

## 2001 ROCA AWARD OF MERIT Brian Jefferies AM



**Brian Jefferies receiving the 2001 ROCA Award of Merit from ROCA President, Ray Taylor. Looking on is University of Adelaide Alumni Chairman, Greg Crafter.**

For the forty-first consecutive year, ROCA presented their “Award of Merit” to a notable Old Collegian who has provided meritorious and outstanding service to agriculture, Roseworthy Campus, ROCA and the community. The 2001 “Award of Merit” was presented to Brian C. Jefferies AM (RDA 1950).

Brian typifies the best of the Roseworthy tradition. He comes from a farming family, he is a competent shearer and qualified woolclasser; he graduated from the College with First Class Honours, won the Gold Medal and was awarded the Ridley Memorial Scholarship to study Agricultural Science at Adelaide University. He took an active part in sport at the College where he was successful in football and long distance running. At University he brought to his studies a solid practical grasp of the farming world and he built his scientific career on those foundations, so that he spent his professional life using that science and his practical experience to solve farming problems.

Brian’s international work puts him amongst the small number of Roseworthy graduates who have a genuine international reputation and who have helped to foster the international recognition that the College has enjoyed for some years. His fields of endeavour have included Sheep Breeding/Genetics, Sheep Classing, Wool Classing, Animal Production (Sheep/Goats), Animal Nutrition (Sheep), Extension (Sheep & Wool) and Tour Leader/Guide (Spanish or English).

Brian’s writing has been prolific. He has produced at least 120 articles and research papers, written one book and collaborated in a section of another. He is, or has been, a member of many organisations to do with his professional life, and a number of others arising from his commitment to the humanity of the world.

Brian Jefferies’ career and life have had many facets, but he has always impressed by being consistent, open and articulate whilst displaying integrity throughout all.

### ROSEWORTHY FOUNDATION

There is ongoing work happening towards the establishment of the Roseworthy Foundation referred to in the previous Digest. Because it relates to a Campus of the University, it is essential that it be integrated with other financial arrangements connected with the University. With the recent changes in hierarchy and structure this has proved to be a complex process. Negotiations are also continuing between the University, Professor Simon Maddocks and various prominent people in the community, who have had and still have a strong association with Roseworthy, in relation to the role they may play in its establishment and ongoing operation.

It is still hoped that there can be an official launch within this calendar year.

## 1951 R.D.A. GRADUATES RELAX INFORMALLY AT REUNION TIME



**Some of the 1951 graduates and their wives enjoying the barbecue at the Mount Barker Springs.**

On October 26<sup>th</sup> 2001 the group of students who graduated in Agriculture, Oenology and Dairying celebrated “50 years” at the Annual Dinner at the Glenelg Golf Club, and the following day, at the home of Peter and Posy Walker at Mt. Barker. Sadly, the number of students who sat for the final examinations in Agriculture has been reduced from 22 to 14, but of the 14 remaining 13 attended either the dinner or the barbecue, or both – a wonderful effort.

They came from far and wide for this momentous occasion, and from all accounts everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

John Gore came from the Phillipines, Ken & Maureen Miles from New Zealand, from Queensland Neville & Betty Miles and Max & Val Kolloscke, Charlie & Margaret von Doussa from Kangaroo Island, John & Judy Steed from Paringa, Norm & Muriel Agnew from Port Vincent. The remainder were from Adelaide or nearby, namely, Paul & Clare Guerin, Ian & Birte Johns, Steve Moore, Clayton & Betty Thomas, Peter & Posy Walker, Wilf & Barbara Bowen and David & Coralie Purser.

We were pleased to be joined by Gordon & Una Nilsson and Norm Walker who graduated in Oenology, and Geoff & Rosalind Norman, the lone graduate in Dairying. Apologies were received from Glen Fuss [R.D.A.] who is confined to a wheelchair with multiple schlerosis, and Alan Lang [R.D.D.] from Victoria.

The Dinner was a great success with approximately 180 attending although we were understandably hampered by lack of contact with each other because of the seating arrangements. However, this was not the case at the Barbecue the following day. In a beautiful setting in the Mt. Barker Springs area, overlooking a tree-lined meandering creek and with Mt. Barker and its sister hill in the distance, we ate and enjoyed a glass or two as we talked about old times and what we had “achieved” in the last 50 years. We all commented how quickly those years had flown by and how much we were all enjoying retirement. The success of the Barbecue was due in no small measure to Peter & Posy who went to no end of trouble to make it a wonderful and memorable day -- even “hiring” the neighbours to do the cooking!

Perhaps we can get together for our 55<sup>th</sup>! Who knows? Special thanks must also go to John Steed, Norm Walker and Wilf Bowen for the part they played in organising this get-together.

*Prepared by David Purser*



Peter Walker



Posy Walker

### **APOLOGY to John Maxwell Gore, R.A.C. Graduate 1951**

On behalf of the Committee of Roseworthy Old Collegians Association I offer a sincere apology to John for the error which was made in the R.O.C.A. 2000 Digest, in which his death notice was recorded – following the publication of such a notice in the Adelaide Advertiser.

This apology is extended also to John's family, friends, business and other associates.

John can be assured the mistake was an honest one, and no harm or embarrassment was intended.

Ray Taylor  
President

#### Footnote

John attended our 2001 Reunion as a member of the 50-year group and we trust that he will join us again this year on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

### **ROCA - COMMITTEE**

#### 2001/2002 Committee

Ray Taylor	President	Bob Fawcett	General Cttee.
Ron Tuckwell	Vice President	Joe Grieve	General Cttee.
Brian Hannaford	Immediate Past President	Peter Dunn	Eyre
Peninsula			
Wilf Bowen	Secretary	[Mark Langman – Proxy Rep.	Eyre Peninsula]
David Cooper	Treasurer	Darren Koopman	10 Year
Simon Maddocks	Campus Director	Ben Fleet	New Graduate
Dale Manson	General Cttee.	Bardy McFarlane [Appointed]	Public Officer
Harry Stephen	General Cttee.		

#### **CURRENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOMINATED FOR 2002/2003**

Ray Taylor [Ex officio]	Immediate Past President	Dale Manson	Joe Grieve
Simon Maddocks [Ex officio]	Campus Director	Harry Stephen	Darren Koopman
Ron Tuckwell		Bob Fawcett	Ben Fleet
Wilf Bowen		David Cooper	

*Regional Representatives are the responsibility of the Regional Branch.es. This is currently only Eyre Peninsula.*

### **ASSOCIATION DETAILS**

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### **ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY'S NEW VICE CHANCELLOR**

A statement re the appointment of Professor James McWha as Vice Chancellor appears on Page 16.

### 104<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & DINNER

ROCA's 104<sup>th</sup> AGM and 2002 Reunion Dinner will be held on Friday November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002, at the Glenelg Golf Club, James Melrose Drive, Glenelg. The AGM will commence at 6.30pm, followed by the Annual Dinner at 7.30pm. Pre-dinner drinks will be available at the bar from 7.00pm.

Spouses and partners are extremely welcome to attend.

Coordinators for the year groups are:

- 50 year (1952) - Rex Anderson (Ph/Fax:: 08 8536 4213 E-mail: anderson3@hotmail.net.au)  
- David Tuckwell (Phone: 08 8337 5332)
- 40 year (1962) - John Reddin (Phone: 08 8572 6006)
- 25 year (1977) - Graeme Pope (Ph-Wk: 08 8521 2716 Hm: 08 8562 3531 E-mail: pope.graeme@saugov.sa.gov.au)
- 10 year (1992) - Stephen Packer (Ph-Wk: 08 8304 5053 Hm: 08 8339 2333 E-mail: s.packer@ausbulk.com.au)

Cost of the dinner is \$37.00 per person (incl. GST)

Menu will be entrée; main course; dessert; tea, coffee & chocolate. A vegetarian main course choice is also available, by prior arrangement.

An invitation (with tear-off slip and payment details) is enclosed with this Digest.

Further details are available from: ROCA Treasurer, Dr David Cooper. He may be contacted at work (phone: 08 8363 4371) or at home (phone: 08 8332 5982). RSVP is 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2002.

During the evening, the 2002 ROCA Award of Merit will be presented.

### DALE MANSON AWARDED HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP



**Dale Manson receiving his ROCA Honorary Life Membership Badge from ROCA President, Ray Taylor.**

Long time R.O.C.A. Committee member, Dale Manson, was presented with Honorary Life Membership of the Association at the 2001 Annual General Meeting and Reunion Dinner.

Dale joined the Committee in 1977, while he was based at Jamestown with the Department of Agriculture.

Committee meetings at that time were regularly held in the homes of Presidents Bruce Wigney at Riverton and Andrew Michelmore at Tanunda.

During his 24 years on the ROCA Committee, Dale served as Digest Editor for many years and as President during the controversial period of the decision to merge Roseworthy Agricultural College with the University of Adelaide.

### FORMATION OF NEW FACULTY

The proposed amalgamation by the University of Adelaide of the Faculty of Science with the Faculty of Agriculture & Natural Resource Sciences, as reported in the 2001 ROCA Digest, has gone ahead. As from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2002 there is a single faculty known as The Faculty of Sciences. Professor Peter Rathgen has been appointed Executive Dean of the new faculty. [Biography of Professor Rathgen will be found on page 15]

All courses offered by The University of Adelaide at the Roseworthy and Waite Campuses will be within this new faculty.

Professor Simon Maddocks remains Director of Roseworthy Campus.



### 1976 GRADUATES REUNION REPORT



**Members of the 1976 RDA Graduating Group gathered together to celebrate their long awaited 25-Year ROCA Reunion last October.**

Thirty members of the 25-year ROCA Group, who graduated in 1976, travelled from all parts of Australia to join in the celebrations of the 2001 ROCA Reunion weekend.

In 1973, when the group commenced their RDA course at Roseworthy Agricultural College, They were making history as the last group to enrol prior to the course being opened up to include women. They were also the final students to study at the College while Bob Herriot was Principal.

A number of the RDA group went on to study Oenology at Roseworthy, or enter the wine industry armed with their comprehensive agricultural training. Members of the 25-year group currently engaged in the wine industry include Trevor Drayton, Jeff Henriks, Andrew Pike and Peter Turley.

Because of the close bonds built up during their years at Roseworthy, this was the group's fifth reunion gathering, as they ensure a reunion is held at various locations throughout the State every five years. Being the quarter century celebration of their graduation, extra effort was made to ensure as many as possible could attend. It was a significant moment for the group when one of their number, Dale Manson, Honorary Life Membership of ROCA during their 25-Year Reunion Dinner.

Amongst the long distance travellers were Ron White & Steve Tidswell from Canberra, Andrew Solomon from Queensland, Peter Turley & David Lewis from Victoria, and Ian McFarland from Western Australia.

After enjoying the hospitality of ROCA at the Annual Dinner, the group adjourned to the Glenelg Haven Motel to continue the celebrations.

The next day, Andrew Pike and Bill Close had organised a tour bus to take the group and their families to Hahndorf and Birdwood, where they enjoyed lunch in the Blumberg Hotel, accompanied by Pike wines. That night, they adjourned to a restaurant in Henley Square to enjoy another scrumptious dinner accompanied by Pike wines.

The Sunday morning was spent chewing over the last of the old stories, while breakfasting alfresco at the new Holdfast Shores development overlooking the marina.

## ROCA WEB-SITE

The ROCA web site is up and running. It is part of the University of Adelaide Website, and can be accessed from either the Roseworthy Campus page, or the Alumni Association page. The direct access URL is:- <http://www.roseworthy.adelaide.edu.au/Campus/ROCA/index.html>

At present it only carries the 2001 Digest, but there are plans to expand it as a communication facility.

## E-MAIL ADDRESSES

On the matter of communication, the cheapest and most immediate by far is via e-mail. Accordingly, I am asking that all members and other readers who have an e-mail address to please send an e-mail to me on

[rtuckwel@mail.kapunda.net](mailto:rtuckwel@mail.kapunda.net)

so that I can compile an inventory of ROCA contacts. Therefore, communication can be spread throughout the year by e-mail messages and posting messages on the WebSite.

## OBITUARIES

*It is with sadness that we record the passing of the following members of R.O.C.A.:*

Peter Brownell (RDA 1947)  
(formerly of Rasmussen, Qld.)

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Basil Sheahan  
(formerly of Roseworthy Campus)

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John Westwood Downing (R.D.A. ?)  
(formerly of Mundalla, S.A.)

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Douglas John Sabey (RDA ?)  
(formerly of Henley Beach, S.A.)

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Henry Whiting (RDA 1982)  
(formerly of Glenelg, S.A.)

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David Stirling Riceman  
(formerly of Adelaide, S.A.)

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Keith Lawson  
(formerly of Bordertown, S.A.)

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Brian Weston Stacey (RDA 1948)  
(formerly of Mypolonga & Victor Harbor, S.A.)

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Charles George Stephens  
(formerly of C.S.I.R.O. Soils Div. & SAPFOR)

**Peter Ferguson Brownell, R.D.A., B.AgSc., Ph.D., D.Sc., OAM (1922-2002)**

Agricultural Science graduates of the 1950's and 1960's will be saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Peter Brownell in mid-July after a short illness. Peter, known affectionately as "Umm", was mentor and popular colleague of agricultural science students who undertook botany studies at the University of Adelaide. He was always invited to annual student dinners and regularly participated in staff/student rugby matches. Peter epitomised the expression "he is a gentleman and a scholar".

Peter's studies at Roseworthy Agricultural College began in 1941, but were interrupted by World War 2, where he served as an RAAF pilot in Canada and in the U.K. as a pilot in Bomber Command. On returning to Adelaide, he completed his R.D.A. (1947) and then BAgrSc (1951) and PhD (1958) degrees at the University of Adelaide. Between 1951 and 1953 he worked as a soil conservation officer in the SA Department of Agriculture.

In 1967, Peter transferred to the University College of Townsville, later to become the James Cook University, as the first lecturer in plant physiology, and later was appointed Associate Professor in the Department of Tropical Plant Sciences. Upon retirement in 1987, he was appointed Adjunct Associate Professor and continued to pursue active "hands on" research with many post-graduate students. He was the Patron of the James Cook Rugby Football Club and Patron of Townsville District Rugby Union. He was Deputy Chairman of the University's Hall of Residence Board and a life member of University Hall.

Peter gave long and distinguished service to Legacy – a service to families of service men and women who died during or after operational war service. He joined Legacy in Townsville in 1970 and served as a member, as a President and Past President, and as Education Officer for over 20 years.

Peter made a major contribution to Plant Science. He was the first person in the world to demonstrate that sodium was an essential nutrient for some plants. This was spectacularly true for Australian saltbush, *Atriplex vesicaria*. His pioneering research was conducted within the Botany Department of the University of Adelaide and in a glasshouse on top of the Geology building, where the incoming air had to be filtered to remove salt from the wind-borne sea-spray. Many years later a novel photosynthesis pathway was identified in what have come to be known as C4 plants. Peter realised that his plants, which responded to sodium, belonged to this group of plants. His later research concentrated on investigating the metabolism and physiology of C4 plants in an effort to discern the role of sodium in these plants.

In 1994, Dr. Brownell was awarded the Sir Joseph Verco Medal by the Royal Society of South Australia for his contribution to science, and in the same year received his D.Sc. from the University of Adelaide. In 1998, he was awarded an OAM for his contribution in the field of plant physiology and education, and for services to the Townsville community.

Peter was the second son of Dr. Herbert Percival Brownell and Mollie Brownell of Norwood.

A commemorative gathering will be held in Adelaide at Urrbrae House, Waite Campus of the University of Adelaide, on Tuesday September 10<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm. Peter's friends and associates will be welcome. Further details can be obtained from Jo Orr (08 8575 5035) or Max Tate 08 8303 7227).

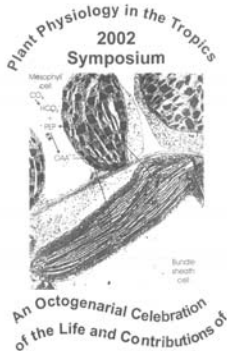
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#### SOME PERSONAL COMMENTS – SCOTT DOLLING

Peter and I completed the third year at R.A.C. in 1946, after we had been discharged. We were in the same room in the Rehab. Huts, together with Dennis Harrison.

Peter had his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in May; the James Cook University did him proud. About 8 people went up to enjoy the proceedings, including Don Woon [who was in the same first year as Peter in 1941] my wife and myself.

Well, after that, Peter decided to wind it up, and not long ago he died. The funeral was in Townsville. We are holding a commemorative gathering at Urrbrae House at the Waite, on Tuesday September 10<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm.



Sodium? Sodium! So be it!  
**Peter Ferguson Brownell**  
 Program  
 3:00 pm Joe Wiskich (Chair)  
 3:10 pm Ray Specht  
 3:30 pm Joe Wiskich and Max Tate  
 4:10 pm Break  
 4:30 pm Mark Johnston and Chris Grof  
 and Peter Albertson  
 5:10 pm Spencer Whitney  
 5:30 pm Concluding Remarks (Chair)  
 5:45 pm BBQ  
 17th-18th of May, 2002  
 James Cook University  
 Townsville, QLD 4811

#### Basil Sheahan – BAgSc, DipEd, DipAgrExt, AdvDipEd, FAIAST (1934-2002)

Roseworthy students, colleagues, and the myriad of other people enriched by Basil's humanity will be extremely sad to hear that he passed away from heart and associated problems in late July

Basil devoted his career to agricultural extension. After graduating in Agricultural Science from Melbourne University in 1958, he was an extension officer and then Deputy Manager at the Mallee Research Station at Walpeup. He then had a brief period teaching agriculture to secondary students, completed a Graduate Diploma in Agricultural Extension and joined Roseworthy Agricultural College as Senior Lecturer in Agricultural Extension in 1972. He retired from Roseworthy in 1994.

During his time at Roseworthy, he developed a close association with international students, helping them cope with cultural and social differences. He coordinated and supervised several international projects, as well as providing tertiary training in extension, recognised as among the best in Australia. He made notable contributions to understanding the role of mass media in agricultural extension, and the attitudes of landowners to changes in the conservation movement. [continued on page 14]

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The President  
Roseworthy Old Collegians Assoc. Inc.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your Spring issue of the ROCA Digest sent to my late husband.  
Douglas John SABEY died in July 2001.  
Doug always treasured the memories of his time at Roseworthy and the friends that he made when there remained true and loyal friends all his life.

Yours faithfully,

Janet Sabey

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Roseworthy Old Collegians Association

Dear Sir,

For your record update, I am saddened to write to you, my late husband, John Westwood DOWNING, formerly of "Marooroo" Mundalla – retired to Kingston, passed away 16<sup>th</sup> June 2001.  
John had stated many times, 'The best years of his life', (before our marriage) were spent at Roseworthy.

Yours faithfully,

Marj Downing

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Sir,

As part of the Flinders University Department of Languages' research programme on Southern European migration, Chelsea Roberts and myself are currently conducting research on early French vigneron in South Australia.

We are particularly interested in finding any information about the life and work of **Leon Edmond Mazure** who, according to our findings, worked at various South Australian vineyards and was employed by Roseworthy as a casual lecturer in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century/early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

We are keen to explore any avenue in order to gain information about Mazure and any French-born winemakers who were employed at South Australian wineries in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Should any of your readers have knowledge of anything relevant to our search (including archival references and details of relatives we could contact), we would be grateful to be contacted at the above address.

Through our study we are hoping to promote the role and influence of unrecognised French winemakers. We anticipate incorporating the results of our investigation into a university course on Southern European migration to Australia.

Thank you for helping us in our investigation.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Eric Bouvet



**ANNUAL GOLF DAY**  
**held at the Barossa Valley Golf Club**

Twenty-eight players (consisting of 15 old scholars, 9 visitors & 4 ladies) hit off at the 2001 RAC Old Collegians vs. HAC Old Scholars Golf Day in the Barossa Valley last November. Unfortunately for ROCA, the RAC Old Collegians group again lost the Perpetual Team Trophy by a small margin. However, even though it was a close match, an excellent day was had by all. A special thank you to all those who gave trophies on the day. It was really appreciated.

Hahndorf was discussed as an alternative venue for next year's golf day, but older players felt that Barossa was an excellent flat course, so the venue remains the same for 2002. Remember it takes only just over an hour to drive from Adelaide on the Sturt Highway to Nuriootpa, so we hope to see a few more on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2002.

**TROPHY WINNERS**

**RAC WINNERS**

Roseworthy Old Collegians Shield	David Quodling	- 36 Points
Runner up	Don Rice	- 33 Points
Third Best Score	Russell Meade	- 32 Points

**HAC WINNERS**

Hawkesbury Old Scholars Shield	Kym Falster	- 41 Points
Runner up	Kel Burke	- 34 Points
Third Best Score	Bob Ferguson	- 32 Points

**VISITOR TROPHY**

Winner	Len Brown	- 36 Points
Runner up	Neville Newton	- 31 Points
Third Best Score	Lindsay Wapper	- 31 Points

**NAGA**

Hawkesbury	Don McKay	- 24 Points
Roseworthy	Steve Treasure	- 20 Points
Visitor	Keith Bailey	- 10 Points

**LADIES**

Winner	Joy Reardon	- 36 Points
Runner up	Liv Falster	- 27 Points
Third	Pat Hewett	- 17 Points
Fourth	Ruth Brown	- 16 Points

**OTHERS**

Gordon Pickhaver Trophy – Highest Score	Kym Falster	- 41 Points
Nearest the Pin	Allan Fischle	- 6 <sup>th</sup> Hole
	Bob Ferguson	- 15 <sup>th</sup> Hole

**Don't forget..... this year's Golf Day is being held at the same venue on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2002.**

*(Report provided by Barry Sumner)*



**Kel Burke (Captain H.A.C.), on right, Presenting David Quodling with the Old Collegian's Shield for highest R.A.C. score of 35 points.**



**Barry Sumner (Captain R.A.C.), on left, presenting Kel Burke with the Perpetual Trophy for 2001. On Kel's left is Don McKay, an H.A.C. team member.**

**2002 GOLF DAY**

**Roseworthy Agricultural College Old Collegians vs. Hawkesbury Agricultural College Old Scholars (S.A. Branch)**

*Ninth Annual Golf Day and Get Together*

**Barossa Valley Golf Club, Nuriootpa S.A. - Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2002**

*Following the fine success of the past eight Annual RAC vs. HAC Golf Days, we hope to reinstate our reputation of winning against Hawkesbury Old Scholars at this year's Golf Day.*

The challenge will take place on Sunday 10th November, 2002 at the Barossa Valley Golf Club, Nuriootpa. You do not need to be a pro golfer (or any golfer for that matter) to participate and clubs are available at the course if required.

Please Note: Time is 9.30am for a 10.00am tee off.

Whilst the aim of the day is for fellowship and to enjoy ourselves, we will need to field a team of at least ten (10) players from ROCA (and likewise 10 from HAC). However more the merrier. You are welcome to invite a friend or two (or more) along and of course, your partners and family.

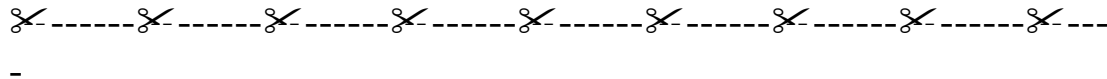
For those not playing golf, you may wish to take in some of the local sights during the day, or walk around the course. We look forward to a good roll-up of Old Collegians at this function.

A BBQ lunch will be held, with the cost of the day being \$30/person (lunch & golf) or \$10/person (lunch only)

**TROPHY ASSISTANCE**

*We again seek your assistance with the donation of trophies or prizes (eg. company logo golf balls, bottles of wine or port, golf umbrellas, caps, shirts etc) for presentation to the various category winners. All donations would be greatly appreciated.*

*Golf Club Phone Numbers: 08 8562 1589, 08 8562 3766 (Pro Shop)-*



**ENTRY FORM**

**Please complete and return to Barry Sumner or Kel Burke no later than 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2002.**

Barry Sumner,  
RAC Old Collegians Golf Team,  
10 Athens Terrace,  
GAWLER S.A. 5118  
Telephone: (08) 8522 4926

Kel Burke,  
HAC Old Scholars Golf Team,  
13 Rivett Road,  
FULHAM GARDENS S.A. 5024  
Telephone: (08) 8340 2411

Name:.....

Years at RAC/HAC:.....

Golf Handicap:.....

Club:.....

Do you need golf clubs: YES / NO (please circle)

Visitor/Guest/Partner's Names:.....

Handicap:.....

**New Golfers please note:** You are most welcome to join us for a round of golf even if you do not play regularly or just enjoy a stroll around the course. Flat rubber soled shoes or designated golf shoes are necessary if you intend to play golf.

**GIL HOLLAMBY -- FARRER MEMORIAL MEDAL**



The 2002 Farrer Memorial Medal has been awarded to Associate Professor Gil Hollamby, for his "significant contribution to the wheat industry in Australia". The Farrer Memorial Medal, first presented in 1941, is conferred annually to perpetuate the memory of wheat breeder, William James Farrer, and to provide encouragement and inspiration to Australian agricultural scientists.

Gil Hollamby, former leader of the wheat breeding research team at Adelaide University, has been involved in breeding wheat varieties since 1961. During his impressive career, he has bred a succession of high yielding wheat varieties adapted to the variable climatic and edaphic environments of Southern Australia. His varieties include: Blade, Dagger, Excalibur, Machete, Spear, Stiletto and Trident. During the 1990's Spear became the most widely grown wheat variety in Australia.

He received the Farrer Memorial Medal at the Elder Hall, University of Adelaide, on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2002, to coincide with the Royal Adelaide Show. Well-wishers joined Gil in an informal supper after the ceremony.

### R.O.C.A. -- AWARD WINNERS



Amanda Dixon, President of R.O.C.A. (Ray Taylor), Belinda Telfer, Ben Fleet

**AMANDA DIXON** – The Old Scholars' Trophy presented by Roseworthy Old Collegians Association to the student on the Roseworthy Campus making the best contribution to Campus Sport in a leadership role.

**BELINDA RUTH TELFER** -- The Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Gold Medal and the Bank of South Australia Ltd Prize both for the student graduating from the *Bachelor of Natural Resource Management* program with the most distinguished record.

**BENJAMIN JAMES FLEET** -- The Gawler Agricultural, Horticultural and Floricultural Society Silver Medal and The Old Students Cup and Prize presented by the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association both for second aggregate in the *Bachelor of Agriculture* program.

### Year 2003 ROCA Award of Merit

## Nominations

### *Nominations are now being accepted for the Year 2003 ROCA Award of Merit*

Since 1961, forty-one notable Old Collegians have been honoured by the Association for meritorious and outstanding service to agriculture, the Campus, 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.

An Honour Roll is on display in the foyer of the main Building at the Roseworthy Campus, listing names of all ROCA Awards of Merit recipients.

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

1961 Roland Hill	1975 Ken Pike	1989 Ray Norton
1962 David Riceman	1976 Len Laffer	1990 Tony Summers
1963 Len Cook	1977 Des Habel	1991 Scott Dolling
1964 W J Dawkins	1978 Henry Day	1992 Rex Anderson
1965 Frank Pearson	1979 Mark Hutton	1993 Bob Baker
1966 Sir Allan Callaghan	1980 Cliff Hooper	1994 Brian Hannaford
1967 Bob Herriot	1981 Andrew Michelmore	1995 Grant Mayfield
1968 Denis Muirhead	1982 Milton Spurling	1996 Bob Knappstein
1969 Jack Reddin	1983 Ralph Hewitt Jones	1997 Jim Pocock
1970 Ron Badman	1984 David Suter	1998 Ian Young
1971 Prof Rex Butterfield	1985 Hon Dr Bruce Eastick	1999 Don Moyle
1972 Rex Krause	1986 John Obst	2000 Grant Paech
1973 Rex Kuchel	1987 Robin Steed	2001 Brian Jefferies
1974 Lex Walker	1988 Reg French	

## Award of Merit Nomination Form

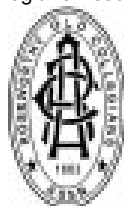
### **Nominees Information:**

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Phone Number:</b>	
<b>Period at Roseworthy:</b>	
<b>Qualification Gained:</b>	

<b>Proposed by:</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Name:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
<b>Phone No:</b>	<b>Phone No:</b>
<b>Period at Roseworthy:</b>	<b>Period at Roseworthy:</b>
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Signature:</b>

Please attach supporting data outlining the nominee's career since leaving Roseworthy, including details of major published papers, achievements, academic qualifications, awards & honours received and service to industry, community and ROCA. Nominators and nominee must be current ROCA members.

Nominations should be sent to Roseworthy Old Collegians Association, P.O. Box 503, Kent Town SA 5071 and must be received no later than 30<sup>th</sup> June 2003.



**RULES GOVERNING THE**

**ROCA AWARD OF MERIT**

1. The Roseworthy Old Collegians Association (ROCA) shall periodically award a medal to a ROCA member who has made a meritorious contribution in any field of agricultural activity and/or ROCA or community affairs. For the purpose of these rules, "agricultural activity" shall be given the widest possible meaning and will include all aspects of animal, land and natural resource management.
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.
3. A prospective candidate must be a ROCA member and the nomination shall be prepared and signed by two ROCA members. Nominations must be made on the Standard Form and must include the information required thereon.
4. Nominations with the supporting data must reach the ROCA Secretary by 30 June each year. The Executive shall review the nominations and have the right to reject any nomination deemed unsuitable before submitting the nominations to the Selection Committee.
5. The Executive may, at its discretion, include for consideration any candidates previously nominated.
6. The Selection Committee shall consist of five members, one from each of the following fields:
  - primary production research and/or extension;
  - public service;
  - primary production;
  - agriculture related industry and
  - the President of ROCA.
7. The Executive shall appoint to the Selection Committee, such persons who are in their opinion of sufficient standing and experience to be competent to assess the merits of candidates from any field of agricultural activity. Membership of the Selection Committee will be reviewed by the Executive each year.
8. The President of ROCA shall be the Convenor of the Selection Committee and shall only have a casting vote. Three members of the selection Committee will constitute a quorum.
9. In the event of a member of the Executive or the selection Committee being proposed as a Candidate, that person will stand down from all discussions and deliberations for that year.
10. The Selection Committee shall make its nomination to the Executive at least four weeks prior to the date of presentation of the award.
11. Members of the Executive and the Selection Committee are requested to hold the names of the candidates in strict confidence.

## **THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

All life members of Roseworthy Old Collegians Association are reminded they are automatically members of The University of Adelaide Alumni Association, as ROCA is a Chapter of this Alumni body. This gives us certain advantages, whilst retaining our independence.

### **R.O.C.A. MEMBERS - YOU HAVE NOT MISSED OUT**

Due to the large cost involved with the production and mailing of each issue of the ROCA Digest, this the fourth year that members have received only one Digest per year. This has led many members to feel that their "Life Membership" had expired, or that they had been "lost" or removed from the mailing list. In most cases, none of these scenarios are actually true.

While ROCA understands that "communication" is the strength of any body (and probably the only service ROCA can offer many members), the long-term financial sustainability of the Association is also of paramount importance.

ROCA may be forced to continue its single Digest policy into the future, however new arrangements with the Adelaide University Alumni and Roseworthy Campus management will allow ROCA members to receive direct-mailed complimentary copies of Lumen.



To enable R.O.C.A. to maintain accurate records of Old Collegians, we would appreciate you completing the following details:

Name:.....

Title

Surname

Christian Names

Current Address:.....

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

Position Held:..... Employer: .....

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

Degree/Diploma Obtained: .....

Interests/Achievements: .....

Life membership is \$60.00. If you're not a life member please return the above with your cheque for \$60.00

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

Please return to: Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Inc.,  
P.O. Box 503,  
Kent Town SA 5071

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#### MATERIAL FOR THE DIGEST

Do you have any news about yourself or a fellow Old Collegian that may be of interest to others by being included in a future edition of the Digest? Photographs are also very welcome for inclusion. If you have something, feel free to drop us a line or two.

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#### Basil Sheahan – Obituary [continued from page 7]

##### Extracts from Eulogies at his funeral.

- ✠✠ Basil had a long association with sport from his early days of football playing and coaching at Walpeup, through his coaching of the Roseworthy Agricultural College football team when it was the Premier team in its association, to his coaching of the junior tennis teams in the Roseworthy township.
- ✠✠ He was involved with both the Gawler and Balaklava-Mallala parishes of the Catholic Church as well as with the Salesian Order of the Catholic Church from his early days teaching at a Salesian secondary school in rural Victoria, to recent associations resulting in the Order providing the Parish Priest for Gawler.
- ✠✠ He had a long-term participation with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, from a lad at secondary school to his long service as Treasurer of the Gawler group, and helping with Fred's Van which provided meals to the needy in Gawler.
- ✠✠ Basil and Pat had both been active members of the Indo-China Refugee Association, and its successor the Refugee Association. Testimony to his contribution was given by a special eulogy and by the presence of many people who had come to Australia from South Vietnam.
- ✠✠ Recognising the service that Basil and Pat had rendered to the community, they were jointly given the award of "Gawler Citizen of the Year" on Australia Day 2001.

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## PUBLISHED IN 2002 - THE YEAR OF THE OUTBACK



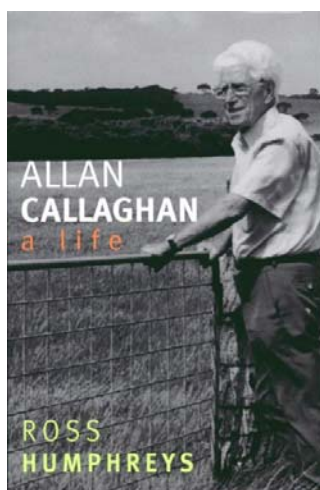
By Mike Smith

This book is written for

Truckies, stockies, bushies, battlers, woollies, cockies, tin-dog rattlers,  
Poddy calvers, cattle feeders, station hands and Rundle Streeters.  
Shearers 'blowing off the bark', agents, auctioneers, the clerk,  
Aussies who shoot kangaroos and mutton eating Jackeroos!  
Graziers on pastoral leases, classers sorting fine-wool fleeces  
Students in agricultural courses and rookies who just can't ride horses!



Allan Callaghan is remembered as a distinguished agricultural scientist. He was also an engaging and brilliant teacher, a skilful diplomat and an astute administrator.



During his sixteen years as Principal of Roseworthy Agricultural College in South Australia, until 1948, he established it as a premier institute. He later steered the Australian Wheat Board through difficult years of fluctuating wheat prices, varying market demand and political turmoil, notably in sales to China.

Callaghan's commitment to Australian agriculture was a motivating force throughout his life. His life offers an opportunity to consider the development of wheat breeding, the modernisation of agricultural education and the implementation of the post-war soldier settlement policy that avoided some of the problems of earlier schemes.

He worked with various government agencies in South Australia to radically improve dry-land farming, before taking his experience into the national and international arena.

*Ross Humphreys is Professor Emeritus and Honorary Research Consultant in Agricultural Science at the University of Queensland. He was head of the Department of Agriculture for thirteen years and Pro-Vice Chancellor of Biological Sciences until 1993.*



**PROFESSOR PETER RATHJEN**  
**Executive Dean, Faculty of Sciences**  
**The University of Adelaide**

Peter Rathjen was educated at the University of Adelaide where he received a B. Sc. (Hons). As the 1985 Rhodes Scholar for South Australia he was awarded a D. Phil. from Oxford University in 1989 for research into 'jumping genes'. He returned to the Department of Biochemistry at Adelaide in 1990 as a Lecturer, and was appointed to the Chair of Biochemistry in 1995. In 2000 he was elected as Head of the Department of Molecular Biosciences, formed by amalgamation of the Departments of Biochemistry, Genetics and Microbiology and Immunology, and in 2002 was appointed executive Dean of the Faculty of Sciences, formed by amalgamation of the Faculties of Science and Agricultural Science and Natural Resources.

His primary research interests are in early mammalian development and the mechanisms by which stem cells give rise to cell lineages during embryogenesis. Basic aspects of this research are carried out within the ARC Special Research Centre for the Molecular Genetics of Development where he is stream leader in cell differentiation. Application of his research to the emergent field of stem cell therapy has been a major undertaking that has included commercialisation of Intellectual Property in association with

BresaGen.

**UNIVERSITY WELCOMES NEW VICE CHANCELLOR**

The University of Adelaide has announced the appointment of Professor James McWha as the 19th Vice-Chancellor in its 128-year history. The appointment took effect from August 5 2002.



Professor McWha comes to Adelaide from being Vice-Chancellor and President of Massey University in Palmerston North, New Zealand, and Chairman of the New Zealand Vice-Chancellors' Committee. In June 2002 he took up the position of Secretary-General of the International Association of University Presidents.

Massey University is one of New Zealand's leading universities, with 19,000 students based on three campuses and another 18,000 studying by distance education. Before his appointment at Massey University in 1996, Professor McWha had extensive experience in the management of biological research institutes. He has since played a formative role in the development of the New Zealand universities' quality assurance system, a system similar to that currently being introduced in Australia.

The Chancellor of The University of Adelaide, Mr Robert Champion de Crespigny, said Professor McWha had an outstanding record as an academic administrator and communicator.

"He has the leadership qualities required to keep the University of Adelaide moving forward and ensure that the process of development and change within the institution is maintained,"

Mr de Crespigny said.

"It is essential that the University's drive to build on its research strengths, secure its funding base, and support the provision of quality services to students is underpinned by effective management. Prof. McWha is committed to strengthening the University's key leadership role in South Australia by developing more partnerships with industry, other research and education institutions, and the wider community. He will give fresh impetus to the University as it works to enhance its contribution to the wealth and well-being of South Australia through high-quality education, research and community service.

"I also particularly want to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the outgoing Vice-Chancellor, Professor Cliff Blake AO, for his contribution to the University over the past twelve months. He took on the role of Vice-Chancellor at short notice pending the appointment of a permanent Vice-Chancellor and has steered the University successfully through a critically important transition period."

Professor McWha said he was pleased to taking up this appointment.

"The University of Adelaide is renowned internationally as one of Australia's great universities," he said. "In my own days as an agricultural student I was very aware of the Waite's reputation for research and teaching, and it is exciting for me to be joining a University with such proud traditions.

"Two of the University of Adelaide's greatest strengths are the quality of its staff and the standard of its facilities. My priority will be to continue the staff renewal presently underway and to ensure that the institution has a secure financial resource base so that it can continue to build on its teaching and research activities. I will be looking, also, to increase the number of international students by broadening the countries from which they are drawn and the disciplines within which they study.

"Community involvement is another area which I am keen to develop. I believe very strongly in drawing communities into universities, and the sort of resources and facilities which the University of Adelaide has should certainly provide more opportunities to do that."

The Minister for Employment, Training and Further Education, the Hon. Dr Jane Lomax Smith, said the appointment of a person of Professor McWha's undoubted credentials was a boost for the University.

"The University of Adelaide is now even better placed to help meet the state's need for a well-educated and highly-skilled workforce. The University can look forward to the future with confidence under Professor McWha's stewardship.

"The appointment will support the Government's vision for excellence in education, innovation and excellence."

*[Adapted from a University of Adelaide Press Release]*

## MISSING ADDRESSES

There are some 400 names on the ROCA member list held by the Alumni Association of the University of Adelaide (of which we are a Chapter) for whom we have no addresses. These names are listed

below, together with their year of first graduation, if known. If anyone has any information about these members please pass it on to the Digest Editor.

<b><u>Unknown Graduation</u></b>	<b><u>1983</u></b>	May Philip	<b><u>1991</u></b>	Bicknell B
Bauer H		Newton A		Blake N
Hill R		Pitt L		Catlin J
Hocking Gregory		Radke T		Cecil Janice
Home A		Stopp M		Chapman S
Kemp Arthur		Teusner M		Chick K
Matthews Brenton	<b><u>1984</u></b>	Adams D		Coad Jamie
McQueen D		Appleton Duncan		Collins S
Murray Steven		Bird Steve		Dodd E
Reynolds K		Bradshaw B		Donald Fiona
Roeger Bruce		Broad Michael		Dubon Manuel
Saunders Gary		Caillard H		Duncombe-Wall D
Shannon I		Comas Andrew		Eather R
Thistlethwayte Barrie		Craddock Tony		Edwards K
Whillas A		Cuttance N		Ellis P
<b><u>1904</u></b>		Evans P		Fleming D
<b><u>1922</u></b>		Franke Suzanne		Foster Gregory
<b><u>1929</u></b>		Gesmanis J		Gazzara Kellie
		Glover S		Gellard J
<b><u>1932</u></b>		Green S		Goehr M
<b><u>1933</u></b>		Gurner E		Goss J
<b><u>1934</u></b>		Hepworth B		Grey-Smith U
<b><u>1936</u></b>		Hill C		Habner Nigel
		Holden Steve		Halling Dale
<b><u>1942</u></b>		Hopper S		Hardy Andrew
<b><u>1943</u></b>		Jennings S		Herbert Anthony
		Linton Vicki		Hetherington Barry
<b><u>1947</u></b>		Lockhart Naomi		Hill K
<b><u>1949</u></b>		Lubiana S		Hunter R
		May E		Inglis G
		McRae C		Isherwood K
<b><u>1950</u></b>		Moore H		James G
		Mortimer T		James E
<b><u>1951</u></b>		Mutewa M		Kennedy J
		Palmer Dawn		Kennerley Ingrid
		Peek Barry		Knight V
<b><u>1952</u></b>		Ringland C		Kostic O
		Robertson Jane		Larson N
		Rodella S		Long Davis
<b><u>1953</u></b>		Roeger Steve		Luedi B
<b><u>1954</u></b>		Roeger Lisa		McMaster John
<b><u>1955</u></b>		Scapin R		McNamara Benjamin
		Sparrow L		Menadue Brett
		Verity Adam		Metcalf D
<b><u>1957</u></b>		Baker S		Mickan S
	<b><u>1985</u></b>	Darwin D		Mills A
		Roberts-Jones P		Moss J
<b><u>1958</u></b>		Ayliffe P		Murray J
	<b><u>1986</u></b>	Erkelenz Lynette		Napier D
		Heaslip Jeffrey		Pellew Matthew
		Richardson A		Porter H
<b><u>1959</u></b>		Harvey Wayne		Richardson B
	<b><u>1987</u></b>	Heinjus Christopher		Rohrlach G
		Henshaw L		Shiau L
<b><u>1960</u></b>		Mavrinac G		Shipp F
<b><u>1961</u></b>		Rowe Geoffrey		Smith N
<b><u>1962</u></b>		Smith Ronald		Soltysiak N
		Thomas A		Thompson J
		Woodard A		Treloar B
<b><u>1963</u></b>		Bray E		Trigg I
	<b><u>1988</u></b>	Gregurke Anthony		Turner Jules
		Kennett A		Turner Rose
<b><u>1964</u></b>		Koch M		Waller K
		Marroncelli Anna		Walters J
		Presser T		Webber G
		Tiver Fleur		West G
<b><u>1965</u></b>		Vegter Mark		Whitwell N
<b><u>1966</u></b>		White J		Whitwell N
<b><u>1967</u></b>		Bowering A	<b><u>1992</u></b>	Botting David
<b><u>1967</u></b>	<b><u>1989</u></b>	Grbin Paul	<b><u>1992</u></b>	Crossman Alan
<b><u>1968</u></b>	<b><u>1989</u></b>	Rosenblatt Theodore		Jones Neil
<b><u>1969</u></b>		Sanderson Samuel		Kirk John
		Tuckwell Richard		Mitchell Matthew
				Mooney Natasha

	Luck Brian	<b>1990</b>	Anderson K	Parnell Stephen
	Pick Anthony		Anson T	Pearce Gregory
<b>1971</b>	Both John		Armstrong P	Penjore Ugyen
	Burrows Grant		Ayliffe K	Pettigre Stuart
	Byrne Terence		Boddington D	Polack Jennifer
	Coombs Ian		Bone B	Reed Fiona
	Cox David		Bosward R	Rice Michelle
	Dohnt Steve		Branson R	Sheehan Damien
	Gregurke Adrian		Brasier B	Somerset Narelle
	McCauley Antony		Buck Karleen	Staples Peter
	Sullivan James		Cecil A	Van Elson Justin
	Wilkinson Reginald		Chaplin T	Washington David
<b>1972</b>	Flavel Peter		Chennells G	Wheare Nicholas
	Michael Kym		Cram C	<b>1993</b>
<b>1973</b>	Haensel Roger		Davey J	Abdoerraham
	Hopkins Kym		Davies N	Mohamed Ahmed
	Mettam Richard		Fallavollita E	O'Connor Simon
	Symes Gregory		Fazekas C	Pitcher-Kimmear Susan
Marianne				Richardson
	Walter Donald		Fisher Michael	Riley Elizabeth
<b>1974</b>	White Gregory		Fraser E	Smith Brenden
<b>1976</b>	Barlett James		Fryar R	Varcoe Kendall
	Nolan Richard		Glass M	Young Christopher
<b>1977</b>	Cooper D		Gough P	Zeven Dean
	Cottle Greg		Hall R	<b>1994</b>
	Gallagher Gregory		Japp I	<b>1995</b>
	Howard Timothy		Jelfs S	Williams Mark
	Vogt Matthew		Johnson L	Michelmore Jason
<b>1978</b>	Cooper J		Kentish J	Nguyen Tan Phuoc
	Harris S		Kerrison D	O'Regan Katherine
	Secker Mark		Kuchel David	Robertson Jason
<b>1979</b>	Yourns M		Lane H	Sansoni Christopher
<b>1980</b>	Darmody Craig		Lowe R	Schiller Christopher
	Geddes Robert		Mack H	White Craig
	Marshall S		Maitland Stuart	<b>1996</b>
	O'Byrne P		Marks Theron	Murphy Timothy
<b>1981</b>	Bond T		McDonald R	Preuss Sarah
	Bray S		Miller Andrew	Schiller Nadine
	Butler Peter		Mugford A	Labaj Natalie
	Carty R		Nichols C	Migwi Perminius
	Curkpatrick Jo		Pannell S	Radman Louise
	Erny J		Perry S	<b>1998</b>
	Flavel G		Powell S	Swanepoel Anna
	Harvey I		Ramsey J	Weddeslassie Solomon
	Jenkins Allan		Rayner J	<b>2000</b>
	Krause T		Rees B	Edlmann Miles
	Mably R		Richardson O	
	Miller A		Rothwell B	<b>Unknown Year of Graduation</b>
	O'Leary D		Sergeev L	Baker Marie
<b>1982</b>	Bourne Jennifer		Squire A	Collins R
	Cecil A		Steiner Manfred	Freund Roland
	Dolan Tim		Stening S	Morris Melissa
	Glastonbury R		Stuckey W	Priak Graham
	Lindon G		Swanbury Nina	Schick Peter
	Rump Michael		Tilmouth L	Schwarz Leon
	Suiker J		Turner R	Sheehan Grant
	Woolley Peter		Warner A	Smith Darryl
<b>1983</b>	Axford Bruce		Whyntie Ian	Sprigg Neville
	Cleland Thomas		Wong Pok-Man	Thomson Rod
	Gay A	<b>1991</b>	Allport A	Tuikaba Selestino
	Johncock Robert		Araya S	Turner W
	Klemm Kym		Benson P	Uphill Adrian
				Wilson Anthony
				Wilson Kevin
				Woodard A T
				Wotton David

There is some duplication in this list due to multiple graduation dates, but I judged that time spent in extracting them was unjustified.

Addresses received after compilation of the list are indicated by a strikethrough of the name.