

Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Inc.

# ROCA DIGEST

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## 1990 AWARD OF MERIT



**ROCA President, Dale Manson presenting the 1990 Award of Merit to Tony Summers. Looking on is Award of Merit selection panel member and Chief Executive Officer of the United Farmers & Stockowners, Michael Deare.**

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## President's Report

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The last 18 months have seen huge changes to R.A.C. and R.O.C.A.

As of the first of January this year, Roseworthy Agricultural College ceased to exist.

It is now the Roseworthy Campus of the University of Adelaide.

The merger of the two institutions, mooted nearly two years ago, has become a reality.

R.A.C., the Waite Institute and the old Faculty of Agricultural Science have merged to become the "Faculty of Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences".

There are eight departments in the new faculty:

1. Soil Science
2. Plant Science
3. Animal Science
4. Crop Protection
5. Horticulture, Viticulture & Oenology
6. Environmental Science and Rangeland Management
7. Agricultural Technology
8. Business and Extension

Four of these departments will be located at Roseworthy, and four at the Waite.

The Dean of the new Faculty is Professor Harold Woolhouse.

Those of you who have had the opportunity to hear Professor Woolhouse speak and to meet and work with him, cannot help but be impressed.

He is a man who comes to the job with no preconceived ideas or bias, and who is prepared to assess any proposal on its merits.

He has met with your executive committee on a number of occasions, and without doubt, he has a strong commitment to the future of the Roseworthy Campus.

He looks to R.O.C.A. to do likewise.

There is to be a function in March of this year to launch the new faculty.

It will involve former students, the Alumni, R.O.C.A., current students and the Academic, Support and Administrative staffs of both Roseworthy and Waite campuses.

Members will be contacted at a later date with further details.

1991 also marks the Centenary of Urrbrae House.

It was built in 1890-91 and occupied by Peter Waite and his family for the first time in 1891.

There are a number of events organised for the year, including Open Days, a Heritage Ball, Garden Party and a Heritage Walk in conjunction with Carrick Hill.

Further information will be forwarded shortly to all members, to give everyone an opportunity to be involved.

The future management and structure of accommodation at Roseworthy Campus has been the subject of much discussion.

Your Committee have stressed the need for affordable accommodation for those attending Roseworthy.

This has been accepted as a fundamental basis in all discussions.



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While the exact structure of the body to run residential services has not yet been finalised, it appears that the name "ROSEWORTHY COLLEGE" will live on.

It is proposed that the halls of residence function in a manner similar to the other residential colleges (St Marks, St Anns, Lincoln, Aquinas), which are affiliated with the University of Adelaide.

This will include provision of academic support, through tutors, for residents.

I will report more fully on progress with these proposals in the next Digest.

There are a number of regional dinners proposed for later this year.

As well as the annual Eyre Peninsula two day event on February 23rd and 24th at Port Lincoln, work has commenced on functions in the South East (Alan Richardson - convenor), the Riverland (Dale Manson, Allan Alcock - convenors), and Clare (Stephen Ball - convenor).

The Annual Dinner and A.G.M. will again be held during September in Adelaide.

At this stage, we do not have a Digest Editor.

My thanks to Dale Manson for getting this edition to the printer.

If there are any budding Murdochs or Fairfaxes who would like to have a go at editing the Digest, please let me know.

A.G. (BARDY) McFARLANE  
*President*

**WHY NOT BECOME A  
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## About Your New President

R.O.C.A. would like to introduce its new President to the members.

Alistair (Bardy) McFarlane was educated at St Peters College prior to studying agriculture at Roseworthy Agricultural College.

He excelled academically, and actively participated in student affairs, becoming President of the Student Union Council.

After graduating in 1971, Bardy returned to the family pastoral interests at Brinkley Station, Wellington.

During the 1980's, Bardy decided to once again take up study, entering Adelaide University's law degree.

Bardy now practices in the Adelaide legal firm, Piper Alderman, specialising in environmental law.

He also retains a directorship on the board of the family's rural interests.

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# President's Report

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## 1989/90 Year

It is with quite a deal of pleasure that I present my report for the 1989/90 year.

The past twelve months have highlighted the worth of R.O.C.A. as a body which is not only entrusted with the responsibility of safeguarding the status of past Roseworthy graduates, but also a body which has a place in guiding future educational practice.

I have attempted to pursue the proactive policy instigated by my predecessor.

The untiring efforts of a number of the R.O.C.A. Committee members this year have enabled quite a deal of ground to be covered in a short time.

Through our delegate on the Merger Investigation/ Implementation Committee, R.O.C.A. has played a key role in merger matters between the University of Adelaide and Roseworthy College.

I commend your Vice President of the past two years, Bardy McFarlane, for his untiring effort as our delegate on this committee.

As a Roseworthy graduate, lawyer, and practical farmer, Bardy has been a key resource within the group charged with the responsibility to make the merger work.

Several years ago, R.O.C.A. made a conscious move to publicly back Adelaide University as the favoured merger partner.

Since that move, nothing has occurred to make my Committee regret that decision.

It is somewhat sad that Roseworthy will no doubt gradually lose its former identity, starting with the change of name in 1991, however I have no doubt that the students and South Australian agriculture will

gain enormous benefit in the long term.

The task is to now ensure that the style of training in practical technology so ably provided by Roseworthy, does not disappear.

A final decision is to be made very shortly on the future direction of R.O.C.A. within the Adelaide University Alumni framework.

I urge all members to make a decision that will allow R.O.C.A. to move ahead at the same pace as Roseworthy itself.

R.O.C.A. is not only looking at the future though.

We are devoting a large amount of effort to enable the history of R.A.C. to be recorded.

Museum contributions, support of the grandstand reconstruction, plaques to record the history of R.O.C.A., R.A.C. and the Award of Merit, and honour rolls for graduates - These are all positive moves initiated this year to ensure that the combined spirit of R.A.C. and R.O.C.A. will always be alive at the new Roseworthy Campus of the University of Adelaide.

This year it is particularly significant that the Award of Merit will be presented to a person who has made an enormous contribution to agriculture through the field of agribusiness.

Tony Summers' award is a first for R.O.C.A., and I feel it is an indication of the growing importance of agribusiness in the daily lives of practical farmers, particularly during the predicted harsh economic times ahead.

My thanks go to the Committee and the general membership for the support I have received during the past twelve months.

It is with a great deal of pride that I hand R.O.C.A. over to the new President in a sound physical, financial and ethical state.

Thank you,  
**DALE MANSON**  
*President*  
22 September 1990



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## LAUNCH OF NEW FACULTY

**All R.O.C.A. members and interested friends are invited to attend the launch of the new Faculty of Agriculture and Natural Resource Sciences, at the Waite Campus on Saturday March 9th, from 2.30pm.**

From January 1st this year, Roseworthy Agricultural College was amalgamated with the University of Adelaide.

A new faculty called the "Faculty of Agriculture and Natural Resource Sciences", was formed from this amalgamation.

Eight new departments have been created to be responsible for all courses previously offered at Roseworthy and the Waite.

At the launch on 9 March, people will be brought up to date with the changes, and learn plans for the future.

Guest speakers will be the Hon. Mr John Dawkins, Federal Minister of Education, and principal architect of amalgamation policy.

Professor Harold Woolhouse, Director of the Waite Institute and Dean of the new Faculty, will outline plans for the future.

The work of the eight new departments, covering both campuses, will be on display in the Teaching Wing, and the Heads of Departments will be on hand to explain the work.

To celebrate the launch of the new Faculty, a dozen outstanding wines from past graduates of Roseworthy and the University of Adelaide have been selected to make a Faculty Dozen.

This will be launched by the makers, with an opportunity to taste and buy.

The launch of the new Faculty will be celebrated on

the Roseworthy Campus on Friday April 5th, following the Graduation Ceremony.

A commemorative plaque will be unveiled by Sir Allan R Callaghan.

### Program for the 9 March Launch

- 2.30pm** Registration on arrival. Collect map and location of Department exhibits, site for speakers, winetasting and timetable of events.
- 2.30 - 3.30pm** Static displays in teaching wing. Inspection of Urrbrae House and displays.
- 3.30pm** Welcome by Prof. Harold Woolhouse, followed by introduction of Hon. Mr John Dawkins, Federal Minister of Education.
- 3.35-3.55pm** Hon. Mr Dawkins' speech.
- 4.00 - 4.30pm** Professor Woolhouse, "The New Faculty"  
Assoc. Dean Undergraduate Studies, Mr Ken Edwards  
Assoc. Dean Postgraduate Studies, Dr Liljegren.  
President, Ag. Science Chapter of Alumni, Mr Phil Young.
- 4.30 - 5.30pm** Winetasting and launch of the Faculty Dozen.



## R.O.C.A. AWARD TO AGRIBUSINESS LEADER

Prominent South Australian agribusiness leader, Tony Summers (R.D.A. 1964), has been awarded the 1990 Roseworthy Old Collegian Association Award of Merit.

This is the first occasion in the 31 year history of the Award that a person involved in commerce and agribusiness has been honoured.

Since graduating from Roseworthy Agricultural College in 1963, Tony Summers has become one of the most prominent business leaders in the agricultural sector.

He is particularly well known for his ability to bolster struggling rurally oriented companies through strategic restructuring and development of lucrative export markets.

In the 1970's, Tony Summers developed a local company to become the largest producer and processor of pig meat in Australia.

Currently he is Chairman of a number of companies including Bennett & Fisher, R.M. Williams, Strategic Technologies International and Austek Microsystems Ltd.

Tony Summers is also a director of the State Bank of S.A. and Beneficial Finance.

### THANK YOU

R.O.C.A. would like to thank everyone who has donated memorabilia and historic items to R.A.C. over the years.

Even though "ROSEWORTHY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE" has now passed into history itself, the University of Adelaide will allow all historic items and donations to remain at Roseworthy on permanent display, or in storage for use at a future date.

The Roseworthy Campus of the University of Adelaide may in fact be in a far better position to care for historic items and donated memorabilia than Roseworthy Agricultural College.

Due to funding and staffing limitations at R.A.C., many historic items were stored under less than ideal



In presenting the award in September, President of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association, Dale Manson, said the outstanding contributions made by Tony Summers to the rural sector and community affairs made him a truly great Australian.

Outside of his business life, Tony Summers is heavily involved in community affairs.

He is currently Chairman of the Adelaide Festival of Arts, Campaign Chairman of the Cathedral Church of St Peter Restoration Project, and Chairman of the National Farmers Federation Fighting Fund.

conditions. A number of items either deteriorated or simply disappeared over the years.

Under guidance from the University of Adelaide, the Roseworthy Campus will now be able to preserve historic memorabilia in a manner that will avoid further deterioration or loss. Old Collegians can now make donations to the Roseworthy Campus with the knowledge that the items will be safely held in custody for future generations.

The latest donation to the Roseworthy Campus has come from the Rev. Murray Brown (RDA 1964) of Nedlands W.A. Rev. Brown was Dux during each of the three years of his course, and donated his gold medals to Roseworthy Campus during his visit to S.A. for the reunion weekend in September.



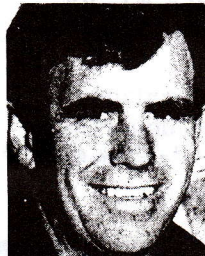
## OLD COLLEGIAN WINS WORLD ENVIRONMENT TROPHY FOR GOOD P.R.

A public relations company run by Old Collegian, Richard Fewster (R.D.A. 1965), recently won a world environment award for work involving Chowilla Station, run by another Old Collegian, John Chappel (R.D.A. 1971).



Richard Fewster

"While focusing on the environmental reason for retaining the bush, the campaign was based on showing others the direct and indirect benefits already achieved by farmers and landowners who had embraced the 'Save the Bush' ethic.



John Chappel

Turnbull Fox Phillips has won the public relations industry's highest international award for its work in the area of environmental protection - the inaugural Golden World Trophies environment award.

It was announced in London by the International Public Relations Association.

TFP's managing director is Mr Richard Fewster, son of Mr and Mrs Jack Fewster, of Renmark.

He said the award was presented for implementing and handling the PR for the SA Department of Environment and Planning's vegetation retention and management program and the Commonwealth Development Bank Ibis Awards.

The 1989 Ibis Awards were presented to Chowilla Station and its manager, Mr John Chappel.

### Changing

Mr Fewster said the 'Save the Bush' and Ibis programs were aimed at changing the deeply entrenched tradition that the Australian scrub was there to be cleared by hard work so it could be turned into productive agricultural land.

"The challenge was to implement a PR strategy and program which would change farmer and community attitudes regarding the need to retain native vegetation," he said.

"Perhaps the most pleasing aspect of the program was that without exception, these farmers were not only highly successful in their own right, but in most cases had increased production and returns as a result of their shift to more environmentally sound farming practices."

Mr Fewster said the campaign's main components included media articles and publicity, publishing a newsletter (Bush Chronicle) and a series of field days throughout SA.

*from Murray Pioneer 1990*

### HAVE YOU RECEIVED A BANKCARD ACCOUNT FOR WINE?

On the Sunday of the reunion at R.A.C. last September, an Old Collegian and his wife purchased some wine and glasses from the R.A.C. winery.

Unfortunately the winery salesperson placed the bankcard back-to-front in the embossing machine, and the College has no record of who made the purchase.

If you have a blank bankcard receipt, or have not received a bankcard account for the wine during the past five months, Marion Noak at the College winery would very much like to hear from you.

The goods purchased were:  
4 glasses, 3 bottles Rhine Riesling and  
3 bottles Carb. Sav. Merlot

Total Value **\$61.25**



## RECORD ATTENDANCE AT DINNER

The first R.O.C.A. dinner to be held at R.A.C. for many years attracted a record of nearly 250 members.

Conducted in September, the function certainly stretched the resources of the R.A.C. Student Union Tavern to its limits, however complaints were few, and the spirit of the evening remained high.



*Graduates of 1970 in earnest conversation at the Reunion Dinner.*

This year, the 50 year group joined the traditional 10 and 25 year reunion groups to introduce its members to all present.

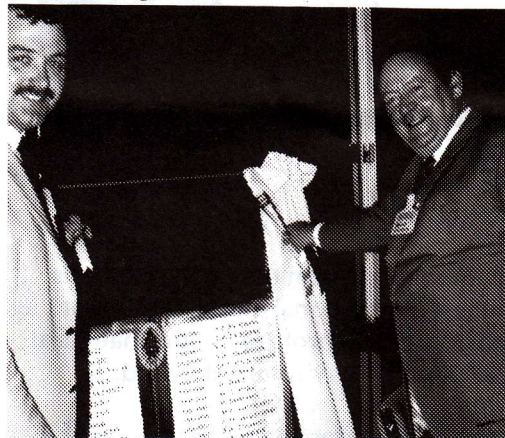
Highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 1990 Award of Merit to Tony Summers.

Mr Summers has been intimately involved with various aspects of agribusiness and community affairs over many years.

During the evening, Mrs Eva Cowley also made a presentation of three beautiful candlestick holders to the College Chapel.

Around seventy people took advantage of the College accommodation on the Saturday evening, with two hundred people returning on the Sunday to enjoy a family day at the College.

During the weekend, retiring R.O.C.A. President, Dale Manson, and President of the R.A.C. Council, Dr Bruce Eastick, jointly performed a number of official functions including the unveiling of two bronze honour rolls listing Award of Merit recipients and R.O.C.A. Presidents, and the official opening of the "Old Collegians Grandstand" at the oval.



## FIFTY YEAR GROUP REUNION 22ND SEPTEMBER 1990

Eight members of the 1937 intake at Roseworthy returned for the Annual Dinner which was held at the College this year. Some had not met since College days, having been dispersed first by joining the Army, Navy or Air Force for a few years; then by following their chosen career.

Alex Richardson was the only one to go interstate, and it was good that he was able to travel from Brisbane for the gathering. Des Habel travelled from Port Lincoln, Col Brennan from Kapunda, Jerry Fry from Frances and John Pocock from Lameroo; while Alf Humble, Andy Michelmore and Jack Reddin came from Adelaide. We were pleased to have our Housemaster, Wally Goulter as part of the team.

We had a great time recalling some of the happenings of our era. We noted the many changes - there were 66 (male only) students in our time - now nearly 1000. That does not give each student much time sitting behind a team of eight horses!!!



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## NEW R.O.C.A. COMMITTEE

Following the Annual General Meeting in September, the face of the R.O.C.A. committee has altered.

The new committee is:

President:	Bardy McFarlane
Immediate Past President:	Dale Manson
Secretary:	Ray Farrelly
Treasurer:	Peter Fairbrother
Graduating Year:	Stephen Ball
2 - 10 Year Rep:	Paul LeLacheur
Committee:	John Hill
	Lachlan McLaren
	Peter Lewis
	Harry Stephen
	Andrew Michelmore
	Allan Alcock
Eyre Peninsula Rep:	Jack Richards
S.E. Reps.:	Alan Richardson
	David Brown

The meeting failed to obtain a Digest Editor or Vice President.

Expressions of interest are now being received for both of these positions.

### POSITION VACANT

## DIGEST EDITOR

Here is an opportunity to be part of the information process within an active and growing team.

Volunteers to:  
**The President,**  
**Bardy McFarlane**  
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## ENTRANCE MONUMENT

Since 1969, the entrance to Roseworthy Agricultural College has been marked by a large triangular concrete monument donated by the 1968-1969 Third Year Students.

As part of the plan to change existing signage at Roseworthy Agricultural College to cater for the merger with the University of Adelaide, this concrete monument at the entrance was seen as a significant and important change.

Two options were open. Either the monument could be removed, or the lettering altered in line with the name change. The option of leaving the concrete monument unaltered, with the brass letters "Roseworthy College" intact, was unacceptable to the University.

R.O.C.A. considered that reference to the former name of Roseworthy Agricultural College should appear on the monument.

After considerable consultation with R.O.C.A. and the students of 1968-69, it was decided to leave the monument unchanged except for the change of letters to "University of Adelaide - Roseworthy Campus" on the two faces.

On the rear of the monument, in addition to the current plaque which reads, "A Tribute from the Third Year Students 1968-1969", a second plaque reading "On 1 January 1991, Roseworthy Agricultural College merged with The University of Adelaide", will be affixed.

The University are prepared to spend over \$2,500 on the concrete monument in order to comply with the wishes of R.O.C.A. and the 1978-79 students.

We appreciate the consideration shown by the University authorities.



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# EYRE PENINSULA REUNION

The annual Eyre Peninsula R.O.C.A. reunion will once again be held at Port Lincoln on the last weekend in February (23rd & 24th).

This year, guest speaker at the Saturday evening dinner will be Adelaide University (Roseworthy Campus) Plant Breeder, Gil Hollamby.

As usual, a family BBQ day will be conducted on the Sunday.

For further details, contact Bruce McCallum (086 864205) or Allan Lawes (086 846054).

## THE YEAR OF '62

"Gentlemen", he called us, as we stepped down from the bus,  
Coughed and spluttered "brrp, brrp, brrp" as he spoke, to the 41 of us.  
We were a happy bunch of blokes, so little did we know,  
As the senior students soon told us, so many years ago.

"What a miserable, sorry lot," they said, "A bunch of useless, bumptious shits",  
Who didn't rate a chance to play with Waikato Nancy's tits.

Their welcome was most unreserved, and we soon began to know  
The horses' names, the staffies' wives and where we could not go.

But we settled down to make the best, and as life was getting good,  
Another bastard then appeared - the ubiquitous Mr Hood.  
Well we weathered all the first onslaught and as things were going nice,  
We had a night - time meeting with some people from

the vice . . . squad!

What joy and rapture, when at work as unpaid manual slaves,  
Pandering to a third year's whim and not making many waves.  
Occasionally we'd "grab a hack" and jog along with Ted -  
We "young men all knew nothing" is what he often said.

Baron, Pride and Betty all trod upon our toes,  
And remember geeing Moonbeam up to see how fast she goes?  
The silage silos were a treat, the smell and foetid air,  
"Chop and pitch the silage faster, shits" was the cry that echoed there.

Rat and Mouse, they ran the farm, and Harry loved the chooks,  
Bill the Bull was the dairy man and Philpy kept the books.  
Sunshine was beauty to behold as on the lawn she lay,  
Outside the main building at lunchtime, our studies to delay.

Gabe tried his hand at haute cuisine, but was a dismal flop,  
Curry before a Willaston game caused those who ate to trot.  
Remember Balls and Franger French, Ted George and all the rest?  
But H.A. was the one perhaps we all remember best.

"Straight from the shoulder" so he said and puffed on a smelly pipe  
As he did the rounds to see that we were all tucked up real tight.  
Stovepipe Dave, the shit dam, the Railway on Saturday night,  
Trays of jelly from the kitchen, OP spirit caused a fright.

In season as we shelled the peas, the kitchen to supply,  
Vera asked the rabbits' names, but no-one would reply.  
The plonkies made a special brew to help us break the ice



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At the cabaret in first year, when Blue thought Gaynor looked nice.

As cold beer from the factory was a treat well worth the chance;

There were no cars, no girls, no time, and little romance.

Who can forget a sandwich of well-made lovely silage  
Or hacking back from Adelaide for dairy - oh the mileage

Did we make at night when the early morning sun  
Threatened to come up on us, before the journey's done.

Calling rowing races while perched on an abortion,  
Or giving birth to a 44, with sound effects and contortion.

We dug a spud with Keith and Bill and sniffed a wine  
with Tom or Ted,  
And had some rude awakenings when arseholed from our bed.

As we raise a glass to give a toast to RAC today,  
We remember good times those years ago when we were showed the way.  
So forgive our reminiscences as we enjoy ourselves tonight,  
The memories of those years ago are really a delight.

Stirrup

## End of Era Celebration - "A Ripper!"

The End of an Era Celebration on 1 December last year showed above all, the rich diversity of talent and the zest for life enjoyed by RAC staff and students (both past and present). The atmosphere was electric not only because of the threatening thunderstorm but through the human electricity generated by 600 people, all determined to enjoy themselves and to pay a tribute to RAC.

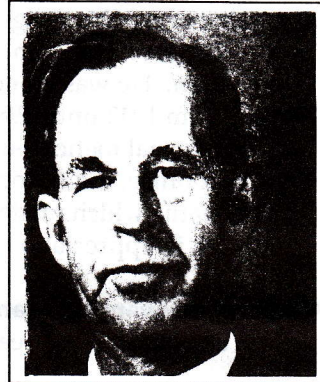
Several groups of Old Collegians were present and they are still talking about the success of the night, which for some continued well into the early hours of the next day.

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## OBITUARY

### B.C. PHILP

As 31st December 1990 signaled the end of an era for Roseworthy College when it became the Roseworthy Campus of the Adelaide University, so November 24th 1990 was the end of another era for the College with the passing of B.C. (Leigh) Philp at the age of 89 years. "Philpy" as he was affectionately known by hundreds of Old Collegians and a host of former staff members, was a name almost synonymous with Roseworthy College for 45 years.



Leigh Philp joined the College staff in a junior clerical position in March 1921, was appointed Secretary/Accountant in September 1934, a position he held until his retirement on 31st May 1966 - a fine record of service which received glowing tributes from the Minister of Agriculture (Hon. G.A. Bywaters), Staff colleagues and former students at that time. Leigh Philp was a dedicated officer who gave faithful and unselfish service to the College. Many will recall the light burning in Philpy's office late into the night - preparing budgets, balancing books, writing Minutes and the host of duties which became his responsibility.

He was an enthusiastic and tireless worker in promoting the welfare and progress of the College and its students.

He was a great supporter of College sport, especially football, and for many years was goal umpire for the College team in the Gawler & District League.

He also took a keen interest in the Old Collegians Association both before and since his retirement, thereby maintaining his contact with former students. He attended ROCA Reunions regularly, including the most recent one held at the College in September. He was also a frequent visitor to the Eyre Peninsula



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Reunions of ROCA. Leigh was made an Honorary Life Member of ROCA in 1959 for services to the Association. He was Honorary Auditor of the Association from 1943 until 1984, a task which he carried out in his usual meticulous way. When he retired from that office, the Association bestowed on him special status which made him a guest at all ROCA Reunions, in appreciation of his service to ROCA.

In spite of advancing years, Philpy enjoyed excellent health until about two years ago.

He had a marvellous memory of early College days and ROCA members will recall his memoirs in a series of articles which were widely read and enjoyed when published in the DIGEST some years ago.

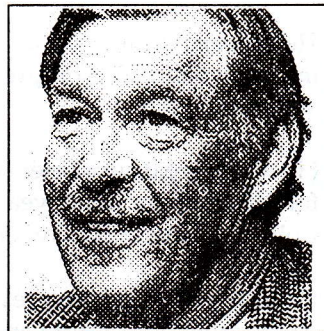
Leigh Philp's years of dedicated service to the College and ROCA were made possible by a supportive and understanding wife, Winifred, and his family - Harold, Beryl and Bruce. Win predeceased him by just 11 weeks.

ROCA extends its sympathy to the children and their families on their double bereavement, but members assure them that they share with them many happy memories of Philpy and Win, who established a record at Roseworthy College which may never be challenged.

## OBITUARY

**Geoffrey  
O'Halloran Giles  
(R.D.A. 1949)**

The former Federal Member for Wakefield, Mr Geoffrey O'Halloran Giles, died of a brain tumor at the age of 67.



Mr Giles had been ill since May, 1989.

His 24-year career in politics ended in 1983 after he had been deselected from the blue-ribbon Liberal seat

of Wakefield in favor of the current member, Mr Neil Andrew.

A former RAAF fighter pilot who served with 78 Squadron in Australia and New Guinea in 1943 and 1944, Mr Giles was elected to the State Legislative Council for the Southern District in 1959.

He resigned in 1964 when he was elected to the Federal house of Representatives as the Member for Angas. Following the 1977 electoral redistribution, he became the Member for Wakefield.

In 1979, he survived a pre-selection challenge by a former South Australian Premier, Mr Steele Hall.

"The wine industry in particular in South Australia must recognise the indebtedness that it has to him because he managed to discourage the Liberal Party while in power from imposing a sales tax on wine.

"Geoff was a very affable member and people felt very much at their ease with him. He was generous and gregarious".

After leaving the political stage, Mr Giles became an art consultant, a subject of which he had a personal love.

He leaves two children from his previous marriage, a wife, Lyn, and a son, Nigel, 11.

## OBITUARY

**Arthur Reginald Ninnes (R.D.A.) 1926)**

Reg Ninnes passed away on November 1st, 1990, aged 88.

In the College's Centenary year, Reg Ninnes was honoured with a Roseworthy Centenary Award of Achievement in recognition of his contributions to agricultural education, especially at the secondary level, in South Australia.

Reg Ninnes graduated with the Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture with first class honours in 1926.



He was the first person to be trained as a teacher of agriculture by the Education Department in South Australia, and pioneered the teaching of agricultural science studies in secondary schools, introducing the first course at Clare High School in 1927.

In 1939 he was appointed as the first advisory teacher in agriculture, later Inspector of Agriculture, for South Australia.

Reg was responsible for the courses in agricultural studies in secondary schools, and nature science in primary schools in South Australia for over 27 years.

During this period, much of the curricula and text books for agricultural studies were first developed.

Throughout his professional life, Reg Ninnes was without doubt the most influential person in the teaching of agriculture in the secondary school system in South Australia, and earned the acclaim of R.A.C. as one of its outstanding graduates.

## OFFICIAL OPENING OF EASTICK BUILDING

The Eastick Building, completed during 1990, comprises the Campus Library, the Audio-Visual Services and offices for the members of the Department of Business Extension of the Faculty of Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences. The building was funded by the Commonwealth through the Department of Employment, Education and Training.

The Eastick Building will be officially opened by Her Excellency the Governor of South Australia, The Hon. Dame Roma Mitchell, DBE at The University of Adelaide's Roseworthy Campus at 2.30pm on Friday 1 March 1991.

## ROCA Membership

Why not become a Life Member?  
It is good value at only \$40.00

### APPLICATION FOR ROCA MEMBERSHIP

I wish to join Roseworthy Old Collegians  
Association Inc.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Course Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Graduated: \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque Herewith: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$40.00 Life Membership/\$5.00 Annual Membership

**Roseworthy Old Collegians  
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