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## GRADUATION DAY AWARDS

These are the ROCA Awards presented by the Minister of Education, Hon. H. Allison.

Old Students' Cup and Prize:

GEOFFREY DOUGLAS CHAPMAN

Second aggregate in the  
Diploma of Applied Science  
in Agriculture course.

Old Scholars' Trophy:

MARK BRANDWOOD YOUNG

For the best contribution  
to College sport, not  
necessarily on the  
sporting field.

## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT - Mr. ANDREW MICHELMORE

In January Digest I told you what must now be seen as the first chapter of the problems with finance at Roseworthy College.

Peter Trumble has been seconded from his position as Deputy Director-General of Agriculture to the position of Executive Officer - Finance at Roseworthy. His duties include overview of the College finances. We trust that Peter can report a significant change before the end of his two year appointment.

The Farm/Winery Review Committee also received considerable publicity during recent months. This Committee was asked to report on the contributions which the Farm and the Winery can make to the educational and research programmes at Roseworthy Agricultural College. This Committee met during March, April and May and heard evidence from many interested people.

Alan Hoey and I presented a case for the retention of the farm and winery and teaching aids, emphasising the importance of practical training.

A statement has been made by the Minister, indicating that the College farm is not for sale, but that the Review will recommend its best use.

The report of the Review Committee will be received by the College Council at its August meeting.

A most successful Graduation Day on the 21st March. All Graduating students will receive this Digest with an invitation to join ROCA. The 1979 'student' magazine, prepared by the students also contained a page of information about your Association. An invitation to join ROCA is extended to all old students.

### SCHOLARSHIP

The 1979 AGM resolved that there would be a scholarship to help promote the Association. This Scholarship will be available to graduating students. This year's will be for travel.

### 1980 AGM, REUNION DINNER & PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD OF MERIT

The AGM etc. will be held on Friday 5th September, 1980 in the Town House 164 Hindley Street, Adelaide. AGM starting at 6.15pm. Dinner 7.45pm.

Cost of this evening will be \$15-00.

### AGM - NOTICE OF MOTION

'That the Roseworthy Old Collegians Scholarship as amended at the AGM of 5th September, 1964 be repealed'  
Proposer - A. Hoey.

### ROCA LADIES DINNER

Also at the Town House will be the Ladies Dinner, commencing at 7.15pm. Please advise Valda Krause before Friday 29th August. You can contact her at Julia Drive, Rostrevor or Phone (08) 337-9612.

### 25 YEAR AGO GROUP

This is the group of students who entered the College as First Years in 1952 and Graduated in March 1955.

If you were associated with this group as a direct entrant into Second Year, the Dairy Course or the Oenology Course you are most welcome to join this group at the Reunion.

Rod Woolford is co-ordinating this group - Please let him know if you are going to attend. If you are unable to attend let us know where you are and what you are doing through Rod.

Mr. R.C. Woolford,  
3 Llanfair Terrace,  
Westbourne Park, Phone: (08) 71-3815  
(work - C/- Dept. of Agriculture, Grenfell Street)

### 10 YEAR AGO GROUP

This group of students entered the College in 1967.

The co-ordinator of your group is Graham Brookman. If you were associated with this group as an Oenology student you are welcome to join the group at the Reunion. Would you please contact 'Brooky'.

Mr. G. Brookman,  
C/- Agricultural College,  
Roseworthy, 5371

Phone: (085) 248057  
during working hours

Please encourage any non-ROCA members in your group to come to the Reunion

### EYRE PENINSULA ROCA REUNION

President, Jeff Eime, welcomed 42 members and visitors to Port Lincoln's Pier Hotel for the 1980 Dinner and Annual General Meeting, held on the traditional last Saturday in February (Feb. 23rd).

An excellent Menu, an ample supply of fine quality red and white wines, so generously donated by Morgan Yeatman of Taylors Winery and Jamie Sobels of Quelltaler Winery (to whom we are extremely grateful), and the oddodd jug of barley brew, all helped to create the atmosphere for a very enjoyable reunion. Peter Dunn, our proficient toastmaster, ably handled the official proceedings of the evening. Laurie Guerin from Talia proposed the toast to 'The Association' which was responded to by ROCA President, Andy Michelmore, who is a regular attendant at our Reunions. Ken Hayman, who has retired to Adelaide, proposed the toast to 'The College' and in his response, Michael Michelmore explained a little of College life and gave a report on the results of the past season, which, (if my metric conversions were correct) must have seemed very mediocore to many Eyre Peninsula farmers this year!

We are always pleased to welcome visitors from the mainland, and those not previously mentioned included Grant Mayfield and Mike Wake, who were representing ATA, Philpy, who is looking as fit as ever, Ross Dawkins, Jack Richards, Peter Lewis and Michael Michelmore.

Guest speaker for the evening was John Gorbett, Senior Forecaster for the Bureau of Meteorology, who gave an informative address on the role played by the Geostationary Meteorological Satellite in providing data for weather forecasting in Australia. The satellite which was launched by Japan in 1977 is 36,000km high and is in synchronous orbit above the equator directly north of Australia, and transmits visible daytime and infra red photographs at three hourly intervals. The appreciation to the guest speaker was given by Jack Jones.

During the AGM it was announced that an enquiry is to be made into the

role and necessity of the farm and winery at RAC as a means of agricultural education. Naturally members were alarmed and dismayed that such an enquiry should be considered necessary, and members were urged to provide evidence to support the necessity for practical training in an agricultural education.

ROCA President, Andy Michelmore, presented the Branch with a cheque for \$50-00 from the parent body, to help cover the expenses for the annual reunion. This will be a tremendous help in keeping our overhead expenses down.

Next year, the reunion will not be quite the same, for it was proposed that in 1981, the wives be invited to the dinner, instead of holding their own dinner, as in previous years.

The Ladies this year met at the Hilton Motel, for a really pleasant evening. Rosemary Holden, again acted as hostess, making the visitors from the mainland, Mrs. Win Philp, Ann Lewis, Tessa Wake, Margaret Corbett, Marlene O'Reilly and Elizabeth Michelmore, feel most relaxed.

Hazel Jones had her usual repertoire of interesting stories to entertain us and Joyce Habel kept sneaking down that end of the table, in case she missed out on the fun!

It has always been most enjoyable talking with, and meeting new Ladies each year and we look forward to next year's reunion, although we may have to be a little less jovial with the men.

### TED LEHMANN

Passed away on the 19th June - age 79 years.

Ted came to the College in 1950 as a stockman on Sheep and Beef but had previously worked at odd periods. He retired in 1966.

He was the old type of workman - the job was to be done irrespective of any hardship or inconveniences it might cause to him, a true stockman, whose love for animals and their well being, was always his just thought.

Most students will remember him on the old white mare, 'Mitsi', doing his rounds or riding the bicycle down to the College. He

could teach the interested student more about practical stock work than any lecturer. Probably in his own quiet way he had more interest in the well being of Roseworthy College than most people.

Ted was one of nature's gentlemen and we can safely say that during his life he never did anyone any harm and was always willing to help at any time.

Unfortunately he spent the last years of his life in a wheel chair at the Trevu Home in Gawler and this must have been very frustrating to a man who had worked so long in the open air. He was buried in the Willaston Cemetery almost at the foot of a gum tree and, as Ray Norton said 'Ted would not have wished anything better'.

Ted - many will remember you with affection. It was a pleasure to know you and a pleasure to work with you. -

Cliff Hooper.

#### CALLING ALL EX LIGHT HORSEMEN

Staff member, Jim Gallagher, would like to hear from any old Scholars about methods of feeding, feed supplies used and place of origin of feeds used during the Middle East Campaign, 1914-1918.

Jim can be contacted on (085) 24-8057 or after hours (085) 22-3297. The information would be very valuable to students at Roseworthy undergoing training in Horse Nutrition.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Dear Sir,  
On the 27th October members of the 1969 intake year at Roseworthy held a Reunion. We decided to hold the get together at Roseworthy College and requested that the College allow us to use the oval barbecues plus a lecture room for showing slides. They allowed us the use of these facilities, plus the tennis courts (if we bought our own net) for a total cost of \$30-00. The Housemaster also hoped to arrange for someone to give us a short tour of the College, but this did not eventuate.

While we received a courteous response from the Housemaster, we felt that being ex students of the College may have prompted the administration

to waive the hire charges for the facilities. We realise that Roseworthy is under fairly severe financial strain at the moment, but the gesture of waiving or reducing the charges should not have worried the auditors too much.

It is relevant to note that while we were students at Roseworthy many of us donated money and time towards some of the facilities now enjoyed by the College.

Well, you may be interested to hear that despite the disappointing indifference shown by RAC the Reunion was well worthwhile. For most of us it was the first time we had met our fellows since graduation and certainly the first time we had met their wives and families. About 20 of our year attended, some coming from as far away as Alice Springs and the lower South East. We hope to get together again soon in preparation for our 10 year Reunion at the ROCA dinner in a couple of years time.

I am sorry that this letter has more or less taken the form of a complaint about the institution to which we all owe so much, but we feel that perhaps Roseworthy owes us just a little too.

- Alan Richardson.

Answer:-

We are always sorry to hear of this type of publicity. The Director Dr. Don Williams assured your Committee that this should not happen again. In future, all applications should state clearly that it is an Old Collegians function (as no doubt this one did), and be addressed to the Director. - Ed.

'Dear Sir,

Over the years I have made various approaches to members of the Association regarding the obtaining of an Old School Tie. Various agreements and assents have been made. However, no old school tie has yet appeared.

Now I place the request officially in writing. Could we please have an Old School Tie? The need is rather obvious and the benefits are attractive.

I suggest a bold design, i.e. thick stripes. Say 1½" black, and ¾" strong pink (as against a messy thin line job). It should also, I believe, be stripes - all decent old scholar's ties are. Such a strong design would stand out at a distance - which is what is needed.

Answer:-

The Committee will look into this, and will report in due course. In the meantime, let's know what you think! - Ed.

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'Dear Sir,

I was very pleased to receive the ROCA 'Award of Merit' medal and certificate before Xmas. It was very kind of you to send them on to me.

Am afraid I have been an unsatisfactory recipient in some ways as I haven't been to South Australia or Roseworthy College for some time. However when I get a chance I will certainly make a visit, as I am still interested in the College and receiving the Digest.

Since 'retirement' my wife and I have lead a rather busy life mainly in South America, although we saw Spain and Thailand on the way home last October. We go back to CIAT January 11th so haven't much more time here. Please write to us there if I can help you at all.

I wish you a successful New Year as well as the ROCA. I want to say again how pleased I was with the ROCA 'Award of Merit'.

- Mark Hutton.

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'Dear Sir,

I am writing to you in relation to a book that I have written and which will be released in July this year. Entitled, Australian Winemaking - The Roseworthy Influence. It is a history of the oenology courses at Roseworthy (1892/1965ish) and considers the contribution of wine research at Roseworthy to the Australian Wine industry. The book was written as a commission from Alan Hickinbotham whose father, A.R. Hickinbotham lectured the Diploma course from 1936-1942. I have had contact and assistance from various Roseworthy staff members, in particular Milton Spurling and Dr. Bryce Rankine.

We are interested in prompting the distribution of the book and we look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

- Geoffrey Bishop

for Messrs. A.D. & I.L. Hickinbotham,  
and Dr. G.C. Bishop.

NOTE: I can be contacted at National Parks on 272-4400 or after hours on 303138.



COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Return coupon now.

Nominations are required for the 1980/81 Committee. Please give this some thought and return it with your dinner coupon on reverse side.

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President:

Andrew Michelmore

Vice President:

Ian Rice (1954-57)

Ian is not available

Immediate Past President:

Ross Dawkins (1965-67)

Secretary:

Alan Hoey

Treasurer:

Bruce Wigney

Honorary Auditor:

B.C. Philp

One Member of Graduating Year:

Dale Manson

One Member who left College more than One and less than 10 Years:

Keith Cowley

Six Ordinary Members:

Harry Stephen (1945-48)

Peter Lewis (1954-62)

John Jones (1965-68)

Jack Richards

Ken Hayman

Peter Fairbrother

Digest Management Committee 5 required,  
at least 4 to be ROCA members.

Fill in both sides - the Dinner reply and Nominations for the Committee, and return as soon as possible to:-

Mr. Bruce Wigney,  
Box 50, Post Office,  
RIVERTON, SA 5412

RSVP by FRIDAY, 29th AUGUST, 1980.

I will/will not be attending the Reunion Dinner on Friday,  
5th September, 1980.

I enclose a cheque for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover cost of \_\_\_\_\_  
persons at \$15-00 per person.

NAME:.....

PREFERRED FIRST NAME:.....

ADDRESS:.....

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