

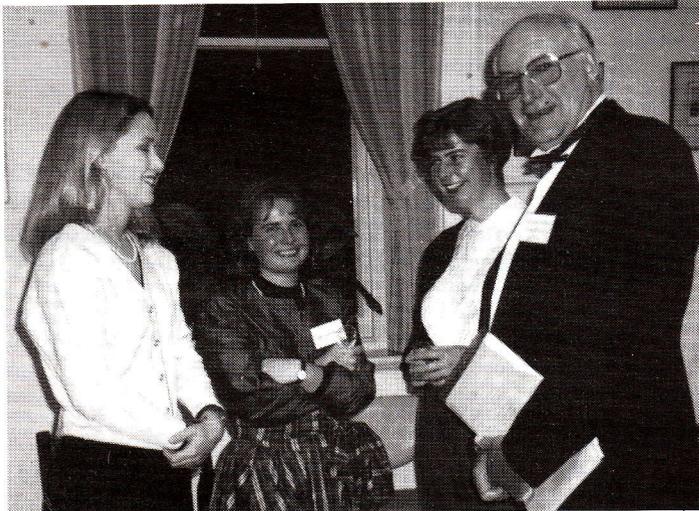
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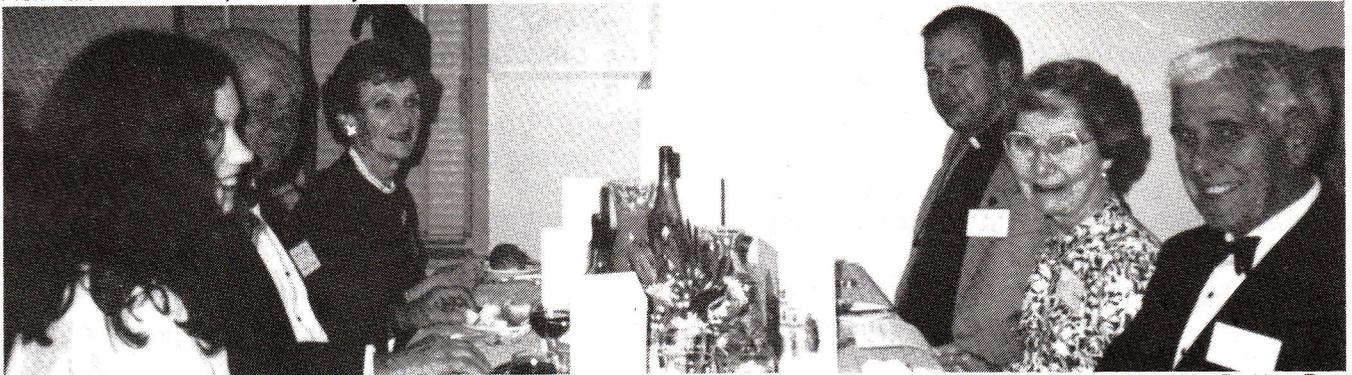
ROSEWORTHY COLLEGE FORMAL DINNER



'Enjoying pre-dinner drinks and conversation'

Left to right: Jennifer Schilling, College Senior 1994, Jennifer Trott, College Senior 1993, Elizabeth Butler, SUC Vice President, Prof. Harold Woolhouse, Dean Faculty of ANRS.

To mark its inception as an independent residential college and to welcome new students into residence, Roseworthy College held a Formal Dinner on 13 May 1994. During the evening a number of speakers addressed those present including the Patron, Dr Bruce Eastick, the Roseworthy College Board Convener, Mr Don Barkley and the Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, Prof Harold Woolhouse. The dinner also provided a fitting occasion for Prof Harold Woolhouse, in his capacity as Director of the Waite Institute, to present the Lowrie Illuminated Address to the College. The College was also honoured by the attendance of Lady Doreen Callaghan, widow of the late Sir Allan Callaghan, who was the first patron of the College and Sir Allan's eldest son Mr John Callaghan. Over 100 students and about 40 special guests attended.



"Soup's on the way" Left to right: Nadene Schiller, Senior Resident, Mr Don Barkley, Convener, Roseworthy College Board, Mrs Barkley, Rev Fr Theo Overberg, Rector, Aquinas College, Lady Doreen Callaghan, Mr John Callaghan.



Left to right: Jennifer Schilling, College Senior, Dr Bruce Eastick, Patron, Mrs Dawn Eastick, Prof Harold Woolhouse, Mrs Gayle Clements, Dr David Clements, Master, Kathleen Lumley College.



'Residential students enjoying their meal and company

General Meeting Decision Sets Future Direction For ROCA

ROCA members voting at a Special General Meeting in Adelaide last May provided overwhelming support for the Association to adopt a new direction.

The decision that ROCA should evolve to become the Old Collegians Association for "Roseworthy College" will ensure that our organisation will continue to have a growing and dynamic membership base in the future.

Since the merger of the former Roseworthy Agricultural College into The University of Adelaide and the spreading of courses across a number of campuses, there had been some concern that the identity of "Roseworthy Campus students" may be diminished.

This in turn would lead to a marked reduction in the number of new graduates eligible to join ROCA, leaving the Association languishing for support in future years.

During the past four years, your Committee has been considering various options to ensure the future viability of ROCA.

The exciting new direction mapped out for the Association now identifies ROCA as being the official old students' body of the recently established "Roseworthy College", the organisation providing

accommodation and pastoral care for residential students and staff of The University of Adelaide's Roseworthy Campus.

A constitution reflecting this change is currently being drafted, and will be presented to members at a second Special General Meeting to be held at the Sporting Car Club on King William Road in Adelaide, on July 25.

This meeting will allow all ROCA members an opportunity to oversee the drafting of the new constitution and provide input if they desire.

The Committee feels that the time available for comprehensive consultation and discussion at the Special General Meeting should avoid the necessity for protracted and time-consuming debate at the Annual General Meeting.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

**SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS TO
DISCUSS THE FUTURE CONSTITUTION OF ROCA**

VENUE

Sporting Car Club of SA, 51 King William Road, Unley

7.00 pm

Monday 25th July, 1994

**The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and
prepare a new Constitution reflecting ROCA's
change in direction.**

Woolhouse Donation to Roseworthy College

An extremely interesting and pertinent item of Roseworthy memorabilia has been donated to Roseworthy College by Professor Harold Woolhouse.

By extremely fortunate circumstances, Professor Woolhouse recently became aware that an illuminated address that was presented to former RAC Principal William Lowrie in 1901, had become available for purchase in Perth.

The text to the address reads as follows:

*T*_O WILLIAM LOWRIE ESQ

M.A., B.Sc Edin., F.R.H.S.
PROFESSOR OF AGRICULTURE AND PRINCIPAL OF THE AGRICULTURAL
COLLEGE ROSEWORTHY SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Dear Sir,

On the occasion of your departure from amongst us, we, the members of "The Agricultural Old Collegians Association", representing the old students, most of whom have studied at the Agricultural College, Roseworthy, while you have been its Principal, desire to express to you the affectionate regard in which you are held by us all, and to thank you for the kindness and consideration you have at all times shewn us.

We feel that in losing you, we are separated from a true and tried friend who has always had our welfare at heart. As President of our Association since its inauguration, we have had many pleasant reunions with you; of which we hope you will retain as happy memories as we enjoy.

We trust that prosperity will attend you in your new home, and though confident that you will earn the good wishes of all with whom you are brought in contact, be assured that none will be more sincere than ours.

We are, Dear Sir, Your old students,

On behalf of "The Agricultural Old Collegian Association",

H. A. Parsons

H. B. Robson

C. F. Heyne

W. Birks

A. M. Darwkins

J. H. Muecke Committee.

Hon Treas.

T. E. Yelland Hon Secy.

Adelaide, 13th September 1901.

As well as being a significant item of Roseworthy memorabilia, the illuminated address is an impressive and valuable work of art.

The address was gratefully received by the Convener of the Roseworthy College Board of Directors, Mr Don Barkley, at the College Dinner that was held in the College Dining Hall on 13 May 1994.

It was donated by Professor Woolhouse on behalf of the Faculty of Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences and in his capacity as Director of the Waite Agricultural Research Institute.

ROSEWORTHY OLD COLLEGIANS ASSOCIATION

1994 Annual General Meeting & Dinner

The 1994 Annual General Meeting of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Inc. will be held on Friday 9th September at 6.30 pm in the Feathers Hotel, 516 Glynburn Road, Burnside.

This will be followed by the Annual Dinner, which will feature the 25 Year Group, introduced by Dick Turnbull.

The 10 Year Group will also be a feature of the evening.

Pre-dinner drinks will commence at approximately 7.00 pm, to be followed by a smorgasbord dinner at 7.30 pm.

Initial refreshments of champagne, sherry, wine, beer and soft drinks to an agreed limit have been costed into the price of \$29.00 per person.

Seating for the dinner is limited to 170 people, and bookings will be accepted strictly on a first come first served basis.

Of course, wives, partners and friends are extremely welcome to attend the dinner.

Please fill in the return slip and enclose your cheque without delay.

Closing date is 1st September, with Brian Hannaford, 37 Marlborough Street, Malvern 5061 (phone/fax 08 2717538)

Bardy McFarlane
Secretary

**WHY NOT BECOME A
LIFE MEMBER!**
...it's good value.

Eastick appointed Patron

A long and distinguished association with Roseworthy Agricultural College has been recognised by the recent appointment of the Honourable Bruce C Eastick MP as Patron of Roseworthy College.

A graduate of RAC, Dr Eastick was appointed to the RAC Council in March 1982, and was re-appointed for subsequent terms of office as President until the merger in 1991.

In 1985 Dr Eastick was presented the Award of Merit by the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association and in 1991 the Eastick Building was named in his honour by the University.

Dr Eastick succeeds the late Sir Allan Callaghan as Patron of Roseworthy College.

IAN YOUNG - R.D.A. 1960

Farm Life Wins Adelaide Teacher A \$15,000 Science Award

A teacher at Marion's Westminster School, Mr Ian Young, recently won a \$15,000 BHP Science Teacher Award for his work linking commercial enterprises on the school's model farm with local rural industries.

When Mr Young, now senior agricultural master, arrived at Westminster in 1972, he found no facilities, no money and hostility to the concept of agricultural science. His response was to set up a model farm that gave students hands-on experience of crops, animals and commercial management and paid its way. Now worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, the farm has a meat-bird shed, a laying shed demonstrating three housing methods, a vineyard with several trellising methods, a glass house for vegetables, a piggery and a herb garden. Students design and observe trials and deal with similar businesses in the community.

Mr Young won Category Two of the BHP Teacher Awards, for secondary teachers taking science for more than half their teaching load. Four winners in the BHP Student Awards receive \$1,000 for their schools. The BHP Science Awards, which are designed to encourage science in schools, offer more than 320 prizes worth over \$85,000 in total.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

13.8.93
14 Blackwood Court
Ridgehaven SA 5097

Ph 08 2643386

The Editor
R.O.C.A. Digest

Dear Sir,

I thought you may consider this poem of interest to some of your R.O.C.A. readers; it is factually based and may bring a few memories back to some of your "maturing" readers!

I was in "the hard core" (as Bob Herriot put it!) of the 1963 year. The hat concerned was as described and was found by Geoff Walsh in the hayshed opposite the machinery shed.

Since leaving R.A.C. I have had various postings as a stock agent at Mount Pleasant, Horsham, Hamilton, Adelaide and Gawler and am now supervising the show floor for Dalgety's Port Adelaide wool store.

It was with considerable nostalgia that as an agent with Elders at Gawler I was to return to "Good Old R.A.C." to transact some livestock business.

I also had a lot of contact with Ray Norton through the "Waite Institute" and its associated properties and would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his guiding help at the college and for support in later years.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL AITCHISON SMITH

"A GREY PORK PIE"

Four decades ago I went to the show
To ride dodg'ns, see horses and cats
But what got me in near the old cattle ring
Were the cockys, in flash wide brimmed hats.

Didn't know why they wore them
But I just knew for sure then
That I'd get me one of them lids
I saved zacs and try bits and coppers and all

To amass the sum of three quid.

But I headed south as a jackeroo
To the mighty station "Glengyle"
As it rained a torrent, me under me horse
Jack Tippett in his akubra smiled.

I must go and buy one I thought to myself
And uttered a guttural curse
The rain continued, Jack still smiled
And the smell got worse and worse!

But it was R.A.C. I got my first derby
The buyer and seller were willing
A grey pork pie, second hand, and I
Paid the princely sum of three shillings.

Geoff sold it to me, it was too small you see
For either himself or I
He thought it a joke that a city bloke
Could be conned into such a buy.

Ten seconds the money had barely changed hands
I grasped for my stockman's knife
The band I cut out in front of his eyes
And gave "the porky" new life.

It fitted a treat and I proudly strolled off
Seeking action, adventure, a job
And was given a turn by a leading stock firm
In a hat costing only three bob!

It served me well from the Mount Pleasant chill
And the heat at the dusty Gepps Cross
But she blew out the window, fair down Anstey's Hill
I felt a friend had been lost.

Its loss however saw me touched by the sun
'Twas the last sheep sale for the year
I must've been crook, I was too weak to go
To drink Morgan's free Christmas beer!

Years later and sporting the best you could buy
I made a stock agents kill
A ring of ten mushrooms went into me pride
Near Watson's at One Tree Hill.

The Christmas canvas with calendars armed
Up Norton Summit road
Something caught my beady eye
The commodore, she slowed.

Up on the hill and shining red
They looked like wild red berries
I found a size fifty nine would hold
Four pounds of Cowlings cherries!

Yes you need a hat to step out in the world
They really are something to show
You can fill them up with natures spoils
But they must never leak you know.

You can water your mate with the brim pushed down
You'll almost hear him say thanks
For it's hard for a dog to get a drink
From those six foot high water tanks.

If you work as a stockman down in the yards
And the rain falls out of the sky
Put your waybills inside you Akubra hat
Up there you'll be sure they stay dry.

And what better cause than protect the pores
Where the hair grows out from your head
From heat wind and cold, I really am sold
On me "porky" out in the shed.

A story true from a jackeroo
Stocky woolly and all.

MICHAEL A. SMITH.
13.8.93

14 September 1993
Box 6014
ROCKHAMPTON MC QLD 4702

The Editor
R.O.C.A Digest

Dear Sir,

Having been in Queensland now for some time, it is becoming increasingly clear that a large number of Roseworthy College graduates are making their home, and are being employed in various industries up here. Having recently bumped into a few of my college associates from the past, the idea of getting together with graduates up here was discussed. Off hand I could probably name at least a dozen old collegians, but am sure that there would be more. As editor of the ROCA digest, would you (if possible) be

able to supply me with a list of names and addresses of all those Roseworthy graduates living in Queensland.

I plan to convene some sort of get-together to renew acquaintances and maybe float the idea of forming a branch in Queensland.

Having not seen many of my fellow graduates for around 6-7 years, it was nice to catch up with them. I believe that most people lose contact to some degree over time, due mainly to distance and would like those RAC graduates in Queensland to renew their links with other college graduates and friends.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Ritchie
B.App.Sc. (Ag.) 1987

27 May 1994
Rod & Alison Hamann
630 Trace Drive
WILMINGTON
NC 28405-7326

The Editor
R.O.C.A Digest

Dear Sir,

Just wanted to let you know our new address.

Rod is now Production Manager for Murphy Farms in North Carolina, USA.

We have two girls, Rachael (almost five) and Nicole (almost two).

Keep up the good work ROCA!

Kind regards,

Rod Hamman, 1981 Dip Ag
Alison (Blair) 1980 Horse Course

EP ROCA Branch Family Day - 27.2.94

Numbers (19 adults, 17 children) were slightly below those of last year, but as Elizabeth Michelmore indicated - the quantity was down, but the quality was well up to "standard".

The overcast morning may have put some off travelling to the Tod River Reservoir Reserve, but by midday the weather was glorious and Fish Cordon had difficulty in getting the children to leave their various pursuits in favour of lunch.

Andy Michelmore arrived bright and lively even after having fought a bushfire the day before and saving the stables of a local popular, but unsuccessful, horse trainer. Andy is now an OBE - Order of Bushfire Extinguishers.

Brian Ashton and Fish controlled the sausage and hamburger barbecue, while Alan Lawes, President Bruce and Nola McCallum handled the steak and onions.

Salads and desserts were in abundance with recipes discussed. Heard several ask Angela Cordon just what went into her salad, while the youngsters rushed Sue Ashmans "crunchy crumbles".

After eating there was plenty to do - cricket was popular with the young brigade which vocally criticised the elderly - heard Brian Ashton's bowling action described as "that of a girl". Peter Cordon belted his father all over the ground.

Karen Solomon took a group, including Tracey Cordon and friend Libby Cook, to the tennis courts. Fish turned the tap on when Joshua Roeger was seen resting by a sprinkler. Tania Roeger kept out of harm's way by taking her dog "Esther" for a walk - only dog present so was the best fed dog on Eyre Peninsula that day.

The Ashton family scored a treble in the "best hat" competition, Brian with his dashing "straw", Riley with his "pork pie" and Larissa with her elegant "up front" creation. Next in line was Matthew Solomon with his "cowboy look".

The McCallum brothers, Matthew and Rene, caused

some excitement by walking around the top railing of the playground tower. They also entertained young and old with their "Pen-Doodle-Dum", a wind operated pendulum with pencil attached, which created designs. Bruce would like to have a daughter, but Nola will not take the risk of another son.

The Branch being given special access for the day to the Tod River Reservoir Museum was much appreciated, with the exhibits, video and printed information of great interest. Noticed in the visitor's book that Elvis Presley and Marilyn Monroe were also present that day - their address was given as "Heaven".

Julie Langman, our branch treasurer (with the help of husband Mark and son Nathan) created a record for our ROCA weekend by showing profits on both the previous night's dinner and the family day. The branch will continue in the black with the Langmans juggling the finances.

Alan Lawes as well as cooking the steak, cut up and distributed the watermelon and finally did most of the "Clean up Australia" at the end of the worthwhile gathering. Think the only casualty for the day was Heidi Roeger with a cut finger - guess her mum, Sharyn, soon nursed it back to health.

The organisers again thank all those in attendance for their support, thus contributing to the success of another family day.

Des Habel.

Lost ROCA Members

If you know the whereabouts of the following lost ROCA members, please drop a note in the mail to: ROCA, The University of Adelaide, Roseworthy Campus, Roseworthy SA 5371

Mr D. F. Adams	1984	Mr P. Hodgson	1983
Ms K Anderson	1990	Mr C W Hooper	1928
Mr D Anson	1990	A. Horne	
Mr D. M. Appleton	1984	Ms G Inglis	1991
Mr S Araya	1991	Ms K Isherwood	1991
Ms P Armstrong	1990	Mrs M James	1991
Mr B J Axford	1983	Mr G James	1991
Mr G B Baldwin	1956	S. Jelfs	1990
Mr A D Bates	1992	Mr R. Jenke	1963
Mr B Bicknell	1991	Mrs S J Jennings	1984
Mr S. W. Bird	1984	Mr N. D. Jones	1984
Mr A C Blake	1993	Mr A Kennett	1988
Ms D Boddington	1990	Mr J C Kilgour	1932
Mr T Bolton	1991	Kingsbury	1990
Mr R Bosward	1990	Mr M Koch	1990
Mr B. J. Bradshaw	1984	Mr L Koch	1988
Mr A G Brooks	1987	Ms O. Kostic	1991
Mr G. K. Burrows	1971	Mr N. Larson	1991
Mr H. A. Caillard	1984	Mr D M Lonie	1983
Mr D J Cairnes	1992	Mr A B Magor	1993
Miss E. M. Caley		Mr S. Marshall	1980
Mrs T. Chaplin	1990	Mrs E A May	1984
Mr G Chennells	1990	Mr P May	1983
Mr P. F. Cocker	1966	Mr G O McHush	1949
Mr D. A. Cooper	1977	Mr C. A. McRae	1984
Mr B. G. Cree	1957	Mrs L J Mensforth	1992
Mr P D Crompton	1956	Mr D Metcalf	1991
Mr A. G. Cumming	1970	Mr K. Michael	1972
Mr N. E. Cuttance	1984	Miss A R Miller	1981
Mr N Davies	1990	Mr M R Mitchell	1992
Mr I. Donald	1986	Miss H. M. Moore	1984
Mr P D Draper	1992	Ms K Morris	1990
Mr M Dubon	1991	Mr T. R. Mortimer	1984
Mr P. J. Emery	1949	Ms J Moss	1991
Miss J. K. Erny	1981	Mr J Murray	1991
Mr G. S. Fahey	1984	Mr C Nichols	1991
Mr K. Favilla	1955	Mr H. Owens	1990
Mr M D H Fisher	1990	Mr R. L. Panser	1926
Ms E Fraser	1990	Mr R. Partington	1967
C. Garrett	1981	Mr D.A.G. Paton	1971
Mr G. J. Garrett	1981	Mr J C Potter	1948
Mr A. W. Gay	1983	Ms M. Pullford	1991
Mr R. Geddes	1980	Ms S Read	1991
Mr C J Glaetzer	1968	K Reynolds	
Mr R. M. Glastonbury	1982	Mr J B Richardson	1955
Mr W B Gliddon	1961	T H Rosenblatt	1989
Mr S. J. Glover	1984	Mr M. J. Rump	1982
Mr P W Godden	1992	Miss J A Sangster	1983
Ms M Golhr	1991	Mr G M Saunders	
Ms J Goss	1991	Mr R. A. Scapin	1984
Mr B. W. Grant	1950	Mr I. Shannon	
Mr P. R. Gratton	1958	Mr L Shiau	1991
Mr S. L. Green	1984	Ms F Shipp	1991
Mr R. P. M. Greer	1984	Mrt A Sneyd	1987
Mr J L Gregory	1943	Mr K Sobels	1962
Mr D M Greig	1981	Ms W Stuckey	1990
Miss E K Gurner	1984	Mr J. F. Suiker	1982
Mr R J Hall	1959	Mr G I Symes	1973
Mr V G Hannaford	1956	Ms S Tening	1990
Miss S. D. Harris	1978	Mr I. Trigg	1991
Mr I. R. Harvey	1981	Mr A. M. Verity	1984
Dr W. R. Hein	1969	Mr B Vickery	1991
L. J. Henshaw	1987	Mr J White	1988
Mr T R Hesketh	1991	Mr I Whyntie	1990
Mr B. Hetherington	1991	Mr P R Wilcox	1984
Mr C. H. Hill	1984	Mr P Wishart	1974
		Mr M B Young	1979

AWARD TO PETER BROWNELL

Peter Brownell who was at RAC before the war and again as a 'Rehab' student was in Adelaide recently to receive the award of Doctor of Science from the University of Adelaide.

Peter is based at James Cook University in Queensland where he has undertaken the world class research in Plant Physiology which earned him the Doctor of Science, one of only two higher doctorate awards made by The University of Adelaide in 1994.

The Dean of Sciences words in presenting Dr Brownell for admission to the degree were:

"Peter Brownell has devoted most of his life to the study of the role of sodium in plant nutrition. It is unlikely that any plant anywhere in the world will ever suffer from a deficiency in sodium, but Dr Brownell, who began his work in the Botany Department of this University in the 1950's showed that sodium was indeed, essential for the health and growth of some plants.

This was a daunting task as the sodium had to be eliminated from containers, from water, from nutrients and from the environment in which the plants were grown. Concentrations of about one thousandth of a milligram of sodium per litre of water were achieved. He showed that the effect was absolutely specific for sodium and that only some plants required sodium. However, the South Australian saltbush was a striking example of a sodium-requiring plant - and this plant he studied intensely.

It is now known that plants with a particular type of photosynthesis are the ones that require sodium and Dr Brownell has shown that the symptoms of sodium-deficiency can be exacerbated or alleviated by manipulating the concentrations of carbon dioxide, thus confirming a relationship between the need for sodium and this C4 type of photosynthesis.

Dr Brownell has tried to elucidate the role of sodium in these plants. His studies, although incomplete, strongly suggest that sodium is involved in the transport of pyruvate in the cells of these plants.

Until recently progress in this field has been due

almost entirely to the rigorous and exacting experiments of Dr Brownell and his students.

For his research, he shunned what was in vogue and pursued with skill, originality and persistence, what few of us would have even attempted. His name carries international recognition among plant scientist and is universally regarded as the scientist who established sodium as the essential element for C4 plants."

Peter remembered with great affection the beginnings of his long academic career under the great Allan Callaghan and recalled the day that he had been on Winery duty, siphoning wine from one cask to another. We all know how difficult it is to siphon wine without getting the occasional mouthful and young Brownell was feeling very jolly as he weaved his way back across the oval towards the Main Building until he noticed 'The Doc' heading towards him. Peter said he had lined up the roof of the Main Building and a tree in an attempt to keep a straight course. Both he and 'The Doc' survived the incident and went on to extremely distinguished careers.

REUNIONS

1967 - 1970 REUNION

Graham Brookman is attempting to co-ordinate their 25 year reunion group at the 1995 R.O.C.A. Dinner.

In preparation for this, he is hoping to gather his fellows together at the 1994 Reunion Dinner.

Anyone who may be involved in this group should contact Graham Brookman, P. O. Box 859, Gawler S.A. 5118 (Phone: 085 226450 - home, 08 3035123 - work, FAX 08 2237002 - work).

25 YEAR REUNION

The 25 Year Reunion Group this year will comprise the Roseworthy Graduates of 1968, and anyone who commenced their course with this group.

Co-ordinator of the reunion group is Bill Giles, 4 Coolidge Ave., Lower Mitcham S.A. 5062. (Phone 08 2725362 - home, 08 3898831 - work).

Members of the Ag. Course are:

W.G. Allen	G.H.Mowatt
B.W. Boerth	S.R. Murray
M.J. Bowles	P.J. Nash
M.L. Brooke	G.E. Payne
J.P. Cooper	R.C. Paynter
J.B. Davies	D.S. Pengelly
W.A. Elsdon	B.W. Philp
S.C.S.George	M.J. Riley
W.G.Giles	I.R. Scarborough
C.J. Glaetzer	W.J. Roesler
J.C. Glaetzer	P. Shakespeare
R.H. Habgood	M.J. Stanley
J.O. Harvery	C.J. Smith
R.W. Hender	I.J. Tapley
N.A. Ibbotson	R.K. Turnbull
K.L. Johnson	T.R. Usher
G. Kirkwood	W.D. Watson
K.A. McCallum	R.A. Whiting
D.E.Miegel	J.C. Womersley

10 YEAR REUNION

Graduates who spent their final year at R.A.C. in 1983 and graduated in early 1984 are welcome to join the 10 year Reunion Group at this year's R.O.C.A. Reunion.

The ten year reunion group is normally a feature of the Annual Dinner, and with the help of the graduates of a decade ago, we hope to make this year's reunion just as successful.

People who started their course with the graduating students are also welcome to join the group.

We are still looking for an overall co-ordinator of the ten year reunion group.

Rob Johncock of Coomandook (PH. 085 73 3021) has offered to co-ordinate people from his graduating Associate Diploma course.

Vale

EDWIN A. ARNOLD (R.D.A. 1934)
Of Moana S.A.
Passed away on March 6, 1994

J.A. KELLY (R.D.A. 1939)
Of Meningie S.A.
Passed away August 20, 1993

DAVID KIDD (R.D.A. 1953)
Of Glen Iris Vic.
Passed away last year (1993)

F WATSON COLEMAN (R.D.A. 1922)
Of Crafers S.A.
Passed away on September 15, 1993

VERA WELLINGTON HERRIOT
Passed away March 4, 1994

JOHN HAYES BUILDING OFFICIALLY OPEN

The Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries the Hon. Mike Reed, officially opened the John Hayes Building at the Arid Zone Research Institute (AZRI) in Alice Springs on the 26th June.

The impressive new amenities block was named after John Hayes the former executive officer at AZRI. The new building is light and spacious and doubles up as the HQ for the AZRI Social Club.

The opening ceremony was attended by many of John's colleagues from all areas of the Department.

Marriage



Mr Mrs Dale Manson, (Photo courtesy Tim Williams Photography, 8 Durham St, Glenelg 5045)".

The marriage of Gail Biggs and Dale Manson took place on Saturday April 9th, 1994 at the Memorial Chapel on Roseworthy Campus. The Reverend Graeme Kaines officiated and the couple were attended by thousands. A sumptuous banquet was given in the Historic Dining Hall and the occasion wound up only after the revellers were evicted by the residential students.

Obituary

VERA WELLINGTON HERRIOT

Vee Herriot came to Roseworthy in March 1962 with her husband Robert. As she records in "The House on the Hill", she arrived in a car with two cats, one dog and a stew pan full of gold fish, later to be tipped into the pond. Vee was very conscious of her husband's role as "Principal of this big and important Agricultural College." But as her luggage reveals, she intended to live her own life also.

The garden and fish pond were high among her interests. A rockery was cleaned up with help from "three willing (?) lads" and "time off for cups of tea and oranges, and plenty of talk while working." The cats soon included her neighbour, Poultry Cat, whom Vee visited and fed regularly.

Her home fascinated her to such an extent she researched its history, interviewed previous principals and their families, and wrote "The House on the Hill" which was published in 1983 to mark the centenary of R.A.C. and from which I have quoted.

Vee certainly supported her husband well. We recall her gracious presence at functions such as graduation and the garden party for staff and families at Christmas. There were Christmas carols too, under the trees in the garden or in the chapel. Vee also organised the committees, including students, for the Gala Day, which later grew to Open Day. She even attended football matches, though she did occasionally read the Advertiser when play was not exciting. When graduation was held in the new Agricultural Engineering Centre Vee made it look a little more elegant by arranging flowers with the help of other College wives enlisted (conscripted?) for the occasion, just as she had for previous graduations and speech days.

Perhaps Vee is remembered most now for her efforts to enrich the lives of those College wives as they were often called back in the days when staff were male, living on was compulsory and Roseworthy seemed miles from anywhere. Just as she had formed the Minervan Club in Adelaide, Vee began the Athenians, giving College wives a chance to meet the local

women. The group still meet in Possum Hut, originally the coachman's cottage. In fact Vee had been looking forward to joining their 30th birthday celebrations in April.

Unfortunately that did not happen. On March 4th Vee died peacefully at her home. She was 83 years. Our sympathy is extended to Bob, John and Chris and all their family.

Obituary

ED (Ted) ARNOLD

Born 5th September, 1913. Died 6th March, 1994. Ted was born in Adelaide, son of Dr Edwin and Martha Arnold.

After attending St Peters College in Adelaide he attended Roseworthy. On completing his education at Roseworthy he, with his brothers, managed his parents' farm at Steelton (NE of Saddleworth) until the war when he joined the air force. In 1940 he married Stella Walsh of Saddleworth. They had two children, John and Elizabeth. After the war he managed the Walsh's farm at Merilden (North of Manoona).

In 1948, a couple of years after his wife's death he married Marjorie Roberts (nee Coleman) from Saddleworth who also had two children, Rosemary and Graeme. At the same time Marjorie and Ted bought the Steelton Farm, where they successfully worked the property, producing lucerne, sheep, wool and cereal until they sold the farm and retired to Moana in 1980. During the years at Steelton Ted was an active member of the Saddleworth Agricultural Bureau and other local affairs.

They lived at Moana, where he was an active member of the Moana Surf Lifesaving Club until his death in March.

He is survived by his widow and the four children.

Obituary

F. WATSON COLEMAN R.D.A. 1922

The death occurred on Wednesday, 15th September 1993 of well known cereal producer Frederick Watson Coleman. He was born at "Tuela" Saddleworth SA in 1901 and educated at Friend's School, Hobart and Roseworthy Agricultural College where he graduated with 1st Class Honours and went home to help his father in 1921. The property ran stud Guernsey and Jersey cattle, sheep and crop production. In 1934, the Waite Institute and Department of Agriculture commenced wheat breeding trials at "Tuela" and Watson worked to improve varieties. The most successful of these in conjunction with Dr. Albert Puasley was 'Aldirk'. Over many decades Watson supplied pure seed to farmers throughout the State. He won the Midland Crop competition several times and was in demand as a crop judge and at Agricultural Shows, as well as exhibiting at the Royal.

A foundation member of the Saddleworth Golf Club the course was established on the property in 1929. He was a keen member of the local community, holding positions in Saddleworth Agricultural Bureau, Show Society, Institute, Community Centre and Bowling. He was an early member of the Coolibah Club having previously raised and planted many trees in the district. He travelled extensively in Australia and overseas looking at agricultural techniques. He bought the first tractor to the district, superseding his beloved horses, introduced the first superphosphate trials in the area and contour ploughing for soil conservation.

In 1963, he and Dorothy retired to Crafers where they established an acre of garden and trees. He continued activities as a driver for Meals on Wheels, Patron of the Stirling Bowling Club and provider of plants for the Quaker Shop. Being a birthright Quaker, he led a busy life involved in the Society of Friends as Treasurer, and for a time on the Board of Governors of Friends School Hobart. He is survived by his son Robin and second wife Frances.

Obituary

JOHN EDWARD HAYES R.D.A. 1961

John was born in 1940, to an old Territory pastoral family. The family in fact were probably living at Deep Well when John was born in Adelaide.

In John's earlier years he spent time on Deep Well and Claravale Station as the family moved around the district eventually moving to Alice Springs in 1950.

John undertook his early schooling in the Alice, eventually undertaking a Diploma of Agriculture at Roseworthy College in South Australia.

In 1963 John commenced with the Department in Alice Springs as an Animal Attendant, and later as Stock Inspector. During this period he spent time working on what was known as the desert block north of Hamilton Downs. This Project was to look into the viability of spinifex as a supplement feed.

During 1965 to 1973 John moved to the Top End as a Technical Officer on Beatrice Hill Research Farm, and in late 1973 was promoted to Darwin as Senior Technical Officer in charge of NT Research Farms.

In 1979 he moved to head office as an Administrative Officer and in 1982 transferred to Alice Springs. During 1989 his Administrative position was reclassified to Executive Officer. Whilst in this position John also acted as Regional Director South from time to time.

John was a popular member of staff, with a dry sense of humour and was a good story teller.

John is survived by his wife Marie.

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*Nominations for the Roseworthy Old Collegians
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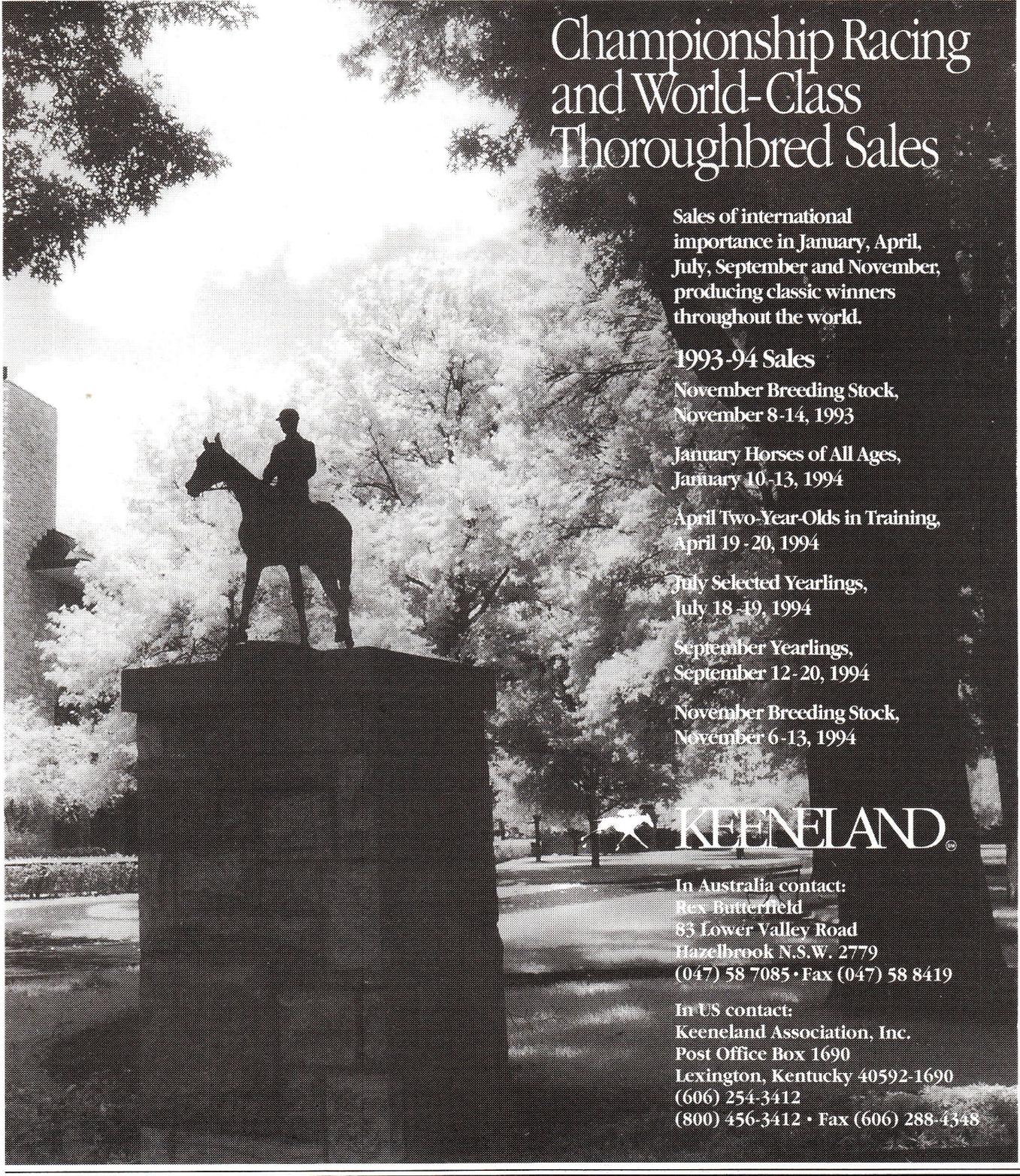
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