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CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS
1988

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The Memorial Chapel, Roseworthy Agricultural College.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The coming year will be a time of tremendous challenge and change for both the College and the Old Collegians Association.

As the internal politics of the Inquiry into Tertiary Education becomes entwined with the relocation of the Department of Agriculture's Northfield Research Centre, and the Crop Research Institute, there is a distinct possibility that the College may cease to exist in its present form.

ROCA recognises the need for the College to change with the times. It is essential that R.A.C. does not stagnate, and become cut off in a wilderness apart from its political masters who hold the purse strings.

Without adequate financial resources, the College would disappear completely - and no degree of good will or old student loyalty could save it.

To survive in the current environment, concessions need to be made.

It is the role of ROCA to ensure that these concessions do not exceed the bounds that guarantee the College's survival as a respected teaching institution for technologists in agriculture, oenology and natural resources.

ROCA cannot continue to act in the best interest of the College by clinging to its long held image of being a social body for the "old boys" (or "old girls").

ROCA is going through an evolution that will ensure a continuation of the comradeship amongst former students, yet allow it to become a valuable and creditable ally of the College in the eyes of the decision makers.

In an effort to investigate the most appropriate method of strengthening links with the College, ROCA has established a three person committee (Peter Lewis, Bardy McFarlane & myself) to look at the concept of an Alumni.

I will keep all ROCA members fully informed of the developments in this regard.

I have also contacted the President of the College Council, Dr Bruce Eastick, regarding a joint meeting of the ROCA Committee and the Council. This will probably occur during February 1989.

ROCA is also attempting to strengthen its links with the student body at R.A.C.

A member of the S.U.C. now attends ROCA committee meetings, and several recent graduates fill positions in the Association.

ROCA is a growing force in the regions!

The South East Branch Dinner earlier in the year attracted a large crowd, and I expect the Eyre Peninsula reunion on February 25th & 26th to be as successful as ever.

There have been discussions regarding a dinner in the S.A. Riverland in March/April 1989. If a member from that area would like to help co-ordinate this, they should feel free to contact me at any time. **STOP PRESS:** Friday 7th April

at Loxton Hotel. See Dale.



DALE MANSON

President

I write this in Barrie Thistlethwayte's stead, as he is currently overseas on a study tour of Australian Directors and Principals of Colleges of Advanced Education.

Roseworthy Agricultural College continues to make significant progress.

LIBRARY : Our bid for a new library has finally been approved by Canberra, worth \$2.675 million to be spent over the next two years. That is excellent news for the College, and for those who have been involved in developing this project over the last 10 years.

NEW LAND : We are purchasing 59 hectares of land adjacent to the College's western boundary. This will allow some expansion of College activities.

CHINA CO-OPERATION : Dr V.R. Squires and Mr I. Grierson have been awarded institutional initiative grants totalling \$22,000 to facilitate co-operation between Roseworthy and two institutions in north-west China, in range science and remote sensing. This follows the signing of a co-operative agreement between Roseworthy Agricultural College and the August 1st Agricultural College in Xinjiang Province. Currently, Professor Shen Changjiang, an arid zone specialist from Beijing, is visiting the College. Early next year we expect a visit of a high level Chinese delegation. It is likely that we will have a Chinese post-doctoral fellow here next year also. Mid-1989 Dr Squires and Mr Grierson, and some other Roseworthy staff, expect to visit China under various schemes of assistance.

KEY CENTRE : This is now up and running. The three staff appointees have been made - Secretary, Key Centre Manager (Peter Ninnes - a Roseworthy Old Boy), and Instructional Designer. The Key Centre will host a national workshop on sustainable dryland agriculture to be held at Roseworthy Agricultural College next April. Also, College staff have developed many excellent proposals for funding from Key Centre funds or from outside sources.

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WINERY : Roseworthy's Old Liqueur Tawny Port was judged the best buy in the \$10-\$20 price range by Choice Magazine. This reflects the quality of our wines, and I urge you to purchase your Christmas supplies from Roseworthy Cellars. An order form has been included with this Newsletter.

AGRICULTURE DEGREE : The external panel has recommended reaccreditation of the degree, with some conditions. From next year, the degree will embody more of an agribusiness, systems view of the world, with greater emphasis on students' own initiatives to learn. I believe these are exciting and timely developments.

REORGANISATIONS : Progress has been much slower on these fronts.

The Northfield Working Party has submitted its report to the Minister, but it is not yet public. The likelihood is that Roseworthy will now get only some small benefits from this review. I urge you to read this report when the Minister releases it, and make such vigorous submissions to him as you see fit.

The reorganisation of higher education in South Australia is still not finalised. All options leave Roseworthy free to affiliate with either the University of Adelaide or the S.A. Institute of Technology, as we see fit. On the face of it both are viable options: the University of Adelaide has strong disciplinary similarities with Roseworthy; but the Institute of Technology has strong philosophical similarities with us in that Roseworthy is concerned with developing and teaching agricultural technology.

Meanwhile, the College is refining its preferences.

I wish all ROCA members the compliments of the season.



MARTIN ANDREW
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

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South East Branch DINNER Meeting.

Eighty members, partners and friends enjoyed what was, as predicted, an interesting and lively meeting at the R.O.C.A. South East Branch Dinner in Naracoorte Kincaid Hotel on Friday 19th August.

In a star-studded programme, presided over in the first part by the retiring branch President 'for more years than I care to remember', Lewin Robertson; and in the second part by incoming President 'we will all remember Lewin for a good job well done', Michael Milne, guests were treated to a good meal and much food for thought. Alan Richardson compered the guest speaker session.

Rory Mc Ewen roasted Roseworthy for what he considered an insular attitude. He challenged farmers to take a hand in framing a curriculum which suited their own needs as much, if not more, than their children's.

Dr Barrie Thistlethwaye probably thought that Rory's act was too hard to follow. "Thistle" kept to a low key theme of outlining the College for autonomy in any amalgamation. He did, however defend the high academic standards demanded of the College in order to fulfil its role as a link between Research and Extension - which he considered was best conducted at the College and not, as Rory argued, "out there where the action is". A lively question time followed.

Our R.O.C.A. President, Peter Lewis MP, and Secretary Barty Mc Farlane, were present, and as could be expected, the former said a few words. Their attendance was appreciated.

Also, the presence of a good sized group of new Graduates, organised by Craig Hole. The usual R.O.C.A. attenders maintained their support of their Branch.

To replace Mike Milne as Branch Secretary, David Brown, of Padthaway was elected. As a result of the successful function, the Dinner format is now likely to become a regular event.

- John Gore

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DID YOU KNOW BILL HAYDON.....

Bill was Carpenter at R. A. C. from about 1911 to 1945. He joined the College staff after an apprenticeship in Gawler, building strippers. Long-standing monuments to Bill are the Grand Stand at the Oval, the Implement shed (which received longer legs a few years ago to accommodate more modern machinery), and the Hay Shed. Bill died a few years ago, but his widow, Mrs Edith Haydon was 100 on 13 th October.

The Special Birthday was celebrated at the Hamilton, Vic. hospital, with greetings from everywhere, including R.O.C.A. Candles were lit, sparklers flared, and the fire detector was activated.....A most memorable occasion for all!

The Haydon family will be remembered by older members of R.O.C.A. Clem was a student in the early '30's; he was killed during World War II. Gweneth married Alex Alcock, and lives in Malvern S.A. and Audrey married Geo. Cane, and lives in Victoria.

Mrs Haydon worked for the Red Cross during both World Wars, but will be remembered by Old Students - she kept them supplied with stamps, cigarettes, razor blades, sweets, etc. from her shop. (Yes, there was a time before the Community Club !) She also saved many items of torn clothing. The mending service was much appreciated.

Mrs Haydon has now moved to the Penshurst Hospital, Penshurst, Victoria 3289.

1982 RDA STUDENTS GET TOGETHER

During the October long weekend the very enthusiastic '82 Ag. students held a Reunion. This group has maintained ties very well over the last six years and would encourage other RAC years to hold Reunions.

With an enjoyable meal at the Weinstube Restaurant in Nuriootpa, followed by a B.B.Q. next day, many friendships were revived. Well done! to the organisers of the event: Don Carallaro, Andrew Harding, Max Young and Geoff Axford.

-- Brad Butler

R. O. C. A. at Pt. LINCOLN Feb. 27 & 28 1988

With a mild weekend promised, everything pointed to a successful reunion which began with an excellent attendance at the gathering on Saturday morning to meet the guest speaker, John Fletcher, and his wife Kath, plus several 'mainland' visitors.

Alf Humble conveyed, par avion, two of the V.I.P.'s - Philpy and Wally Goulter, whose combined ages add up to 170 years.

At the A.G.M., held prior to the dinner, Ian Holman (President) and Alan Lawes (Secretary), were returned to office. R.O.C.A. President, Peter Lewis, answered several questions relating to the parent body.

Sixty four, including invited guests from the local banking community, attended the reunion dinner (M.C.: Neil Cordon) to hear Mr. John Fletcher, Chief General Manager, Commonwealth Development Bank, speak on "Investment in Australian Agriculture" with, in his opinion, a bright future predicted for the man on the land. There were also a few words of praise for Maurie Barry, R.D.A., for his understanding of E.P. farming pursuits.

Barry Lawes excelled himself with a keen perspective of the position facing those dependant on the land, when giving the "appreciation" and presentation to John Fletcher for his address.

Lawrie Guerin proposed the toast to "The College and the Association", recalling many memories to those present, particularly when mentioning the "Clydesdale Era". Barrie Thistlethwayte and Peter Lewis jointly responded, giving their views on the proposed changes likely to occur at the College, and the Association involvement with the changes.

Next day was real picnic weather at Billy Light Point, with 44 starters, including youngsters lined up at the barbeque, with Jeff Eime and Maurice Barry doing the honours. Meat quality and quantity were top grade; Jeff had ordered 4 chops, 4 sausages, 4 hamburgers and 2 steaks for each person. "Fish" Cordon was the only one to exceed the quota.

A most sought-after man on the day was Mark Langman, with his bottle of home made tomato sauce. Wife Julie was more interested in balancing the costs of the day, but admitted to Mark's culinary prowess.

Brian Ashton, Kathy, Larissa and Riley arrived laden with the necessities: cakes, salads, etc., etc. - noticed they were empty-handed going home.

Dale Manson was chaperoned by Mum & Dad - they had no trouble becoming 'one of us' for the day. (Hope to see you again next year!). Other notable visitors were the Michelmores from Adelaide and Pt. Augusta. Philip is a local, now living in Lincoln. Newly weds Michael & Michelle are still holding hands. June is eagerly awaited by the Michelmores clan.

The inseparable pair, Hamish Patterson and "Guinness" had an interesting set of photos. His year at R.A.C. started with 40 students; 13 graduated in 1933 and in 1987 a reunion was held at Lyndoch, with 9 members attending, to be photographed with their Principal, Sir Allan Callaghan who appeared younger than his students.

Back to the picnic - noticed Richard Carter did not attempt his spectacular sail boarding of previous years - the presence of a close critic may have had some influence.

Rene McCullam, son of Bruce, quietly put away a few icecreams after attending the dinner the night before - exceptionally well behaved.

Tumby Bay was represented by Phil Lintern, his wife plus two off-spring. Phil entered the icecream eating competition, but was no match for "Fish" Cordon. Long, Holden and Ashton were other competitors, finishing in that order.

By the way, Bill Long and his wife Jeannette (both graduates) are now settled in Lincoln - Bill is now with "Top Aust.", while Jeannette is reporting the local agricultural scene for the "Lincoln Times".

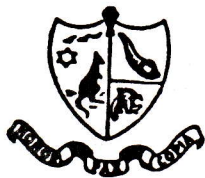
After several months touring Australia, Ken and Rosemary Holden made it back in plenty of time for the reunion. Both daughters put in an appearance - Christine only briefly.

Again, a very worthwhile weekend of good fellowship, with perhaps the 'scoop' being the obtaining of a guest speaker of the calibre and ability of John Fletcher of Sydney Town. Can the standard be maintained for the last weekend in February 1989??...All welcome to find out on 25/26 Feb 1989.

- Des Habel

Eyre Peninsula Reunion

25 - 26 Feb. 1989



1988 A. G. M. & DINNER

The 1988 A.G.M. & Dinner was held at the Renaissance Tower Restaurant on 9th Sept. 195 attended the Dinner.

Thirty Re-hab. students attended and there were 11 of the 1948 group present. (These were the 'ordinary' students during the "invasion" by the Re-habs.).

The 25 year group mustered 19, but the prize for attendance must go to the 10 year group who had only one missing.

The Past Principals also scored well, with Sir Alan Callaghan, Dr. Bob McCulloch and Dr Don Williams, ably supported by "Philpy". Bob Herriot could not attend.

During the Dinner, the 1988 Award of Merit was presented to Reg French. Reg has recently retired from the Department of Agriculture, where he has worked since graduating in 1945. He has made an outstanding contribution to Soil Conservation and soil management, with particular emphasis, in recent years, on maximising production by adopting latest farming practices.

The 1989 Dinner will be held at the same venue, so plan now to attend this major activity of R. O. C. A.

BRANCH MEETINGS

EYRE PENINSULA WILL AGAIN MEET ON THE LAST WEEKEND IN FEBRUARY. Keep this date free for this ever popular event.

Alan Lawes, C. M. B. , LOUTH BAY S A 5607 is the Secretary, so let him know in good time if you plan to go. He will also help you plan a good tour of the district. BOOK NOW.

RIVERLAND members should contact Dale Manson, at Murray Bridge. March/April has been suggested, so get in touch and make it happen. *stop press; Friday 7th April at Loxton Hotel, it is on.*

Andrew Solomon, C/- Box 736, DENILQUIN N.S.W. 2710 would like to hear from a few more members in Southern N. S. W.

Michael Flaherty, 20 Palmer St., HARVEY W.A. 6220 would like to hear from all W.A. members. (My apologies to members who had their letters returned after last Digest. - Editor).

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Dear ROCA,

I was at R.A.C. from 1979 - 81 and completed the Associate Diploma in Agricultural Production in the first intake of the course.

I have since completed a Diploma of Applied Science in Nursing at Sturt S.A.C.A.E. After one year at the Royal Adelaide Hospital as a registered nurse, I moved to Brisbane, where I am training for the World Masters Diving competition.

I took up Springboard diving just over 2 years ago, and with my gymnastic background, progressed fairly rapidly.

A Bronze medal on the 1 metre board, and a 4th place on the three metre at World Masters, plus 5 Gold National medals give me hope to dive in Rio De Janero at the World Masters in 1990 competitions.

For income and the ability to continue with my sport, I work at the Brisbane Fertility Clinic as a Registered Nurse, and will be making Brisbane my permanent home.

-- Ruth Miller

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Thanks for the news, Ruth. It is good to get news of your activities, and we hope to hear more as you progress towards the 1992 Olympics!.....Ed.

Dear ROCA,

Hi ! , I'm Susam Neldner, originally from Freeling. I graduated in 1981 from the Agricultural Production course.

My movements post R.A.C. included a year on the family farm, but that was terminated because of Hay Fever. Last year I completed a four year Degree in Social work. Currently, I am employed as one of four Rural Counsellors in the State. "My area" is the Murray Mallee.

I would love to know how all my year are and what they are doing. Thanks.

-- Susan Neldner

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Thanks, Susan, I hope you get lots of replies....Editor.

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VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE

The Student Union Council at Roseworthy has asked R O C A for an opportunity for present students to meet old students and discuss their future career options. **You can help.**

Please send your Name, Address, Phone No. and Occupation so we can add your name to the list.

COLLEGE WINES

We've been telling you about the College Wines. Yes, they are as good as we say (see the Director's note). Use the order form in this Digest. Tell them R O C A sent you.

1988 graduates

Welcome to R O C A . Your free membership was presented to you on Graduation Day, and we will try to keep you in touch with the College this year. We hope you will want to maintain contact through the Association.

ANNUAL MEMBERS

Please post your subs now, or become a Life Member.

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