



Roseworthy Old Collegians Assoc. Inc.

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

We thank Dale for his fine effort in producing the Digest during the last two years, and wish him well for his part in the organisation of the equestrian events of the Jubilee 150 celebrations in S.A.

Metrication is here to stay, and has taken over this Digest. You'll note that it is printed on A 4 paper instead of Foolscap. I hope it does not upset your filing system!

Thankyou for 'finding' some of our "lost" members. Most of these result from the return of Digests because Aust. Post does not keep "Change of Address" forms longer than you are prepared to pay them. If you move, please try to remember R. O. C. A. when advising your friends. A list is published at the end of this Digest. Please let them know that they are 'lost' so they can forward their correct address.

Next Digest will have the names of the 10, 25 and 50 year groups, so let's hear from the volunteer organisers from the 1975, 1961 and 1935 year groups. Last Dinner saw more than 30 on the over 40 tables, and there was some enquiry for a 50 year group, so **be in it!!** If you are not keen on driving at night, let me know and I will find someone to pick you up.

R. O. C. A. membership badges are still available. Please order through the Secretary, R.O.C.A. C/- R. A. C., Roseworthy 5371. \$10.00 for the 'saw pierced' or \$5.00 for the plain badge.

Please send all Secretarial correspondence to R.O.C.A., C/- R.A.C., ROSEWORTHY, but Editorial material can be sent direct to me at 33 Greenknoll Ave, Rostrevor 5073.

Andrew Michelmore

1986 A. G. M. & DINNER

The 1986 A.G.M. & Dinner will be on the second Friday of the Adelaide Show, as usual, so keep Friday 12th Sept. free for R.O.C.A. at The Renaissance Tower .

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is my privilege to present the 87th report of the Association which was started on March 4th 1898.

The year has been one of consolidation, with no major new activities. The change of the Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture course to a Degree status has concerned us, particularly to enable recent Diplomates to gain Degrees which appear to have preference in job stakes. The Committee felt that a correspondence course with a short intensive course at the College would enable graduate Diplomates gain a Degree without having to leave employment. This concept has not been accepted, and the Director, Dr. Barrie Thistlethwayte, will outline the present position later.

I was able to represent R. O. C. A. at the College Graduation Day and saw the Old Student Cup presented to Justin Peter Bulling, the Graduation Award to Paul Robert Wilcox and the R.O.C.A. Best Contribution to College Sport prize to David Ross Smith.

I spent a very pleasant weekend at the Port Lincoln Reunion. It was pleasing to experience the Fellowship and the concern for the College expressed by the Eyre Peninsula Group.

Peter Lewis represented R.O.C.A. at the A.T.A. Reunion and A.G.M.

The Award of Merit selection committee's expertise is acknowledged.

The Committee met five times during the year at Parliament House where we enjoyed an excellent meeting venue, thanks to Peter Lewis.

Each member of the committee contributed to the Association. Some had problems in getting to the meetings. I would like to thank all members for their contribution during the year. A particular 'Thankyou' to Barrie Thistlethwayte who has provided essential contact with College administration; to Andrew Michelmore, for the secretarial work; Peter Fairbrother, as Treasurer, and Dale Manson, as Digest Editor. Andrew and Dale are not available as Secretary and Editor, and I would like to express the thanks of the Association to them for their efforts in these roles.

To Fay, 'Thank You' for accompanying me to Graduation Day, Port Lincoln, and and the Reunion, and for the other help to R.O.C.A. this year. The Association appreciates the help of wives who have assisted by helping their husbands with R.O.C.A. chores and business.

R. O. C. A. must continue to grow and change to meet the challenges of the future, or it will wither and die. A few years ago, I felt this may happen, but it did not, thanks to the Committee being prepared to present new ideas and the members to accept change. While that attitude prevails, I am sure R. O. C. A. will continue as a very worthwhile organisation. **Thank You.**

-Harry Stephen

R. O. C. A. A. G. M. 6th Sept. 1985

The President, Harry Stephen, welcomed 22 members to the A.G.M. at 6 pm on 6th Sept. at the Renaissance Tower Restraunt & Convention Centre.

The minutes of the 1984 A.G.M. were circulated and confirmed. Correspondence included letters from :-

- * Paul Wilcox, thanking R.O.C.A. for the Graduation Award.
- * Taxation Office granting exemption from Sales Tax for R.O.C.A. Digest.
- * Minister of Education, re appointment of R.O.C.A. com-mitty member to the College Council.
- * Director Barrie Thistlethwayte, re conversion courses.

President Harry gave his report, (see page 3)

Treasurer Peter Fairbrother gave his report of the year's trading, showing a loss for the year, but this included the deposit for the Dinner, so things are not so bad!

Increased costs of the Digest printing and postage, and other major items will be reviewed by the Committee.

99 new Life Memberships have been received. Some were conversions from annual members, but most were conversions from the free membership offered to graduating students.

Director Barrie Thistlethwayte reviewed the recent developments in the Degree courses available. (His letter to the Association is published in this Digest). Barrie answered several questions from members. The Committee will continue to investigate conversion courses, but if any recent Graduate wants to convert to a Degree, a direct approach to the College should be made now.

Peter Lewis spoke on the provision of storage space for College memorabilia and museum material. The Committee will persue this, too, to see that the links with the past are preserved. Many Old Students have private collections which could be given if they knew suitable storage was available.

The problem of training Agriculture teachers and keeping them in Agriculture at the High Schools will be investigated by the Committee.

Elections resulted in the return of Harry Stephen as President.

The Dinner was attended by 178 members and guests.

25 Year Ago and 10 Year Ago Groups

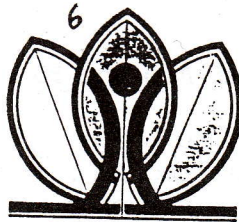
Don't let time pass you by; get your group organised for next year's Reunion Dinner and AGM. Harry Nash & Dale Manson are points of contact for planning.

25 Year Ago Group

H. Foster
 R. Cooke
 R. Flower
 R. Bennett
 S. White
 B. Wilson
 G. Woodroffe
 R. Smyth
 C. Neldner
 I. Thomas
 J. Sinclair
 I. Wearing
 D. Slee
 P. Howe
 C. Hancock
 J. Willis
 T. Hayes
 P. Fairbrother
 R. Hodge
 W. Gliddon
 A. Hinks
 D. Brocksopp
 P. Laffer
 J. Shipard
 M. Seeliger
 H. Nash
 G. Mitchell

10 Year Ago Group

Trevor James Drayton
 Andrew Bruce Eastick
 Andrew Johnston Staniford
 Geoffrey John Lomman
 Paul Allyn James
 James Cranstown Chewings
 Trevor Frederick Sluggett
 David Lithgow Lewis
 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 Morphett
 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



ROSEWORTHY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

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

3rd December 1984

Mr A. Michelmore,
Secretary - ROCA,
66 Langmeil Road,
TANUNDA, S.A. 5352.

Dear Mr Michelmore,

I refer to your letter of November 2 seeking information about the relative status of various courses offered in Agriculture by the College since 1970, and the opportunities for graduates to enrol in higher level courses.

In the four pages of Attachment A are listed all the courses of the College for each year since 1970. (Copy with Editor, if needed)

In 1974 the College became a College of Advanced Education and the minimum standards for entry to courses changed. For example, the three-year course, Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture for the period 1970-1973 inclusive was regarded as having two years of tertiary standard and one year of pre-tertiary standard. In and after 1974, the three-year Agriculture course was accredited as being of three tertiary years.

The two-year courses in Agriculture, i.e. the Associate Diploma in Farming, the Associate Diploma in Farm Management, and the Associate Diploma in Agriculture, with the three options in Farm Management, Agricultural Production and Horse Husbandry respectively, were accredited as two years of tertiary study.

In particular, in and after 1975 full completion of secondary schooling at a satisfactory standard was the normal minimum entry requirement for all courses offered by the College, although there were provisions whereby persons, particularly those with mature age and relevant experience, who had not completed 12 years of schooling could be granted admission.

Any person admitted to a course in the College can apply for status on the basis of tertiary studies undertaken at Roseworthy Agricultural College or any other institution. In attachment B is the College's current statement on status. Status is granted on a subject-by-subject basis following comparative evaluation and assessment of the content and levels of previous studies with the content and level of Roseworthy courses in which status in the subjects is sought.

Dear Members of ROCA,

The Minister of Agriculture is considering a report and recommendations from a working party of the United Farmers and Stockowners of S.A. Inc. on the future of Field Crops Breeding in South Australia. The report and its recommendations have seriously detrimental implications for Roseworthy Agricultural College, in my opinion. If you share this opinion after considering my comments following, or any other sources of information available to you, would you please express your concern to the Minister by using the attached tear-out letter. Place your address and the date at the top of the letter, and at the end sign and print your name. Alternatively, you may prefer to compose your own letter to the Minister to express your views.

The report and recommendations of the UF&S Working Party arose from concerns that field crops breeding research funded from industry sources such as grower levies suffered from inefficiencies resulting from lack of co-operation and co-ordination and allied problems in attracting crops breeding research funds from Federal sources to South Australia.

The essential conclusions and recommendations from the UF&S Working Party were that a single field crops breeding research institute should be established in the State. This single institute would have responsibility for breeding research in 15 different field crops and be located on a minimum 20 hectares site at the Waite Agricultural Research Institute of the University of Adelaide, or at the Northfield Research Centre of the South Australian Department of Agriculture.

You will know from your own experiences at Roseworthy Agricultural College and elsewhere that the College has undertaken a very successful wheat breeding programme for many decades. If this programme were to be sent elsewhere, the College would lose -

- (i) an important part of the practical experiences available to students in the Agriculture course. Students working with staff of the Plant Breeding Unit gain valuable experience in the layout and conduct of field experiments and in the procedures involved in plant breeding and plant selection. In addition, students undertake practical work in associated activities such as wheat seed cleaning and grading and wheat seed treatment;
- (ii) a vital link with the industries served by many of the College's courses. The College's annual Farmers' Day and ongoing extension activities such as field days and articles in the Stock Journal draw heavily on developments in the College's Plant Breeding Unit. From the resulting contacts, farmers and others from rural areas, Department of Agriculture extension and research staff, and a wide range of people from South Australia, other States and overseas gain positive impressions of the College and its work and assist the College's educational programmes; and
- (iii) direct input from staff of the College's Plant Breeding Unit to lecture, tutorial and laboratory sessions making up the formal subjects in courses undertaken by agriculture students.

For these reasons I am dismayed at the proposal to transfer the wheat breeding programme from the College to another place.

Other aspects of the report and recommendations from the UF&S Working Party cause me concern. For example, I do not believe that a site of 20 hectares or so is enough to provide buildings, glasshouses, field plots and other facilities required of a plant breeding headquarters, and there has been no attempt to provide a cost benefit analysis of the proposal for a single crops breeding research institute. Moreover, I do not believe that the College's wheat breeding programme seriously lacks co-ordination or co-operation with other organisations, although I would be willing to support improvements in consultative processes between organisations and individuals. These concerns, however, are secondary to my purpose in seeking your support for the retention of the wheat breeding programme at Roseworthy Agricultural College.

YOUR RESPONSE TO THE MINISTER IS REQUIRED URGENTLY. THE MINISTER HAS INDICATED THAT HE WILL REACT PROMPTLY TO THE REPORT AND ITS RECOMMENDATIONS. MAIL YOUR LETTER NOW.

Yours sincerely,



BARRIE THISTLETHWAYTE
Director

12.11.85.

The Honourable the Minister of Agriculture
Parliament House
ADELAIDE, S.A. 5000.

Dear Minister,

As a member of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association I continue a keen interest in the affairs of the College and the affairs of the industries served by its graduates. I express my strong concern at the possibility that the long-established and very successful wheat breeding programme at Roseworthy Agricultural College will be transferred elsewhere as part of the establishment of a single field crops breeding research institute in South Australia.

As a past student of the College I value the practical work carried out in the College's Plant Breeding Unit and the understanding of the principles and practices of field experimentation and of wheat breeding and selection gained from this work. Additional practical value comes from students' participation in related activities such as wheat seed cleaning and grading and wheat seed treatment.

I know first-hand that the credibility of Roseworthy Agricultural College as a teaching institution is enhanced significantly by its wheat breeding work and by the contacts and two-way exchanges of information between College staff and farmers, researchers and others associated with the wheat industry in South Australia, other Australian states, and overseas countries. Loss of the wheat breeding programme from the College would detract from the quality of its teaching activities and would weaken the College's links with the industries and the communities served by its courses.

Despite the recommendations of the United Farmers and Stockowners Working Party, I believe it would be possible to achieve the essential features of a single field crops breeding research institute without sacrificing the benefits accruing to Roseworthy Agricultural College and its agriculture students from the presence of the wheat breeding programme at the College.

I urge you therefore to develop a structure which does not involve the College's wheat breeding programme in physical relocation to another site and which maintains its long-standing role in the College.

Yours sincerely,

In the context of the three-year degree course, Bachelor of Applied Science in Agriculture, which was accredited during 1984, the following comments can be made:-

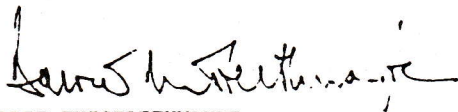
1. Students who have completed a two-year Associate Diploma course in Agriculture would not qualify for status in subjects equivalent to two years of study in the three-year degree course.
2. Students who remain enrolled after commencing the three-year Agriculture course have special arrangements available to them should they enrol in the three-year degree course. These arrangements set out subjects equivalent to those in the first year of the course accredited as a degree course in 1984.
3. Students who enrolled in the three-year Diploma course in or before 1982 have no special arrangements available to them to enrol in the three-year degree course in or after 1985. The degree course has three streams available in the third year of the course. These streams are Extensive Agriculture, Intensive Animals and Horticulture. A student enrolled in the three-year diploma course in 1974 up to 1982 who has successfully completed that course and who enrolls in the degree course, will be required to complete one of the third year streams to be awarded the degree. This arrangement, however, will be available only to holders of the three-year diploma who commence enrolment in the three-year degree prior to the commencement of the 1987 academic year and who have completed their work by the end of the 1989 academic year.

Diploma holders who commence their degree course after the beginning of the 1987 academic year or who have not completed the degree course by the end of the 1989 academic year will have to apply for status in the subjects in the three-year degree course as it is then structured. This arrangement takes account of the fact that the three-year degree course will be re-accredited in 1990 and takes account of the view that it is not valid to give status for studies undertaken many years previously.

Subjects making up each of the three streams in the third year of the degree course as it is structured currently are listed in Attachment C.

4. At this stage there have been no determinations of status in the degree course for graduates from the three-year diploma course who commenced their studies in 1970, 1971, 1972 or 1973.
5. At this stage there are no plans to offer subjects in the degree course by correspondence. In part, this reflects the College's view that graduates from the three-year diploma course are likely to be better served by enrolling in the one-year post-graduate Diploma in Agriculture which is available by correspondence and which has an established reputation within the South Australian Department of Agriculture and elsewhere, than by upgrading to another under-graduate qualification, even though this would be a three-year degree.

Yours sincerely,



BARRIE THISTLETHWAYTE
Director

AWARD OF MERIT 1985

The 1985 Award of Merit was presented to Dr. Bruce Eastick at the Reunion Dinner on 6th September, in recognition of his service to the College, the Community and to Agriculture and Veterinary services.

Bruce graduated from Roseworthy Agricultural College with First Class Honours, with a High Distinction in Horticulture. He was awarded the Albert Molineaux Prize, the Morphet Prize and many others. He was a member of the Student Representative Council for two of the three years he spent at Roseworthy Agricultural College.

At the University of Sydney, he again distinguished himself by graduating with Second Class Honours with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science Degree.

Upon leaving the University and entering work life, he immediately commenced a distinguished career as a self-employed veterinarian. He pioneered the first rural veterinary practice north of Adelaide, making an important contribution to the improvement in the standard of animal husbandry and welfare.

His community activities have related to service organisations, Local Government and State Parliament. He served with distinction on many committees in the Gawler district, and as Mayor of Gawler from 1968 to 1972. In May 1970, he entered State Parliament as Member for Light, and was Leader of the Opposition for three years and Speaker of the House of Assembly from 1979 to 1982.

Bruce was made a member of the College Council in 1982, and elected as President in the next year, and still holds that very high office. He is a Life Member of R. O. C. A.

Bruce and his wife Dawn live in Gawler, and have three sons and one daughter.

GROUP REUNIONS

Eyre Peninsula Group have a very successful annual Reunion Dinner & Picnic. If other groups like W.A., N.T., Papua New Guinea, Vict., NSW, Qld, Sth East Murray Lands, Northern or whatever want to arrange a meeting, let's know and we will tell them to get in touch with you as the organiser.

N.T. group at Darwin recently met and think it's a good idea!

BRUCE EASTICK'S RESPONSE TO THE 1985 R.O.A.C. AWARD OF MERIT.

Bruce thanked his proposers and the selectors for the honour which they had bestowed upon him, expressed his appreciation for family support in his public life, and then referred to two particular influences in his life.

As then Principal, Allan (later Sir Allan) Callaghan in a speech to the graduating class of 1947, advised those going to University that 'no student sponsored and supported by Roseworthy had ever let the side down and he didn't want to see the record broken'. In the early days of University life, while settling into the different "learning experience", those words had provided great comfort and inspiration.

Some years later, the late Fletcher (later Sir Fletcher) Jones was to say, "It's impossible to provide a service without making a profit as a by-product", and as Bruce remarked, he didn't mean profit in a monetary sense, but in the broad sense of happiness in achievement, customer/client appreciation and the opportunity to learn and gain knowledge by experience.

Referring to professional life as a veterinarian, Bruce referred to the identification of *Brucella ovis* infertility in British Breeds; detection of Potato Weed (Common Heliotrope) Poisoning first showing up as a facial eczema; and a pseudo rabies in cats fed on pet food overlaced with preservative, as highlights of a long working relationship with the Department of Agriculture and Institute of Medical and Veterinary Science.

EYRE PENINSULA BRANCH

The annual Dinner and Picnic is being organised for the last weekend in February 1986. Although this is not listed as part of the 150 year celebrations, it will be an important weekend for all R. O. C. A. families with an interest in Eyre Peninsula.

Contact: R.O.C.A. Secretary (E.P. Branch),
C/- Dept Agriculture,
PORT LINCOLN S.A. 5606

Employment Opportunities on Farm Transplant Services

2 operators are required for a start early in '86. The work involves ovum transplant work on-farm around Australia, principally with Angoras. Ram and buck semen collection and freezing and artificial insemination of sheep are other duties. Training on the job.

Write to: **Tony Pfitzner,**
L.A.B.C.,
P.O. Box 43,
Langhorne Creek SA 5255

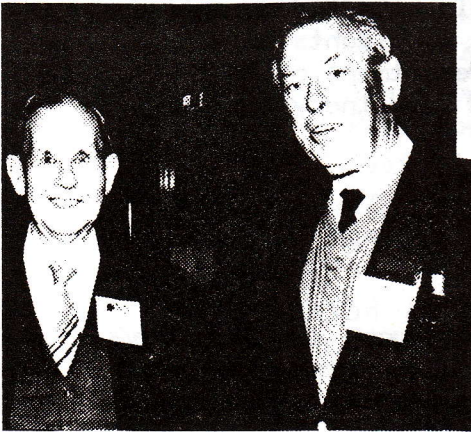
Piggery Operator

A 50 sow piggery, which forms part of a multi enterprise agricultural company along with two dairies and a sheep operation, is in need of a progressive young operator. The unit is relatively new and is currently using artificial insemination for breeding.

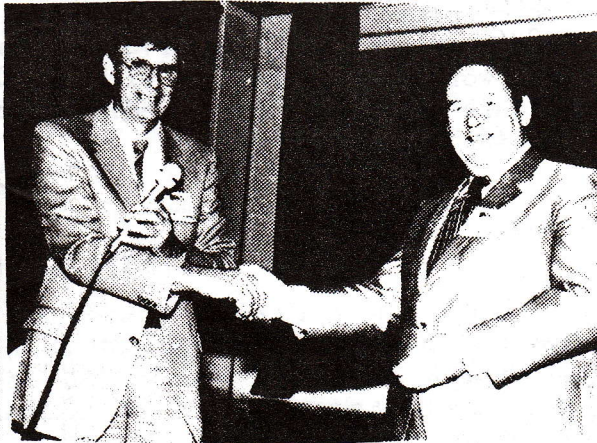
The salary is negotiable but currently stands at \$15,000 plus house, meat, etc.

The company wishes to make a career appointment so only those who are seriously interested in long term employment in the pig industry need apply.

Details. G. Brookman. Roseworthy Agricultural College.



Two well known identities at the ROCA AGM & Dinner were Lee Philp & Bob Baker.



ROCA President Harry Stephen presenting the 1985 Award of Merit to Bruce Eastick.

**** LOST MEMBERS ****

Digests have been returned from the following members, indicating that we do not have their correct address. If any member knows the whereabouts of any of these, please advise them that they are "lost", or let me know that they have been "found". **Thankyou,** Andrew Michelmore

Basford Sophie		Butler R.	
Butterworth J.M.	1982	Caudle C.	
Chapman A.		Daniel R.R.	1957
Davidson E.J.	1981	Deland M.	
Dixon E.C.	1982	Donald I.M.	
Due G.R.		Eard L.H.	
Emery P.J.	1949	Ford G.	
Ferguson D.A.		Gibbs H.C.	1933
Hagley R.E.	1934	Hall D.J.	1961
Hamilton Dr R.P	1981	Heath J.M.	
Hein Dr W.R.	1969	Hirst G.A.	
Hodson Philip		Holmes D.P.	1981
Kavel R.G.	1982	Kidd D.J.	1953
Klug T.G.	1964	Koch I.	
Leaker S.		Ledger W.E.	1982
Liney J.R.	1982	Lowe R.E.	1981
Manchon B.A.D.	1984	McGowan W.J.	1965
Meade R.J.		Milne Mrs M.F.	1981
Nilsson G	1951	Noon A.D.	
O'Leary M.B.	1978	Oborn W.H.	
Paton D.A.G.	1971	Prance R.A.	
Purser G.H.		Roberts P.N.	1984
Ryan S.J.	1983	Shannon Ian	
Sharman S.		Shaddock I.	
Story D.F.	1952	Tomlinson M.H.	1982
Thexton E.G.	1984	Tulloch K.R.	
Tulloch H.W.		Wetzler Miss S.	1983
Verner I.J.		Wilson E.D.	1983
Wilson C.C.	1937		

Please reply direct to :- Andrew Michelmore,
33 Greenknoll Ave.,
ROSTREVOR S.A. 5073

APPLICATION FOR R.O.C.A. MEMBERSHIP

I wish to join Roseworthy Old Collegians Association;

NAME:

ADDRESS:

COURSE ATTENDED:

YEAR GRADUATED:

Cheque enclosed for LIFE MEMBERSHIP \$40.00

ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP \$ 5.00

SIGNATURE:

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN NOW

At the 1984 Annual General Meeting, the fee for Life Membership was increased to \$40.00.

All Student (Graduation Year) free memberships expire twelve months after Graduation. If you wish to maintain continuous membership, please advise as soon as possible so your name can be kept on the list. Your membership will be recorded as from 1st. July.

Mail all correspondence to:-

R. O. C. A. Secretary,
C/- Agricultural College,
ROSEWORTHY S.A. 5371

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME:

ADDRESS:

COURSE ATTENDED:

YEAR GRADUATED: