at the College, your Committee considers that the Association would be better served if the Committee includes one representative from each Faculty.

In accordance with the rules of the Constitution, Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting on 11th Sept 1987 will be asked to approve the extension of the Committee to include one representative from each Faculty, namely:- 'Agriculture', 'Natural Resources' and 'Wine Science'.

EYRE PENINSULA BRANCH RE-UNION

Feb. 21st and March 1st 1987 at Pt. Lincoln.

The Re-union commenced with "coffee and biscuits" at the Port Lincoln Hotel, giving the locals and visitors a chance to renew friendships.

The A. G. M. of the Eyre Peninsula branch was chaired by President Ian Holman, and was followed by a most enjoyable re-union Dinner, attended by over 60 members, spouses and invited visitors, at the Port Lincoln.

Everything was well up to standard, with the guest speaker Alf Humble, an Old Scholar, the star of the show. His address held the audience throughout, while he explained the part he played during the 1960's in the Northern Territory pleuro-pneumonia eradication campaign, interspersed with stories of Territorian humour. Excellent explanatory slides gave everyone an insight into a veterinary officer's duties in the field.

Dr Barrie Thistlethwayte was a welcome responder to the toast "College and Association". Dale Manson added words of interest to all Old Scholars, on behalf of the President, Peter Lewis.

Next day was overcast, very cool, but pleasant - no rain or strong winds. Alf and Bette Humble, Barrie Thistlethwayte and Philpy were last seen that morning flying in the direction of Adelaide - guess they made it, as there was nothing to the contrary on the back page of the "Advertiser" next day.

Later in the morning, thirty of the previous night's gathering, plus children arrived at Billy Light Point, where Jeff Eime's shelter tent became the focal point, with Alan Lawes rostering the many cooks, led by Ian Holman, to an early start - it was warmer around the barbeque!! Certainly was not swimming weather, with the Belle of the Beach Contest cancelled, much to the chagrin of Elizabeth Michelmore - on a recent trip to India she'd bought, especially for the contest, black and pink bikinis. Andy was only half cold, wearing a thickly padded jacket, plus shorts and thongs.

Sizzling steaks and an array of beverages made everyone forget the lack of sunshine. The local photographer had a difficult task getting shots of the compact mob. (We all have our troubles!! - Ed.)

Head waitresses for the day were Nicole and Kendra Holman, dressed smartly in jeans and denim jackets. Jellied squares were their speciality which competed with Margaret Barry's fruit cake in the 'taste test'.

Richard Carter braved the elements and took his sailboard for a look at the other side of the bay. He had just returned from N. Z., so did not notice that the sun was not shining. He had no learner's class.

Eyre Peninsula

The four Shipard youngsters led a parade to the Leisure Centre's heated pool, which fortunately, was only a few stone throws from our picnic. Good to see the old firm of Shipard and McFarlane at another re-union, swapping Penong/Cowell news flashes. Jon had trip expenses lessened by winning 40 litres of petrol in a raffle - I sold him the ticket, so am expecting part of the winnings. (Glad to hear someone won something!! - Ed.)

The Ashtons were kept busy - as well as Larissa, they now have Riley (10 months), to keep under surveillance. Brian still found time to hand out icecreams - a difficult job on such a cool day. It is a food, not a fad!).

Ian and Bev Rice attended all th Branch functions once again - they are becoming part of the scene. We appreciate the effort of all 'mainlanders' to attend. They are always welcome.

The newly-weds, Mark and Julie Langman, showed all the signs of domestic bliss. Julie, nee Quirk as per Dinner Menu, is popular within the Branch - as Treasurer, she maintains a healthy balance in the black, following the example set by Maurie Barry.

Two regulars unable to be with us, but guaranteeing to attend on the last weekend of February next year, were Hamish Patterson and "Guinness", his trusty hound. They were missed by everyone.

- Des Habel

BRANCH MEETINGS

If you want to organise a Branch Meeting, let me know in time to include it in the next Digest.

There was a successful gathering in Darwin last year. When is the next? Who is the contact and co-ordinator?

The South East members had a barbeque last August, and plans for a repeat performance were promised.

The 1933 Graduates will have a Dinner eary in June. They were the first Diplomates in the Callaghan era. Bob Horne of Tumbay Bay is the organiser.

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SUBS DUE

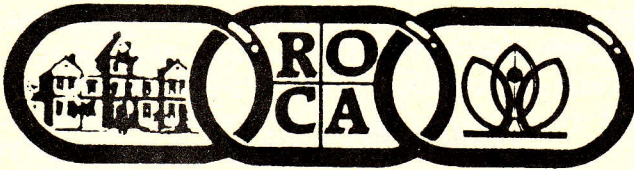
If your address label has a red '1' on it, this means that you are an annual member, and your subs are due.

Please forward your \$5.00 as soon as possible, or send \$40.00 which will give you Life Membership.

If you do not wish to become a Life Member by paying \$40, please consider getting a 'standing order' from your Bank, so they can pay the \$5.00 annually when due. Thankyou!

All Student (Graduation Year) free memberships expire 12 months after graduation. If you wish to maintain continuous membership, please advise as soon as possible. Your membership will be recorded from 1st July.

The pencilled 'L' on the label shows that you are a Life Member, and the Treasurer sends his thanks.



OBITUARY

We are always sorry to hear of the passing of Old Collegians.

We record the recent death of Russ. Daniel. He graduated in 1957, and worked on Eyre Peninsula and other parts of South Australia. In recent years, he worked in the Darwin area. His untimely death was the result of a motor accident. We extend our sympathy to his family and friends.

GRADUATION DAY 1987

The Graduation ceremony, conducted in a huge marquee on the hockey pitch, was again blessed with perfect weather.

Dr. Bruce Eastick, President of the College Council, conferred Degrees and Diplomas which were presented by the Hon. Mr. Lynn Arnold, M.P., Minister of State Development and Technology and Minister of Employment and Further Education.

A record number of students graduated this year, a total of 174. With enrolments nearing 600 in 1987, it seems that records will continue to be broken in the future. External studies courses for Graduate Diploma in Agriculture and Associate Diploma in Wine Marketing had helped increase numbers. External studies for Graduate Diploma in Natural Resources may be available in the near future. The College is planning for a two-year course for an Associate Diploma in Agricultural Engineering (Mechanisation)

Mr. Zhongyi Ju, the first student sponsored by the Government of the People's Republic of China to enrol in a formal course in the College, completed successfully his studies for the Graduate Diploma in Natural Resources.

Heather Wilson topped the Graduate Diploma in Agriculture, and Vicki Dodgson, the Associate Diploma in Wine Marketing. Geoffrey Schell gained highest aggregate in Farm Management. David Creed was dux of the Oenology course, Rodney Lush dux of Applied Science in Agriculture, and Roger Playfair top of the Natural Resource Management courses.

Other duxes were Andrew Triggs, Agricultural Production; Anthony Brooks, Farm Management; Mary Bray, Horse Husbandry and Management.

The Old Students Cup and prize was won by Cheryl Kernick, and the Old Scholars Trophy, also presented by R.O.C.A., was won by Nicki Hannaford, for the best contribution to College Sport, not necessarily on the field.

Andrew Sneyd spoke on behalf of the S. U. C., and asked the Graduates to remember Roseworthy Agricultural College as they go to their new work.

AWARD OF MERIT

The R. O. C. A. Award of Merit has been presented since 1961.

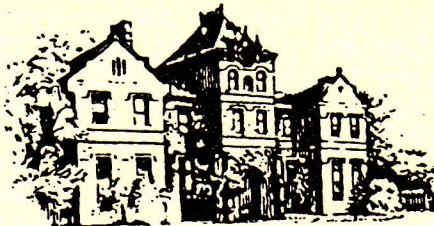
It is an honour conferred on outstanding R.O.C.A. members in recognition of meritorious service to Agriculture, the Community, or to R.O.C.A. or the College.

It is not awarded lightly, and the nominations are made by two members and reviewed by a panel from the highest levels of South Australian Agriculturalists.

If you know a worthy nominee, please prepare a dossier, and see if his name can be added to this list!

1961 - Roland Hill	1962 - David Riceman
1963 - Len Cook	1964 - W.J. Dawkins
1965 - Frank Pearson	1966 - Sir Allan Callaghan
1967 - Bob Herriot	1968 - Denis Muirhead
1969 - Jack Reddin	1970 - Ron Badman
1971 - Rex Butterfield	1972 - Rex Krause
1973 - Rex Kuchel	1974 - Lex Walker
1975 - Ken Pike	1976 - Len Laffer
1977 - Des Habel	1978 - Henry Day
1979 - Mark Hutton	1980 - Cliff Hooper
1981 - Andrew Michelmores	1982 - Milton Spurling
1983 - Ralph Hewett Jones	1984 - David Suter
1985 - Bruce Eastick	1986 - John Obst

See a member of the Committee if you want further details to help with your nomination, which should be with the Secretary by 30th June 1987.



AWARD OF MERIT 1987

Nominations for the Roseworthy Old Collegians Award of Merit are required before 30th June 1987

This honour is conferred on outstanding R.O.C.A. members in recognition of meritorious service to Agriculture, the Community or R.O.C.A.

Please post nominations to the Secretary, R.O.C.A.,
C/- Roseworthy College, ROSEWORTHY 5371

Name of Nominee

Address of Nominee

Age.....Period at R.A.C.

Proposed by

Seconded by

Supporting data must be provided on career, employment, and occupation since leaving R.A.C.

Please list major published papers, achievements, academic qualifications and honours bestowed, including community service so that the selection panel can make an assessment on the information provided.

Nominees must be financial members of R.O.C.A.

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R.O.C.A. BADGES

Membership badges are still available. Please order through the Secretary, R.O.C.A., C/- R. A. C. , ROSEWORTHY S.A. 5371 . \$10.00 for the 'saw pierced' or \$5.00 for the plain badge.

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN NOW.

APPLICATION FOR R.O.C.A. MEMBERSHIP

I wish to join Roseworthy Old Collegians Association;

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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COURSE ATTENDED:.....

YEAR GRADUATED:.....

Cheque enclosed for LIFE MEMBERSHIP \$40.00
ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP \$ 5.00

SIGNATURE:.....

C H A N G E O F A D D R E S S

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

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Course Attended.....

Year Graduated.....

Old Address.....