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R.O.C.A. 'OLD STUDENTS CUP'

The Governor,
Sir Mark Oliphant,
presenting the ROCA
'Old Students Cup' to
Andrew Eastick (right).
Mr. A.T. Footer, assisting.

From the President...

JOHN A. JONES



SOUTH EAST BRANCH ... IS IT DEAD?

Despite the fact that several references have been made to the complete lack of activity in the South East Branch, we still find that no members have come forward, or have shown a willingness to rekindle the Branch.

Surely this must reflect on those members living in the area when in contrast we see the vital Eyre Peninsula Branch and the strong support given to the Riverland Branch.

There are many old Collegians living in the South East and it is disappointing to the Committee that there is no one interested enough to at least organise an annual function.

The parent body would pledge support to any individual who may be sufficiently motivated to at least do something, and would provide any assistance that was needed.

It is ironical that only a few years ago the South East Branch was sufficiently active that an Annual Dinner was held each year to coincide with the third year trip of College students to that area and yet within a space of only a short period of time not only is the Dinner extinct but also the Branch.

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Award of Merit

The Award of Merit is of immense value to the Association as the Presentation is the highlight of the Annual Dinner; and the Annual Dinner is the highlight of the year's activities.

In view of this the Committee recently appointed a sub-committee to look at the Award of Merit and its rules and conditions and to recommend what action was necessary to increase the interest in the Award and hence increase the number of nominations being put forward.

The sub-committee considered that members generally prepared far too much detail in submitting a nomination.

It is not necessary for anything apart from precise factual data to accompany a nomination to ensure its proper consideration.

It is also hoped to have members located in each area of the State to be looking for suitable recipients and ensure their nomination.

The rules and conditions of the Award have been revised and are printed in this digest so that members can be familiar with them.

ROSEWORTHY OLD COLLEGIANS" AWARD OF MERIT

Rules and Conditions of Award

1. The Roseworthy Old Collegians' Association shall periodically award a medal to the financial member of the Association, who in the opinion of the R.O.C.A. Executive, has made a meritorious contribution in any field of agricultural activity, including Association affairs.
2. The Award shall be considered annually, and if in the opinion of the Selection Committee, there is no candidate of sufficient merit, no award shall be made.

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3. Nominations to be supported with data relating to career, occupation since leaving Roseworthy, other organisations and committees on which nominee has served and other notable achievements.
4. The nomination of any prospective candidate, who must be a financial member, shall be prepared and signed by two financial members of the Association.
5. Nominations with the supporting data must reach the Honorary General Secretary of the Association by the 31st of May in each year. The Executive shall have the right to reject any nomination deemed unsuitable before submitting the nominations to the Selection Committee.
6. The Selection Committee
 - (1) The Executive shall appoint the Selection Committee.
 - (2) The Selection Committee shall consist of five members, one each from the fields of agricultural research, public service, practical farming and industry, who in the opinion of the Executive, are of sufficient standing and experience in the fields of agriculture to be competent to assess the merits of candidates from any field of agricultural activity and the president of the Association. •
 - (3) The Selection Committee shall make its recommendation to Executive, which must reach the Executive not less than six weeks before the date of presentation of the Award.
 - (4) In its assessment of candidates, the Selection Committee may at its discretion, include for consideration any candidates nominated in the previous year.
 - (5) In the event of a member of the Selection Committee being proposed as a nominee, he will stand down from all discussion and deliberations for that year. Three members constitute a quorum.
 - (6) Members of the Executive and/or the Selection Committee are requested to hold the names of candidates in strict confidence.

Graduating Students 1975

ROSEWORTHY DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURE

With Second Class Honours (in order of merit)

Trevor James Drayton
Andrew Bruce Eastick
Andrew Johnston Staniford
Geoffrey John Lomman

Paul Allyn James
James Cranstown Chewings
Trevor Frederick Sluggett
David Lighgow Lewis

Passed (in alphabetical order)

William Joseph Close
Neil Douglas Cordon
David Andrew Creeper
Anthony Paul Crosby
Anthony Robert Eggington
Leigh Thomas Gilbert
John Eric Hage
Geoffrey Wayne Henriks
Peter Wayne Herde
David James Hodgson
Shane Geoffrey Hodgson
Phillip Arthur Humphries
Dale Ashley Manson
Bruce Leigh McCallum
Ian James McFarland
Alan John McMahon
Bruce Scott Morphet

Stuart Fraser Oliver
Geoffrey Milton Page
Basilis Panagiotopoulos
Peter Kingsley Philp
Andrew Walter Pike
David Rex Pocock
Nicholas Pointon
Paul Vernon Rowe
Andrew John Solomon
Bernard Arthur Swaby
John Frederick Threlfall
Stephen John Tidswell
Peter Richard Turley
Stuart Evan Weckert
Ronald Arthur White
Digby Leigh Williamson
David Andrew Woodard



William Close receiving his Diploma in Agriculture and the R.O.C.A. Sports Award from the Governor, Sir Mark Oliphant.

ROSEWORTHY DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY

With Second Class Honours (in order of merit)

James Robert Cawthorne, R.D.A.

James Scott Sandeman, R.D.A.

Gregory Gerard Sheehy, R.D.A.

Alexander David McDonald, R.D.A.

Passed (in alphabetical order)

Ian McGregor Ball, D.D.A.

Trevor John Bray, R.D.A.

Denis Clark Fletcher, R.D.A.

Gilles Andre Garcon, R.D.A.

Roger Thomas Loveless, D.D.A.

Robert John Monk, D.D.A.

Kenneth Bruce Mosey, R.D.A.

Robert Bruce Pocock, R.D.A.

Rodney Allen Prance, R.D.A.

Alfio Edward Rapisarda, R.D.A.

Warwick Graham Shipway, R.D.A.

Robert Weston Stacey, R.D.A.



James Cawthorne receiving his
Diploma in Agricultural Technology
from the Governor Sir Mark Oliphant

ROSEWORTHY DIPLOMA IN OENOLOGY

With First Class Honours

Anthony Colin Devitt, B.Sc.Ag. (Hons) (W.Aust)

With Second Class Honours (in order of merit)

Wayne Richard Falkenberg

Peter John Forner, B.Sc.Agr. (Syd.)

Iain Leslie Riggs

Passed (in alphabetical order)

Robert Ian Dix

Jeffrey Max Grosset, R.D.A.

William Fairleigh Gryst

Bernard Anthony Hickin

Neville James Osborne Hudson

Alister John Purbrick

Kym Patrick Rayner, B.Sc. (Flin.)

Bruce McDonald Redman

Jonathon Hall Reynolds,

Robert Louis Ruediger

Michael Anthony Rohan

Colin Dean Slater

Patrick Cornel Tocaciu

Andrew Douglas Wigan, Dip.App.Chem. (B.I.A.E.)

Reginald John Wilkinson, R.D.A.



Anthony Devitt receiving his
Diploma in Oenology from the
Governor Sir Mark Oliphant.

Precis of Governor's Address



The Governor, Sir Mark Oliphant, delivering his Graduation Day Address

A PRECIS OF THE ADDRESS GIVEN BY THE GOVERNOR OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA, SIR MARK OLIPHANT, K.B.E., F.R.S.

The developmental aspects of the work of the College have had as great an effect on South Australian agriculture and animal husbandry as its training of young farmers.

Your Annual Report states that today "two thirds of the wheat acreage in South Australia has been sown to varieties produced at Roseworthy", a truly remarkable achievement. Yet those organizing the 11th Biennial National Conference of the Australian Society of Animal Production, emphasized • that the problem of communicating to farmers and graziers the results of research and development remained formidable. The wisdom of Custance and Lowrie, who married their researches to the teaching of the young, is as necessary today as in the past. I am glad to note that young women, as well as men, are now admitted here as students.

I am also glad that this institution remains Roseworthy Agricultural College, despite the fact that it is now a College of Advanced Education. There are important traditions embodied in its name, in its fine record of research and development, and in its list of distinguished graduates. There are too many of the latter to mention all who have won fame after graduating, but I note among them a University Professor of Veterinary Anatomy, two members of State Parliament, and a member of the Federal Parliament. It is good that agricultural production should be represented in our parliaments by men highly trained at tertiary level and experienced in the practical side of farming.

Director's report

1975

For Roseworthy, 1975 will remain an unforgettable year. It was the year when the College nursed its self-inflicted wounds as student numbers were expanded from 165 to 240. It was the year in which the Federal Government suspended the recommendations of the Commission on Advanced Education. The year 1976 has been converted to a steady-state-hold-fast year for the Colleges of Advanced Education as a whole.

The Farm Year

In 1975 the farm year at Roseworthy was unreliable in the early months and dry spells disrupted pasture and crop growth. Good relieving rains in September were followed by more rains later in the month and the cereal crops finished well. This was particularly significant for us because we deliberately increased cereal acreages in order to increase cash earnings from the farm, and concentrated on barley rather than oats. By doing this, and purchasing hay and oaten grain with the extra cash earned, we were left with an additional \$10,000 in our pocket - plus a few more grey hairs and much argument about how much feed we really need for our livestock and what our feeding strategy should be. All good farm management stuff, with the students sitting at the feet of decision makers on the staff who taught their agronomy, their animal husbandry and their farm management, based on the day by day seasonal and financial management of the Roseworthy farm.

Farming Practice

The place of farm practical work has been carefully assessed and is under continuing review. All R.D.A. students as from 1976 are required to complete Farm Practice as a subject of their course. This involves 20 weeks work at Roseworthy and five weeks spent elsewhere. We now require this supervised farm practice to be completed satisfactorily before the Diploma is awarded. Nowadays students spend one week at a time on particular sections, rather than day by day allocation to different sections over the week. This leads to deeper familiarisation with the task at hand, especially as students themselves are left to handle farm tasks after being properly introduced to them. Thus during harvest, for example, (girl) students who previously had not handled a

header alone were driving two headers around a barley crop, and doing it well, under the watchful eye of one of the farm staff.

Our attitude is to teach practical skills so as to illustrate and reinforce the training in science and management. These skills enable graduates to cope with day-to-day farm situations, to know why things are done in specified ways, and to know the limits of men, of machines and of animals. On-site plant breeding and animal research at Roseworthy also introduces students to the problems involved in the continuing search for new knowledge. There is no substitute for on-College instruction of this kind, linked to the lectures and demonstrations which are also an integral part of the same course. Yet off-College farming experience also has its place in our programmes, depending on the course involved.

New Developments - 1976

Farmer Training: Two major new developments are planned for 1976. The first is a new farmer training course, a two years Associate Diploma in Farming, with the first student intake in mid-June. We plan a 20 week teaching period, plus supervised work in the student's home farming area, where many of the practical applications and exercises will be worked out. Short courses will be organised for these students, and for other farmers as well, to attend during the remaining weeks of the year. We look forward to strengthening this traditional function of farmer training at Roseworthy. I say, 'strengthening', because our R.D.A. remains an excellent form of farmer training, though it trains for other occupations as well.

International Agriculture: The second new course at Roseworthy in 1976 will be the new Graduate Diploma in Agriculture for International students. The Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) and the United National Development Programme (UNDP) have approached Roseworthy to seek the College's assistance in providing a course for graduates from 22 Near East and North African countries.

Agricultural Education

One alarming feature of the Australian rural scene is the continuing failure of public authorities to acknowledge that a rounded programme of agricultural education is an integral part of a national rural policy. Without the contributions of agricultural education programmes for farmers much of our rural policy is in tatters. It is not only that the policies about rural credit, or rural construction, or tax, or price supports, or superphosphate subsidies, or agricultural research fall apart unless linked closely with programmes about agricultural education. There is also a need for continuing educational programmes as part of public contributions to rural development. Without them, rural people are left less prepared and less responsive to the changing world than they need be. Australian farmers are paying dearly for the failure of public authorities to learn this simple lesson.

At Roseworthy we aim not only to develop programmes in agricultural education but also to show how it takes its place as a vital part of national rural policy.

Sheep Breeding Experiments

For many years Roseworthy has maintained a programme of sheep breeding research. The initial trials were established almost thirty years ago by the late Dr. P.G. Schinckel when he was a member of the College staff. These experiments have examined the response of the South Australian Strong Wool Merino Sheep to selection for increased clean fleece weight.

In 1975 we found ourselves at a cross road. An enormous bank of information had become available, and it was necessary to pause and analyse the data and consider what changes, if any, should be introduced in the programme. We had records for approximately 7500 sheep; for each animal data had been collected about 15 different characteristics, each of which was of known or potential importance relating to wool and lamb production, or to protection of the growing fleece, and wool processing. We also knew the breeding history of every one of these individual sheep.

The stage was set therefore for assistance from specialists in genetics. In 1975 Dr. Helen Newton Turner, Mr. C.H.S. Dolling and Dr. W.A. Pattie visited the College and prepared a report setting out their recommendations with respect to

this programme. We are grateful to these eminent authorities for their assistance. We shall now set about implementing their recommendations. These involve closing off one aspect of the experiment aiming to measure rates of improvement in wool production generation by generation, and continued development of the programme to assess whether lambing percentage can be improved by selection based on this character.

letter

I would like to thank R.O.C.A. for providing the Old Students Cup and Prize which I was fortunate enough to win in 1975.

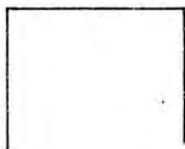
The silver tray that was presented this year is an extremely fine prize and I very much appreciate the generosity of R.O.C.A. in providing such a prize each year.

I would also like to mention that I am joining R.O.C.A. and I will be very pleased to assist the Association in any position at any time.

Once again, I would like to thank the Association for its generosity.

Yours sincerely,
Andrew Eastick

2026 ?



Sir Allan Callaghan lowering the
time capsule.



A pair of ladies panti-hose, a fan belt, a bottle of R.A.C. 1974 Vintage Port, a sample of superphosphate, proof sets of 1975 Australian coins. How much do you think they will be in use in 50 years time?

Perhaps we should let our minds wonder back 50 years and think, if we had the chance, what items would you have selected to go into a time capsule that would have depicted life in say 1926 and would not have been opened until 1976. Well, that's a task Dr. Williams, staff and people associated with the College had in February of this year. To select items depicting life in 1976 that would go into a time capsule to be opened in not less than 50 years (gee I will be in the 80's).

The opening paragraph mentions some of the things that went into a time capsule which has been buried near the College Chapel on Graduation Day, 23 February, 1976 by Sir Allan Callaghan (Principal of R.A.C. 1932-1949). Some of the

Some of the other items include a soil sample, 2 vials of *Septoria tritici* for testing its viability, aerial photographs of the College, the R.O.C.A. Constitution and a copy of the February 1976 R.O.C.A. Digest plus another 50 odd items. If you want to know the other items come along in 2026!

'76 EYRE PENINSULA REUNION

On 28 February THE 26th Annual General Meeting and Reunion of the Eyre Peninsula Branch was again held at the 'Pier Hotel' Port Lincoln. This venue was chosen for the second successive occasion as the "tiki Room" provided a much improved facility with reasonable dinner costs and excellent services.

Forty six attended the reunion with a fairly even distribution of local members, "mainland" members, and associates and visitors. The distances travelled by many of the regular attendants are great and their interest and presence is greatly appreciated.

It was pleasing to see Wally Goulter and Philpy again at this year's reunion and we hope they will be able to enjoy many more visits to the Eyre Peninsula Branch. Michael Greenfield has at last corrected his past misdemeanous and returned from Queensland to once peaceful Kielpa.

Shipards boistrous nature appears to have been tamed this year by Marlene and tribe and it is pleasing that some new stirrers have arrived in Garry MacPhie and Geoff Slattery.

Toastmaster Peter Dunn again carried out the task in his usual efficient, pleasant manner. The meeting was sorry to hear of the recent illness and absence of President, Ken Hayman, and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

R.O.C.A. President John A. Jones was called on at short notice and ably conducted the business proceedings.

During the evening members were asked to introduce themselves with brief details of their current occupation, and many amusing or significant incidents relating to their stay at College were revealed.

The Toast to the association was capably proposed by Immediate Past President Pat Marrie.

John Jones in response gave us a clear and detailed summary of R.O.C.A. activities and called on us all to accept the responsibility of encouraging old students to join their Association.

Andrew Beach, in proposing the toast to the College, reminded us that the College is a close and dear friend. This toast was warmly responded to by Dr. D.B. Williams, the Director of Roseworthy College.

Dr. Williams, as guest speaker, later gave us a very informative and interesting address detailing the progress of the College in its new role as a College of Advanced Education. The question time that followed generated a number of spirited and critical comments from those who disagreed with the College's current role in agriculture.

The overall appreciation of Dr. Williams' address can best be indicated by the lack of interjection and wise cracks from John MacFarlane.

Special thanks to Adelaide and Wallaroo Fertilizers Ltd. who subsidised the printing of the menus and to Andy Michelmore for acquiring the numerous quality wines served at the dinner.

peninsular picnic 1976

The last Sunday of February dawned overcast and dismal making the outlook for the 1976 R.A.C. old scholars picnic look a bit grim with an absence of bikinis. Had visions of starting up a baker's round next day to get rid of the surplus bread.

Never-the-less things improved and about 11 a.m. the provisions started arriving with the Philps and the Goulters the first of the visitors to get dug into Billy Light Point.

Then the sun came out and stayed out for the rest of the day making it perfect for drinking, eating, talking, digging, tiddler fishing and drinking.

It was hard to get an official count, but at one stage there were 52 adults and 21 youngsters getting stuck into Jeff Eime's steak and sausages.

Andy and Elizabeth Micheltmore not only brought the grown up twins along with them, but also the produce of the Barossa.

Gavin and Josie Eckersley thought the trip warranted a journey for Gavin's parents. Their son and heir of 7 weeks came along for the ride all the way from Echunga - that's really being keen.

Tina and Barry Lawes are providing a brand new offspring for display at next year's picnic.

Someone else brand new to us all was Grant Hayman's wife, Helen, of several weeks. She was seen receiving advice from the 'older marrieds' as to how to handle an ex Roseworthian.

Would have been worth listening to Pam McFarlane and Marlene Shipard!!

Also brand new was John Jones, R.O.C.A. President, who, with his wife, got around with their buckets and spades and met everyone - booked in again for next year.

It was good to see our previous local president, Par Marrie, enjoying a few "reds" with his chops, sausages, steaks, grapes, watermelon and ice cream. His wife came along to check on the company he keeps - believe, very impressed and looking forward to the next picnic.

The disappointments of the day were the unavoidable absences of Ken Hayman and Don Williams. The Director had to leave Port Lincoln early to return to the College and Ken, our branch president, had the 'flu. Unfortunately they both missed a most enjoyable get together and we missed them.

A larger number than usual stayed on for the evening meal in what was by then ideal weather. Peter West and wife consumed the last hamburger between them, while Shipard and McFarlane bought up all the beer that was over for their trip to Cowell next day - we haven't been officially informed as to whether they finally made it.

Anyhow it was a good day thanks not only to all the visitors, but also the local talent who hopped in and played their parts; with a bit of luck we'll be able to see it as a movie at next year's dinner - photographer/director Jeff Eime with an all star cast.

Des Habel

Ladies Report

Once again the wives of members had a chance to get to know each other better at the Annual Eyre Peninsula R.O.C.A. reunion. It was held the last weekend of February in rather humid unpleasant conditions. Nevertheless this did not dampen their spirits. At the norming tea held at the Lincoln Hotel on Saturday morning, 13 members and their wives met, some for the first time, others to renew past friendships. The afternoon was left free for ladies to rest or see the sights.

In the evening we gathered at the Tasman Hotel for dinner. This proved to be a great success for the 21 ladies present. The food was excellent the atmosphere gay, if not a little too so for those trying to engage in much conversation.

Sunday morning dawned showery, and blustery but the weather gradually improved and so did not spoil the Family Day barbecue. I'm sure all who attended enjoyed the day even though numbers were down on previous years. The children played and generally amused themselves. I must say a big thank you to the men who cooked the delicious steaks and snags and looked after the ladies and children very well with wines, water melon, cool drinks and icecreams. I feel that all members and their wives contributed to the success of the weekend and we hope to see many of you in Port Lincoln next year.

Helen Hall

S.A. RURAL POLICY CONFERENCE, 1976

WHERE : At Roseworthy College

WHEN : Wednesday 7 July, Thursday 8 July

PROPOSED TOPICS : Meat Marketing Developments
I.A.C. Reports
People on the Land



ATA WINE SEMINAR

In the Editorial of the February issue of the R.O.C.A. Digest I felt that R.O.C.A. and A.T.A. (Agricultural Technologists of Australasia) should seek each others assistance. Two such areas being a part of R.O.C.A.'s objectives, namely, "to stimulate and encourage members to develop their agricultural interests" and "to encourage discussion in matters relative to agriculture".

Over the last few months the executive of R.O.C.A. have had correspondence with the executive of the S.A. Branch of A.T.A. in an endeavour to strengthen our relationship. In March this year I attended the A.G.M. of the S.A. Branch of A.T.A. as a guest, representing R.O.C.A.

To continue developing this relationship with A.T.A. we as an association, have been asked to assist with the staging of a two day seminar on the Wine Industry, to be held on the 11th and 12th of November 1976. The assistance required is not to provide speakers, but to help in the running of the seminar on the actual days. If anyone feels that they may be able to help please contact Ray Taylor.

If you are interested in the "farm angle" of wine production (labour, harvesting, pruning, taxing, buying and selling of property) then keep these two days in November available to attend the A.T.A. wine seminar.

More information to be in later Digest and through direct contact with Ray Taylor. 26 Abbeville Terrace, Marion, 5043

AGM, Reunion Dinner 1976

Remember, September is getting closer, and so is the A.G.M. and Reunion Dinner date. If you have not made a note of the date, it is Friday night, September 3, 1976. At the time of writing, the place has not been finally decided because our parameters for selection are, as good as last year, reasonable price, access and car parking and close to Adelaide G.P.O., and above all, be able to accommodate greater than 120 people since we expect better success than last year and last year's venue would be a bit crowded.

Keep a close watch for the next issue of the Digest for further information, but remember to keep the date clear.

10 and 25 YEAR AGO GROUPS

The reunion dinner on September 3rd 1976, will be colourfully entertained by those who graduated in 1966 and 1951 as the 10 and 25 year ago groups respectively.

A list of such people will be in the next digest but at the moment we would appreciate anyone wishing to help organise their respective group to contact Ian Rice, Hon. Secretary R.O.C.A., C/- Agricultural College, Roseworthy, phone 085, 24 8057, who can provide a list of names, addresses of those known and any other help which may be required. The success of the groups reunion depends on someone doing some organising and not leaving it to be done by "the other bloke".

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

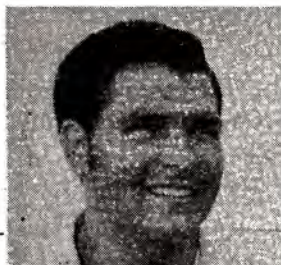
If you would like your wife to enjoy an evening out dining on September 3, 1976, while you are "reminiscing" with your old dungy mates and you can palm the kids off for the night, then please let her know about the arrangements below.

Mrs. M.R. Krause,
7 Julia Drive,
Rostrevor. 5073.
Phone: 3379612

will take bookings for a ladies dinner at the Hotel Grosvenor. The dinner price is \$8.50 and a deposit of \$5. per person is required. Don't leave it too late or you may not get a seat.

For bookings and any queries please contact Mrs. Krause direct.

ROSEWORTHY ROUNDUP REG HUTCHINSON



The College is now into full swing with the commencement of Second Year Wine Production and Marketing, plus Second Year Oenology on 27 April after both groups had been on leave for vintage experience.

The two new courses for 1976 are also due to start shortly:
Roseworthy Graduate Diploma in Agriculture (International)
on 17 May;
and the Roseworthy Associate Diploma in Farming on 14 June;
bringing the number of students at the College to
approximately 280.

STAFF

The list of staff continues to grow to fill course requirements. Eight new lecturers, six support staff and six new clerical/administrative staff have been employed since Graduation Day. This brings staff numbers up to

- 45 academic
- 52 salaried ancillary
- 58 weekly paid employees.

The result of this academic progress is that the staff/student ratio has tended to become high and it is proposed to increase student numbers in order to keep this ratio at a reasonable level. Proposed student numbers at this stage are for 1977 - 330; 1978 - 350 and for 1979 - 378.

With all the appointments of new staff, we are sometimes inclined to forget about those who have been with the College for quite some time. In particular many would remember Tom Carter who has been here for 35 years, plus Ken Leske and Rex Brady; the three of them accounting for 90 years at Roseworthy between them.

The newly appointed College Historian has been kept busy. One of his first tasks has been to talk to ex-R.A.C. staff. So far he has had comments from Dr. Callaghan, Dr. McCulloch, Philpy, Rex Kuchel, Bill Fairlie, Sid Wicker and Cliff Hooper.

BUILDINGS

With the increase in staff numbers, office space has become a problem, resulting in the single staff quarters being taken over for staff offices and a typing pool. The single staff have moved to the house in the arboretum where Cliff Hooper used to live.

The Tassie Library is no longer required as such now that the new library is fully functional. The Tassie is now in the process of being converted to a much needed staff lounge, including a bar.

The still house, which has been a landmark at the College for many years has now been demolished to make way for further developments at the winery.

After having benefited from R.E.D. Scheme labour upgrading the surrounds of the College, we are also fortunate in now receiving some value from the S.U.R. (State Unemployment Relief) Scheme with renovations to the student canteen and completion of a horse training complex being undertaken.

Finally, heralding the arrival of the computer age at Roseworthy Agricultural College, a computer terminal has arrived ready for installation and connection to the computer at the Level Campus of the S.A. Institute of Technology. This will enable administrative, educational and research activities to be processed at the College.

SPORT

The Footy Club has undergone a reorganisation this year. The main change has been the appointment of new coaches to both A and B teams. The B's are to be coached by Peter Nelson, who

was recently appointed as College Horse Groom. The A's advertised for a coach and will be under the care of Brian Keys from Willaston, formerly of Port Adelaide. Both teams have adopted the Pink Panthers as their mascot, and T-shirts and windcheaters with this emblem are now available.

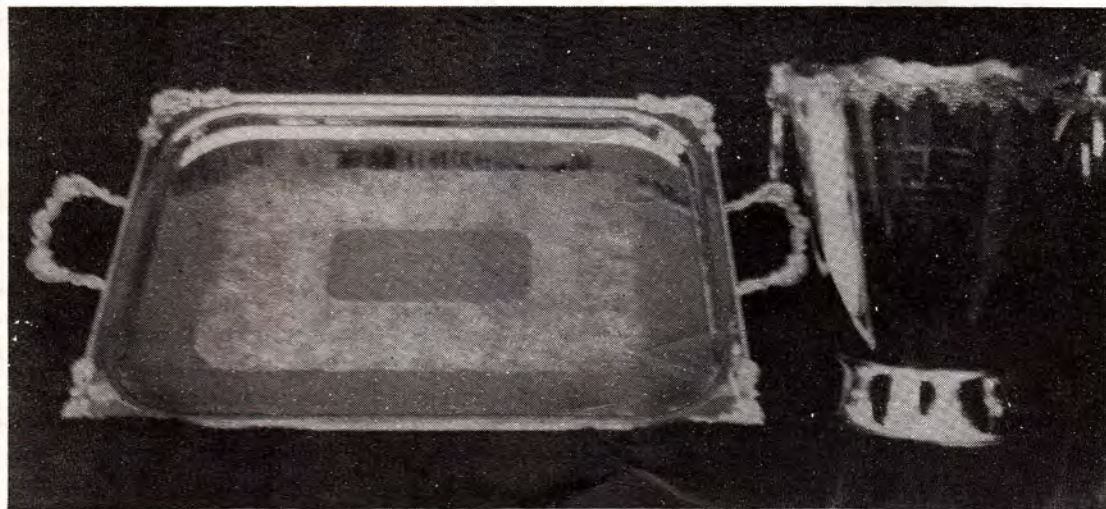
The 1975 Student Magazine has now been published and is available for \$1.25.

THE FARM

Wheat yields were quite good this year with oxley yielding to 3.37 tonnes per hectare (50 Bu/ac), followed by Kite at 3.03 t/ha, Condor 2.43 t/ha, Halberd 2.42 t/ha (36 Bu/ac) and Egret 2.37 t/ha. Linseed also yielded well this year at 2.67 t/ha.

Barry Sumner (Senior Demonstrator in Sheep, Beef & Horses), Terry Coates (Rural Officer, Beef), Phil Stott (College Vet.) and the Director, Dr. D.B. Williams, attended the Sydney Royal Easter Show to inspect Poll Shorthorn beef cattle. This resulted in the purchase of Templemore Supremo from Murringo, N.S.W. for \$5,000.

The "Old Student Cup" a silver tray (left) and the R.O.C.A. Sports Award, a silver ice bucket (right), presented this year.



AGM and Reunion Dinner

One aspect of last year's Dinner which received favourable comment all round was the selection of wines made available on each table. We wish to publicly express our thanks to the following wineries for their generosity.

- Angle Vale Winery
- Light Wines
- Orlando Wines
- Roseworthy Agricultural College
- Tolleys

To ensure a similar outcome to this year's dinner we intend to follow this procedure again. Any ex-plonkies in R.O.C.A. who wish to support us with some of their wines, we would be glad to hear from you and pleased to promote your product at the Dinner.



When the shows over there's still work to be done. Workshop staff, Roy Elderfield (foreground) and Arthur Lockley sealing the time capsule.