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**1995 Award of Merit
Winner - Bob Knapstein**

Bob was born into a grapegrowing and winemaking family in the Clare Valley. After primary and secondary schooling at Clare, he arrived at Roseworthy in 1943. Four years later, in 1947, he graduated with a first class honours Diploma in Oenology. He also was dux of his year and won the Gold Metal.

From 1947 to 1959 he worked in the McLaren Vale region, firstly as a wine chemist and eventually as the technical manager for S Smith & Co at their Tatachilla Vineyards. He then spent a short time as cellar master at Woodley Wines, Glen Osmond. After 17 vintages in Australia he joined Penfolds Wines (NZ) Ltd in Auckland in 1964 for the first of his 23 New Zealand vintages. In 1974 Bob transferred to McWilliams Wines at Napier, Hunter Bay, as Production Manager and Alternate Director and continued with the merged company of Cooks McWilliams until his retirement in 1986. During his years of winemaking Bob undertook pioneering work with New Zealand brandy and with oak maturation of Chardonnay. He produced many top award winning wines, including the landmark 1978 McWilliams Chardonnay.

Bob's contribution to the industry extended beyond his involvement with individual wine companies. He was a member of the Wine Council Committee for five years from 1970 to 1974 and was a supporter of the formation of the Wine Institute.

Bob also was a wine judge, judging at both the National Wine Show and the Easter Show for whom he played a key administrative role as a member of the A & P Wine Show Committee. In other industry roles, Bob, between 1970 and 1982, represented winemakers as an employers' assessor at industry award negotiations with both viticultural and winery workers, and between 1979 and 1986 was on industry viticultural and research committees. At regional levels Bob was also very active and was Charter Chairman of Hawkes Bay Vintners between 1979 and 1981. This was a consortium of all local winemakers set up to promote Hawkes Bay as the Premium Wine Region of New Zealand.

Following his retirement in 1986 Bob acted as competition Director for the Air New Zealand Wine Awards, a role he distinguished for five years. In 1995 he was awarded a Fellowship of the Wine Institute of New Zealand for services to the New Zealand Industry. The citation for that award sums up his extraordinary commitment to the industry. *"Mr Robert O (Bob) Knapstein made a lifelong commitment to producing quality wine through the senior positions held with New Zealand wine companies and his active involvement in industry affairs."*

Congratulations to Bob, who truly epitomises what the Award of Merit is all about. - "meritorious and outstanding service to agriculture, Roseworthy College, ROCA or the community".

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President's Report

The ROCA AGM last September saw the election of a new Executive (see page 2). The new Committee will do their utmost to serve the Association and to face the challenges which we have before us.

One of our biggest challenges is the long-term viability of ROCA, and this can only be achieved by a regular admission of new graduates into our ranks. We must make every effort to ensure that graduates are made aware of the benefits of joining ROCA, and what a sound investment it really is.

For a very modest outlay, graduates can join ROCA and thereby can attain life membership in what is, among other things, a professional organisation. Such an organisation could well prove invaluable in putting graduates in touch with other people in their particular field in Australia as well as overseas. Membership in ROCA would enhance the CV of a new graduate, and could well improve job prospects.

We are also well aware of and very supportive of the links that ROCA also provides to Roseworthy graduates over the years, and we will endeavour to maintain and preserve those links via AGMs, the Annual Dinner and other reunions.

A very significant date on our calendar for next year is the Centenary of ROCA. The Committee intends to celebrate this event in a manner fitting of such an important milestone, and planning is already underway. We have recently appointed a sub-committee, whose job will be to come up with an overall concept and then detailed planning of how to mark our 100th year. The membership of the ROCA Centenary Sub-committee is as follows:

Mia Stephens
Jack Reddin

James Holland
Phil Laffer

Graham Brookman
David Cooper

If you have any suggestions as to what form the celebrations should take, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

David Cooper
President

Annual Reunion of Eyre Peninsula Branch of ROCA

The reunion of the Eyre Peninsula Branch was held in Port Lincoln on the weekend of 22-23 February, 1997. David and Anne Cooper, along with family Patrick, Amy and James, attended the weekend, and were treated to some real E.P. hospitality, especially by Bruce McCallum and Mark Langman. The AGM and Annual Dinner were held at the Lincoln Hotel, and the following Committee was elected for 1997:

President:	Neil Cordon		
Vice-President:	Peter Preece		
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Committee Members:	Julie Langman	Bruce McCallum	Greg Scholz
	Brian Ashton	Ben Ranford	Barry Lawes
	Rachael May		
Eyre Peninsula Representatives:	Andrew Michelmore		
	Peter Dunn		

The Dinner was well attended, and an interesting and entertaining after dinner speaker was well known Port Adelaide and State Footballer, Darryl Borlase. Darryl is himself an Old Collegian, and the topic of his address was "Motivation in high levels of sport to achieve personal and team goals".

On Sunday was the traditional family BBQ, held this year at Flinders Park, Port Lincoln. This was also a most enjoyable event, and rounded off an excellent weekend.

An Appreciation of "The Doc"

Gavin McEwin of Woodside, a 1937 graduate, has recently compiled a 40 page appreciation of one of the more famous people to be associated with Roseworthy College, the late Sir Allan Callaghan. The publication makes most interesting reading, and gives an insight into the major influence which "The Doc" had on agricultural practices. Gavin will be attending this year's Annual Dinner, where he will present a copy of his Appreciation to the ROCA Committee. Copies will also be presented to the Roseworthy and the Waite Campus libraries, and also to the Mortlock Library and the National Library, Canberra.

H.A.C. Old Scholars v. R.A.C. Old Scholars Annual Golf Day held at Mt Barker Golf Club on Sunday 17 November 1996

Twenty four players hit off for the prodigious H.A.C. vs. R.A.C. Old Scholars Annual Golf Challenge Perpetual Team Trophy which this year was won by 15 points by the R.A.C. team.

Congratulations must be in order to some of the R.A.C. team members who played some exceptional golf under pretty adverse wet weather conditions during the afternoons play. Well done fellows and ladies.

	Trophy Winners	
Roseworthy Old Scholars Shield		Darren Arney - 42 Stableford Points
Runner Up		Bardy McFarlane - 40 Stableford Points
Third Best Score		Malcolm Dixon - 36 Stableford Points
	Hawkesbury Old Scholars Winners	
Hawkesbury Old Scholars Shield		Allan Fischle - 39 Stableford Points
Runner Up		Peter Osborne - 38 Stableford Points
Third Best Score		Don McKay - 32 Stableford Points
	Visitor's Trophy	
Winner		Ian Frances - 36 points
Runner Up		Lindsay Wapper - 35 points
Third Best		Hugh Reimers - 34 points
	Ladies Trophy	
Winner		Elizabeth Reimers
Runner Up		Heather Osborne
	N.A.G.A	
Hawkesbury		Jeremy Challacombe
Roseworthy		Don Chambers

A special thank you must go to Kel Burke for his time in organising the day and also to John Satchell for providing the very welcome cheese platters at the trophy presentations.

With a most enjoyable luncheon provided by the Mt Barker Club, keen competition amongst the players and the great fellowship before and after the golf makes this day a must on your calendar in 1997 for all old scholars and their wives regardless of your golfing ability.

Next year's Golf Day and Pre-Christmas Get-Together will be held on Sunday 16 November 1997 at 12:00 pm at the Gawler Golf Club situated in the picturesque Barossa Valley District.

Final details will be released in the spring issue of the ROCA Digest.

ROCA Graduation Awards

The Annual Graduation and Prize Giving Dinner for the Faculty was held in the Phar Lap Room at the Morphettville Function Centre on 1 May 1997. Our President, David Cooper, represented the Association at the Dinner. ROCA sponsors three prizes and we congratulate the winners.

**The Old Students Cup and Prize presented by Roseworthy Old Collegians Association
for second aggregate in Bachelor of Agriculture**

Rebecca Elizabeth Tonkin



The Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Gold Medal in Bachelor of Environmental Management

Tara Hage



**The Old Scholars' Trophy for to the student on the Roseworthy Campus
making the best contributions to Campus Sport, not necessarily on the sporting field**

David Hugh Sloane

Old Scholars News

This is a continuation of excerpts from responses to the Record Update. If you've changed jobs or careers, been successful at what you do or just enjoy life, drop us a line and share it with other old collegians.

Michael Flaherty (RDA 1975 GDA 1979) is an Agricultural Training Officer with the Western Australian Education Department. He is keen to co-ordinate a WA Old Scholars Group and can be contacted on (097) 291205

Ross Ford (RDA, 1960) is State Chief Rural officer for the Commonwealth Development Bank based in Adelaide. Since gaining his RDA, Ross has felt the urge for further study and is also a qualified accountant and a qualified land valuer. Prior to Roseworthy's amalgamation Ross was involved with the Course Advisory Committee for Agriculture. He makes a valid point that this involvement gave sections of the industry an opportunity to keep in touch with the College and bemoans its disbanding.

From the Barossa Valley, **Colin Glaetzer** (RDA 1969, RDOEN, 1971) advises that he is Director/Winemaker of his own company Glaetzer Wines Pty Ltd.

Any old scholars in New Guinea may be interested in contacting **Ian Graue** (RDAT 1972) regarding a get together. Ian moved to Papua New Guinea in 1995 and is a lecturer for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lae. He holds a Graduate Diploma in Environmental Studies and following 20 years of teaching in secondary schools, Ian is now "teaching the teachers". He has a special interest in sustainable agriculture.

Kym Heidenreich (RDA 1975) is Manager of the Cummins Milling Co Pty Ltd which manufactures stockfeed and flour. Keeping up the sporting tradition he lists Golf, Fishing and Family as his main interests (*Ed. I wonder if they are in that order!*)

Handling a very difficult job well is **Rick Henke** (B.App. Sci. (Agric) 1991) at Karoonda. He is a Rural Counsellor for the Murraylands area.

Colin Hopkins (RDA 1970 RDAT 1972) is a real estate salesman with Elders based at Kingscote on Kangaroo Island. He also has a keen interest in Viticulture on the Island.

George Hubble (RDA (Hons) 1931, B.Ag.Sc, 1934) is now retired and living at Indooroopilly in Queensland. During his career George became a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science and was awarded the J A Prescott Medal by the Soil Science Association.

Alf Humble (RDA 1940) lists himself as a Veterinary Surgeon and primary producer. Alf lives at Belair in the Adelaide Hills.

International sheep breeding consultant **Brian Jefferies** (RDA (1st Class Hons) 1950) has reported some startling successes with his breed, the Corino in South America. The wool sells 30% higher than Corriedale Wool and male lambs are being sold at two months of age and 9-11 kg body weight for US\$29.90/head. Brian has previously established the Corino in Tasmania in 1963, the Brandoran Comeback in Victoria in 1971/72 and the Mercor in South Chile in 1995.

After 22 years in New Guinea as an agricultural officer with the PNG Government, **Barry Johnston** (RDA 1952) has retired to Darwin. During his time in New Guinea he focused on cash cropping and land tenure rationalisation. Since his retirement he has had time to pursue his other interests of fishing, shooting and travelling.

Paul Mannion (RDA 1966) is a Senior Scientist at the Queensland Poultry Research and Development Centre.

Vicki Linton (Dip Nat Res 1984, B Nat Res 1987) is a regional advisor for Primary Industries SA based at Port Lincoln

Andrew Litster (Assoc Dip in Ag Farm Management 1985) is putting his qualification to good use and farming at Minlaton on Yorke Peninsula

Giselle McKenzie (Assoc Dip in Horse and Management 1985) is a self employed riding instructor based at Shoreham in Victoria. In her spare time she is a voluntary literacy tutor.

In the heart of the Riverina at Griffith **Ellemarie McLachlan** (Wine Science (Viticulture) 1993) is the grower liaison officer for Orlando Wyndham.

Reminiscence Ross Solley

Ed: This is the third part of a series of memoirs written by Ross Solley who began at Roseworthy in 1955.

Ross continues

We also thought of being Seniors and lording it over the new lot. However there was little animosity. I remember cadging a ride with a certain Barry Pittman, who was the Senior's SRC rep. He used to be regarded with awe as he could sometimes talk a bit of common sense out of our Principal, Dr McCulloch. Dr McCulloch was a brilliant etymologist but had little idea in dealing with a 100 adolescents. Many of the students were ex-Diggers who had been sent by a grateful Government to RAC in order to become model farmers. These young men were not ready to accept the discipline of the College at all times, having spent years in the Army and on active service! There were not many of them, but they made their presence felt.

An event occurred when on Chookery duty, that left an impression. I was running through the nearby Garden, trying to be first in the showers, carrying a wire basket of eggs. Suddenly the basket caught on a water tap and the eggs poured out. It was a long walk to the kitchen, to explain why there would be less eggs for breakfast. However, an area of the garden received more than its share of compost! One weekend in the Garden, I trod in a pile of ashes that looked cool, but were glowing under the surface. My boot received some hot ashes and the ensuing agony meant I couldn't sit down and take it off. (I remember I wasn't wearing socks at the time). The house-master, a Mr Oates, gave me a few days holiday. It was nearly worth it!

Another nasty chore was doing Plant breeding work. All the weeding, hoeing, and artificial pollination of the flowering heads was done by the First years. There was a lot of finicky work involved and one couldn't always swear to the accuracy it involved. You would only get a few good grains of a new type of wheat after one season and they had to be labelled and tracked through the system. All slip-ups had to be hidden from the eyes of Ted George, a giant man, devoid of humour, who hated First years. His method of backing a tractor to hitch an implement was to reverse (without looking) until he hit something. Crude but effective, as long as you weren't in the way.

Another character I remember, was the Farm Workshop supervisor, a gentleman called Jack, who could reduce tough adolescents to cringing curs at 200 paces. Not a very talkative person, when he did it was concise, limited in adjectives but not forgotten in a hurry. He used to send First years around the College searching for rubberpinch bars. One suspected they were being "had", but would not dare question. There was also the Colonel, a much respected character, who had been at the College since the 1890's. Rumour had it he had sold several paddocks of College Land to a buyer, accepting 10% deposit. He

loved football and it paid to become a player if you wanted to get along with him.

There was "Philpy", the Secretary, who had been at the College when the Anzacs charged. He knew everything and everybody and every little trick that students could devise. I remember trying to grow a beard and he told me not to be so bloody stupid and have a shave. A little man, he was respected.

Another gentleman, not so fortunate, was a lecturer, "Banger" Mathews, so called for his habit of passing wind at unsuitable times. He upset some people who responded one night by digging a trench across his driveway and carefully camouflaging the hole. "Bangers Bump", even after it was filled in, was some sort of rallying call. His lectures were never dull affairs, with someone running a book on how soon he would pick his nose.

A fellow lecturer, a single man, John Gursanky, owned a new model Morris Minor, the pride of his life. He must have upset someone (or was he being married?) Anyway the boys lifted his car up half a dozen steps into the College's main building and left it blocking the dining room door.

Another lecturer I remember with affection was "Taffy" Evans. He had a strong Welsh accent and it took me a year to work out his "glams" were actually the glumes or cocky chaff of wheat. I'm told that so anxious to please was he, that he entered swimming races, not being able to swim a stroke and had to be pulled out. While on swimming, we used to have an old dam (complete with yabbies) with turning boards at each end. In the Carnival, I remember a fellow riding his bike off the diving board, being hidden in the murky depths, but leaving his hat floating on the surface. After a while,, he surfaced directly under his hat. It was pure magic and I still wonder how he did it. A T. Fisher from Mt. Isa, won the under water swim by about 5 minutes. All the others surfaced, but he, true to his name, did not. After some time, search parties were sent out and he was found skulking out of sight behind the turning boards, breathing through a thin tube.

During winter of the year, another highlight occurred as I journeyed to Elizabeth. Big Bill Creasy, who stood 6ft 7 kneeling, had an Austin 7, which had neither doors, bonnet nor hood. To see him driving it, reminded one of steering a fast moving thong. Whilst going slowly down the Phillip Highway, then still known as Gluepot Road, as the town was mainly imagination in 1955, we hit a pot-hole. The rag and wooden bung on top of the petrol tank flew off and we were engulfed in flame as petrol hit the engine. Bill, with great presence of mind jumped out, leaving me sitting in the passenger seat, like an apprentice Evil Kenievel. As we were only at walking pace and the flames soon disappeared, no great harm was done, but it left a lasting impression.

Chaff cutting was still a part of College life in the 50's and it followed days of stooking, carting and

stacking. The carting was on huge "German" waggons and much embarrassment was caused if the load fell off on-route to the hay shed. The Senior in charge would go troppo, but many a load came in that would be a tourist attraction in Pisa. If a load fell off, it would follow Murphy's Law and fall off at the weighbridge, just by the Farm Office window. All sheaves had to be placed with knot up (there must have been a reason for this, it has escaped me for 30 years).

I remember a great tradition at RAC, the all night Pontoon schools. With a 3d limit, we played all night to win 5 shillings, a fortune in those days. At these affairs little or no alcohol was every present, as we could not afford it.

As we entered 2nd Year, it was with great anticipation. We had done our apprenticeship, now to reap the benefits.

But first to cricket as I played in a winning Grand Final! We had a dismal season and had only won one match. I had a mean looking leg-break that looked as if it would turn and beat third man, but it didn't deviate! I remember a match at Sandy Creek where I was belted for consecutive fours. After the next big hit, the ball was "lost" on the grass and I ran him out when he attempted his 7th run! However, the 5th team in the competition had won no matches at all, so we were in the finals! Now it happened at that time of the year, a new lot of 1st Years appeared and a new 2nd Year Bob Strachan, who could bowl fast also turned up. We won the Semi and Grand Final, the latter against Willaston, who had not lost a match the whole season. I caught out their champion bat, a fellow called Garry Window for a duck! It was in the slips and I don't remember too much, but our Principal said it was the best catch he'd ever seen. He later turned on a big celebration at the Kangaroo Flat hall, just opposite the College.

Other new Second Years included Rodney Pfeiffer, who possessed an inexhaustible supply of "Craven A's" and Bob MacMahon, who said he was a genius at horse racing. We formed a syndicate and "bought" a system advertised in the paper. It worked, I guess, but our finances were limited. The system itself, I remember cost five pounds - a fortune!

A fellow in our Year had interests in a trotter called Taminga. It hailed from Clare and the word was it was dead cert when it next raced in Adelaide. Bob Strachan and I were entrusted with the money collected from our peers and at Wayville we put all on to win. Taminga led all the way and was about 20 metres from the finish, when the reinsman jumped off! Officially, they said he fell and made sympathetic noises, but I am unconvinced. As Taminga crossed the line without anyone in the gig, we did our money. With the Websters in full swing, trotting in the 50's was a bit of a joke.

In 1956, the Murray River did its thing and flooded. A bus load of 2nd Years went up for a fortnight to "help"! Those 2 weeks were something special to be remembered 40 years

later! It was non stop shovelling in the day, but the night time escapades were something in a class of their own. At one hall where we camped there was a portable 'loo over the "long drop". The boys tipped it over with one Guy Ballentine inside. I can still see his face gazing out mournfully through the seat, having narrowly avoided the ultimate.

A high-light came when a group of us were crossing a flooded area by row boat. A rather healthy looking tiger snake was seen, swimming for its life. Ian Britten Jones raised an oar high and smashed it down on the doomed animal. (he was not the original river Greenie). However the snake wrapped itself around the oar and when Ian raised the it again, it came down into the boat. Panic reigned supreme. Luckily the snake was somewhat worse for wear after his sudden transfer and was promptly tossed overboard, before we were.

It was fairly warm weather and was hard work on the levees. One day a grateful blocker had no drinking water available and gave the boys flagons of Port! It was a mistake, as Ian Donald promptly drove a Ferguson tractor into the Murray and sand-bags proved impossible to fill. The good - will we had built up, suddenly evaporated.

Back at College, we were becoming accustomed to life in the Rehab. huts. These were built for the ex-soldiers and were somewhat basic, but they were away from the main College Admin, so noise emission was maximised. Their dilapidation ensured their survival by the students. In my section of a hut, I was placed with Jack Goode and Dick Maxwell. These two clowns each had a Jawa 250 cc bike and shared one Rego disc. When one went to town, the other had to stay put. One day,, both were in town and Dick was caught for being unregistered. When a Policeman arrived and interviewed him, he rode away not realising his Rego disc was missing!

During a clean up after a College Open Day, we were collecting loose hay on a truck. I was sitting on top of a mini mountain of hay, when the student driver suddenly took off. I gracefully slid (I was told afterwards) down the pile, between the hurdles, onto the road, still in a sitting position. I had gathered loose hay under me and this cushioned my fall. It was exhilarating and I suddenly became the inventor of a new sport. Everyone wanted to try and it was honed till the Solly Slide became an art form.

I was only a wimp of a footballer, but used to turn out for the College Seconds. I remember we frequently used to temporarily lose the ball in the forest of marshmallow and other winter weeds that used to grow on various Ovals' "wings". One match a huge farmer from Wasleys used to stand on my foot whenever the ball approached. My team-mates would get quite irate and would not believe that I was unable to move.

To be continued

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

Your request for information prompted me to provide some news of myself. It may be of interest as I have been working in Asia for the past 15 years.

Since leaving RAC in 1953 I have been farm labourer, government field officer, University student, lecturer and researcher. Not knowing much better, my intention on leaving Roseworthy was to work on and eventually own a farm. But I discovered that the government gave better pay and more holidays than a dairy farm, so joined the SA Department of Agriculture. Starting on an Adelaide University degree five years after leaving Roseworthy was a response to seeing that most research work was done by University graduates. Subsequent studies were a combination of developing an interest, learning that postgraduate degrees were necessary for a future in research, and resolving never to start again (our first child was born while I was doing my final undergraduate examination) I After completing my PhD in Reading, England, where in the first year summer was one fine day in June, I returned to the Waite in 1965 as a lecturer in Agronomy.

On the way back to Adelaide I stopped over in the Philippines, visited the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), became I interested in its activities and used many of its reports in teaching crop production. I spent eight months there in 1979 on sabbatical leave, and a year later was invited to work as an IRRI agronomist with a regional program on deepwater rice, located in Thailand.

IRRI has four ecosystem based programs, and as Program Leader for Flood-prone Rice since 1990 I have been responsible for co-ordinating a research program covering about 15 million ha, mainly in South and South East Asia. For example, on our deepwater rice activities prebreeding research is done at IRRI headquarters in the Philippines, materials are sent out and further plant breeding is done in Thailand and India. Selected materials are tested in other parts of the region, such as Cambodia and Vietnam. Problems soils and salinity research cover several other countries. As IRRI Representative for Thailand I liaise with Ministry and University officials, interact with Thai researchers to facilitate IRRI projects in Thailand, and provide logistic support for other IRRI staff. Similar activities are involved as Liaison Scientist for Vietnam.

My first visit to South Vietnam was in 1983, at a time when customs officers counted our money when we arrived, again when we left, and confiscated items which did not have prior approval for purchase. Major changes have occurred in Vietnam and from 1992 I have made about ten visits a year. Most of these visits were on assignment with a UNDP project for strengthening the Cuulong (Mekong) Delta Rice Research Institute (CLRRI), for which IRRI was the co-operating agency. My work at CLRRI was to

evaluate research, prepare reports and funding proposals, work with researchers on design and evaluation of experiments, and assist in writing of publications and scientific papers.

My term with IRRI will finish in December this year. My wife and I will return to Adelaide for a different lifestyle after 15 years in Bangkok. Hopefully I will be able to be more involved with ROCA activities.

D W Puckridge (Don)

Dear Bardy and all ROCA Members

Thank you for copies of ROCA Digest and all the interesting and informative contents.

The bit about the ROCA Centenary in 1998 was of particular interest as, if I am still around, it will be my business to attend any function in honour of such an important and historic occasion

My recent return visit to Australia between 12 - 23 October 1996 for the Royal Australian Navy Corvette Association 10th National Reunion in Adelaide, was so taken up with Prime Minister, Foreign Affairs and Defence departmental officers briefings on the pre APEC preparations for Subic Bay, Manila, in November, that I was unable to do many of the things I wanted to - including contacting ROCA through you.

Next time in 1998 it will be all ROCA.

John Gore

Dear Sir

Stimulated by the humorous memoirs of Roseworthy Agricultural College by Ross Solley, I have written some memoirs of my exciting stay at RAC.

May be you might like to include excerpts of those memoirs after concluding Ross Solley's excellent contribution.

PS: I am now working as an International Consultant in Sheep Breeding in SA, WA, Argentina and Chile. I am working on three large Ram Breeding Projects in South America (two in Argentina including the successful new sheep breed, the Corino) and one in Southern Chile. In addition I have been invited this year to participate in a crossbreeding project to increase sheep meat production in Southern Chile using the base corriedale breed of ewes and Finnish Landrace to produce fecund lamb mothers. Terminal sires will probably be Texel, Southdown and Suffolk to produce lamb carcasses of 12-15kg. The project will be confined to higher rainfall and near the mountains where white clove grows naturally.

Brian Jefferies

(Ed. It's great to get this sort of information sent in which I'm sure is of general interest. Brian's memoirs will appear in future editions of the digest).

Principal's Report for the Autumn 1997 ROCA Digest

After nearly 30 years at the Roseworthy Campus, I have changed my job, or made a partial change. My appointment as Principal of Roseworthy College is half-time, and I still maintain my teaching role in the Department of Animal Science for the other half. At this stage, my experience is that neither is yet down to half-time, and that life is quite hectic. However, I do find that there is considerable benefit in my involvement in the two areas of student life.

In light of the number of students in the course based at Roseworthy, the number of residents in College is good. At this point of time we have 145 students in residence. This number is the result of a good number of the continuing students returning to College as well as a high proportion of students commencing their studies. It was re-assuring that some of the new residents were students in the second year of their course. As most of you will be aware, the accommodation at the College is of two kinds: either in one of the Halls with meals taken in the Dining Room, or in a 3-5 bedroom house where the residents prepare their own meals. This year the contract catering in the Dining Room is being provided by the Adelaide University Union which also conducts its own business in the canteen and Tavern at the Roseworthy Campus. We believe that this is a sensible response to the close relationship which exists between the union, the Student Union, and the College in a fairly small campus. Another useful outcome of the Union's catering is that they offer casual work to students in the kitchen and dining room.

In order to overcome the reduced number of students in residence, the College is now more reliant on conference activities. During most vacations we will have one or more groups use the College facilities for accommodation to support conferences or other events, either on or off-campus. Some of the conferences are related to the business of the Campus, e.g. Biennial Conference of the SA Agricultural Teachers' Association while others are not, e.g. SA Studio Potters' Group. For all of them, we hope that we generate some goodwill for the Campus and College as well as income.

One of the results of the good heart in the college is a renewed interest in improving the amenities available to the students. Our reduced income of the past few years has resulted in us concentrating on repairs and doing only the most basic development. A limited amount of work can be done out of our budget, other work will require fund-raising.

A matter of concern to me is that we build bridges between ROCA and the College. At present, the most obvious link between the 2 groups is the cross-committee membership of Bardy and myself. One way to achieve some link is for us to display a thumbnail biography of some of the past students who at present are just "names on the wall" in the Dining Room.

David Taplin

Lost Members

The Association has lost contact with the following graduates. If you know the address or contact details of any of these members could you please write or telephone the Principal of Roseworthy College on (08) 8303 7940 or contact any committee member with the information.

Ayres, Mr W V	Darmody, Mr Craig D	Grivell, Mr K T
Ballantyne, Mr Guy P	Dawkins, Mr John Sydney	Gurner, Miss E K
Barry, Mr Kevin John	Dicker, Ms D G	Hall, Mr R J
Bartlam, Mr J W	Donnellan, Mr J R	Hannaford, Mr V G
Benham, Ms A	Dubois, Mr Brian Michael	Harvey, Mr I R
Bennett, Mr John Robert	Dunn, Mr Simon	Hein, Dr W R
Benzir, Mr A C	Eastick Mr G A	Henshaw, L J
Bird, Mr P	Eather, Mr R	Hepworth, Mr H
Boddington, Ms D	Emery, Mr P J	Hickinbotham, Mr I I
Bone, Mr H	Erny, Miss J K	Homann, Ms C
Brown, Mr K	Favilla, Mr K	Honey, Mr H M W
Burrows, Mr G K	Filmer, Mr T T	Hopkinn, Mr Kym H
Coad, Mr J E	Flaver, Mr G P	Horne, A
Cocker, Mr P R	Fletcher, Mr Grant Hollen	Hughes, Mr N J
Comar, Mr A T	Franke, Miss Suzanne Cheryl	Jefferies, Mr C T M
Coombs, Mr Ian Lance	Fry, Mr I R	Jenkins, Mr G S
Cooper, Mr D A	Fry, Mr R S	Johnston, I
Copper, Mr J P	Gale, Ms Mary-Anne	Kemp, Miss Fiona McPherson
Cree, Mr B G	Gay, Mr A W	Kingston, D J
Crome, Mr Geoff C	Gesmanis, Mr J	Klug, Mr T G
Cumming, Mr A G	Glastonbury, Mr W M K	Koch, Mr M
Cuttance, Mr N E	Grant, Mr H W	Kohnke, Dr J S

**Annual General Meeting
and
Annual Reunion Dinner 1997**

Friday 26 September 1997

AGM 6:30

Dinner 7:30

Feathers Hotel 516 Glynburn Road Burnside

Tear Group Co-ordinators

50 Year (1947)	Bruce Eastick	0885222014
40 Year (1957)	Ian Rice	0885640357
25 Year (1972)	Alan Richardson	09 2919894
10 Year (1987)	Nick Smythe	08 98924808
	Stephen Ball	0888472310
Graduating Year (1997)	Lucy Coward	

(Ed. Even if you can't attend, please let your group co-ordinator know your whereabouts and what you've been up to)

Winter Christmas

Staff of Roseworthy Campus invite you all to help celebrate Winter Christmas on Saturday August 2 at Roseworthy Campus. The evening will start with pre-dinner drinks in the Council room, followed by a three course dinner in the main building dining room.

This occasion is a fund raiser for the McGuinness - McDermott Foundation for Children with cancer. The Foundation is currently raising funds for the Brookman Ward at the Women's & Children's Hospital. This ward is set up for children with cancer.

Further information can be obtained by telephoning Lorraine Schmidt at Roseworthy Campus on (08) 83037680 or A/H (08) 85224548.

Farm Practical Experience

the unique aspect of Roseworthy agriculture courses continues

Among the various changes in the "Ag" degree and diploma courses at Roseworthy, it is pleasing that no reduction has occurred in the time allocated to working on the Roseworthy farm and associated production and research enterprises. These now include the SARDI Pig and Poultry Production Institute.

In the first year, students undertake work on all the enterprises (diary, sheep, cropping, deer, pigs, poultry and feedmill). This is linked to a program of demonstrations, arranged and tied in with seasonal activities, by Steve Ball. Steve is a graduate in Applied Science (Agriculture) at Roseworthy in 1987, holds a Grad Dip Ed and is working on his masters thesis on sheep and cattle nutrition).

In second year, students select an enterprise of interest and become actively involved in management decisions. Jeremy Callacombe the new Director of Rural Services is keen to ensure this active involvement of the students including the opportunity to gain experience in presenting written and oral reports on their work.

The stream enterprise contract/project subject in third year of the degree program, allows students to prepare a detailed consultancy report, which analytically reviews the management of a current enterprise or considers the feasibility of a new enterprise.

In the lecture room and laboratory classes, close co-ordination is also sought with the farm operations. In these course subjects, students are provided with a good understanding of science and business management and application of the latest technologies, to support advanced studies in dryland farming, animal production and horticulture. Some students, more interested in a research career, choose to undertake a research project rather than the enterprise consultancy.

Emphasis throughout the student program is on sustainable production and best practice.

Darren Koopman - Farm Experience Co-ordinator (can be contacted on (08) 83037919)

(Darren obtained his "Ag" degree in 1992 and is in the final stages of writing his doctoral thesis on "lucerne decline").

ROCA Award of Merit Nominations - 1997

Nominations are now being accepted for the 1997 ROCA Award of Merit

Since 1961, thirty six notable Old Collegians have been honoured by the Association for meritorious and outstanding service to agriculture, the College, ROCA or the community.

Each year the nominations are reviewed by a panel consisting of people from the highest levels of agriculture, education, industry and government.

The Award of Merit is never awarded lightly, but is regarded as the highest honour that ROCA can bestow on one of its members.

Recently an Honour Roll was unveiled in the foyer of the main Building at the Roseworthy campus listing names of all ROCA Award of Merit recipients.

The quality of past recipients is illustrated by the following list:

1961 Roland Hill	1973 Rex Kuchel	1985 Hon Dr Bruce Eastick
1962 David Riceman	1974 Lex Walker	1986 John Obst
1963 Len Cook	1975 Ken Pike	1987 Robin Steed
1964 W J Dawkins	1976 Len Laffer	1988 Reg French
1965 Frank Pearson	1977 Des Habel	1989 Ray Norton
1966 Sir Allan Callaghan	1978 Henry Day	1990 Tony Summers
1967 Bob Herriot	1979 Mark Hutton	1991 Scott Dolling
1968 Denis Muirhead	1980 Cliff Hooper	1992 Rex Anderson
1969 Jack Reddin	1981 Andrew Michelmore	1993 Bob Baker
1970 Ron Badman	1982 Milton Spurling	1994 Brian Hannaford
1971 Prof Rex Butterfield	1983 Ralph Hewitt Jones	1995 Grant Mayfield
1972 Rex Krause	1984 David Suter	1996 Bob Knappstein

Award of Merit Nomination Form

Nominees Information:

Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Period at Roseworthy:	
Qualification Gained:	

Proposed by:	Seconded by:
Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
Phone No:	Phone No:
Period at Roseworthy:	Period at Roseworthy:
Signature:	Signature:

Please attach supporting data outlining the nominee's career since leaving Roseworthy. You should include details of major published papers, achievements, academic qualifications, awards and honours received, and industry, community and ROCA service.

Nominations should be sent ROCA c/- Roseworthy Campus, Roseworthy SA 5371 by no later than 11 July 1997.

Record Update

To enable the College to maintain Accurate records of Old Scholars we would appreciate you completing the following details:

Name:.....

Title	Surname	Christian Names
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Current Address:.....

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Phone No:..... Occupation:.....

Position Held:..... Employer:

Phone No:..... Year of Graduation:.....

Degree/Diploma Obtained:

Interests/Achievements:

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Life membership is \$50.00. If you're not a life member please return the above with your cheque for \$50.00

I am interested in helping the College by:

Please tick ✓

- Providing work experience to current students
- Assisting in the sporting programme
- Being part of a careers information evening
- Becoming an organiser for a Year Group Reunion
- Making a gift to the College
- Other
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Please return to: The ROCA Secretary
Roseworthy College
Roseworthy SA 5371

Material for the Digest

Do you have any news about yourself or a fellow Old Scholar that may be of interest to others by being included in a future edition of the Digest? Some of the responses to previous calls for material are included at page 5 of this Digest. Photographs are also very welcome for inclusion. If you have something drop us a line or two. Our contact details are set out on page 2.

Lost Members (Cont'd)

Krause, Mr T S
Le Leu, Mr K I
Lehmann, Miss Nicole Anne
MacDonald, Mr Craig Michael
Macrow, Mr I E
March, Mr C P
Marshall, Mr S
May, Mrs E A
May, Mr Philip
McMahon, Mr Peter
Merrigan, Mr H J
Michael, Mr Kym
Miller, Miss A H
Mitchell, Dr N J
Norris, Mr David
Morris, Mr G
Mugford, Mr J D
Nairn, Mr David Robert
Neldner, Miss Sue A
Newell, Ms K E

Newland, Mr Andrew
Nguyen Tan, Mr Phnoc
Panswer, Mr R I
Partington, Mr Russel Karl
Patterson, Mr H K
Pick, Mr Anthony Walter
Potts, Mr A J
Potts, Mr W I
Prosser, Mr T
Reynolds, K
Richards, Mr A H
Richardson, Mr A S
Richardson, Mr J B
Roberts, Mrs Kathryn
Rowe, Mr Geoffrey
Sangster, Miss J A
Saunders, Mr Gary Mark
Shepherd, Mr H W
Snodgrass, Mr D W
Sobels, Mr K
Squire, Mr A
Stopp, Mr M

Symen, Mr Greg I
Thomas, Mr E H
Thompson, Mr E V H
Turner, Miss S J
Tshomo, Ms K
Van Hooff, Mr Eddy J J
Vegter, Mr Mark
Walter, Mr Donald Keith
Welch, Mr R E
West, Mr Gregory R
White, Mr J
Whiting, Mr Henry Christopher
Wiese, Mr Guy Edison
Wilcox, Mr P R
Wilks, Mr J
Williams, Mr John R
Woodward, Mr R A T
Woolley, Mr Peter Craig
Woon, Mr D J
Wright Mr Simon J
Yelland, Mr Leith
Yourns, Mr M H