



Roseworthy Old Collegians Assoc. Inc.

R.O.C.A. Digest

Registered by Australia Post publication No. SBH0253

Editor:

DALE MANSON

Autumn 1985



BACK ROW: M. J. McKay, H. R. Day, L. J. L. Chinnick, G. P. Pallant, W. J. Harris.

MIDDLE ROW: Mr. F. W. Gilbert (Manager), T. M. Sage, C. F. Chapman, D. I. Murrie, D. W. Russel, K. W. Hayman, M. R. Krause, J. J. K. Osborn (Coach).

SITTING: D. H. Harrison, C. R. Alcock, D. H. Yeo (Vice-Captain), S. K. Reid (Captain), W. F. Nankivell, J. D. Woon, F. M. Feuerherdt.

Editorial

There is no doubt that the ROCA group on Eyre Peninsula enjoy a unique lifestyle. I made my first trip over to the E.P. Reunion in February, and can certainly recommend it for anyone looking for an enjoyable weekend. My thanks go to Brian Ashton for his hospitality during my short stay.

There have been moves to organise similar regional reunions in other places such as Keith and Western Australia, but as yet, final plans have not been announced. If anyone would like to arrange a regional dinner in their part of the world, drop me a line and we will see if we can promote it through the Digest.

As Harry Stephen mentions in his President's Report, we only received two written comments on the concept of mixed reunion dinners. However, I have held conversations with members of a year group who boycott the Reunion Dinner every year because women now attend.

Obviously feelings run high on this subject, and we would still appreciate hearing from members who would like to express an opinion.

One of the more interesting aspects of being Digest Editor is receiving letters from Old Collegians who have enjoyed a variety of experiences since their time at RAC. Please feel welcome to put pen to paper and tell us about your experiences.

Although ROCA correspondence should be directed to RAC, I may be contacted more directly at the Department of Agriculture, Murray Bridge (085 322266 - 325624 a/h)



Dale Manson

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to the two members who replied to my request for views on whether spouses should attend the Reunion. As a matter of interest, one was for and one against, which illustrates we can't please everyone.

I was able to attend the West Coast reunion (with Fay), and we both enjoyed the reunion and picnic. We renewed many friendships and hopefully started new ones. The spirit of ROCA is alive on the Coast.

We have had a few minor administrative problems, with sending out accounts to ordinary and student members. Peter Fairbrother has put a tremendous amount of effort into the accounts this year, and if you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact him.

Nominations are required for the Award of Merit which is the highest honour of the Association. It can only be awarded to a person nominated by a member, so please make the effort and if possible nominate a worthy Old Collegian.

I am looking forward to seeing you and your spouse at the Renaissance Centre on Friday September 6th.

Harry Stephen



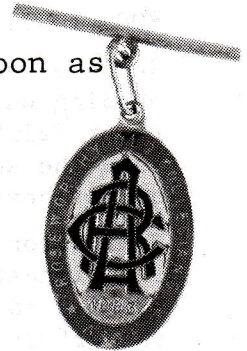
* R.O.C.A. BADGES *

ROCA badges are now available from the Secretary, Andrew Michelmore.

The official ROCA Badge is oval in shape, with "Roseworthy Old Collegians Association 1883" on a pink background surrounding an interlocked RAC in black enamel.

The badges are available either plain at \$5.00 each, or "saw-pierced" at \$10.00. (Saw-piercing removes the spare metal around the RAC, and is a more attractive badge).

Orders, with payment, will be posted as soon as possible.



* 1985 AGM & DINNER *

The 1985 Annual General Meeting & Dinner will again be a mixed dinner at the Renaissance Tower. To assist with parking, the park on the corner of Rundle Street & Pultney Street will be open to 2.00 am. Bring your spouse to drive home.

Special group seating will once again be available for 5, 10, 25, 40 or whatever groups.

Ladies who wish to have a separate dinner will be accommodated in an adjacent area, and help "make up the number".

We do need to get 180 if we want to continue using this excellent venue.

So keep the evening of Friday September 6th free for this important event on the ROCA calendar.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Grenfell Centre,
Adelaide 5000

Dear Dale,

I was excited to read about Graham Mitchell in the last ROCA Digest. So much so that I wrote him immediately asking him to contact others in the 1961 graduation year who are in Victoria.

I sympathise with Harry Stephen and his dilemma related to wives & lady friends attending the reunion.

One of the reasons I don't go to the reunion is because it seemed to be very much a boys night out occasion. So my view supports the presence of spouses & lady friends. If this affects the story telling or level of alcohol intake resulting in more decorous behaviour, then to me, that's good.

If this results in people staying away, then I sympathise because I know how I feel when I stay away each year.

Including ladies gets my vote.

Regards,

Harry Nash
(RDA 1961)

JOB PROSPECTS

Graham Brookman reminds you that he receives numerous enquiries from employers throughout the year; all anxious to secure the services of Roseworthy Grads. Register your credentials with him at R.A.C. if you are interested.

He currently has an opening for someone interested in Horticulture.

* EYRE PENINSULA FAMILY DAY 1985 *

We all felt sorry for Barrie Thistlethwayte having to leave Port Lincoln before "Family Day" began, as he missed a perfect day at Billy Light Point. The weather, numbers, food refreshments, etc were well up to how we like them. Perhaps Dale Manson, "Digest" editor, can tell him about it.

The Michelmores were again there in force. It was Andy's 18th annual "weekend" straight. The committee has decided to present Andy with a gift wrapped watermelon at the completion of the 25th year. A suggestion from his son, Michael.

It pays to have an ex butcher purchase the barbecue meat. Jeff Eime again judged correctly the quantity needed to satisfy the 52 persons and 4 dogs in attendance.

Saw Yvonne Robinson handing around her beer cake in competition with Julie Quirke and her banana cake. It was a dead heat - both plates emptied simultaneously.

The Grant Hayman tribe arrived over the sand hills daubed in streaks of white warpaint to ward off the sun. Brian and Lindy Wibberley were also dressed for the sun.

Father, Alan Lawes, was heard warning son, Barry, about going out too deep after consuming half a dozen stubbies. The attractive Lawes females were dressed in "look alike" pink.

The Cleve contribution to the day was a dashing display of sailboarding, although Greg Flavel spent more time in the water than on the board. Don't know how Paul Rowe went.

Noticed Hamish Patterson letting his terrior off the leash when the steak was being barbecued. We were going to charge extra for dogs, but Hamish missed out on his crayfish, which disappeared quickly when offered to the public.

A special tent with chairs installed was erected for the new branch president, Ian Holman, and two past presidents to sit in regal splendour for the viewing of the passing parade - one of those viewed in a yellow costume and another in black caught the eye. I meant to ask Lawrie Guerin who they were.

Larissa looked rather attractive also, with no swim suit to hinder her in the water. Dad, Brian Ashton, was busy at the barbecue, so left the "bringing up of the family" to wife, Kathy.

Eye catching was Ken Holden's colourful overseas shirt and his deep tan. Ken and Rosy have just returned from Bali and reckon that Billy Light Point on "Family Day" measures up favourably to anything Bali has to offer.

ROCA President, Harry Stephen, and wife Fay, we trust, enjoyed meeting the locals as much as we enjoyed having them.

Parents must be commended on how well behaved the 15 children were on the day. Does one good to see families, like Jim Egan's and all the others, making it the occasion as originally intended.

See what you missed Barrie!

Des Habel



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

44 Ferguson Ave.,
Myrtle Bank,
S.A. 5064

Dear Sir,

Blessed with a good memory, I was reminded of some humorous experiences at Roseworthy College as the 10 year and 25 year graduates recounted their experiences at the excellent ROCA Dinner.

During our third year, we were to go on the Northern trip, but it was wet and the tour was postponed. We were sent down to prune vines in East V & O at 7.30am, so Clive "Banger" Matthews could lecture at 8 am. But we decided it was really our lecture day and disappointed at no trip, we went down to the winery at 8.00am! We were sent out to V & O, but the Principal, Dr McCulloch was informed of our late arrival and somewhat belligerent attitude.

So an hour or two later, I was pruning near the road, others were pruning up over the sandhill and Peter Linklater was reading his book behind a vine over the hill. Dr McCulloch came out, strode past me with ne'er a word to the top of the rise. He called out, "gather round me third years", so we stopped our various activities and gathered.

"I believe you boys have gone on strike" he said. Stirred to the core, Peter Linklater demonstrated his oratory and replied, "Sir, there is not a Communist in our midst". "Well go back to your pruning and you cannot knock off until the paddock is finished".

I have never seen pruning done at such a rate (some using their large secateurs more than their small ones). We finished the paddock by mid afternoon!

Brian Jefferies
(RDA 1950)

ALAN HOEY

Alan Hoey (winemaker at Yalumba) has been awarded the Rudi Buring prize for Winemaking. This is awarded once every four years, and will give Alan a chance to study in Europe later this year.

Alan, through Yalumba, made some of their 2 litre cask wines available for the ROCA Port Lincoln weekend. These wines were appreciated by the Old Students and friends at Port Lincoln.

Thank you Alan, and all the best for your trip to Europe.



Established 1853

ANDREW'S NEW ADDRESS

Secretary Andrew Michelmore will be moving from Tanunda in the near future.

His new address will be:-

Andrew Michelmore,
33 Greenknoll Ave.,
POSTREVOUR S A 5072

VALE

We have noted the passing of the following Old Collegians during recent weeks.

Kaye Gibbs (1953-55)

Wally John (1928-30)

Phil Tummell (1936-40)



* COLLEGE NEWS *STUDENT NUMBERS:

Enrolment details for 1985 have been released and, as expected, total student numbers have broken all previous records with 510 Effective Full Time Students.

Growth areas have been:

- Bachelor in Agriculture with 56 First years, and now totalling 128 students.
- Ag. Production with 20 First years. Total 40.
- Farm Management with 18 First years.
- Bachelor in Natural Resources with 47 First years and now totalling 105.
- G.D. Natural Resources with 12 new enrolments.
- G.D. Agriculture with 36 new enrolments.

Tumbles occurred in:-

- Wine Marketing. Down to 16 First years.
- Oenology. Down to 17 First years.

Graduates at this year's Graduation day on April 12th totalled 109. Ironically, the largest number come from the Oenology and Wine Marketing Courses.

WINERY TEACHING ROLE:

In the light of the work of the Winery Board of Management set up during 1984, close consideration is being given to proposals to restructure the relationship between the winery and the Department of Viticulture & Oenology.

The winery will have only a teaching/research role, and at least for 1985, wine production will be restricted to the volumes required for these roles.

RAY CARTER FAREWELLED:

ROCA Associate Member, Ray Carter, recently retired as farmhand at the College.

Ray started at R.A.C. after returning from war service in 1946 and stayed a few year before leaving to continue farming on private property.

In the early 1960's, Ray returned to R.A.C. for another 22 years of distinguished service.

CHILD CARE ON CAMPUS:

The College now has a number of full time students who require child care on a regular basis. To meet this need, a Family Day Care scheme is being organised.

As the year progresses, the need for child care at Roseworthy Agricultural College is sure to increase.

JUBILEE 150:

The College will be playing a major role in the International 3-Day Event to be held at Gawler in May 1986. The College Marketing Committee has begun consideration of other events and activities with which the College will be associated during South Australia's sesquicentenary year.

The State of Texas also is celebrating its sesquicentenary during 1986, and the City of Gawler is twinning with the City of Kingsville in Texas.

Texas A & I University, of about 5,000 students, is a prominent part of the Kingsville community, and ways in which Roseworthy Agricultural College and Texas A & I can co-operate during this sesquicentenary year are being investigated.

Among the ideas considered are exchanges of teaching, research and extension materials, including biological specimens such as seeds to establish an Australian arboretum on the Texas A & I campus.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The 1984 Annual General Meeting resolved that Life Membership fees would be \$40.00 each. This comes into effect in July 1985.

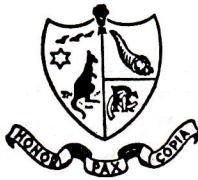
All Annual and free Student Members are reminded that Life Membership is still available at \$25.00. This offer is open until June 28th.

DO IT NOW!

Annual fees are still \$5.00 each year.

STUDENT MEMBERS are reminded that this will be their last Digest unless they take out full membership.

Each year, ROCA gives all graduating students from RAC, one year's complimentary membership.



OLD COLLEGIANS MARRIED

Roseworthy College is well known for its role in Agricultural Education, however its new role in the matchmaking stakes is less well known.

The most recent match is former Natural Resources student, Peter Butler, and Oenology student, Kerry Sharman.

Peter is currently working in the pastoral zone from the Department of Agriculture base at Jamestown, and Kerry is making wine in the Coonawarra.



GRAHAM FROMM (RDA 1968)

After graduation, spent a stint in the jungles of Vietnam disarming mines, then returned to work in the S.A. Department of Agriculture. Now the Plant Protection Agronomist at Murray Bridge.

PETER LINKLATER (RDA 1950)

After graduation, attended University in Australia and overseas, and is now head of the Department of Bioprocess Engineering at the University of NSW. Peter was recently in S.A. to design the computer facilities at the Dairy Vale Cheese Factory at Jervoi.

GEOFF PAGE (RDAT 1976)

Went on to study at the University of New England and obtain his Master's of Economics. Married a former RAC student, and now lectures in Rural Valuation at the S.A. Institute of Technology, in addition to private consultancy work.

STEVE TIDSWELL (RDA 1975)

Went on to obtain his Veterinary Degree at Murdoch University in W.A., then worked for the Department of Primary Production. Now studying Food Technology at Massey University in New Zealand.



AWARD OF MERIT NOMINATIONS

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

It is an honour conferred on outstanding ROCA members in recognition of meritorious service to Agriculture, the Community or ROCA.

It is not awarded lightly, and the nominees are reviewed by a panel comprising people from the highest levels of Agriculture.

As an indication of the quality of recipients over the past 24 years, scan your eyes down the list below.

- 1961 - ROWLAND HILL
- 1962 - DAVID RICEMAN
- 1963 - LEN COOK
- 1964 - W.J. DAWKINS
- 1965 - FRANK PEARSON
- 1966 - A.R. CALLAGHAN
- 1967 - R.I. HERRIOT
- 1968 - DENIS MUIRHEAD
- 1969 - JACK REDDEN
- 1970 - RON BADMAN
- 1971 - REX BUTTERFIELD
- 1972 - M.R. KRAUSE
- 1973 - R.H. KUCHEL
- 1974 - A.J.K. WALKER
- 1975 - K. PIKE
- 1976 - LEN LAFFER
- 1977 - DES HABEL
- 1978 - H.R. DAY
- 1979 - MARK HUTTON
- 1980 - C.W. HOOPER
- 1981 - ANDREW MICHELMORE
- 1982 - M.B. SPURLING
- 1983 - RALPH HEWITT JONES
- 1984 - DAVID SUTER

Please put a bit of thought into the nomination of a ROCA member for this Award.

* AWARD OF MERIT *

* NOMINATION FORM *

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 1985 "AWARD OF MERIT" ARE REQUIRED NOW!!

Please fill out a form containing the details listed below, and post to the ROCA Secretary, Roseworthy College, Roseworthy S.A. 5371.

NAME OF NOMINEE:.....

ADDRESS OF NOMINEE:.....

AGE:.....PERIOD AT R.A.C.:.....

PROPOSED BY:.....

SECONDED BY:.....

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

Please list major published papers, achievements, academic qualifications and honours bestowed.

The selection panel consider the work done for Agriculture, the College, the Association and the Community.

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

Nominations must be proposed and seconded by financial members.



APPLICATION FOR R.O.C.A. MEMBERSHIP

I wish to join Roseworthy Old Collegians Association;

NAME:

ADDRESS:

COURSE ATTENDED:

YEAR GRADUATED:

Cheque enclosed for LIFE MEMBERSHIP \$25
ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP \$ 5.00

SIGNATURE:

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN NOW.

At the 1984 Annual General Meeting, the fee for Life Membership was increased to \$40.

However, this will not come into force until the 1985/86 financial year.

Life Membership will continue to be available for \$25 until 1st July, 1985.

Mail all correspondence to:-

R.O.C.A. Secretary,
C/- Agricultural College,
ROSEWORTHY S.A. 5371

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME:

ADDRESS:

COURSE ATTENDED:

YEAR GRADUATED:

