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HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPH FROM ROCA

ROCA will be presenting a beautifully restored photograph of the College, as it was in 1885, at the Centenary Convocation on 26th May.

The photograph shows Professor John Custance and the first group of students to graduate from the College. It was reconstructed from an extremely delapidated and decomposing photo discovered in the College archives.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The College Centenary celebrations held to date, have been most successful. The Symposium on Trees was booked out and the crowd at the Olde Style Fayre exceeded all expectations. The numbers which attended the Football match, the Dinner, Church Service, opening of the Robert Claude Hay Swimming Pool and the Reunion were most pleasing, inspite of the wet weather. All those who attended these events, had a most enjoyable time.

The Centenary celebrations have received much of ROCA's attention this year, but the change of the Agriculture Diploma to a Degree, and its ramifications, will be considered further at the next committee meeting. Further information on this matter is included in this issue of the Digest and the Committee will be pleased to hear comments (in writing) from any member of the Association. The Committee is still awaiting a reply to a letter, sent to the Dean of Faculty of Agriculture, requesting that a bridging course be provided for Diplomates to upgrade their qualifications to a Degree, once the new course has been accredited.

The Annual Reunion and AGM will be held as usual on Friday September 9th, this year, in the Adelaide University Staff Club. I hope that the 10 and 25 year groups are getting themselves organised. If you contact me at the College, I will be able to supply you with the list of your year, who are members of the Associates. This year's Reunion will be a radical departure from previous years, in that it will be open, spouses/friends of members.

Nominations are also being sought, for this year's Award of Merit. Could you contact - Andrew Michelmore, ROCA SECRETARY, C/- Department of Agriculture, Research Road, NURIOOTPA, as soon as practical, for information required if you are going to nominate a member for the award.

A diary for the week:-

Saturday	21st	8.00 p.m.	. Olde Style Ball, Octagon
Sunday	22nd	11.00 a.m.	. Veteran Car Rally, Roseworthy Agricultural College
Monday	23rd	9.00 a.m.	. Symposium: Advances in Grape and Wine Technology, Stefanson Lecture Theatre
Tuesday	24th	8.30 a.m.	. Australian Institute of Agricultural Science Federal Council Meeting, Council Room
		4.00 p.m.	. A.G.M., Stefanson Lecture Theatre
		12.15 p.m.	. Symposium: Hormones in Dairy Production, Stefanson Lecture Theatre
Wednesday	25th	9.00 a.m.	. Symposium: Agriculture - exploitive or permanent?, Stefanson Lecture Theatre
		6.00 p.m.	. Resumption of A.G.M. of Australian Institute of Agricultural Science combined with dinner for symposium with Presidential address by Henry Foster.
Thursday	26th	10.00 a.m.	. College on Display Day, Roseworthy College
		8.00 p.m.	. Centenary Oration, Elder Hall
Friday	27th	9.30 a.m.	. Symposium: Agricultural Education - the industry view, Stefanson Lecture Theatre
Saturday	28th	9.30 a.m.	. Workshop: Agricultural Education - methods and innovation
Sunday	29th	11.00 a.m.	. Thanksgiving Service, Roseworthy College
		12.00 noon	. Unveiling of Centenary Plaque
		12.30 p.m.	. Luncheon, Dining Room, Roseworthy College
		2.00 p.m.	. Ceremonial Planting of Trees
Monday	30th	9.00 a.m.	. Conference of Principals, Council Room

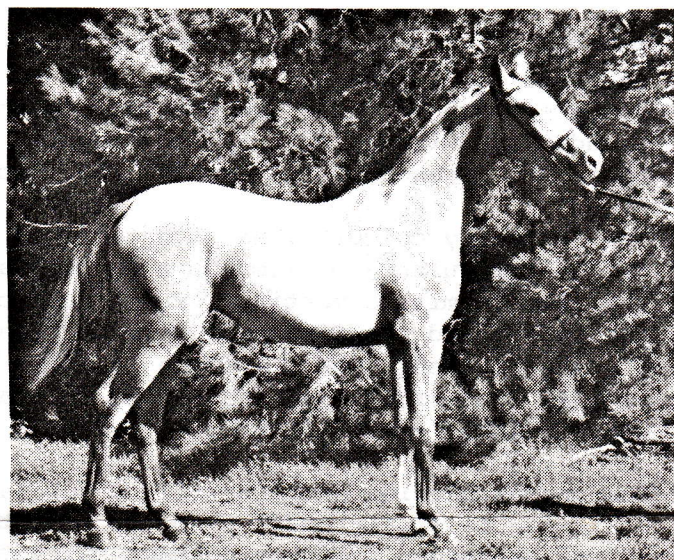
CENTENARY GIFTS

WAGGA DEKANTER

The College has taken delivery of one of the most unusual and impressive gifts to be received during its Centenary Celebrations. This is the Arabian Filly WAGGA DEKANTER, presented by Riverina College of Advanced Education in Wagga Wagga, NSW. WAGGA DEKANTER will fill an important role in the overall activities of the College's course in Horse Husbandry and Management.

WAGGA DEKANTER was born on November 4 1981. She has a very impressive pedigree. Her sire is WAGGA DEKIN, who has a long list of Champion Deniliquin and other Riverina shows, as well as the Sydney and Canberra Royal Shows.

WAGGA DEKANTER's dam, ANATO, also has a significant list of award from the Wagga Wagga Show and the Sydney Royal Show.



WAGGA DEKANTER is a grey, characteristic of the Arabian breed, particularly in the lines of the

# CENTENARY REUNION



Guy Weise, Arch Beviss and Ron Badman—graduates of 1931 attending the 500 strong reunion on 10th April.

## A SUCCESSFUL STUDENT REUNION WEEKEND

The Centenary reunion on the weekend 9/10 April was declared a great success by all who came. It was also a resounding success from the point of view of good PR for what we are doing now.

On Saturday the football matches between College and Willaston finished in grand traditional style - I don't know what the scores were but who cares?

There were quite a few past members of College teams there to barrack for the local boys and many a past match was replayed in the Club afterwards. Special mention is worth making of one of the supporters, Arch Beviss, graduate of 1931 - who was a triple Blues winner while here (Football, Cricket and Athletics).

The dinner Saturday night, hosted by Ian Rice as President of R.O.C.A., saw 209 sit down to a meal voted magnificent. The new crockery with its blue pattern was supported by blue table cloths and even the floral decorations blended in. The toast to the College by the Minister of Education, the Hon. Mr. Lynn Arnold, was well received - he is also spokesman on agriculture in the Lower House and is obviously well informed on both education and agriculture. Bruce Eastick, R.D.A. with I Class Hons. in 1947, responded appropriately on our behalf. Cheese, greens and coffee in the Club afterwards provided more opportunities to talk.

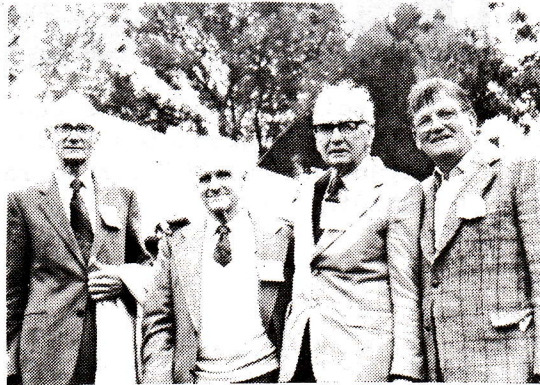
Sunday was the main reunion and it was obviously a gathering of agricultural people because the rain did little to dampen enthusiasm.

The chapel was filled to overflowing 10 minutes before the service started - 160 were seated inside and a further 85-90 participated through the wireless amplifier set up in the gymnasium. Luckily we had tested it out the day before and Graham Brookman and Barrie Thistlethwayte quickly organised the transfer of chairs from the paved area outside the chapel to the dry satellite site.

The Chapel Service was led by Rev. Brian Polkinghorne (R.D.A. 1969) with music provided by Gavin Riggs. Participants in the Service included Ian Rice representing R.O.C.A. (R.D.A. 1957), Alf Waters (R.D.A. 1941), Ann McQueen (currently R.D.A. III) and David Taplin representing staff.

Brian Polkinghorne's address on the theme of "Responsible stewardship of God's resources" was both inspirational and appropriate.

Queensland with his wife for the reunion. James Hurtle Ralph, graduate of 1921, was the next oldest and he had come down from Buderim in Queensland. There was a good scattering of graduates from practically every year from 1926 onwards. Our first group of girl graduates in agriculture in 1976 was represented by Ruth Robinson and Janet Munro. It was a delight to frequently hear old collegians exchanging greetings for the first time for many years - as long as 60 years in one case! Half a dozen of those present at the 50 year reunion in 1935 were present. Sir Allan Callaghan, Jack Daly and B.C. Philp (Philpy) renewed many acquaintances from way back. A gem of a comment came from George Bagot (in his 80's) when he recognised Philpy (now in his 80's) and identified him as "The young lad that came on to help Pritchard".



Ex staff and students at the Reunion weekend.



Joe Philips sports an older style RAC blazer in this group of old collegians.

The naming of the Swimming Pool by Dr. Don Williams was witnessed by members of Bob Hay's family and old airforce mates. Dr. Williams remarks were well received and will be recorded in the R.O.C.A. Newsletter later.

Lunch was to be a BBQ on the lawns but because of the rain it was transferred inside. Special thanks are due to Barry Sumner and a willing group of staff assistants, Idris Muthy, Basil Sheahan, Gil Hollamby, Ken Leske, Graham Hein, Alan Pfeiffer, Bryce Rankine, who fed over 400 in an hour and a half while Ray Jones collected the cash and controlled the crowd. The red wine on offer at lunch earned commendation from some but attracted the name of "Jaws" by one!

From midday to around mid afternoon Jeff Daniels provided hay rides for young and old while Basil Baldwin took bus loads on a tour of the farm and it was pleasing to hear very favourable comments from past graduates whose opinions count for something in the practical farming community. They were impressed with the physical developments on the farm and the way it is being used for teaching. Jeff Anderson had the winery open, Vic Squires the Natural Resources Building and Margaret Emery the library.

Throughout the weekend Gudrun Hanke collected money, provided name tags and sold souvenirs helped at various times by Ruth Robinson, Jim Smith, Chris Turner and Angela Hanke. Graham Brookman's display of old photographs in the Club was an unending source of enjoyment to past students and their families.

The weekend was highly successful as a reunion and indicates the importance of the College keeping its past graduates well informed on developments here.

#### SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE COLLEGE

While it is dangerous to single out people who have contributed to College fund-raising activities during our Centenary Year, we offer our specific thanks to Michael Butler and Denis Muirhead, who put their money where their mouths were! In paying a large proportion of the cost of the plaque which names the Bob Hay Pool.

Thanks also to the Hay family and H.A. Reschke who contributed \$100.00 each, to the Centenary activities of the College.

April 10, 1983

by

D. B. Williams

Director

1974 - 1981



Dr. Don Williams names  
the College Pool.

This part of this day is set aside to honour the memory of one of Roseworthy's most distinguished graduates whose service to agriculture was cut short by his service to his country and who gave his life in fulfilment of that service in 1944.

Now in 1983, we meet to honour Bob Hay's life and work. It is fitting that the swimming pool should be named in his honour, not only for his heroic war service, but also for his leadership and sportsmanship during his period as a student from 1932 to 1935 and as a staff member from 1938 to 1940.

It is with very mixed feelings indeed that I participate because Roseworthy and the pool hold so many memories for me. The pool represents so many of the difficulties which Roseworthy has encountered since it was established as a College of Advanced Education in 1974.

Our arguments over the years to obtain a government grant for the pool were to no avail. It was ironic that despite the need based on higher extreme summer temperatures, relative isolation, and residential students and staff, no government funds were made available as they were at most other colleges.

By the late 1970s, funds of the order of \$30,000 collected by the public appeal in the 1960s and from student levies over the years from 1964 to 1973 were held in a Trust Fund. This money was making progress backwards as it was declining in real value because the rate of inflation exceeded the annual yield from the securities in which such Trust Funds had to be invested.

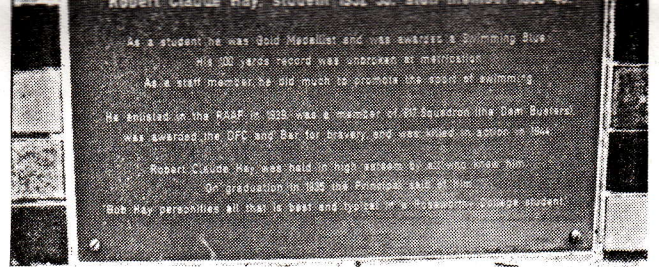
In November 1978, I wrote to Mr. Tony Proud, then President of the Student Union Council (suspecting that the students had more money than the College had), seeking the support of the Students Council for the construction of the pool.

To the everlasting credit of the then Student Union Council, the President and the President-elect (Mike De Garis) made available a sum of \$13,000 which included the proceeds of the 1978 Open Day; equally important, the Student Council agreed that student levies would be used to contribute to the Pool Fund, as they had been in the past. Present day students pay \$5 for a swimming pool levy, in addition to \$10 capital levy for other student amenities.

It then remained to arrange the loan which, under the 1974 Act, had to be guaranteed by the State Treasurer. This guarantee was given, and a credit financier type loan of \$30,000 taken with the Savings Bank of South Australia, at an interest rate of 9.5%. This involved 20 repayments each six months of \$2456, as a fixed sum. It is very much to the credit of the College Council at the time, in 1979, that they were prepared to endorse these arrangements which have provided such a fine pool. My regret is that such arrangements were ever necessary at all, but at least by June 1989 when the 20th, 6 monthly fixed payment is due, if inflation continues, the burden on students will have been lightened. I commend the Council in 1979 for such a fine decision in financial management, based on the undertaking given by student leaders



Friends and relatives of Bob Hay, gathered for the naming of the Pool.



The plaque commemorating the naming of the Robert Hay Memorial Pool

The pool was built in a period of financial difficulty but it is an activity primarily financed by students. For my own part, I wish to record an appreciation for long and sustained effort beyond the call of duty by Graham Brookman who saw the construction project through under most difficult circumstances. One of my own memories is a last minute joint effort in failing light by the two of us to plaster the tile junction across the middle of the pool in time for the next step in construction which had to be undertaken the next day.

At first sight all of this detail about the construction of the pool appears to be removed from my main task in hand today, to record a tribute to Bob Hay and give this pool his name. But I have a feeling that something of the Roseworthy spirit which underlay the efforts of the public and the students who contributed to the pool, and the efforts of those such as Graham Brookman who saw it through, also underlies the feelings of those in ROCA who initiated the idea of naming this pool after Bob Hay.

Indeed I hope that ROCA will develop its interests in all aspects of College programmes and activities and be available as a helpful and constructive influence in the demanding years which lie ahead in Roseworthy's second century of service to education and to agriculture.

We do honour today one of Roseworthy's finest sons who was during his graduating year in 1935, a student council member, winner of the Old Students Cup and other prizes including Practical Work. He was a fine athlete and excelled in swimming, holding 5 of the 6 College swimming records at the time of his graduation. As is recorded on the plaque, he personified all that is best in a Roseworthy College student.

He was a Cadet at Roseworthy in the Cereal department, then worked in Queensland before returning to Roseworthy as a Viticultural Assistant in 1938. From Roseworthy, Bob Hay enlisted in the Royal Australian Air Force where he served his country with glory in the 617 Squadron, renowned not least for the Dam Busters raid, in which he served as head bomb aimer. Throughout his war service, he remained in touch with Roseworthy's Principal, Dr. Callaghan (as he then was), who informs me that he remained close - "no person (student) was ever so close", as a lovable man, with grace. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, and bar, and served in Italy where in 1944 he lost his life in a raid on the Antheor Viaduct.

He is buried in Sardinia but by our action today we honour his memory. It can be truly said that there is in Sardinia a place which will forever be part of Australia and part of Roseworthy.

To me, the essence of education in the formative years which so many spend at Roseworthy is the building of character above and beyond the knowledge and training provided in formal courses. The capacity to turn one's training to meet emerging needs in the service of mankind, the capacity to infuse a sense of purpose, the capacity to lead and to display courage and tenacity, to find new opportunities for service - Bob Hay had all of these.

Roseworthy honours itself as well as Bob Hay by naming this new



# ON THE GRAPEVINE

NEWS FROM OENOLOGY  
& VITICULTURE

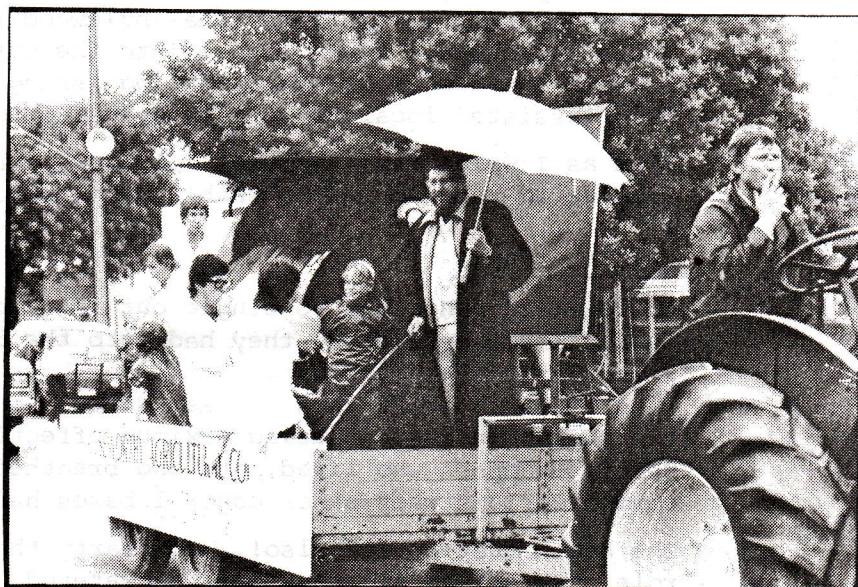
## BARREL FLOATS TO SUCCESS

With Iain Grierson acting the part of our over - animated professor, and students playing the parts of students and wine waiters, the RAC. float cruised with mirth and acclamation, from Tanunda to Nuri. on Saturday. The dear old Field Marshall with Jeff Daniels at the helm, drew the Plant Breeder trailer with its precious cargo and despite the "droops" on the mortar board hat (a massive 1½ metre square creation), the float was much enjoyed and complimented.

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The wine everyone has been waiting for - the 1982 Chardonnay (remember the 1981, won the National Trophy), will be released in only 4 weeks time.



The scream of the siren on our CFS shed cut into Orientation week repeatedly as crew after crew of College students and staff were assembled to fight the fire centred around Kersbrook.

The Mudla Wirra Unit groaned its way around the steep slopes and fire tracks of the Adelaide Hills 24 hours a day from Wednesday until Saturday loaded with composite crews of experienced students and staff and learners in the art of fire fighting.

In addition to the big fire truck, Reg Hutchinson's mini unit, Mudla Wirra II, and units from Roseworthy township, Gawler River, Sheoak Log and other CFS outfits attached to Freeling Base, all worked as a team from Kersbrook to assist the overtaxed local units.

At the peak of the blaze, an additional 53 students and staff headed for Kersbrook to act as an extra reserve of manpower.

Thursday saw Brian Leitch Bock at the wheel of the College Hino Bus head for the hills again with 35 students on board and the Suzuki ute loaded to the hilt with knapsacks, shovels, rakes, chainsaws etc. They tackled the task of making a deep cutting in the Gumeracha-Inglewood road safe. It was overhung by burning trees which could have crashed into the cutting at any time. In addition to felling the dangerous trees, extinguishing spot fires and directing traffic, the group assisted local farmers by despatching knapsack teams to isolated hot spots.

Even as I write this article, voluntary fencing crews are being organised on College to rebuild and to enable farmers to contain their surviving stock.

#### SPECIAL THANKS

While it is dangerous to single out individuals in a situation where dozens of people threw everything they had into the battle, to return bone weary, catch a few hours sleep and drag themselves back into action; there were some outstanding contributors - Reg Hutchinson, who tirelessly co-ordinated the various units, ensuring maximum effectiveness and safety for the crews - Bernie Thompson who lived, ate and breathed radio for days on end, maintaining communications when other control bases had given up and gone to bed.

The beast must be fed also!.. so hearty thanks to Residential Services for their role in keeping the crews fed and watered.

Congratulations to everyone who pitched in, even if you never saw action in the fire.

#### AWARD OF MERIT

The crews unanimously awarded the accolade of Best Emergency Sandwiches to the Gumeracha CFS Auxillary; they were superb.

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Sir,  
Please pass on our appreciation to the students from your College that assisted in mopping up our property at Breakneck Cutting, Inglewood.

Thank you,

Peggy and Alan Williams.

Dear Friends,

We the members of the Paracombe CFS Unit (mobile 15), would like to express through this letter, our gratitude, to you the members of the **MUDLA WIRRA** CFS Units for your effort in our area at the fire of 16-2-83 through 20-2-83. Without your help it would have been an impossible task. Once again thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

Roger D Brealey, CAPTAIN.

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# NEWS FROM OENOLOGY & VITICULTURE

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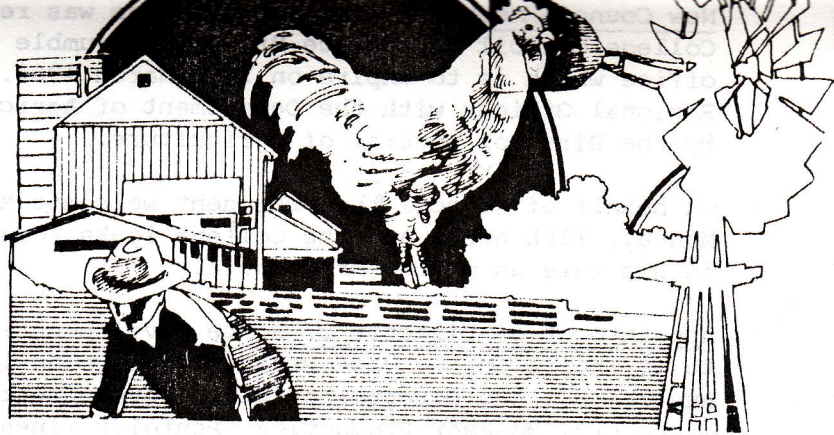
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The unique College Liqueur Brandy

# FARM

## ROUNDUP



- The major PIGGERY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT proposed by Field Services, has met with wide support. The plan encompasses a 5-stage upgrading process:

- 1) Construction of a 90-sow Dry Stock Shed.
- 2) Upgrading of Weaner Shed - dunging pits, airconditioning etc.
- 3) Development of empty Grower shed - dunging pits, insulation etc.
- 4) Upgrading of Grower & Finisher sheds - insulation and extension.
- 5) Construction of 20-crate Farrowing shed.

The old Farrowing house would also be converted into a Student Project and small-group Teaching area. All-in-all the Piggery would become an efficient integrated 100 sow unit, demonstrating standards of husbandry and management which will prepare graduates for a confident entry into today's Pig Industry.

- The Dairy Herd starred at the Tanunda show with 5 firsts and 4 seconds as well as Reserve Champion Cow and Junior Champion Heifer.
- Roseworthy President's Kerry, brought home another First (type and production) from the Friesian Fair.
- Chook Training? Yes, for a reason best known to themselves, the young Rochedale Layers preferred to lay their eggs on the floor rather than the nesting boxes. To avoid dirty and damaged egg problems they had to be convinced to use the nesting boxes.  
SOLUTION? Manually pick-up the sitting hen and pop her in a box! They soon get the idea.
- Our small (0.45 ha) vineyard area seemed to perform better than some with a harvest of about 8 tonnes of Shiraz; a return of about \$2700 per ha.

### OLD COLLEGIAN AT THE CREASE

Opening the batting for the new Federal Government in Canberra, last week, was John (Porky) Dawkins, our Minister of Finance. John introduced a number of bills for supply for which we, as public servants and students, should be happy!

John was President of the RAC Student Representative Council while a student here and was the architect of the first Student Disciplinary Committee. He was perhaps more famous for an incredible stunt during the College Swimming Sports when he and John Evans (the ABC journalist) rode a bicycle across a tight rope stretched across the pool. He graduated in 1968 and returned to his home in W.A. where he currently holds the seat of Fremantle.



John Dawkins

### OLD COLLEGIANS TO WED

Mandy Skinner RDNR '81 and Tom Newton RBOE announced their marriage date recently and will combine the best of both disciplines on May 21st.

Tom is working in Lyndoch and Mandy will be moving up from her Ventnor...

College Council to replace Mr. Peter Trumble for the remainder of the term of office which is to expire on 13th March 1984. Mr. Thomas is currently Chief Regional Officer with the Department of Agriculture at Loxton and was nominated by the Director-General of Agriculture.

On behalf of Council the President welcomed Mr. Thomas to his first meeting on Monday, 11th April and the College looks forward to Mr. Thomas's contribution in his role as member of Council.

Appointment of Director of State Development: Council recorded its congratulations to Mr. Keith Smith, Vice President of Council on his recent appointment as South Australia's new Director of State Development. Mr. Smith previously held the position of General Manager Production, Penfolds Wines.

Donations to the College: Council noted with pleasure the following donations.

- a. \$4,500 from the Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia to award three Centenary Scholarships, one to a student in each of the three main course areas (Agriculture, Oenology and Natural Resources).
- b. \$20,000 will be provided by Penfolds Wines Pty. Ltd. to enable the erection of a Cask Hall bearing the Penfolds name.

Payment would be received in two equal amounts - one in the 1982/83 financial year and the other in the 1983/84 financial year.

Council recorded its appreciation for the generous donations from each of these organisations.



Young and old passengers alike delighted in the Field Marshal rides on Reunion Day.



Milton Spurling calls the 1916 graduates during the reunion roll call.

SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE ENVELOPE

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AUSTRALIA POST HONOURS

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Australia Post will be issuing a special commemorative envelope throughout Australia on 25th May, to mark our Centenary. Why not let any philatelic friends know about this novel chance (and grab a few for yourself too). You will be able to actually buy, write and post letters with the Centenary Postmark on College on Display Day, 26th May, 1983.

## FAYRELY FANTASTIC

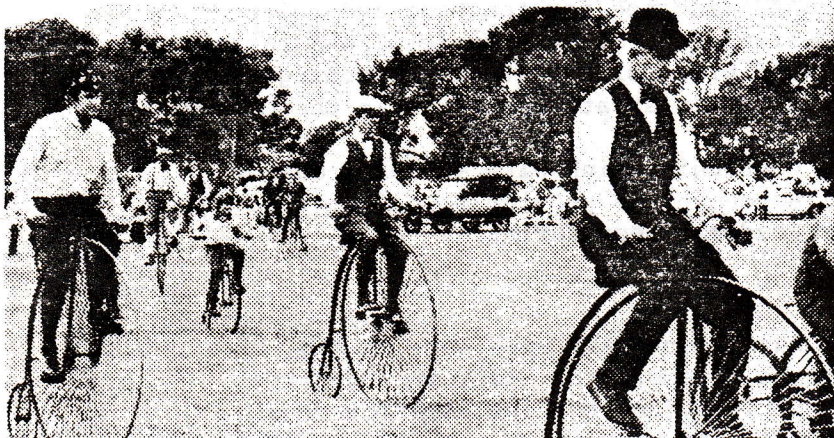
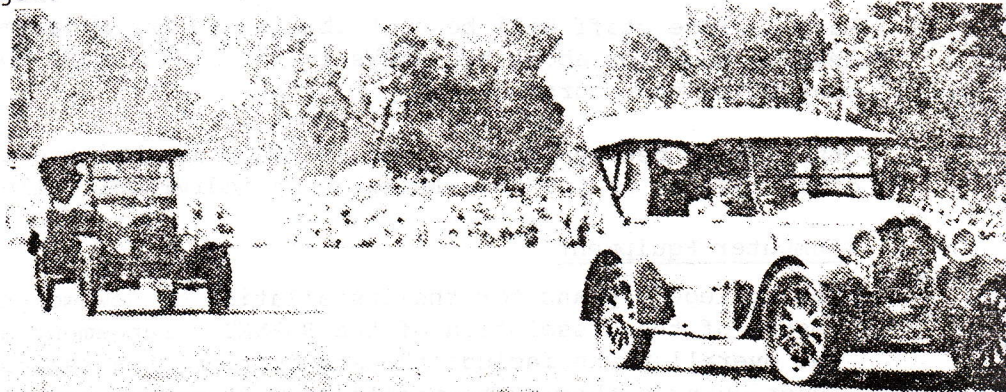
Maurie Zobel and his Old Style Fayre Committee held their breath on Sunday, 20th March until noon, but by then it was clear that the Fayre was to be a gigantic success.

The crowd kept streaming onto the campus until after 3pm and while conservative guesstimates of the crowd were around 11,000 the police who helped here on the day estimated 17,000.

Our visitors were kept entertained in fine country style and many had dressed in period costume, creating a warm historic atmosphere. This was highlighted by the vintage vehicles, penny farthings and harness horses at the oval and the incredible huffing, puffing steam monsters of the steam traction era on the hockey field.

Peter Jones' historical Panorama of the district was a feast of colour and spectacle.

The Model T car chase following the Bank Robbery when one of the ancient vehicles got onto two wheels; the precision of Bob Lampe's sheep dog manouvering a flock of sheep expertly around the arena; the raw size and power of Fred Margititch's massive Clydesdale team, the bolting, rearing and careering of the mounts of the Light Horse during their mock battle and the humour at Dead Man's Pass were highlights which people will be slow to forget.



## Senior Secondary Assessment Board of South Australia.

Currently before the House is a Bill to establish the Senior Secondary Assessment Board of South Australia. The major functions of the proposed Board are to develop syllabi for the subjects to be studied by Year 12 students, and to assess students undertaking such subjects. The Board is to have a wide-ranging membership with a total of 29 members.

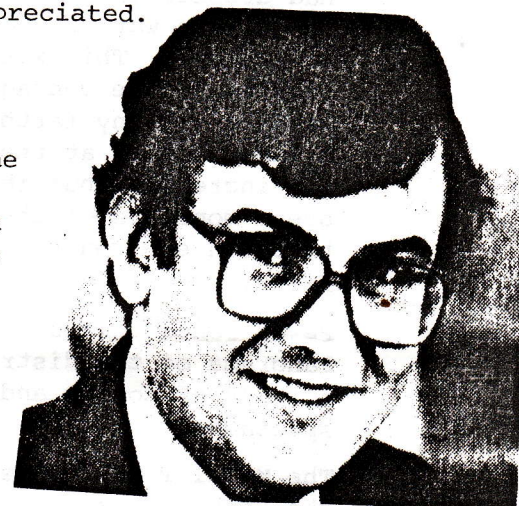
A particularly pleasing aspect of this section of the Bill is that one person is to be appointed on the nomination of the Council of Roseworthy Agricultural College.

At least two Old Collegians have supported strongly the College's case for nominating a member of the Board. These are -

- . Dr B. Eastick, Member for Light and Member of the College Council
- . Mr P. Lewis, Member for Mallee.

Their efforts on behalf of the College are much appreciated.

Lynn Arnold, S.A. Minister of Education, who introduced the bill, also spoke at our Centenary Reunion Dinner. In proposing a toast to the College, Mr. Arnold demonstrated a remarkably deep and up-to-date appreciation of Agriculture and Agricultural Education in South Australia.



## Course in Sheep Production

The Australian Agricultural Consulting and Management Company has sub-contracted with the College in the provision of a ten-week programme, under the auspices of the Australian Development Assistance Bureau, in sheep production for personnel from Middle-Eastern countries.

Many College staff will be contributing to the programme, and Mr H. Reimers is leaving soon for about two weeks in the Middle-East to research the detailed content of the course.

Other links between the College and AACM are being established in proposals for other courses or for consultancies by individual College staff members.

## Computer Equipment

The College's plans for the installation of new computing equipment as a result of the dissolution of the SAENET arrangement are well advanced. The overall plans include the acquisition of a series of micro-computers functioning either as terminals connected with a medium-scale central computer, or functioning as stand-alone machines for teaching and related activities. There will be a medium-sized central main frame with a variety of functions, and also a series of word processing stations providing facilities for the academic as well as administrative centres in the College.

A feature of the new proposals is a continuing link with at least one of the existing partners in the SAENET agreement to provide student record and related functions for the College's Academic Secretariat.

## Upgrading of Foyer

As part of the preparations for the major centenary week late in May, the foyer area in the main building will be redecorated. Work includes re-painting, installation of new light fittings, and the installation of a stained-glass window at the first landing of the stairs. The stained-glass window is being designed and constructed by a student from the S.A. College

The Roseworthy Clydesdales were a formidable stable back in the 'good old days.' Students were up at 5a.m. to feed-up and groom the fleet of 80 draught horses and horse husbandry was a necessary part of the Ag. Course.

Alas, the last time a College Clydesdale graced the competitive arena, was thirty years ago.

Alas no more! Roseworthy struck back with a vengeance last weekend, as if to make up for lost time, at South Australia's prime event for the Clydesdale breed, "The Clydesdale Field Days," at Birdwood.

Roseworthy Winifred, the College-bred and trained filly, was shown by students, Leah Holman and Carolyn Pope, to a somewhat surprised Clydesdale fraternity for the first time.

The 3 year old filly took out 2nd places in :

- . Best turned-out heavy mare
- . Best turned-out horse in harness

and was Runner up to 'Champion Mare and Filly of the show.'

Over 40 Clydesdales were competing for honours so Winny's wins were in TOUGH company. Congratulations to the Horse Section and students on a superb effort.

Fred Margatitch's team of Clydesdales in action on the Fayre Day.



#### BLOOD FLOWS AT COLLEGE!

All records appear to have been smashed at the regular Blood Donation Day, held in the Community Club, last Wednesday. The Red Cross were especially pleased by the number of new registrations and send their thanks to everyone who gave so freely of a commodity which is so precious.

JIM WATKINSON, chief whip and enthusiast for the Red Cross at Roseworthy, bounded into the Club and was somewhat shaken when the doctor advised Jim that they wouldn't take his blood! Rumour has it that Jim had lost so much



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## A Century of Service

A CENTURY OF SERVICE is now in the press for publication in late May 1983.

The volume of 240 pages traces the history and major contributions of Australia's oldest Agricultural College since its foundation in 1883.

The book covers the development of the College as an educational institution and gives details of viticulture, winemaking, crop and fertiliser work, animal production, cereal plant breeding, horticulture, farm management, agricultural engineering and natural resources management.

Profusely illustrated with over 140 photographs showing the life and work of Roseworthy over its 100 years, the book is a superb memento of the College Centenary.

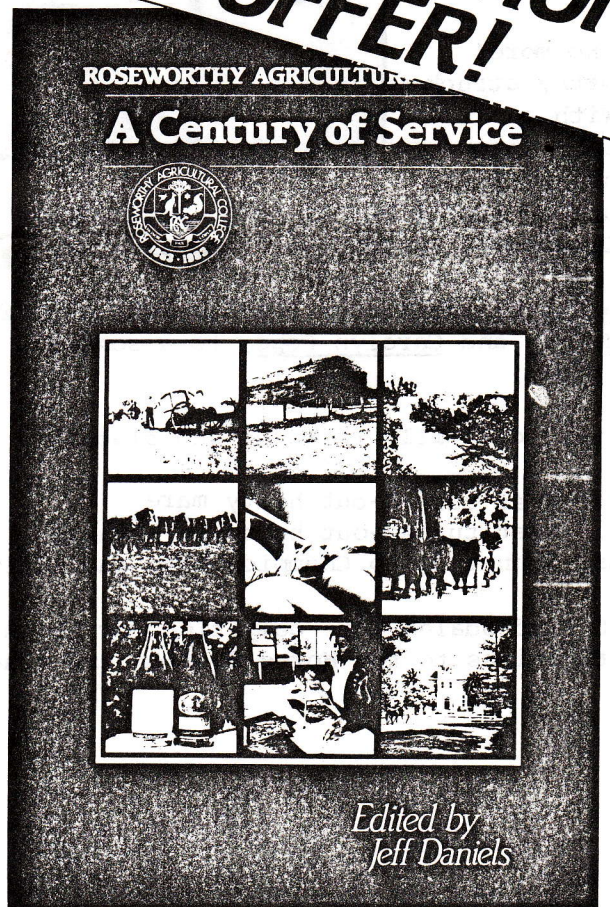
The recommended retail price of the book will be \$27-50. This prepublication offer is available for a limited period only at \$22-50.

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GRADUATION DAY OCCASIONAL ADDRESS ROSEWORTHY  
FRIDAY, 25TH MARCH, 1983.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
ADELAIDE

PRESIDENT,  
DIRECTOR,  
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

I can remember when the Chiefs of Staff Committee was designing the future Australian Defence Force Academy, we were concerned about its status. Would it have the standing to attract the best staff? How would its degrees be regarded in the academic community? In the end it became clear to us that the Academy would be judged on the quality of its product. No other criteria was relevant. By this means it would earn its name.

My wife and I visited this College several weeks ago. In discussion with students I was interested to find that they were drawn from across the nation. When questioned on why they came here, often far from home, the answer was simply, "It has the name".

It has the name because its graduates have performed with distinction. This College has status in our nation and in many other places.

We should not, on this occasion, whilst acknowledging student achievement, forget the people who made it all possible; the Director of the College and the members of his staff, who have worked so hard to give their students the best possible training.

I speak now to those who are graduating today. I would like to talk to you about two things. The first is of "management". The second is of "change".

Looking back in our history one marvels at what was done by our forebears with so little in resources; but then we entered an era of prosperity and we became rather spoilt. We grew a little fat and flabby. We tended to over-insure and to over-man; whereas we were previously masters of economy of effort and also in manpower. We became wasteful, whereas once we could manage on the smell of an oily rag. We became cautious, whereas we once were bold. We became such that before we would move we insisted on everything being neat and tidy, whereas once we would strike whilst the iron was hot.

We are all accountable for assets in some form or other. We must manage those assets in the best possible way. In this regard you are starting your careers in circumstances more demanding than ever before. You are in the era of cost effectiveness; a time when cost-benefits are carefully measured. You will be required to be effective executives. You will be required to produce precise management; yet I hope that you will not let this stifle you. I hope that there will be, in your approach, some of that elan which once typified our forebears.

The most important management role of all is that which is now covered in the course here on Natural Resources. But this is not the role and task of those particular graduates alone. It must be the job of all of us. You know of the consequences of past ignorance and indifference. You must take the lead in ensuring no repetition of past mistakes, and no new mistakes



to you something that was said by a soldier in 210 BC:-

"We trained hard, but it seemed that every time we were beginning to form up into teams we would be reorganised. I was to learn late in life that we tend to meet any new situation by reorganising; and a wonderful method it can be for creating the illusion of progress while producing confusion, inefficiency and demoralization."

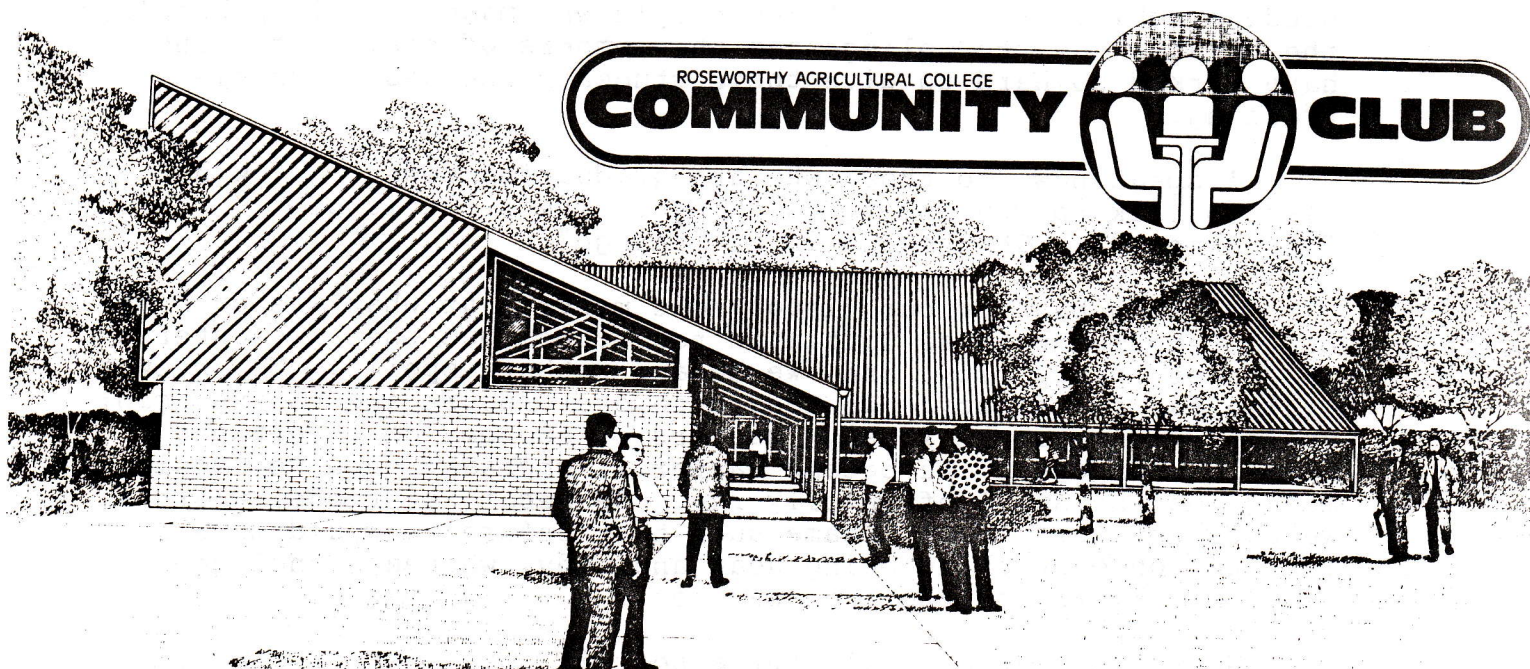
Now there is wisdom in that statement. The warning that I would make relates to the unforeseen consequences of change. These will always occur, no matter how well you think through the problem. You must be prepared for that, but I hope you will not be deterred from making changes because of it, for nothing stands still. It moves either forwards, or back. If you make progressive changes then you will carry everything forward with you.

There will be knockers. Work on the principle that if what you have done is not knocked it was probably not worth doing; if you please 50 per cent of the people you will be doing better than most. You will get the blame for many things you did not do; on the other hand you will be given the credit for other things which you also did not do. It usually balances out.

You go from here today with the best possible training and education. I would guess it to be the equal of any in the world. Use it and build on it. It is your job to use nature for the benefits of mankind; yet to nurture and protect nature. It would be hard to find a more noble calling.

We wish you well in it.

**Donald Dunstan**



The Community Club is a facility which many Old Collegians will not have had the opportunity to visit. With a membership of over 500 and a projected turnover for 1983 of over \$150,000, the Club is one of the excellent student-controlled facilities at Roseworthy.

The building houses the licenced main lounge and mezzanine lounge, multipurpose tiled area, canteen and catering kitchen. Old Collegians are most welcome to make use of the Club for receptions, reunions, professional dinners or just to drop in for a drink or counter tea.

Ring me on (085) 248 - to discuss your requirements.

Graham Queale,  
MANAGER

## PROPOSED DEGREE COURSE

This new course is still an applied technological course in practical agriculture, based on two years of common course material, with a third year specializing in either Extensive Agriculture, Intensive Animal Husbandry or Horticulture.

"Contact time" for the degree course will be reduced from approximately 30 hours per week, to 27 hours per week - a total reduction of 270 hours or about 8 percent of the "within term" time during the three year course. This "contact time" is the time spent on formal lectures and practicals and includes farm practice and demonstrations carried out within term time, from Mondays to Fridays only.

Confusion has arisen, because the time allocated to farm practice within the term time, has been reduced by 36 percent i.e. a reduction of 260 hours out of total reduction of 270 hours in the formal contact time. Lecture time has only been reduced by 10 hours.

However, this reduction in "within term" farm practice has been really offset, by an increase in farm practice and work experience both on the College, on weekends and holidays, and off the College. This off College work, must be spent on an approval commercial farm. A diary is kept of work experiences gained and a detached report prepared on the farmer's activities.

When the number of hours spent in farm practice, within term time is added to the hours of farm practice in holidays, on weekends and off the College, the overall reduction in farm practice is only around four percent.

As with the "old" diploma course, many of the formal "classroom" subjects include, an allowance for paddock or workshop activities. Hours spent learning to arc weld or soil surveying or plant identification are not included in the hours for farm practice.

Other areas covered in the field, as part of course subjects, (and not part of farm practice) include; shearing (one week per student), fodder conservation, carcass classification, weed control, water budgeting and irrigation, anatomy of farm animals and animal husbandry, engine maintenance and first aid.

There has been much argument about the proposed degree course based on how individuals interpret and add the hours spent in farm work experience, demonstrations, trips and lectures.

I ask that Old Scholars do not look only at the number of hours spent, but look also at the quality of the material being presented, so that future Roseworthy graduates will be able to adequately carry out the many and varied occupations filled by past graduates.

Tim Prance

## THE NEW AGRICULTURE COURSE

Let me assure ROCA members, that the Faculty has wrestled hard and long over the structure of an appropriate agricultural course for the 1980's. After lengthy deliberations it has opted for a degree rather than to continue the present Diploma of Applied Science (Agriculture) - formerly Roseworthy Diploma of Agriculture.

It has, however, very firmly stated in the aims and objectives of the degree course that it shall retain its technological and applied character and that therefor, Farm Practice will remain a significant component in the overall course structure.

Despite all the rumours, and sadly that is what they are, the Faculty has not scrapped Farm Practice nor has it reduced the overall number of hours involved nearly as drastically as some critics so blithely infer. Hopefully, of course, it has scrapped some of the horse and buggy attitudes to same.

Quite frankly, if RAC is to survive as an independent institution, providing appropriate agricultural courses, it must be seen to be educationally alive and innovative and present challenging course material to its students.

Whether we like it or not, the problem of academic creep is upon us and if Roseworthy continues to offer diplomas while the Muresks, Hawkesburys and Gattons offer degrees, what will be the status of our future graduates in what is becoming an increasingly competitive job market?

standards of earlier years.

It is important that old scholars appreciate and recognise these changes and to recognise also that education is a continually developing process. I trust nevertheless that practical agriculture will always remain a significant base for the courses in the Faculty of Agriculture at RAC.

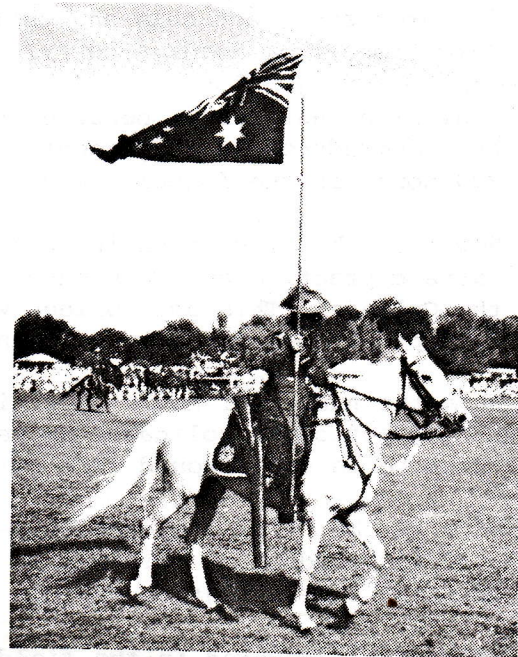
K.B. Leske  
Dean Faculty of Agriculture

#### DIGEST "HIJACKED"

The College thanks ROCA for allowing the liberal use of this copy of the Digest to inform Old Collegians of activities in our Centenary year.

Many of the articles and photos were lifted straight from the weekly College Newsletter and while they were not written with Old Collegians in mind, we hope that you will enjoy them.

GRAHAM BROOKMAN - NEWSLETTER EDITOR.



One of the Yankallila light Horse who did not fall off, on the Fayre Day.  
Photo - Jay Cummins

#### AGRICULTURAL COURSES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Old students may not know of this committee, whose role is to provide advice on course content to the Faculty of Agriculture at Roseworthy.

This committee is chaired by the Dean (Mr. Ken Leske) who, together with members of the Faculty, suggests potential nominations for the committee.

The committee meets irregularly (two or three times per year) and currently consists of John Riggs and Jim Pocock (Farmers), Brian Jeffries and Bill Giles (Department of Agriculture), Dean Bolto (U.F & S), Denise Rendell (Recent RAC graduate), John Thomas (John Shearer Ltd.), Peter Frazer (Commonwealth Development Bank), Dean Manuel (Adelaide College of Advanced Education), John Manos (Manos Chickens) and a number of College staff members for the Faculty.

Recent the Agricultural Courses Advisory Committee endorsed the proposal to seek accreditation for a degree course in Applied Science (Agriculture) and thus, phase out the current Diploma of Applied Science (originally the RDA)

#### EYRE PENINSULA REPORT - IAN HOLMAN

The Annual dinner and A.G.M. of the Eyre Peninsula branch of R.O.C.A., was held at the Great Northern Hotel in Port Lincoln on February 26th. This was a very successful function, with 45 members and visitors attending the dinner. A ladies dinner was held at the Hilton Hotel, at the same time and the weekend ended on a high note with about 40 adults plus children attending the picnic day on the Sunday.

At the AGM, all office bearers were re-elected. The President is Des Habel, Secretary is Ken Holden and Treasurer is Maurie Barry. Spouses of all members will be invited to attend the 1984 dinner. However, there will still be a separate ladies dinner for those ladies who prefer not to put up with the men for that evening.

During the dinner, Barry Lawes as toastmaster, attempted to control the various speakers who proposed the various toasts. In their reply to the toasts to the College and the Association Dr. Barrie Thistlethwayte, the Director of the College, and Ian Rice, Association President, made brief mention of some of the activities which will occur at the College, during its centenary year.

The Guest Speaker for the evening was Mr. Don Wight, Raw Wool Services Controller, with the Australian Wool Corporation. He has made two trips to Russia, representing the A.W.C. in their efforts to further promote the use of wool and to assist the Russian wool industry.

He gave a very interesting and informative talk on aspects of the Russian Wool Industry, as he saw it. This was illustrated with slides of the wool industry and the Russian way of life. Russia is the second biggest greasy wool market in the world. However, the Russian wool industry is very inefficient by Australian standards, and must compete with the cropping industry for use of land. In this regard, it is losing, as greater areas of crops are being put in each year.

There are few fences and crops are scattered at random. All flocks of sheep are looked after constantly by shepherds, with one shepherd for every 200 - 300 sheep. The climate is one of extremes and all sheep have to be shedded for 6-8 months each year. This adds considerably to the cost of production. Approximately 85% of the ewes are covered by artificial insemination. All lambing is done indoors and probably because of the constant attention of the shepherds, lambing percentages are high (around 120%). Mr. Wight believes co-operation between Russia and Australia can only increase demand for Australian Wool, because without increases in production, due to better technology, wool will be unable to keep up with the increased demand due to the increasing area of land used for cropping.

At the end of his talk, which inspired many questions, the dinner broke up with many of the regulars spending quite a while catching up on the new from friends only seen at irregular intervals.

#### Centenary Book

The first copies of the College's Centenary publication "Roseworthy Agricultural College - a Century of Service" have been delivered in time for the major week of centenary activities. The book was edited by Mr J.G. Daniels, who also contributed a chapter. Other chapters were contributed by -

Milton Spurling  
Gil Hollamby  
Hugh Reimers  
Ken Leske  
David Taplin

Noel Richardson  
Bruce Tuncks  
Bob Baker  
Rex Kuchel  
Vic Squires

I have seen some of the page proofs of the book and I have no doubt that the finished product is an informative and interesting tribute to the first 100 years of the College's work.



#### 1983 A.G.M. AND REUNION

The 1983 AGM and Reunion will be held on Friday 9th September at the Adelaide University Staff Club dining room.

This new venue will offer us plenty of space and car parking will be available in the University Grounds at a nominal fee.

As a centenary effort, this year's dinner will be a mixed dinner.

There will be more details next newsletter. Please keep this date free.

#### 10 YEARS AGO GROUP

These students entered Roseworthy College in 1970 and graduated in March 1973.

Allan Alcock, LOXTON (Mallee Farmer and Machinery dealer).  
 David Bateman, CANBERRA (Australian Bureau Statistics).  
 Mark Biven, ESPERANCE W.A. (Cleaning scrub and farming).  
 Trevor Boehm, SALISBURY EAST (Working overseas with Santos)  
 Jim Bowden, STOKES BAY K.I. (Farming).  
 Terry Byrne, MORGAN (Fruit block).  
 Chester Jason, ROBINVALE VIC. (McWilliams Wines).  
 Peter Clark, BULOLO, P.NG ( Selling insects)  
 Doug Clifford, HORSHAM (Machinery dealer and life assurance salesman)  
 Andrew Craig, MOSMAN N.S.W.  
 Bill Eckerman, (farming)  
 Richard Everett, LANE COVE N.S.W.  
 Peter Flavel, PARNDANA KI. (Managing Research Centre)  
 Richard Flockhart, DARWIN N.T. (Manager, Coastel Plain Research Station)  
 Brian Gravestocks , ESPERANCE W.A. (clearing scrub and farming)  
 Roger Haensel  
 Robyn Haesler - recently sold property and moved to N.S.W.  
 John Hancock, AUCKLAND N.Z. (Wine maker)  
 Grant Hayman, CUMMINS (farming)  
 John Hill, STIRLING  
 Kym Hudson, RAMCO (orange grower)  
 Jon-Pierre Kerry, PT. VINCENT (Teaching)  
 Brian Light, CLARENDON (wine maker)  
 Chris Martin, NARACORTE (Dept. Agriculture)  
 Kym Michael, PERTH W.A. (Shell chemicals)  
 Graham Mitchell, MINTARO (farming)  
 Paul Munn, GLANDORE (Munns Lawns)  
 Neil Portifex, PASKESVILLE (farming)  
 Chris Proud, WATERVALE (wine maker)  
 Des Schebella, YAHL (Woods and Forests Dept.)  
 Peter Schick, MURRAY BRIDGE  
 Leon Schwarz, RIVERTON (teaching)  
 Chris Sharpe, FERNDAL W.A. (Dept. Agriculture)  
 Tom Sismey, BOOLEBOO CENTRE (Red Polls)  
 Bob Smith, BERRI (wine maker)  
 Paul Symonds, ELIZABETH DOWNS  
 Greg Byrnes, BIRDWOOD (dairying)  
 Mick Vowles, LOXTON (farmer and inventor)  
 David Wardlaw, NURIOOTPA (winemaker)  
 Ian Wilson, TANUNDA (wine maker)  
 Don Walter, BORDERTOWN (teaching)



Chris Barker in action for the Panthers.

Note the new guernsey complete with Centenary Symbol and lots more pink!

#### 25 YEARS AGO GROUP

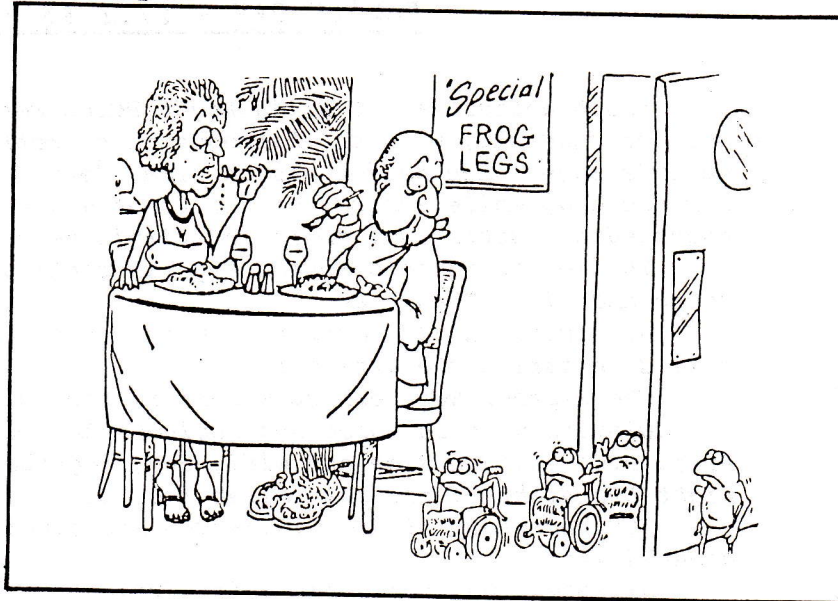
These students entered Roseworthy College in 1955 and graduated in March, 1958.

The co-ordinator of this group is Peter Mowatt, 6A McRae Street, NARACORTE 5271 (phone 087- 621855)

Any students associated with this group are most welcome to join them at the Reunion on

1958 GRADUATES

- I. Britten-Jones - DARWIN N.T.
- G.P. Ballantyne - COLLINSWOOD
- P.R. Gratton - CRANBROOK W.A.
- T.W. Hemer - UNDERDALE
- B.M. Dubois - ADELAIDE
- R.G. Lattimer - TILPA N.S.W.
- P.J. Mowatt - NARACORTE
- J.A. McKirdy - HAMILTON VIC.
- R.P. Pfeiffer - MT. HAGEN P.NG.
- C. Phillips - CLARENDON
- R.G. Solley - HIGHGATE
- C.K. Shearer - MALVERN VIC.
- E.V. Thompson - GREAT WESTERN VIC.
- T.K. Robinson - CASTERTON VIC.
- D.W. Scales - YEA VIC.
- M.T. Mowbray - KENSINGTON PARK
- T.J. Sobels - WATERVALE



We have no addresses for the following 1958 graduates. If ROCA members know their whereabouts can they contact Peter Mowatt or the ROCA Editor?

- I.M. DONALD
- S.R. FLETCHER
- D.J. HATTER
- R.M. McHANON
- J.W. GOODE
- C.J. RAISON
- R.J. STRACHAN
- M. PAPAMILTIADOUS
- R.W. ROBINS

APPLICATION FOR R.O.C.A. MEMBERSHIP.

I wish to join the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

COURSE ATTENDED.....

YEAR GRADUATED.....

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FAMILY DAY - 27.2.83 - PORT LINCOLN

Beach activities at Billy Light Point were well under way by 11.30 a.m., under a clear blue sky, with the barbeque meat, refreshments, tents, etc delivered to the water's edge. Ken Holden was on time, Jeff Eime and Maurice Barry were quartermasters for the day, while admiral of the fleet was Ken Hayman commanding the flagship "Maybe" escorted by "Cobra" and "Dolphin" firmly secured with bindertwine.

The sea tours into Boston Bay ran continuously and were much appreciated by young and old. Thanks Ken.

57 adults and 17 youngsters were counted when the nosebags went on - more called in during the afternoon.

The weather was perfect - sunburn the only hazard.

Swimmers were in force and included the Director of the College and wife, Judy, Pres. R.O.C.A. Ian Rice and wife, Bev, together with the guest speaker of the previous night Don Wight of the Australian Wool Corporation and his wife, Maureen.

The secretary of R.O.C.A. Andrew Michelmore was again with us dispensing the donated wines.

Elizabeth was noticeably quiet during the day which she shared with a virus - hope you are fully recovered long before you read this, Elizabeth.

The Michelmore boys Michael and Philip took honors with the most spectacular headgear.

The presence and the interest shown by the mainland visitors made the locals feel that we belong to a really worthwhile group - R.O.C.A.

Cricket seemed to be the most popular beach game with Robin Dawson and son doing best with the bat, while Roger Lawes was absolutely outstanding with the ball.

Centre of much male attention was our first ever attending female graduate, Julie Quirk, who looked stunning in blue. She billeted the Cordon family for the week-end. Neil didn't lose any weight over the two days - much in need of a 12 month diet chart.

Alf Humble left about 5 p.m. in his 'plane to convey the Wights back to Adelaide with Philpy as "hostie". Philpy appeared agitated at one stage - appeared to have lost his bucket and spade, or was he trying to find the owner of the said articles?

Wally Goulter was again with us. If there had been a prize for the best dressed beachcomber he would've been odds - on in the betting. Wally turned 79 during the week prior to the reunion. Congratulations - hope he's back with us for his 80th birthday - and many more.

The only near catastrophe for the day was the disappearance of the Director's brown shoes - cars were unpacked, pockets searched, but they were eventually found on the beach where he'd left them. Apologies between husband and wife were much in order.

Family Day '83 was well up to the previous average with attendance, weather, food, sand, sea, watermelons, wine, company, beer, etc. classed as excellent with the good fellowship in the "par excellence" category.

At the end of the day the ice creams over were given to a party along the beach, the Holden's carted off the barbeque, the Eimes removed the rubbish and the empties, while the Barry family took home the dollars for the settlement of accounts next day.

Organisation for such a day is a labor of love, but a lot of work goes into its success - I'm sure all local old scholars are grateful to those involved. Thanks to them and to all in attendance for making the day worthwhile.

**Des Habel**