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DAYS RD. ANGLE PARK

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P.S. RETURN COUPON ON BACK PAGE NOW

ROSEWORTHY 74 STYLE

In the present R.D.A. course there are 63 students in year 1, 47 in year 2, and 21 in year 3. There are also 15 in R.D.A.T. and 20 in Oenology. The Director (Dr. Williams) reports that student numbers have been restricted by accommodation facilities. Student numbers, however can be increased by increasing student numbers in courses which don't require residence at Roseworthy. Dr. Williams says that this, combined with approval for off-college residence during year 3 will enable a lift in student numbers if some extra staff can be made available for teaching additional students.

PRACTICAL WORK There is no intention to change the emphasis on practical teaching in agricultural courses at Roseworthy. It is considered that the college has already gone far enough along the road of reduced practical work and plans now to hold the line at the present level - at about 150 to 160 days of practice in the first two years in the course, weekends and vacation periods included.

NEW RESPONSIBILITIES Apart from training students, Roseworthy has a responsibility under its new Act to provide "Practical courses for the benefit of those engaged in occupations for which the College provides education and training."

This, along with the specified responsibility to provide training in the marketing of primary production, makes it clear that the College has a new opportunity to develop advice and courses in agricultural marketing which by their very nature will relate to the needs of farm people. Dr. Williams hopes that one such new programme which involves both research and educational programmes with farm people may be linked with Roseworthy's wheat breeding activities which have for so long been a feature of the College's work. To fulfil these new responsibilities Dr. Williams envisages more activities and closer contact with farm people, more short courses about the college's research and areas of special knowledge, more effort to assist rural communities and to do research which meets their recognised needs - rural people, rural structures, rural areas, rather than rural commodities and rural industries.

NEW COURSES The new Council's proposals for modification of Roseworthy courses are based on the need to provide a variety of courses and to provide for different needs from students with different capacities and interests.

The main proposals so far approved can be summarised as follows:

OENOLOGY 1. A new Diploma Course in Wine Production and Marketing for persons in the wine industry. This is planned as a two-year course on the 'sandwich' principle, entry qualifications to be completion of secondary schooling, with appropriate experience in some aspect of wine production or marketing. The course will include the scientific basis of wine making, and considerable attention to commercial and marketing and cultural aspects of wine production and marketing.

2. A conversion of the existing Diploma in Oenology course to a Bachelor of Applied Science (Oenology) with a new first year, precise details of which remain to be specified.

AGRICULTURE 1. Bachelor of Applied Science (Agriculture). Proposals envisage establishment of a Degree course gradually in lieu of the existing Roseworthy Diploma in Agricultural Technology, (Matriculation entry).

2. Diploma in Agriculture, to continue substantially as at present.

3. Diploma in Resource Management to be a parallel course to the R.D.A. for students seeking training in the management of recourse systems rather than of farms.

GRADUATE DIPLOMAS The need to provide specialist courses for those with more general training, the need to establish refresher-type courses, and the need to fill gaps in existing training facilities, have all been factors leading to proposals for new graduate training for diplomates.

The new courses proposed are one year courses providing specialist training for a:

Diploma in Agricultural Engineering;

Diploma in Agricultural Marketing.

These courses will be open to diplomates who seek to obtain more training in particular aspects of agriculture.

OENOLOGY NOTES One of the features of training at Roseworthy in recent years has been the Diploma in Oenology. Prior to 1964, the total number of R.D. Oen's was 78. Since then the course has developed and this year 19 graduates received their diplomas. There was an intake of 20 this year, and there are already 20 applicants enrolled in the next course which it is hoped will start in 1975.

Such intakes have had implications on the R.D.A. course, and in future it is planned not to permit entry to Oenology after R.D.A. 11.

LETTERS

BOB BANYER, currently head of the Plant Sciences Department at Wagga Agricultural College forwarded the following letter, which in part is reproduced here to keep Old Collegeians in touch with interstate ag. college developments.

Bob writes "Wagga, like Roseworthy, is a College of Advanced Education, although it differs from R.A.C. in that it is still administered separately under the Minister of Agriculture. We are living administratively under the shadow of the rapidly developing Riverina College of Advanced Education which is developing its programme of administrative, scientific and domestic students quarters on the ag. college property. The R.C.A.E. is a large multi-disciplinary autonomous C.A.E. with a current enrolment of 1600 students (1016 full time and 623 external part time and correspondence. Their projected total enrolment by 1980 of 5,000 students will make W.A.C. with a current enrolment of 175 virtually a 'drop in the ocean.'

In an attempt to get the best of both worlds W.A.C. initiated a move to become accepted by the R.C.A.E. as their School of Agriculture, while still remaining under the Minister of Agriculture, and retaining all the administrative advantages of the Dept. of Agriculture. A lot has been said and still is about the role of C.A.E.'s, but in my view the aims and objectives of ag. colleges have not changed greatly. They are basically the same that have existed for many years under the 'old' system but with increased facilities, better trained staff and higher academic standards, hopefully the new product will be better equipped to handle the ever increasing complexities and demands of advanced technology and managerial skills. We certainly have a fine tradition to follow and maintain and a great performance to live up to.

I see a few old Roseworthy mates occasionally, and have had a visit by Shorty Webber, Kieth Bicknell, Noel Matz and Alan Hincks, and have also entertained the inimitable Bill Magarey and his family. I also see Neville Gilbertson once in a while and have run into Mick Salter from Ardlethan.

I would be pleased to welcome Roseworthy old boys at any time and to show them around.

Please convey my best regards to mutual mates, and I wish the ROCA digest continuing success."

Life would be easy if all pens flowed like yours Bob (Ed.)

MONTY COTTON sends kindest regards to all his old contemporaries and the R.O.C.A., and writes

"At the moment I am chairman and managing director of Timber Industries Ltd. at Oberon. This company employs some 110 people and has a turnover of \$1,500,000, milling and finishing some 14,000,000 super feet of hardwood and Radiata Pine.

My brother Bob and I have a 1,600 acre farm at Shooters Hill, via Oberon, where we raise fat lambs and beef cattle. We use Hampshire Down sired on Xbred ewes and Murray Grey sires on herd dams.

Bob and his wife run a Murray Grey and a Hampshire Down stud.

My eldest daughter Michele is a B.V.Sc. and a B.Sc. (Vet) Hons 11 from Sydney University, and is currently employed by the Bathurst Veterinary practice."

SNIPPETS

- * Colin & Judith Glaetzer recently sent a postcard from Bordeaux. They have been overseas for 18 months with the idea of broadening their 'oenological experiences' (Judith being a chemist.) Colin will shortly be up to his ear-holes attempting to handle part of the Bordeaux crush. Naturally Bordeaux in '74 will be no 'vin ordinaire' with Colin there.
- * Bob and Anne Maczkowiack will shortly be leaving the safe confines of Loxton Research Centre to go into the wildes of share-farming at Biloela in Queensland.
- * Wayne Hein - currently doing Vet. (3rd. year) at Qld. Uni.
- * What-ever happened to the Watt, Redden, Barnes, Sharpe and Rady et. al. tribe from T.P.N.G. Either bongo drum messages are travelling slow these days, or the Chief Minister has got you bailed up. Shout for help fellas if you need any.
- * Dick Turnbull after a spell with International Red Cross in Ethiopia has joined up with Graham Brookman and Tony Gerlach, who are spending a year or so touring Europe after a year in Canada and Sweden on agricultural exchange. Dick will be leaving the trio shortly, and the two-some some-time later in the year will be heading home across Africa in their Kombi van. Best of luck you two mechanical genei. For your enlightenment V dubs have their engine up the back.

NOTICE OF MOTION - AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

That Clause 15 of the Constitution of the Roseworthy Old Collegians' Association be changed from:-

Life Membership Reserve Fund

- (a) There shall be a Life Membership Reserve Fund. The principal of this fund will be decided by calculating the number of current life members prior to 1/7/60 at \$10.00 plus life members since then at \$20.00.
- (b) All moneys received for Life Membership shall be paid into the Life Membership Reserve Fund and such other moneys that may be voted by an Annual General Meeting of the Association from the Ordinary Funds.
- (c) Only the Interest received from the Life Membership Reserve Fund and the excess principal shall be utilised for the ordinary purposes of the Association.

to read as follows:-

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INFLATION For those curious why this issue of the digest is less professionally produced than usual, inflation provides the answer. Production costs have soared unrealistically, and we are experimenting with this style of production to keep costs down. Incidentally, past ROCA dinner costs reflect the changing purchasing power of the dollar. The dinner in 1962 cost £1-2-6, 1964 £1-5-0, 1965 30/-, 1966 \$3-00, 1967 \$3-00, 1968 \$3-00, 1969 \$4-00, 1970 \$4-00, 1971 \$4-80, 1972 \$4-80, 1973 \$5-50, 1974 \$6-00. Perhaps we should consider calling 'Gabe' in to fix hash.

COLLEGE NEWS BY REG.

Graduation Day 1974, saw the passing of the last Graduation Ceremony of the Agricultural College Department presided over by the Minister of Agriculture. The Minister of Education will be present at future ceremonies for the graduation on students from the Roseworthy Agricultural College of Advanced Education.

March 14th heralded the proclaiming of the Roseworthy College Act, and this event signalled the start of a whole host of changes at the College. Staff had until April 30 (later if requested) to decide whether to stay with the College or elect to remain with the Public Service and leave the college. The new Governing Council has met a number of times and included several 'on college' meetings.

A staff barbecue early in March was well attended and everyone was out to further the corporate life at College. The climate at Roseworthy must be healthy, as it appears that there is a record number of staff children at college - a quick count reveals 40 of primary or pre-school age (including the recent addition of a second daughter to the Hutchinsons).

Staff and students batted it out in a friendly cricket match, and staff finished with more runs than students, (naturally), but when the number of overs was considered it was difficult to decide the winners. Several team-members remained behind after stumps and joined together for a barbecue tea.

The staff has received a further boost with additions in the following fields:

- * Plant breeder - John Mensel replaces Jim Loller.
- * Grounds - Brian Leitch-bock, barman from Roseworthy has been employed as second groundsman and relief driver.
- * Horticulture - Gordon Foxwell fills the gap left by 'Popey.'
- * The typing pool has again been enlarged (now 4).
- * Library service is looking up with the appointment of a librarian.
- * Plus another Handyman/builder for the maintenance section, mechanic for workshops, and gardener for the vegetable section.

**A.G.M. STARTS 5 P.M.
DINNER AT 7
COST : \$ 6-00 A HEAD**

NOMINATE NOW Nominations are required for the 1974-5 Committee by August 23. Please give this some thought and return with your dinner coupon.

1973-74 Committee.

1974-75 Nominations

President	Gavin Eckersley (1965-68)
Vice-President	John Jones (1965-68)
Immediate Past President	Geoff Norman (1949-51)
Secretary	Ian Rice (1954-57)
Treasurer	Reg Hutchinson (1965-67, 1972)
Honorary Auditor	B. C. Philp
One member of graduating year	Doug Clifford (1970-1973)
One member who left College more than one and less than 10 years ago:	Kym Dutschke (1969-71)
Four ordinary members:	David Suter (1940-43)
	Max Merckenschlager (1964-66)
	Harry Stephens (1945-48)
	David Spencer (1968-71)

Please fill in coupon below & return soon - SEE YOU THERE!

Mr. R. Hutchinson
ROCA Treasurer
Agricultural College
ROSEWORTHY. S.A. 5371

I will/will not be attending the reunion dinner on August 30th.
I enclose \$6-00 to cover costs.
I do/do not require a receipt.

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