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R.O.C.A. Digest

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Phil May, Greg Mitchell and Kim Ayliffe. Prize winners at the R.A.C. Graduation Day.

Editorial

As the current agricultural season unfolds in South Australia in a peculiarly unpredictable manner, I am reminded of the need to keep our options open, and be prepared to adapt to changing conditions.

This is how I think we should view the future directions of the College.

At the moment, R.A.C. is yet again under the microscope, and probably may emerge slightly altered from what we have known in the past.

My association with the College has only been over the past 12 years, a brief period compared with many other Old Collegians. Yet in that time, I can remember an endless list of challenges to the survival of R.A.C.

The change from the control of the Agriculture Department to the status of a College of Advanced Education, an attempt by members of the first Council to sell off much of the farm, the Dillon Committee, moves to annex R.A.C. as part of the S.A. Institute of Technology - all these have played a part in moulding attitudes.

The College is going through changes in order to gain accreditation for Degree status of courses, and the latest challenge comes from an enquiry into the cereal breeding unit.

A common thread runs through all of these challenges and the ability of R.A.C. to survive. The common link is the role that Old Collegians have played over the years as individuals, in their professional positions and as a body.

Former students seem to maintain their allegiance to the College, yet display the flexibility of outlook that will always ensure R.A.C. will remain a survivor in the years to come.



Dale Manson

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am pleased to welcome all those who graduated in April as members of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association. ROCA offers you 12 months free membership of the Association.

During the coming year, through the Digest and by attending the Annual Reunion of Old Students in September, I hope you will get to know what ROCA does, and you will see the benefits of becoming a paid up member. Currently, Life Membership is available at \$25, or Ordinary (annual membership) at \$5/year.

Arrangements are well advanced for the 1984 Reunion which will be held in the Renaissance Centre, Rundle Mall on Friday 7th September. The AGM commences at 5.30 followed by the Reunion Dinner at 7.30 p.m.

You are welcome to bring your spouse/friend to the Reunion if you wish.

Don Rice is organising the 25 year group. Greg White has agreed to seek out those who graduated 10 years ago, and Tony Proud is rounding up the 5 year group.

At a recent Committee meeting, the Director of the College, Dr Barrie Thistlethwayte, reported that the accreditation for the Degree Course of Applied Science in Agriculture was expected in the very near future. The Committee has been advised (verbally) that a College committee is looking into the provision of a Bridging Course to enable diplomates to update their qualification to a degree.

The dinner held at the College to mark Andrew Michelmore's retirement from the Department of Agriculture was a very pleasant and successful event. Many of Andy's friends and farmers from a wide area of the State were present.

Andy unfortunately had a mild heart attack several weeks ago, but has made good progress and is now out and about again.

Ian Rice



NEW COLLEGE LOGO



ROSEWORTHY **AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE**

The College of Advanced Education in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Oenology.

As the College gears up for its second century, a fresh, dynamic approach will be conveyed by this new symbol, designed by the College's Graphic Artist, Graeme Lavis.

While this Digest can only bring it to you in black and white, the actual colours of the logo are fresh, attractive and really need to be seen to appreciate the energy in the design.

The interwoven leaf design, incorporating a symbolic tree and a human figure, represents the three faculties of the College showing interdependence and highlighting the vital relationship between people and the natural environment.

The three colours (left leaf, yellow, middle leaf, green and right leaf, orange) represent the colours of seasonal change.

Growth is depicted in the leaf design itself, with the separate centre lines indicating a variety of directions emanating from a common, solid foundation, symbolised by the heavy black base-line.

The entire design suggests a new growth for the College as it enters its second Century of Service, yet reinforces the long and significant tradition of proud history, research and service to education.

* 10 YEAR GROUP *

The 10 Year group at this year's ROCA Reunion is comprised of graduates from the RDA and RDO courses who received their Diplomas in early 1974.

Co-ordinator for this group is Greg White, 5 Afford Ave Kurralta Park S.A. 5037. Greg may also be contacted at Urrbrae Agricultural High School.

Could the following people please contact Greg if he has not already done so.

ROSEWORTHY DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURE:

BAGSHAW, John Stokes	LYNCH, Brenton Noel
BARNETT , Phillip Alan	MARSHALL, Stephen James
BENNETT, John Robert	METTAM, Richard John
BOEHM, Trevor John	PARKER, Daryl Wayne
CROSBY, Douglas Spence	REICHENBACH, John Franklin
FAULKNER, John Patrick	SHELMERDINE, David Edgar
FLOCKHART, Richard Alexander	SLATTERY, Geoffrey Thomas
GROSSET, Jeffrey Max	THOMAS, Christopher Field
HALL, Graham Phillip	VOWLES, Michael John
HAYMAN, Grant William	WAGNER, Trevor Frederick
HOPKINS, Kym Bevan	WHITE, Gregory Alan
KRETSCHMER, Paul Raymond	WILSON, Richard Thronsdale
	CROWE, Mark MacKinlay •

ROSEWORTHY DIPLOMA IN OENOLOGY:

BURCHANAN, Donald Bruce	HOLM, Bruce
BURNE, Peter Michael	LIGHT, Brian John
CASHMORE, Mark Edward	PROUD, Christopher Roy
CHESTER, Stewart Jason	RANSOM, Ivor
COWELL, I. Anthony	REVELL, Malcolm Bruce
CRAIG, Andrew Lyle Hamish	RUMBALL, Peter John
DUNSFORD, Pamela Ann	SMITH, Robert Neil
DUVAL, John Robert	WARDLAW, David Bertram
EVERETT, Richard Rodney	WEAVER, Geoffrey Alexander
HANCOCK, John Stewart	WILSON, Ian K.



44 Ferguson Ave.,
Myrtle Bank
S.A. 5064

To the Editor,

While recovering from jet-lag after 35 hours flying back from a three months' consultancy in Uruguay, I read an address by Dr Robert Schuller of the Hour of Power entitled "Faith is: Positive Prayer plus Possibility Thinking".

It reminded me of the 10 month test of faith I have just experienced in getting 7 South Australian Poll Merino rams to Argentina for three estancieros in Southern Patagonia.

While working in the FAO/INTA Sheep Raising Project in Argentina in 1967 to 1970, we started two new breeds of sheep in co-operation with two estancieros in Southern Patagonia.

One breed was called the CORINO by the owner of "Monte Dinero", Mr John Fenton, as it is a 50:50 cross of Medium woolled Peppin Merino rams over top Corriedale ewes, and the progeny interbred.

For the last 7 years, Corino wool has brought the National record wool price over all breeds, and averages 22 microns compared with 28 microns for Corriedale wool on the same property.

In January, Corriedale wool brought US\$1.88/kg compared with US\$2.38 for Corino wool. In a comparison trial with several groups of Corriedales from surrounding properties, the Corinos produced 10% more wool and 10% higher body weight. The demand for rams exceeds supply, so the owner and his son, David, decided to start a second nucleus of 1,000 ewes based upon high producing South Australian Poll Merino rams, photos of which Mr Jim Pocock had shown them on the Australian Merino Society tour of South America in 1981.

The manager of "Condor", Mr John Blake, imported 7 Cormo rams from Tasmania in 1970, and bought 8 Peppin Merino rams to join with his top Corriedale ewes.

He backcrossed the progeny to Corriedale rams so that the Argentine Cormo is now 3/16 Merino and 13/16 Corriedale. Mr Blake also wished to import S.A. Poll Merino rams to go into his new breed.

A third estanciero, Mr Jorge Jamieson of "Moy Ailse Chico", wished to start a Poll Merino stud, and he came to the Adelaide Ram Sales to purchase 3 Poll Merino rams for himself and a friend. They intend to interchange the rams.

There were numerous problems in arranging the sales and exportation of these rams, which would have deterred many people.

When I reacted against the problems, all I caught was a cold. But when I regarded them as merely a test of faith and handed the problems over to the Lord while thanking him in advance for the answer which I continued to visualise, then miracles occurred.

The in late September, the Argentine Government froze all funds and prohibited all imports.

I regarded this as merely another test of faith, so I wrote to the importing agent in Buenos Aires in my best Spanglish!! I told him of the miracles which had already occurred, and if these rams were needed in Argentina (and I believed they were) there would be a permit and a letter of credit!

Furthermore, I said my Father was the President of the Bank of Heaven with unlimited funds!!

I refused to acknowledge defeat, and visualised the rams there in Argentina. It was not until I came home on 8th May that I learned that the rams had arrived safely in Buenos Aires on 4th May.

Praise the Lord to whom nothing is impossible!



Brian C. Jefferies
(1950)

Established 1885

"Weaver's Broom",
 16 Wilguy Cres.,
 Buderim
 Tas. 4556

Dear Sir,

I have just received my ROCA Digest. Many of the names are not familiar to me as I was at RAC from 1918 until 1921.

I was at H.W. Morphett's "Woods Point" opposite Monteith Swamp when George Bagot was there, and have met him several times since..

I am interested in the switch from 'Training Farmers' with one student in six years, Lewcock in our year, going on to the University for his B.Sc.Ag., to training Academics with far less a number going direct on to the farm.

In the 1st World War, we got down to 20 students because all who were old enough enlisted in the AIF. I was 17 when the Armistice was signed. Now with students at 500, it is wonderful after 66 years.

Before the Centenary gathering at RAC on April 9th & 10th last year, I posted to the College, my Photo Album for the Museum, such as it may be. With all the rush of other arrangements, I never got any acknowledgement. I only hope it reached the College.

There was such a crowd everywhere at the College on April 9th & 10th, with the lunch inside due to rain that I could not find where the photographic collection was. I would just be interested to know if my little Album did arrive by post.

Although small, there were in it shots of identities such as W.J. Colebach, John Hocking (Bruce's father) and our year students all named, & views of the stable and hay shed assembly of that period etc.

I believe Alex Grieve sent to the College a few photos before he passed on.

Jim Ralph
 (1921)

* LOST MEMBERS *

The following ROCA members' Digests have been returned to the Editor unopened. Obviously, we have not got their current address on file.

If any member knows the whereabouts of any of the following, could you please drop the Editor a line.

Barry B.J.	1949	Mack D.B.M.	1942
Bridge T.J.	1969	Manchon B.A.D.	1984
Butterworth J.M.	1982	McGowan W.J.	1965
Cooper D.A.	1977	McKenzie I.J.	1964
Cowan B.A.	1962	Mertin R.G.	1949
Daniel R.R.	1957	Milne Mrs M.F.	1981
Davidson E.J.	1981	Mitchell G.F.	1960
Dixon G.C.	1982	Nillson G.	1951
Donald I.M.		O'Grady P.J.	1953
Due G.R.	1981	O'Leary M.B.	1978
Emery P.J.	1949	Paton D.A.G.	1971
Findlay A.D.	1959	Pitman J.B.	1956
Flaherty M.J.	1974	Roberts P.N.	1984
Garrett F.N.	1942	Ryan S.J.	1983
Gibbs H.C.	1933	Sangster F.R.	1910
Golding D.A.R.	1956	Sharpe C.	1972
Hagley R.E.	1934	Story D.F.	1952
Hall D.J.	1961	Stow R.H.	1953
Hamilton Dr R.P.	1981	Thexton E.G.	1984
Hein Dr W.R.	1969	Tomlinson M.H.	1982
Holder K.W.	1965	Turner W.R.	1965
Holmes D.P.	1981	Van Doussa F.	1930
Hopkins K.B.	1973	Van Hooff E.J.J.	1957
Hosking G. McK	1959	Watson W.D.	1968
Howard R.	1973	Wetzlar Miss S.	1983
Kaval R.G.	1982	Whiting H.C.	1982
Kidd D.J.	1953	Williamson Digby	1975
Klose S.R.	1932	Wilson C.C.	1937
Klug T.G.	1964	Wilson E.D.	1983
Leaker Miss S.			
Ledger W.E.	1982	(Editor: Dale Manson	
Liney J.R.	1982	Dept. of Ag.	
Lowe R.E.	1981	Murray Bridge S.A.	
Lucey M. McK	1954	(085) 322266 office	
		(085) 325624 a/h	

* NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE *

FARM SECRETARIAL COURSE:

R.A.C. is joining forces with Orange Agricultural College to offer a correspondence course for Farm Secretaries. Already, this course has attracted a large number of enrolments from people ranging in age from 17 to 65. This may be the start of a trend at R.A.C. for external courses.

SPORTS:

The College is having mixed fortunes on the sporting field. The most traditional College sport, Football, is not enjoying much success at the moment, a vast difference to the "good old days",

However, the College is gaining some degree of success with their rugby, netball, and hockey teams.

In fact, the Director, Barrie Thistlethwayte, is a regular player in the hockey team.

GAWLER THREE DAY EVENT:

College student, Scott Keach, won the prestigious Gawler Three Day Event in June, defeating such notable equestrian identities as Barry Roycroft and Richard Mitton.

The College is currently gearing up for a full year of horsey activities during the State's 150th birthday in 1986.

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION:

The College is facing the prospect of not being able to accommodate all of its students in the years to come. This year, around 500 students are enrolled, and additional prefabricated buildings have been erected.

Perhaps the Rehab. Huts may return yet!

A system of priority is currently being formulated for the coming year.



"Tortilla",
 P.O. Box 80,
 CLARENDON
 S.A. 5157

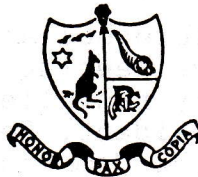
Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my appreciation and thanks to R.O.C.A. for the generous donation of your prize for "The Best Contribution to College Sport, not necessarily on the Sporting Field".

I am sure all who attended found the day of graduation on April 6th, 1984, a great success.

Maybe when you have a minute, you might be so kind as to explain the meaning of the title of the prize, especially the "not necessarily on the Sporting Field", to me in detail so that I might find out what I missed out on, but wasn't supposed to.

I look forward to many years of involvement in your Association.

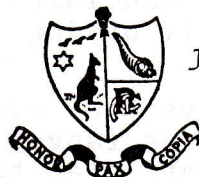


Philip May
 (1984)

Unit 50 Argyle Square,
 1 Allambee Street,
 Reid ACT 2601

Dear Mr Manson,

As a result of the publication in the ROCA Digest, I have received two replies regarding Mr Gerry Masson. I thank you sincerely for including the information which I provided.



J.J. Huston

AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGISTS OF AUSTRALASIA

At the recent AGM of the S.A. Branch of Agricultural Technologists of Australasia (A.T.A.), a new committee for 1984/85 was formed.

President is Peter Fairbrother, Vice President and also acting Secretary/Treasurer is Ian Short, and committee members are Barrie Thistlethwayte, Graham Brookman, Blair Cowan, Andrew Harding, Joseph Mabbarack, Malcolm Woods and Jay Cummins.

Most of the Committee have close ties with Roseworthy College and ROCA.

ATA was formed in 1968 originally as a professional organisation mainly to service the needs of graduates of the Agricultural Colleges, to promote the advancement of Agriculture and to encourage and reward the study of Agriculture.

ATA has its Federal Headquarters at "Newhaven Park", a property purchased near Bathurst in 1979, and operates from an office in Bathurst itself.

Recently, Peter Fairbrother and Joe Mabbarack attended the Federal Executive Meeting as delegates representing the S.A. Branch. They travelled to Bathurst by car with retiring Federal President, Peter Fraser, who is Chief Rural Officer with the Commonwealth Development Bank in Adelaide.

While at "Newhaven Park", they attended the 15th anniversary dinner of ATA, and saw Peter Fraser present Mr Michael Davidson OBE, retiring President of the National Farmers Federation, with the 1983 ATA Award of Honour.

Joe and Peter commented that the Bathurst area is recovering from the three years' drought and although the pastures appeared to be growing well following good early rains, landholders were concerned that paddocks were rapidly drying out due to the lack of follow up rains.

During the three days they were in Bathurst, the overnight temperatures ranged from minus six to minus eight. They were glad to return to the relatively mild winter temperatures of Adelaide.

"Paraparinga",
One Tree Hill,
S.A. 5114

Dear Dale,

I am taking a private study tour of England and European gardens, and will be away approximately 6 months.

I have been freelance landscape consulting for the past two years, and prior to that, was Instructor in Horticulture at Roseworthy.

My interest in Garden History has led me to specialize in restoration and renovations of Nineteenth Century and Victorian Gardens in Adelaide, and I will continue to work in this field on my return.

My family property at One Tree Hill will be my new address where I hope to persue some commercial horticultural activity as well as assist in the development of a newly established Murray Grey Stud.



Richard S. Nolan
(1976)

GRADUATION DAY - 1984

The R.A.C. Graduation Day was held at the College on Friday April 6th.

After the Academic Procession, the President of the Council, The Hon. B.C. Eastick, welcomed guests and introduced the Director, Barrie Thistlethwayte.

The address was delivered by the Premier of S.A., The Hon. J.C. Bannon. President of the Student Union Council, Phil May, then responded on behalf of the graduating students.

This year, 110 students graduated from 10 individual courses.

R.O.C.A. GRADUATION AWARD: *Gregory James Mitchell*

R.O.C.A. SPORTS AWARD : *Philip John May*

R.O.C.A. SILVER MEDAL FOR DIP. APP. SC. IN AG.: *Greg Mitchell*

* 5 YEAR GROUP *

This year, the 5 Year Group will be organising themselves as a dry run for the big 10 Year Reunion in 1989. This group graduated in early 1979. Overall co-ordinator is Tony Proud, 84 Victoria Street, Victor Harbor (085 521191)

DIPLOMA IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE:

BROWNE, Bruce	FILMER, Jayne
MILLHOUSE, Kim	KIRKPATRICK, Robyn
MIEGEL, Graham	QUINN, Maria
O'CONNOR, Steve	CASSAGRAIN, Eva
AGNEW, Robert	MATHESON, John
BULLER, Lee	TOD, Phil
HUDSON, Marg	SULARGIC, Fleur
FILSELL, Bill	WARWICK, Jayne
JONES, Mark	SECKER, Mark
WURST, Michael	INNES, Mark
SUTHERLAND, Tony	FAHEY, Bernie
SMITH, Brad	ROWE, Trevor
NICHOLLS, Dick	SHATTOCK, Ron
PIGGOTT, Allen	DOWNING, Randal
LONGBOTTOM, Sara	PALMER, Fiona
O'LEARY, Michael	POWELL, David
PIPER, Ingrid	RIX, Peter
McCOLL, Colin	ROWLAND, Michael

ROSEWORTHY DIPLOMA IN OENOLOGY

(Organiser - Keith Mugford)

CASSAGRAIN, John	McGUIGAN, Neil
CLARKE, Jeff	MUGFORD, Keith
ELLIOT, John	NICCOL, Chris
GEORGE, Stephen	O'GRADY, Geoff
GORDON, Paul	PHIPPS, Garry
GROOM, Darryl	ROBERTS, Kym
HARGRAVE, Charles	SHERIDAN, Adrian
	COLLETT, Scott

ROSEWORTHY ASSOCIATE DIPLOMA IN FARM MANAGEMENT

(Organisers - Joe & Sally Keynes)

GEDDES, Bob	DENSLEY, Alf
FARMER, Michael	DANIELL, Neil
KEYNES, Joe	CORNELIUS, Peter
KEYNES, Sally	STARKE, Bruce

ASSOCIATE DIPLOMA IN WINE PRODUCTION & MARKETING:
(Organiser - Deane Adams)

HUDDART, Peter
YOUNG, Chris
ADAMS, Deane
MORRIS, David
PARDEY, Ian
GOUGH, Sarah

SAEGEN SCHNITTER, Debbie
BURGE, R.J.
BECVAR, M.J.
DAVIES, Stephen
HORDERN, J.
PHILLIPS, John

* 25 YEAR GROUP *

The co-ordinator of the R.D.A. & R.D.D. 25 Year Reunion group is Don Rice, 40 Lyndoch Road, Gawler S.A. 5118 (085 223622), or at work, Lienert Australia, Main North Road, Roseworthy S.A. 5371 (085 248150).

ROSEWORTHY DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURE (1959)

BARRETT, N.A.
BINNS, Rev. D.J.
BATTYE, J.W.
DAVIDSON, T.R.
DELAND, M.C.
DIENER, M.J.
DOWNWARD, R.J.
FINDLAY, A.D.
FREUND, R.P.
FUSS, J.C.
GILBERTSON, N.J.
GILL, L.R.
HALL, R.J.
HOLE, H.J.M.
HOSKING, G. McK

HOSKYNS, M.
KLAU, L.R.
KRICHAUFF, S.E.
LAMBELL, J.L.
MADDERN, D.W.
MAGAREY, I.W.
MARTIN, G.J.
MATZ, N.R.
NEWLAND, I.H.
PETTMAN, G.W.
RICE, D.G.
SAUNDERS, C.R.S.
STANLEY, D.C.
THOMAS, R.E.

ROSEWORTHY DIPLOMA IN DAIRYING (1959)

McMAHON, R.M.

TIMBERLAKE, F.M.

If Don Rice has not already contacted you by now, please give him a ring on the above phone numbers.

This group have planned to attend the reunion on Friday night, meet at a private home on the Saturday, and spend Sunday at R.A.C.

APPLICATION FOR R.O.C.A. MEMBERSHIP

I wish to join Roseworthy Old Collegians Association;

NAME:

ADDRESS:

.....

COURSE ATTENDED:.....

YEAR GRADUATED:.....

Cheque enclosed for LIFE MEMBERSHIP \$25
ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP \$ 5.00

SIGNATURE:.....

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN NOW.

1984 A.G.M. and REUNION.

R.S.V.P. 2nd September to R.O.C.A. Secretary C/- Roseworthy College,
Roseworthy. S.A. 5371, (or phone Andrew Michelmore on (085) 63 2831,
Preferably 7.00a.m. — 8.00a.m.)

I will/will not be attending the A.G.M. and reunion on Friday 7th September, 1984

I enclose cheque for \$.....being payment for.....persons at \$16 each.

NAME

ADDRESS

SPOUSE/FRIEND.....

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME:

ADDRESS:

.....

COURSE ATTENDED:.....

YEAR GRADUATED:.....





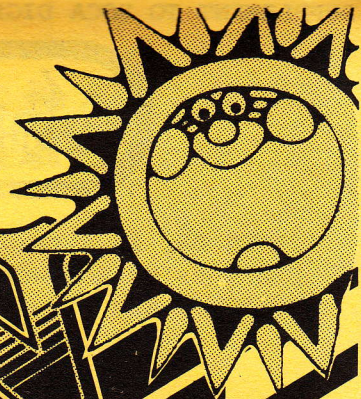
ROSEWORTHY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

SUNDAY OCTOBER 28TH.

Commencing 8:30am.

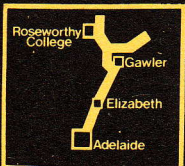
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Children (14 & UNDER) Free



OPENING DAY & HORSE SHOW.

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Horse Action Includes: Show Jumping. Hack Classes. Led-In Breed Classes. Harness Classes. Novelty Events. Western Performance. Riding for Disabled Persons.

Luncheon & Refreshments. Beer Garden. Wine Tasting & Sales available



'OPEN DAY is a traditional event organised by the Students of Roseworthy Agricultural College since 1962. There are several aims for the day'.

FIRSTLY to show you what the College is like, what its functions are and what it means to be a student at Roseworthy.

SECONDLY to provide you with an educational day in the country during which you and your family will have an opportunity to see how food for an urban population is produced, the animals and plants involved and many other things.

THIRDLY we'd like to see you enjoy the day. There are many things to see and do including:-

Show Jumping Championships,

Hay Rides,

Wine Tasting,

Hearty BBQ Meals.

Hope to see you there.