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ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR APPOINTED

Dr Barrie Thistlethwayte, Director of Roseworthy Agricultural College, has announced the appointment of Dr Noel Richardson as the College's Associate Director.

Noel has been on the staff of the College for 14 years, teaching general biology, microbiology, entomology and crop protection. In addition, during this period he has held several senior administrative positions in the College including Head of Department, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, and Acting Associate Director.

Noel is well known in College, University and industry. He worked with the S.A. Department of Agriculture conducting entomological research in canning peach and citrus orchards in the Riverland for 10 years prior to his appointment at the College. He has continued his research interests and most recently a new method of control of climbing cutworm and low volume application of pesticides by aircraft and ground machines.

CONGRATULATIONS, AND WELCOME, NOEL.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

1986, the 150th year of settlement of South Australia, and the 103rd year of Roseworthy Agricultural College's contribution to its Agriculture is here!

The contributions have been by Research carried out at R. A. C. and by graduates in their working life in all fields of Agriculture.

One of the major Research fields at R. A. C. has been in the Plant Breeding Section. All of the wheat varieties with the 'weapon' names were bred at R. A. C. 'Maltworthy' barley and 'Collegian' peas were bred and released, but, in recent years, they have concentrated on wheat breeding.

The proposed "Single Crop Research Institute" threatens the role of the R. A. C. Plant Breeding Section. The Educational loss could be as great a loss to South Australia as the wheat breeding programme.

R. O. C. A. members should be concerned at the changing roles at the College, and take immediate action to ensure that the decision makers are informed of the facts concerning Roseworthy Agricultural College.

Your Association Committee is also aware of problems in the Agricultural teaching field, and is taking appropriate action to bring this to the attention of the authorities.

I would urge members to take a little time and effort in firstly, supporting the Committee in its actions, and secondly, bring to its notice anything that concerns our graduates and may require investigation.

Our Association depends on the members, so please don't leave everything to the few Committee members.

HAPPY NEW YEAR !

-Harry Stephen.

DO IT NOW

Did you post the letter to the Minister of Agriculture as requested in last Digest? Do it now!

A. G. M. & REUNION DINNER

The 1986 A.G.M. & Dinner will be held at the Renaissance Tower Dining room on 12th September.

Several members stayed at the Richmond Hotel last year, and have recommended that others take advantage of the short walk home. The Management will allow 10% discount on group bookings, so tell them R.O.C.A. sent you!

Several Parking Stations in the area close at midnight, but a few stay open until 2.00 a.m., so be sure to check if you want to drive home!

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

5, 10, 25 & 50 year groups will be featured.

10 year group contact:

Dale Manson, 10 Janice St. Murray Bridge 5253

25 year group contact :

Harry Nash, 29 Woodforde Rd., Magill 5072

(The 5 & 50 year lists and contacts are not available, at present, but will be included if possible.) --Editor

WELCOME TO R. O. C. A.

To all graduating Students at Roseworthy

The Roseworthy Old Collegians Association extends to you free membership for your graduating year.

You will be kept in touch with the College and fellow Old Collegians by the R.O.C.A Digest which is printed four times a year.

We trust that, during the year, you will see the need to maintain contact with friends made during your studies at Roseworthy. Put \$40.00 from your first pay packet into Life Membership of R.O.C.A. , and please remember to tell us your new address!

The Association A.G.M. & Reunion Dinner will be on 12th September 1986 at the Renaissance Tower, Rundle Mall.

COLLEGE SPIRIT

This introduction relates to a letter from Andrew Sneyd to the College Newsletter of 17/7/85. His letter is reprinted herewith. It raises matters which go much wider than the main theme of College Football. That mythicalbeing "College Spirit" seems to be the connecting factor.

*** Pride in the guernsey,

***Pride in the College, and the willingness to make sacrifices for it are the issues.

****How to generate that Pride and Commitment, the problem.

Having played in a Premiership side at College in '71, it brings back memories of the problems faced that year. No coach (except the Captain, a second year student) and holidays coinciding with the Finals! That meant the team was spread throughout the State, and little or no combined training in the week before the Grand Final And yet we managed to win!! No doubt other Old Scholars can remember similar stories.

I would suggest that the issues raised by Andrew are those that confront every College sporting body, and probably have done so since the late '60's when the College really started to expand. How many R. O. C. A. members remember the Golf Course and the leisurely weekend game? That's gone. Expansion has put a sewerage dam on the 3rd Tee.

Perhaps it is part of the evolution of the College which causes this loss of "identity".

Whatever it is, students like Andrew should be applauded. He has had the foresight and interest to state the case, and argue it sensibly. Hopefully, he will get the support he deserves, and once again, the infamous Pink & Black can steamroll Willaston in the GRAND FINAL.

Bardy McFarlane

LETTER TO THE EDITOR, COLLEGE NEWSLETTER, 17/7/85 :

"Dear Sir,

Recently I have been urging some fellow student 'friends' of mine to play football for College. In order to justify these 'payout' sessions, I have decided to write this letter.

College football receives little encouragement from the College administration. The Club is funded by the S.U.C. and is almost solely run by students and a few interested staff. The College Football Club has no vast sponsorship and its survival is tenuous from year to year, as it depends on students who are willing to play for RAC. It has lasted nearly 100 years!

The Football Club has been very successful in past years, but since 1973 has made a poor showing. This, I feel is no reflection on the players who have worn the pink and black, but more a reflection

of the students who have not!

The College is merely a collection of buildings. It is the people who give it its place its spirit and character, that and the idea that by attending RAC one may achieve something after leaving College.

At the moment I feel that the spirit and character of some students is decidedly lacking. By this, I mean that by playing elsewhere and attending College you are insulting your mates.

The idea of mateship is an Australian tradition.

If a bloke is good enough to help you with an assignment, lend you money, give you a lift, or any of the hundred things that students do for each other, to help get through a course and have a good time at RAC, isn't he good enough to play football with?

That is the reason I feel insulted when students play off College. It must be very flattering to have people offer you money to play football, but money is a two headed coin, because once you accept money you are no better than an item to be bought and sold. You have not only sold your ability but your loyalty as well.

I hope you remember this when you are looking for help with your course and go to a bloke that plays football for RAC.

On a more positive note, football and work are great binders for people. The idea of working as a team to win a chosen goal develops strong friendships that will last long after you have left RAC.

College football also provides an opportunity to develop skills and study at the same time, as the travelling involved is only a short walk to the oval and the commitment is no more or less than any other club in S.A., but the people running it are your mates and understand your problems.

College football also provides an opportunity to get involved in the running and management side of a club.

In other words, this club is what we make it, and if truly talented players are willing, and have been willing in the past to make RAC a successful club, are you prepared to sit back, laugh and criticize when College is not performing?

Some students have been to private schools and have been proud to play for that school. Where's the difference now that you're at RAC?

College football is steeped in tradition, but this won't help make us successful. Only the combined efforts of the students here now will help make us what we should be, successful and proud of it.

Yours sincerely, *A. G. Sneyd.*

PRESENTATION TO Mr & Mrs PHILP

During the A.G.M., the E.P.group presented a photo albumn to Mr & Mrs Philp in recognition of their support. 'Philpy' attended the first Dinner held on E.P. with Dr. Callaghan on 19/11/38, at the Cummins Hotel. 22 persons attended, with Colin Ritchie, Chairman and joint Secretaries Harry Gibbs and Merv Richards. 14 attended the 1939 meeting. The war intervened, but in 1951, Worsley Johnston organised a meeting on 24/2/51 at old scholar Les Wright's Tumby Bay Hotel, attended by 16 ex students. The E.P.Branch of R.O.C.A was reformed, with Bert Solly, President; Worsley Johnston, Secretary and Des Habel, Assistant Secretary. This group has been meeting very successfully for 34 years. During this time, only seven Presidents - Bert Solly, Jack Ranford, Pat Marrie, Ken Hayman, Des Habel, Jeff Eime and now Ian Holman have held office. (A list of Secretaries could be the subject of another article. - Editor).

For many years, a separate dinner was organised for the ladies, but in recent years, mainly because of the subjects of the guest speakers, we have had joint dinners.

The presentation albumn was prepared by Alan Lawes, the current secretary, using about 50 pictires taken at the Family Day Picnics which are part of the R.O.C.A. weekend.

In recent years, a Christmas 'Get together" and Dinner has been held for old scholars and their partners, usually attended by 20 - 30.

(This report, taken from a letter from Des Habel, indicates the activity of the E.P. Branch of R.O.C.A. If you get half a chance, join them for the last weekend in February.)

- Editor.

From LETTERS FROM MEMBERS:

Max Clark has retired from the Tas. Dept. Agric. after several years of indifferent health. Had a trip to Mt. Isa last year, and now enjoying retirement near Burnie, Tasmania. Max graduated in 1945, joined the Dept. Agric. as a Field Officer, then to Kybybolite as the first Project Officer in 1950, before going to Tasmania. He sends best wishes.

Harvey Hooper (1933) sent reports of several members, particularly Bob Hagley, Wally John and Keith Woodroffe, who had died recently. Harvey is still working on Soybeans and Maize. He lives at Brown Hill, near Ballarat, Vic.

We've had good response from 'lost' members. Several were not really lost - they'd married!!Editor.

The Lost Member list will be repeated next Digest, so please let me know if you know the whereabouts or address of any of the missing members. Thank you.....Editor.

EYRE PENINSULA BRANCH

The Annual Dinner and Picnic is being organised for the last weekend in February 1986. 22 nd & 23 rd February.

*Sat. 22nd Feb. 11.00 Informal Get Together & Welcome.
6.00 A. G. M.*

7.00 Reunion Dinner & Guest Speaker.

Sun. 23rd Feb. 11.00 Family Picnic, B. B. Q., Swimming,

Full details from Alan Lawes, Louth Bay 5607

'Mainland' visitors always welcome. See you there!

OTHER BRANCHES

If you want to organise a group meeting, let the Secretary know, and we can ask members in your area know to get in touch with you.

OBITUARY

We are always sorry to hear of the passing of Old Collegians. We record the recent death of Denis Muirhead. He Graduated in 1936, and devoted a lifetime of service to the meat and livestock industries. R.O.C.A. recognised his work with the Award of Merit in 1968.

It is with some pride and sympathy for his family, that we reproduce a cutting from the London Meat Trades Journal December 12th 1985.

A lifetime of devotion to the trade

A SOUTH Australian who had devoted 40 years to the livestock and meat industries of Australia has died.

Denis Muirhead started his 20-year-career with the South Australian Department of Agriculture and became senior adviser in animal production. He left there to join the Commonwealth Scientific Institute Research Organisation (CSIRO) in New South Wales and shortly after that the Australian Meat Board asked them to join in developing the USA meat market.

He was later appointed Kondo representative of the board and subsequently became the Board's European representative — a position he held for 12 years.

During that time he successfully promoted Australian lamb and beef in many parts of Europe. He also played a major role in the expansion of Australian trade in Europe, Scandinavia, and Eastern block and a number of countries bordering the Mediterranean including Malta and Israel.

In London he was a member of the Institute of Meat and belonged to the Worshipful Company of Butchers. He went to New York and became North American representative of the Australian Meat Board, retiring in February 1979.

He leaves two sons.

***** AWARD OF MERIT 1986 *****

Nominations for the Roseworthy Old Collegians Award Of Merit are required before 31 May 1986

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.
Nominations must be proposed and seconded by financial members of R.O.C.A.

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.

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 \$40.00
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 \$40.00.

All Student (Graduation Year) free memberships expire twelve months after Graduation. If you wish to maintain continuous membership, please advise as soon as possible so your name can be kept on the list. Your membership will be recorded as from 1st. July.

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:.....

SUPPLEMENT TO THE MID SUMMER ROCA DIGEST 1986

FAREWELL TO BRIAN JEFFERIES: All members who would like to attend a farewell dinner to Brian on the 21st March 1986 at the Morphetville Function Centre, Morphetville Racecourse should contact Harry Nash, Department of Agriculture, Box 1671, G.P.O., Adelaide, 5001 or phone (08) 227 3973.