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FROM THE PRESIDENT -

The natural disasters - drought, bushfires and floods have no doubt affected many of you directly in recent times and will affect many more of us for some time to come. The depressed state of the economy and therefore employment prospects, will no doubt be further adversely affected by these three disasters. However, the lives of most members of ROCA have been affected by the time they spent at Roseworthy College as students.

I ask you to consider what Roseworthy College has done for your life and suggest that you support, by your attendance, as many of the Centenary functions arranged by this fine institution as you can.

In particular, as President of ROCA, I am looking forward to seeing you on the weekend of 9 and 10 April.

Ian Rice



CENTENARY REUNION WEEKEND

9th-10th April 1983

Dear Old Collegian, staff member,

We are relying on you to commit yourself now to attend the biggest reunion of Roseworthians ever to be held. While activities will run throughout the weekend, you are welcome to choose to participate in only those which appeal or are convenient for you.

We realise that many of you will have to travel from interstate and overseas to be with us but we are confident that this unique opportunity to catch up with old friends and enemies should be grasped now, in our Centenary year.

Some of you will not have seen the College for many years and one or two of the old haunts have disappeared in the course of time, however, our treasured Main Building, the newly restored Corridor Block and the Memorial Chapel have not moved since you knew them!

Maps of the campus will be available to the explorers amongst you and guided tours will be made on the Sunday afternoon.

The skeleton of the weekend comprises three main activities - the football match with our arch rivals Willaston on Saturday afternoon; the sumptuous Reunion Dinner for you and your partner on Saturday night, and the Reunion and family BBQ lunch on Sunday. Your year group may wish to organise further activities to complement our programme, let's ensure that everyone does come.

PROGRAMME

SATURDAY, 9 APRIL

- 12 noon Transport by bus if needed, will depart Grosvenor Hotel (Adelaide) for R.A.C. via Elizabeth and Gawler
BBQ lunch available at the College
- 1 p.m. RAC vs Willaston on College Oval
Old Collegians and staff welcome to join in late in the game to show the current students "how it was done"!
- 5 p.m. The College Community Club's licenced lounge opens for heart starters
- 6 p.m. Predinner drinks in the Council Room featuring College wines
- 7 p.m. Reunion Dinner in the fine old dining room.
A toast will be proposed by the Hon. Lynn Arnold, Minister of Education, and the response will be by Dr. Bruce Eastick, MP, (\$20 all inclusive)
- 9.30 p.m. Coffee and reunion chats, etc., in Community Club.
A late licence has been arranged.
- 1 a.m. Bus leaves for Adelaide via Gawler and Elizabeth.

SUNDAY, 10 APRIL

- 8 a.m. Bus departs Grosvenor Hotel, Adelaide
- 9 a.m. Registration in front of Main Building
- 10.15 a.m. Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service in College Chapel
- 11 a.m. "Roll call" and reunion of student year groups on oval
- 11.30 a.m. Official opening of the swimming pool
- 12 noon BBQ lunch (north side of Main Building)

SUNDAY, 10 APRIL (cont.)

2-5 p.m. Staff will present a range of guided tours of the College by bus and on foot. Activities will also be available for children - hay rides, visits to animal sections, milking, etc, playground (and swimming pool if it is hot).

The Club will also be available as a venue for chats, etc.

Accommodation and Transport

1983 has been a record year for enrolments (over 200 new students) so the small amount of accommodation which was available for the reunion has already been booked out.

We will be providing a bus link with Adelaide at a nominal cost. The Grosvenor will be used as our Adelaide Terminus, passing through Gawler and Elizabeth en route each way.

Your year group may have a particular pub in mind for accommodation and with sufficient demand the bus may be able to deviate for your convenience.

Your Year Group

Don't let apathy spoil this opportunity to get your Year together. Someone needs to stir the slackers along and ferret out the ones who have lost touch. Be that person or at least appoint one. We may be able to help with addresses if you can't locate people. Get out those old copies of The Student and start your research today.

The Reunion Dinner

This dinner is open to all old collegians and staff, whether members of ROCA or not. If we look like overflowing the 240 seats in the Dining Room, a further 100 can be catered for in the new Community Club. While essentially an informal night, we will have a toast to the College proposed by the dynamic young Minister for Education, Lynn Arnold, and responded to it by our local M.P. and Gawler vet., Dr. Bruce Eastick (also a member of the College Council).

The number and nature of further speeches and anecdotes will be left up to you!

A superb four course banquet accompanied by award-winning College wines and including predinner drinks and post dinner coffee is promised for the inclusive price of \$20 per person. Admission will be by ticket only and pre-payment is required to reserve a place.

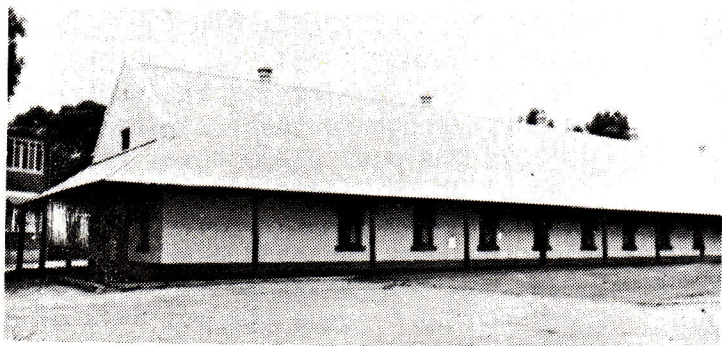
Dress : lounge suit.

Who is coming?

People from every vintage have responded. If George Bagot and Jim Ralph from Queensland who graduated in 1916 and 1921 can make the effort, how about you youngsters! There are four and a half thousand people eligible to come, so let's hope the first couple of hundred who have made contact so far are just a start.

Photographic Display

The largest display of historical photographs of R.A.C. ever assembled will be a feature of the weekend. A pictorial display of the building of the Pool will be part of the display. Anyone with photographs which they feel may be of interest to Old Collegians is urged to send them (appropriately labelled and self addressed) to the College Historian. They can be returned after the weekend or donated to our archives.



The Corridor Block

The Opening of the Swimming Pool

While many of you will have fond memories of the old swimming pool, it became inadequate, hygienic-wise to handle our expanding population in the Seventies. An appeal for funds to build a swimming pool was launched in 1963 by Mr. Herriot but the sum raised was not enough to start construction. In 1978 the pool project was revitalised by Dr. Williams and in 1979 the Student Union Council put \$10,000 alongside the Pool Fund and agreed to repay a \$30,000 loan which would still be required to finance the building of a new pool.



Completed in 1980 the Swimming Centre is a popular facility for students, staff and their families, especially because of the small training pool and excellent night lighting.

The Swimming Centre is to be named in memory of Robert Claude Hay who was a student at the College in 1932-35 and Gold Medallist. Claude earned a Swimming Badge in his first year and a Swimming Blue in his second year. He set several records and his record for 100 yards was not broken before metrication made it permanent! He actively encouraged swimming when he returned as a staff member of the Horticulture Section in 1938.

He joined the RAAF in 1940 and became a member of the crack 617 Squadron (the Dam Busters) but was killed in 1944 on the Antheo Viaduct raid. ROCA, the Student Union and the College Council have been unanimous in accepting the proposal to honour this distinguished Old Collegian, who did so much for swimming at Roseworthy and lost his life serving our country.

The Swimming Centre is to be officially opened by Dr. Don Williams, who was Director of the College at the time of its construction and was the prime mover behind the realisation of the Pool Project in establishing a financial framework within which it could proceed. Don also put his efforts into working bees on the site.

Other Centenary Events

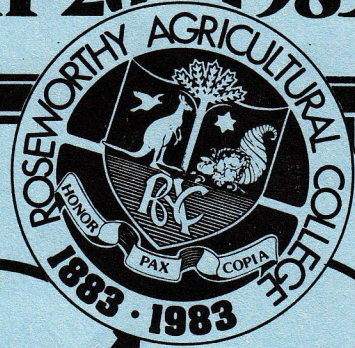
If you haven't yet sent back the preliminary registration form for other events think about it now. Tickets are necessary for most events.

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| Saturday, 21 May | Old Style Ball |
| Sunday, 22 May | Vintage & Veteran Car Rally |
| Monday, 23 May | Symposium : Advances in Grape & Wine Technology |
| Wednesday, 25 May | Symposium : Agriculture - exploitive or permanent? |
| Thursday, 26 May | College Open Day for visitors |
| evening | Centenary Convocation & Oration |
| Friday/Saturday, 27/28 | Symposium on Agricultural Education |
| Sunday, 29 May | Thanksgiving Service and unveiling of Centenary Monument. |

If you are not clear about the details, or need any further information or addresses, ring the Deputy Director, Milton Spurling, or Gudi Hanke in the Centenary Secretariat, on (085) 24 8057.

AT ROSEWORTHY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
Sunday, March 20 1983.

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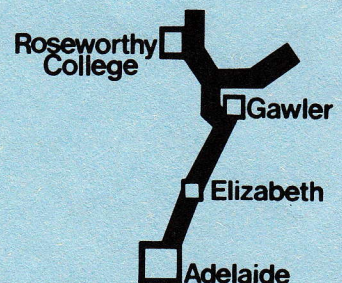
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 PANORAMA DEPICTING
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 ABORIGINAL LIFESTYLE,
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 AND A CHANCE
 TO WIN A
 VALUABLE
 PRIZE

10AM - 5PM

45 MINUTE DRIVE FROM ADELAIDE



COME AND JOIN OUR CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS.....A GREAT FAMILY DAY

