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President of R.O.C.A., Andrew Michelmore, Greg Hocking, a student member of the Board of Management of the Club, Bill Nankivell, M.P., who declared the Community Club "open".



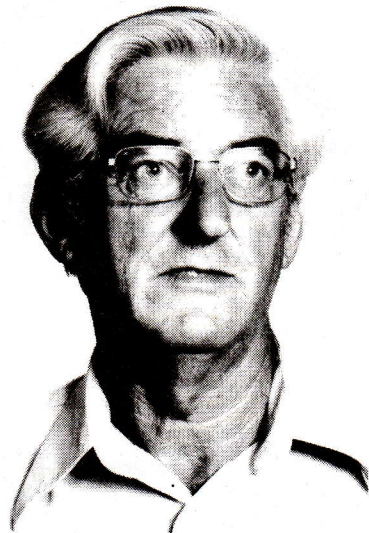
## PRESIDENT'S NOTES.. Andrew

The year is going quicker than we can get Digests off the press, or should I say onto the press. This is the third one printed under arrangement with our new printer. We will be needing new blood on the Digest Committee next year - so be ready to volunteer at the A.G.M., please.

The address and membership records are getting close to computerisation so if we can press the right buttons some of our headaches will be over or just starting! Reg Hutchinson has kept the address cards up-to-date for several years but his other duties, particularly Ambulance work, have used up his spare time. Your Committee met recently and prepared the master sheets, so you should start getting the computer addressed envelopes soon. If you don't get this Digest, let's know immediately!!! If you plan shifting let us know because Digests cost 20¢ to get back from your old address.

We thank Reg Hutchinson for his help with the addresses and the Digest for the last 10 years or more.

During the year, we had a change of Secretary. We thank Andrew Eastick for his time as Secretary and also thank Alan Hoey for taking over this most important job. He has found some news of the Oenology students. We trust that we will be able to cater for this group in the future.



## A.G.M. & REUNION..

The Annual General Meeting and Dinner will be held on 7th September 1979 as planned, but the venue will not be the Princes Barkley - they have a Disco booked for each week so have advised us that we will have to find alternative accommodation. Several sites are being considered but we will try to keep it central.

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*The A.G.M. and Reunion will be at the Oberoi Adelaide (Hotel Australia) in the Colonel Light Room. This venue offers substantial improvement of room (for up to 200), at an attractive menu cost.*

## COMMITTEE..

Constitution states that all officers must be elected each year. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and most of the committee are prepared to stand again. We will need some new committee members like last year's graduating class, so be prepared to accept nomination, please.

## COMMUNITY CLUB..

July 2nd, 1979, marked a milestone at Roseworthy College. The Community Club building was opened by Bill Nankivell, President of the College Council. I spoke on behalf of the Old Students, expressing our continued support for R.A.C. Greg Hocking "received" the building on behalf of the present students.

The Community Club building will cater for the leisure hours of the students with two large rooms for dancing and conferences, etc., and smaller rooms for group activities. It will be an ideal venue for R.O.C.A. activities which are being considered and will be discussed at the A.G.M. on September 7th. Remember, the College Centenary is coming up soon.

Many of you will remember the old "Common Room" which now forms part of the Dining Room!. It served a similar purpose for the 60 or 80 students of Roseworthy of 40 years ago. On Sundays it doubled as a chapel; and for College Balls, it became the supper room. Most students will have their own favourite memories of the Common Room. This new building will develop its own tradition for the students of the future.

The Swimming Pool is progressing well. It will become part of the Community Centre and will be ready for a major fund raising effort next summer. The concrete work is finished, some tiles are fitted, and the fence is near completion.

## REHABS ..

At the 1978 A.G.M., Bill Edge nominated to be the co-ordinator for all ex Re-hab. students of about 30 years ago. This is your year to make an effort to attend the A.G.M. and Dinner.

Contact Bill Edge at 38 Aldgate Valley Road, Aldgate, phone 08-3391722.

## 25 YEAR GROUP ..

Contact Bob Lampe or Neil Wilkinson, phone or mail to Tanunda. The following names are from the Diploma Board. Do you know more?

D.R. WIGG  
J.A. COWELL  
P.N. HAMDORF  
D.B. WINN  
G.A. EASTICK  
M.A. BARRY  
A. GOODCHILD  
R. LAMPE

A.N. WILKINSON  
J.G. HEASLIP  
R.M. HODDER  
B.W.J. ADDISON  
M. McN. LUCEY  
G.B. SEPPELT  
B.B. EVANS  
R.P. SEXTON

## 10 YEAR GROUP. .

Bill Giles, Department of Agriculture, Kadina, is co-ordinator for this year. Bill would like to hear from you as soon as possible. The 1966 first year students were:

W.G. ALLEN	B.W. BOERTH
W.J. BOWLES	M.L. BROOKE
J.P. COOPER	J.B. DAVIES
W.A. ELSDEN	S.C.S. GEORGE
W.G. GILES	C.J. GLAETZER
J.C. GLAETZER	R.H. HABGOOD
J.O. HARVEY	R.W. HENDER
N.A. IBBOTSON	K.L. JOHNSON
G. KIRKWOOD	K.V. LANE
K.A. McCALLUM	D.E. MIEGEL
G.H. MOWATT	S.R. MURRAY
R.J. NASH	G.E. PAYNE
R.C. PAYNTER	B.S. PENGELLY
B.W. PHILP	M.J. RILEY
I.R. SCARBOROUGH	W.J. ROESLER
P. SHAKESPEAR	M.J. STANLEY
J.R.J. STEWART	C.J. SMITH
I.J. TAPLEY	R.K. TURNBULL
T.R. USHER	W.D. WATSON
R.A. WHITING	J.C. WOMERSLEY

## LADIES' DINNER . .

The ladies will be having a dinner this year. In the past there's been several groups - would it be possible for them all to meet at one place?

Val Krause and Elizabeth Michelmores will make arrangements. See details in next Digest, but in the meantime, let Alan Hoey know if possible.



## EMPLOYMENT. .

Employment prospects for Roseworthy graduates have been very bleak for many years now, and the job market looks like it will get much tighter before the situation will improve again. On average, 50% of all students entering the general agriculture course at R.A.C. come from a family property. Upon graduation, only 50% of these people go back and work on the property. This leaves 75% of each graduating year to find a job on the open market. Most of the graduates on the market eventually find a job leading to a career in agriculture, but the initial period after graduation can prove to be the greatest crisis they have to face in their working life.

It is interesting to look at the employment split up of a typical graduating year. Forty-two people graduated from the R.D.A. course in 1975. Now, 4 years later, half of these have found employment in agriculture with a government body, while a quarter went back onto the land. The remaining 25% are either undertaking further studies, or engaged in various jobs in the private sector ranging from driving a Hannaford seed grader and soliciting contracts for Wright Stephenson, to working on the production line at G.M.H.

Dale Manson

One of those indelible quotes that came from Bob Herriot during his stint at R.A.C., was that "the R.D.A. is only as good as the individual wants to make it, and only the first stepping stone from which to expand into a career in agriculture".

Through the years, many Roseworthy graduates have gone on to become leaders in various fields of agriculture. In the area of Veterinary Science, R.D.A. has supplied Australia with four Veterinary Surgeons who are truly outstanding in their field.

Howard Mortimer (R.D.A. 1957) and Peter Irwin (R.D.A. 1939) currently rank as two of the top Equine Practitioners in South Australia, and have used their Roseworthy training as a basis from which to expand. Bruce Eastick (R.D.A. 1947) also undertook Veterinary Science after completing his R.D.A., and went on to become one of the state's leading figures in the veterinary, political and business world.

An R.A.C. graduate who went on to become nationally and internationally renown in Veterinary Science is Rex Butterfield (R.D.A. 1940). Rex is now Head of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Sydney University, and has made outstanding contributions in the field of Veterinary Medicine.

Roseworthy should be proud of the outstanding achievements made by many of its graduates in the various areas of agriculture, and as Old Collegians, we can justifiably claim a part in the development of this great country.

Dale Manson

# OENOLOGY NEWSLETTER. . May, 1979. B.C. Rankine

This is the first Wine Newsletter from the recently-formed School of Oenology and Viticulture, to inform past wine students of progress being made at the College and a glimpse of plans for the future.

The School was formed in 1978 as one of four, the others being Agriculture, Applied Science and Natural Resources, and Management and Education. Student enrolment at the College is currently 345, with 101 in the wine courses.

The Diploma of Oenology course which commenced in 1936 was terminated in 1977, during which time 168 Diplomas were awarded. From it arose the new degree course, Bachelor of Applied Science in Oenology, extending over 3 years. The first graduates received their degrees in March of this year when the key speaker at the Graduation Ceremony was the Chairman of the Australian Wine Board, Mr. E.W.W. Peatt.

A new course, a two-year Associate Diploma in Wine Marketing, was introduced in 1975. It is intended to train men and women in wine-marketing, but with a background of wine production. The course is operated in conjunction with the School of Management and Education, under the control of Mr. Ken Leske (Acting Head of the School) and Mr. Ken Edwards, the Head of the Department of Management and Marketing. Mr. Peter Shields, the Lecturer in Wine Marketing, is at present gaining post-graduate experience in Europe and will be returning in June.

A post-graduate viticulture course, the Graduate Diploma in Agriculture (Viticulture), has recently been introduced, whereby past students of the College and other qualified industry people can obtain specialist training in viticulture over one year. Four students received their Diplomas last year. A post-graduate diploma in wine is being planned, with later introduction of an applied Master's degree in Oenology.

The staff of the School now comprises 16 people - 10 in Oenology and 6 in Viticulture. Oenology teaching staff comprise Mr. Robert J. Baker, who has been in charge of the Oenology diploma course since 1965; Mr. Andrew Ewart from New Zealand, with a Master's degree from California and post-graduate experience in South Africa, who joined Roseworthy in 1977; Mr. Alex Sammut from Malta (tutor) who joined in 1976; and Dr. Bryce Rankine, the Head of School, who joined in 1978. We are proceeding with appointment of another lecturer.

Viticultural teaching is in the hands of Dr. Richard Smart, the Head of the Viticulture Department and now the School's foundation Senior Research Fellow; Mr. Peter Dry, an expert in fungus diseases of vines and vine grafting, who joined in 1975; and Mr. Michael Marcle, a demonstrator (part-time) with a Master's degree from the University of Hawaii.

The College winemaker, Mr. Jeff Anderson, an Oenology diplomate (class of 1967), was appointed prior to commencement of vintage in 1979. He was formerly winemaker at the large Penfold winery at Griffith, and is well versed in winemaking procedures.

New enrolments in the wine courses in 1979 are the largest in the history of Roseworthy, comprising 25 students in first-year Oenology (22 full-time) and 27 in first-year Wine Marketing (26 full-time), with a total in all years of 101 students, both full and part-time.



We are frequently asked how the students are going to find jobs in the wine industry. So far they can, but the heyday of highly-paid jobs for new graduates is past, at least for the foreseeable future. However we see Oenology graduates taking positions in areas other than direct winemaking, such as production control, quality control, bottling, marketing, wine sales, vineyard management, grower liaison and so on. The oenology course is being broadened to encompass these requirements.

The present teaching facilities were designed for an intake of 8 students per year (actually 16 every two years) leading to the Diploma of Oenology. In view of the greatly increased enrolments a new building is being planned to house lecture theatres, laboratories and offices, and will be built adjacent the winery.

The South Australian State Government has recently approved the establishment at Roseworthy of a Research Fellowship in Oenology and Viticulture, and Dr. Richard Smart has been appointed as the foundation Research Fellow, whilst retaining his position as Head of the Department of Viticulture. He is commencing a series of research studies on grape and wine quality, with a strong slant towards climatology - a field in which he has earned an international reputation.

Other research contributions of the School, particularly in viticulture, are becoming increasingly important. Outside grants are now funding climatological research (Australian Research Grants Commission), mechanical vine pruning (Australian Wine Board), and vine grafting research (Commonwealth Development Bank and Commonwealth Reserve Bank). Further research developments are being planned.

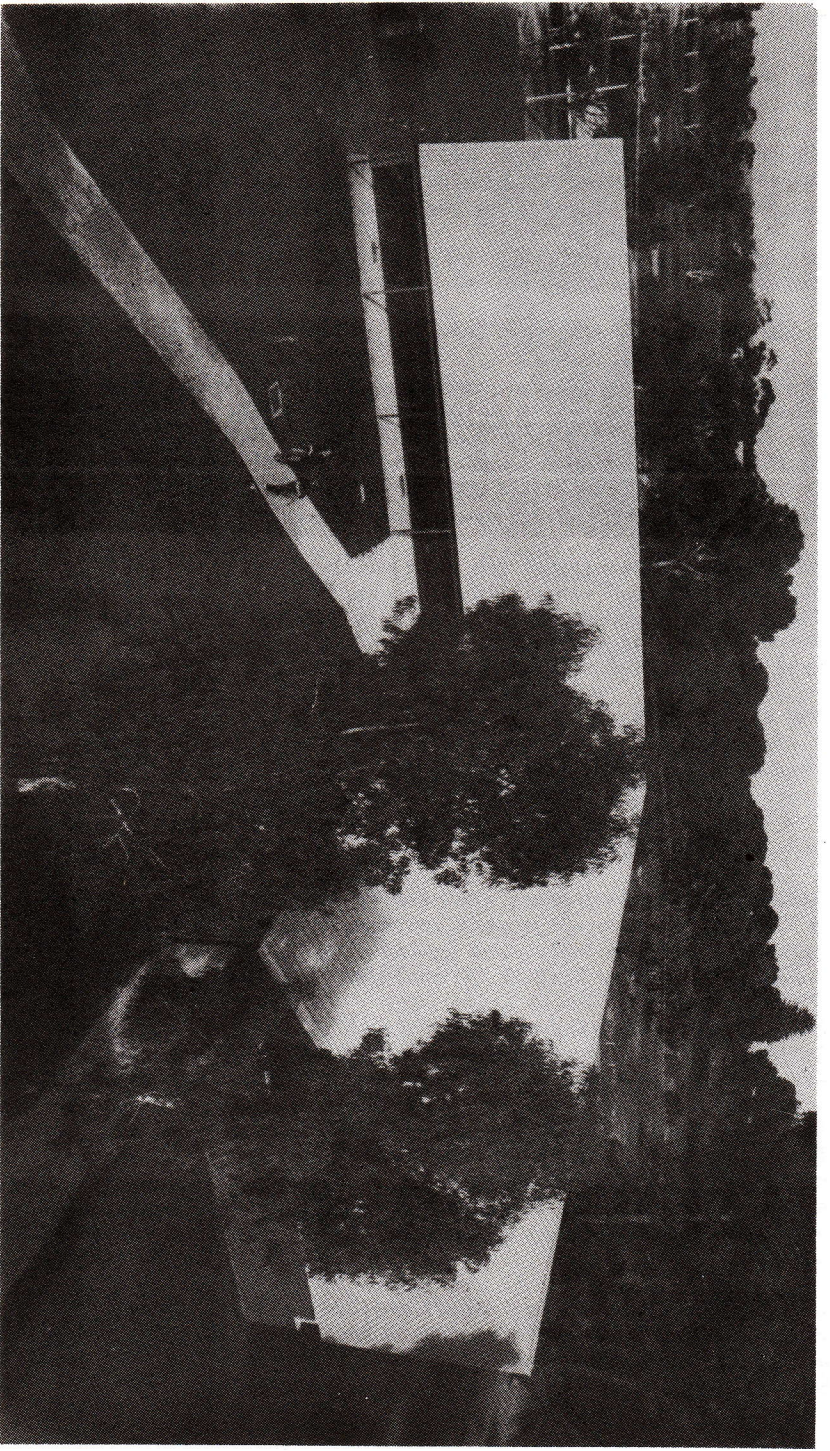
The educational activities of the School are being enlarged as Roseworthy becomes a resource centre for grape and wine technology in Australia. Two residential short courses on wine quality control were held in 1978 in conjunction with Messrs. David Bruer, Andrew Yap, Patrick Iland and Jim Northey of the Department of Biology and Chemistry. Messrs. Bruer and Yap are responsible for teaching wine chemistry and wine microbiology respectively.

Seminars for grapegrowers are held from time to time on viticultural subjects, in which commercial grapegrowers contribute with papers and discussion. Specialised workshops are also held, and seminars on oenological subjects. The most recent being on enzymatic methods of analysis for wine quality-control.

An important part of instruction in the wine courses is a series of Wine Industry Seminars held in the third term of each year, which all students attend. Addresses are delivered by some of the most knowledgeable men in the industry, and in 1978 students of the combined courses were fortunate to be able to hear Philip Laffer (Lindemans), Wally Boehm (Wynns), Ian Mackley (Seppelts), Tim Knapstein (Enterprise), Tom Fitzgerald (Sheppards Wine Tankers) and Marvin Weinman (A.C.I.), speaking on subjects of direct and practical relevance to the students. Other key industry speakers are involved in presenting specialist lectures, mainly in the third year of wine technology, on a wide range of subjects ranging from wine bottling to industry organisations.

The College will shortly be calling for applications from oenology graduates of three years standing or more for the Rudi Buring Scholarship for overseas travel. This will be advertised in the wine trade press, and is an important and valuable Scholarship.





A general view of the Community Club building from the No. 3 Block. For older students, the pathway in the foreground leads to the end of the "Corridor".

The new swimming pool is almost shown on the left hand side of the picture.