



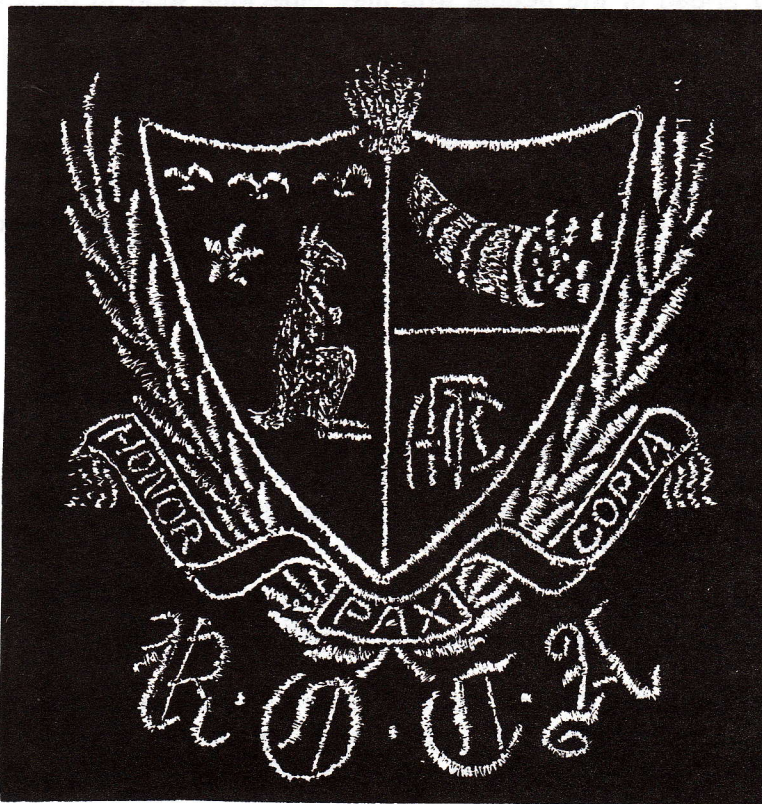
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R.O.C.A. Digest

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

R.O.C.A. is about to go through what can only be described as a fight for its survival.

The College is looking for an amalgamation partner, and if we are not careful, the Old Collegians Association could be overshadowed by a more aggressive old student body belonging to that partner.

Peter Lewis, Bardy McFarlane and I have put a considerable amount of effort into background research and the drafting of the summary report contained in this Digest.

While the concept of an altered structure for R.O.C.A. may not please all members, our sub-committee has come to the conclusion that the only possible way the Association can survive is to be one step ahead of the people who may otherwise wish to determine our destiny.

I urge anyone with opinions on this matter to write to me and register their views.

Despite the future of the College being in a state of flux, it is my aim that R.O.C.A. should establish a number of well based options that will guarantee its future, no matter which direction the College takes.

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During February, the R.O.C.A. Committee held a meeting with the College Council in Adelaide. This was the first time in its 15 year history that the Council had officially met with the Old Collegians, and I feel the greater understanding that has come to the fore as a result, will only benefit both bodies.

We feel the Council is striving to ensure the College will come out on top in any future restructuring arrangement.

As Chairman of the College Council, Bruce Eastick really does have the best interests of the institution at heart, and R.O.C.A. appreciates the effort put in by the other Council members.

However, apart from the elected staff and student members on Council, the remainder are political appointments.

As the body entrusted with the responsibility of representing Old Collegians, we feel it is a necessity that R.O.C.A. has a member on the Council – either elected by members as in other institutions, or nominated by the Committee.

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I would like to congratulate Bruce McCallum of Edillilie on his election as President of the Eyre Peninsula Branch of R.O.C.A.

Bruce was my host during the traditional E.P. reunion weekend in February, and I am sure he will dedicate the same high level of enthusiasm to R.O.C.A. that he applies to his farming activities.

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The reunion and dinner for people living in the Riverland and Murraylands areas will be held at the Loxton Hotel on Friday April 7th.

Special guest speaker will be Tony Summers, an R.D.A. graduate of 1963, and currently Chairman of the Adelaide Festival of Arts, a Director of the State Bank of S.A., Chairman of Directors of Bennett & Fisher Ltd and head of R.M. Williams.

Tony has altered plans for an important overseas trip in order to be at the dinner, and I sincerely hope members will strongly support the evening.

The dinner will be a mixed function for husbands and wives.

Further details may be obtained from Allan Alcock at Loxton, or from me at Murray Bridge.

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1989 GRADUATION DAY CEREMONY
2:00 P.M. - FRIDAY, APRIL 7 1989

Included in this Digest is an appeal for donations to renovate the grandstand at the College oval.

The grandstand has provided inadequate shower and changeroom facilities for many years, and it is our hope that R.O.C.A. can turn this into a real asset for the sporting fraternity of R.A.C.

I think we should all consider the needs of the current students, and the amount of benefit all R.O.C.A. members derived during their student days.

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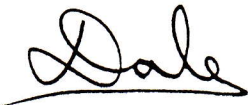
It is also time to consider nominations for the R.O.C.A. Award of Merit.

This honour is not awarded lightly, and past recipients have represented many of the most innovative and respected agriculturalists in this nation.

I feel it is time that R.O.C.A. established a permanent record and monument for these people, and propose that we donate a suitable ornate brass honour board to the College, linking the various phases of College history with the names of the Award of Merit recipients.

This has yet to be put before the full R.O.C.A. committee, however the members I have spoken to have exhibited great support for the concept.

If members have comments or fears about the future of R.O.C.A., they should feel free to contact me at any time.



D.A. MANSON
President



RIVERLAND & MURRAYLANDS REUNION

Because many R.O.C.A. members living in the Riverland, Murray Mallee, and Murraylands areas often cannot attend the Annual Dinner in Adelaide, we have arranged a special reunion for these people.

R.O.C.A. members from other areas are also extremely welcome to attend.

This will be a mixed function, so wives, husbands etc are also welcome.

Guest speaker will be Tony Summers R.D.A. (1963)
Tony has been involved in a wide variety of activities since graduating from Roseworthy, and a few of his current functions are as a Director of the State Bank of S.A., Chairman of Bennett & Fisher, Chairman of the Adelaide Festival of Arts, and National Campaign Chairman of the National Farmers Federation Fighting Fund.

DATE : Friday April 7th, 1989
VENUE : Loxton Hotel
TIME : 7.00 p.m.
COST : \$16.00 per person (3 course meal)
BOOKINGS CLOSE: Tuesday April 4th

CONTACT:

Dale Manson,
8 New Era Ave,
Murray Bridge 5253

Allan Alcock,
56 East Tce.,
Loxton 5333

(085 32 5624 - home)

(085 84 6367)

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NAME:.....

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.....people @ \$16/head \$.....total

Return to: Dale Manson, 8 New Era Ave Murray Bridge 5253

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE

Enrolments continue upward trends

Although the picture is complicated somewhat by new procedures associated with the Higher Education Contribution Scheme and completion of paperwork by students, there has been another increase in total enrolments in the College to about 740 this year, and substantial enrolments in some courses, particularly wine making, agriculture and farm management.

There was disappointing interest in the new course, Associate Diploma in Agricultural Mechanisation offered for the first time last year, to the extent that the first year of the course was withdrawn from offer. The reasons for this will be examined closely during the year so that a decision on the future of the course can be made by about July.

Restructuring Higher Education

State Cabinet decided late last December not to require extensive restructuring of higher education in South Australia, but the College was asked to enter into discussions on a suitable form of affiliation with the University of Adelaide or the South Australian Institute of Technology. In fact discussions with the University of Adelaide already were underway and preliminary discussions with the South Australian Institute of Technology had been held.

Minister John Dawkins brought the issues back into prominence a few weeks ago and discussions within, and between, the other four higher education institutions in South Australia have resumed.

The College is following with strong interest the outcome of discussions between the Institute of Technology and the Flinders University of South Australia whilst maintaining its discussions with the Institute and the University of Adelaide.

A special task force, established by Minister Dawkins, is intensifying encouragement of the institutions in South Australia and in the other states to come up quickly with firm proposals for mergers. The College is waiting for the broader picture in South Australia to become clearer before proceeding to a final decision on its partner (or partners) in a new university structure for the State.

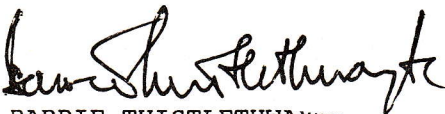
Northfield Relocation

About May last year, Agriculture Minister Kim Mayes announced that the activities of the Northfield Research Centre would be relocated to Roseworthy. There was a strong negative reaction from several quarters, particularly the United Farmers & Stockowners and many staff located at Northfield.

Minister Mayes established a Steering Committee, of which I was a member, to reconsider the matter and to take into account the needs of, and effects on other sections and units within the Department of Agriculture. The Steering Committee came up with a single-minded recommendation to relocate a large number of Department of Agriculture activities to a substantial new facility to be constructed at the Waite Agricultural Research Institute.

The response from Roseworthy Agricultural College was to reject this recommendation and to propose a significant alternative to take advantage of the facilities and staff at Turretfield, Nuriootpa, Clare and other regional centres of the Department of Agriculture, and the College itself.

I, and the College's Associate Director, Dr Martin Andrew, as well as Members of the College Council, would welcome opportunities to discuss the College's proposals with members of ROCA, and to seek members' public support of them.



BARRIE THISTLETHWAYTE

Director

ROCA AT THE CROSS ROADS

At the Annual General Meeting in September 1988, our Executive was directed to investigate the future relevance of ROCA in light of the proposed amalgamation of tertiary institutions.

A sub-committee of three, the President, the Vice-President and the Immediate Past President, was given the job of undertaking a study and reporting back to the next Annual General Meeting.

The six terms of reference are:-

- (1) To study the implications of the proposed tertiary amalgamation for ROCA and any Alumni.
- (2) Define the role and purpose, advantages and disadvantages of Alumni as compared with ROCA type organisations.
- (3) Look at possible alternative structures available.
- (4) Give consideration to the implications of the change of name and what the new name could be.
- (5) Look at the relationship of this body with the College, both at the administrative and financial level.
- (6) Draft an article about the investigations seeking a response from ROCA members. The article to be included in the Digest and made available at the next Annual General Meeting.

Accordingly, the sub-committee provides for your consideration a summary of their first draft report to which they seek a response. It relates purely to the first three terms of reference.

After Roseworthy is amalgamated with some other institution of higher education, all students graduating from courses available on the Roseworthy campus will be eligible to join the new (larger) institution's Alumni (Graduates' Association). They will see themselves as having graduated from that institution and not simply the Roseworthy campus. Indeed, it is likely that many of them will take at least some of their course work lectures and exams away from Roseworthy, that is, off campus.

Accordingly, if past graduates (who are presently able to be members of ROCA) are to be able to belong to the "graduates association" or Alumni of the new institution formed by the merger, then ROCA must negotiate terms of amalgamation with that or those institution's(s') existing graduate association or Alumni. Otherwise ROCA and its members will become increasingly detached, irrelevant and geriatric. The reason is simple. There will be no new (young) graduating members joining ROCA.

The sub-committee has met with graduates from other institutions with which the College will possibly merge. We understand that the main objectives of other Alumni seem to centre on four basic principles.

- (1) To encourage interaction between the institution and its graduates and

former students.

- (2) To engender support for the institution and its various undertakings from members of the Association and from the community at large.
- (3) To inform members of the Association about the activities of the institution.
- (4) To provide a means whereby organisations of former students based on faculties, affiliated colleges and institutions, departments, other graduate bodies and other special interests may promote their common objectives for the welfare of the institutions.

In addition, it appears that two further objects exist:-

- (1) To raise funds for causes and purposes which advance the interests of the institution.
- (2) For making independent (arm's length) statements about the academic or administrative decisions effecting the role and function of the institutions.

There is very little difference between these goals and the objects of ROCA. Any variation is more in terms of intensity of activity rather than the guiding principle.

However, the public has perceived ROCA, rightly or wrongly, as an "old boy's club", principally engaged in organising social activities rather than addressing the other objectives.

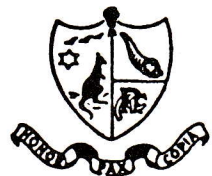
The sub-committee notes that, whereas Alumni associations are umbrella organisations, comprised of members participating in chapters based on the faculties from which they graduated, ROCA has not yet successfully established similar grouping under its umbrella.

On the other hand, however, the sub-committee also notes that provision for one representative from each faculty was made by amendment to the Articles of ROCA at the 1987 AGM.

This is a brief summary only. It does not attempt to canvass all the points looked at by the sub-committee.

Your correspondence containing helpful advice to rectify any errors, misconceptions or omissions will be welcomed by the sub-committee in drafting its final report.

Please address letters to Mr Dale Manson
 President
 ROCA
 8 New Era Avenue
 MURRAY BRIDGE SA 5253



O B I T U A R Y

We are always saddened to hear of the passing of Old Collegians. We do appreciate a message from the family so we can let friends from Roseworthy know. Also, please let us know if you want to keep in touch with R.O.C.A.

Donald Harold Roach (1937 Grad.) died in March 1986.

Alec Brooke Cashmore (1927 Grad.) died in March 1988, at the age of 81 years. After Roseworthy, Alec completed a Degree in Botany at the Adelaide University. He joined the C S I R and worked on the development of Phalaris tuberosa as a pasture plant, then with the early work on Copper and Cobalt for the control of Coast Disease. He worked in Canberra and Perth before joining the Air Force. He later worked in several post war fields before returning to Australia with C S I R O , the Nichollas Institute for Medical and Veterinary Research in Victoria, then the Melbourne University until retirement in 1972, to grow daffodils at Menzies Creek.

Michael J. Deiner (1959 Grad.) was a Dairy farmer, near Murray Bridge. He died recently.

John A. Prance (1946 Grad.) John completed first and second year courses before joining the R.A.A.F. He served in the Beaufort Squadron. After the war, he returned to Roseworthy to complete his Diploma in 1946. John farmed at Furner, near Millicent, and retired recently, to Millicent.

Russell A. Bowden (1948) Rus graduated with R D A in 1947, then, with R D D in 1948, being one of the first to complete the Diploma in Dairying. He served with the Department of Agriculture until his early retirement a few years ago, after a heart operation.

R. O. C. A. extends sympathy to the families of these members.



GRAND STAND AT COLLEGE OVAL

The grand stand at the College oval was built during the 1920's. It is badly in need of repair.

If enough money (between \$15,000 and \$20,000) is raised from donations through R.O.C.A., we will get "naming rights" to the Stand.

This is an excellent chance for Old Students to show that we are still interested in the on-going life of the College.

I am happy to help with the cost of restoring and renovating the Grand Stand.
(Your preferred Name)

My cheque is enclosed:

\$250-00

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\$100-00

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\$50-00

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\$25-00

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Other: \$.....

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R. O. C. A. P O C K E T B A D G E S

We have some enquiry for the supply of pocket badges as used on this Digest cover. A few members have blazers with the shield, while others, like this 1930's one, have 'R O C A'. Colours can be used: Background is black; the shield is navy blue; the laurel, white and the lettering and figures, pink.

Please advise if you are interested in having this logo embroidered on a garment of your choice.

1989 A. G. M. & DINNER

The 1989 function will be held at the Renaissance Centre, Rundle Mall, on Friday 8th September.
Meeting at 5.30 and Dinner at 7.00 for 7.30 p.m

The 25 year group graduated in 1963, and will be 'organised' by Michael Milne, Box 478, NARACORTE 5271
phone: 087 62 2598 (Home) or 087 62 1855 at work. He will be assisted by Brian Daniel, "Catninga", Stirling North 5710

The 10 year group will be? (Sorry, there's been a breakdown in communication. They graduated the year after Greg Moulds.) See next Digest.

Other Year groups are welcome to have a 'get-together'

W O R K F O R S T U D E N T S

R.O.C.A. members can help present students by employing them during the holidays.

You may be able to help by giving Counseling to students to help them decide their career.

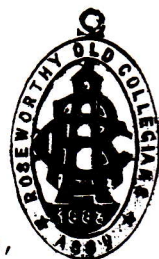
If you would like to help, please contact Graham Brookman at the College. He is the organiser of this work.

R. O. C. A. B A D G E S

Membership badges are still available.

Order yours from the Digest Editor, Andrew Michelmore,
354 Glynburn Road, KENSINGTON GARDENS S A

\$10.00 for the "saw pierced" or \$5.00 for the plain badge,



NEWS FROM MEMBERS

B. C. PHILP (1921 - 1966) We were sorry to hear last week that "Philpy" had just celebrated 100 days in Hospital, but were pleased to learn too, that he is being moved to "Griffiths" Hospital, 13 Dunrobin Road, HOVE 5048. He is now making rapid progress. He had passed his 'L' plates test for wheel chairs at the Wakefield Memorial Hospital - they had a speed limit for one-leg drivers. Yes, Philpy will be pleased to see any old students if you are in the area during the next few weeks. Ring 298 4299, and check that he is still there.

MARK RITCHIE (1987 Grad) has moved from Andrew Garrett Wines to the James Cook University, Queensland, to study for a Masters Degree, specialising in Tropical Agriculture.

EYRE PENINSULA WEEKEND

More than 60 attended the annual Dinner on 25th Feb. Most now know that the last weekend of February is the time to head for Port Lincoln, and forget the seasonal effect of the weather.

Ray Norton (RAC Farm Management 1954 - 1972) was guest speaker and told us of his experiences in England on a recent trip. High rates of fertilizer are used, but yields of 7 - 8 t of Rape and up to 12.74 t of wheat per hectare were noted.

It seems that Farm Managers are in need of re-education by the students. He found that tractors were for racing on the farm roadways (on the way home from work); harrows were excellent for demolishing fences, especially near corners; a diligent student could save hours of laborious field work by packing large quantities of straw in a header; a quick turn with a partly laden trailer could put on a spectacular show! Ray remembered that there were only minor variations in activities from his student days.

Ideal weather prevailed for the picnic and barbecue at Billy Light Piont on the Sunday.

AWARD OF MERIT

The R.O.C.A. Award of Merit has been presented annually since 1961. It is an honour conferred on outstanding R.O.C.A. members in recognition of meritorious service to Agriculture, the College, R.O.C.A. or to the Community.

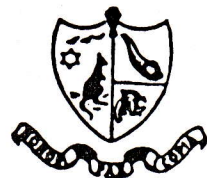
It is not awarded lightly, and the nominations are made by two members; reviewed by a panel from the highest level of South Australian Agriculturalists.

When you make a nomination, it is essential that you, the seconder and the Nominee be identified as financial members of R.O.C.A. PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME.

If you know a worthy nominee, please prepare a nomination, and see if his name can be added to this list:

1961 - Roland Hill	1962 - David Riceman
1963 - Len Cook	1964 - W.J.Dawkins
1965 - Frank Pearson	1966 - Sir Allan Callaghan
1967 - Bob Herriot	1968 - Denis Muirhead
1969 - Jack Reddin	1970 - Ron Badman
1971 - Rex Butterfield	1972 - Rex Krause
1973 - Rex Kuchel	1974 - Lex Walker
1975 - Ken Pike	1976 - Len Laffer
1977 - Des Habel	1978 - Henry Day
1979 - Mark Hutton	1980 - Cliff Hooper
1981 - Andrew Michelmore	1982 - Milton Spurling
1983 - Ralph Hewett Jones	1984 - David Suter
1985 - Bruce Eastick	1986 - John Obst
1987 - Robin Steed	1988 - Reg French
1989 -	

See a member of the Committee if you want further details to help prepare a nomination which must be with the Secretary by 30th June



AWARD OF MERIT

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Please post nominations to the Secretary, R. O. C. A.,
C/-ROSEWORTHY COLLEGE, ROSEWORTHY S A 5371

Name of Nominee

Address of Nominee

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Period at Roseworthy

Proposed by
(please print & sign)

Seconded by
(please print & sing)

Supporting data must be provided on career, employment and occupation since leaving Roseworthy College.

Please list major published papers, achievements, academic qualifications and honours bestowed, including community service so the selection panel can make an assessment on the information provided.

Nominees must be financial members of R.O.C.A., and the proposer and seconder must also be financial members.



1988 GRADUATES

Your free membership was presented to you on Graduation Day last year. We trust that you have enjoyed the year of contact with Roseworthy Old Collegians. Membership fees become due with the A.G.M. in September. Join now!

1989 GRADUATES

Welcome to R O C A. We hope that we can help you maintain contact with R.A.C. Please let us know your address so we can keep you posted with information from Roseworthy.

ANNUAL MEMBERS

Please post your subs now if you have not paid.
Why not become a Life Member?

A P P L I C A T I O N F O R L I F E M E M B E R S H I P

I wish to join Roseworthy Old Collegians Association.

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COURSE ATTENDED **YEAR GRADUATED**

Cheque herewith \$40.00 Life Membership / \$5.00 Annual Member

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COURSE ATTENDED **YEAR**

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