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Stephen Hill, B.Ag.Ec. (1967), Managing Director, Kimberley Seeds Pty Ltd, Osborne Park, W.A.:

I regret being unable to make the Silver Jubilee ... I have to be in Adelaide to collect my BHP 1983 Australian Steel Award [for the "Kimseed Revegetation Machinery"] but would love to have got to Armidale ...

Frank Anderson, B.Ag.Ec. (1967), Guido Gryseels, Dip.Ag.Ec. (1980), David, M.Ec. (1976) and Phil, M.Ec. (1972) Young, at ILCA, Addis Ababa:

CONGRATULATIONS ON SILVER JUBILEE. AFRICA NEEDS TOP ARMIDALE GRADUATES. MASSIVE CELEBRATION HERE AT LOCAL BRUYN'S SATURDAY.

Bob Officer, M.Ag.Ec. (1968), Professor of Finance, Monash University:

I would dearly like to be able to attend the Silver Jubilee of the Department. I owe a lot to it and those who were associated with it in the early years ... Unfortunately, other commitments - No! Not the Grand Final - prevent me from being able to attend. I hope the weekend is a splendid success and you have enough teetotallers to drive the "gentlemen" around after the heavy emotion and nostalgia are swept aside with libation.

Glenn Roff, Dip.Ag.Ec. (1972), Education Consultant, Catholic Education Office, Dubbo:

... Unfortunately, I have to be an apology but wish everyone all the best on the day. Although I'm not professionally associated with agricultural economics these days, I'll be forever grateful to the Department. In my Diploma ... I developed for the first time in my study a genuine enjoyment in learning. Predominantly, this was due to: (a) the open door policy of lecturers and tutors; (b) the relevance of the courses; (c) field days and a natural resources "excursion"; (d) the quality and collegiate nature of the personnel in the

Department. I'd suggest many principles were passed on in a "hidden curriculum" sense. I offer my thanks.

Bob Dumsday, Ph.D. (1974), Senior Lecturer, School of Agriculture, La Trobe University:

I have just been talking to Roley Piggott and mentioned that I had been trying to get the time to write to you concerning my absence from the Silver Jubilee celebrations. My explanations are long and boring but, as you know, that has never deterred me in the past and will not stop me now.

The first jolt to my plans to attend came when our laboratory manager pointed out that the date for the Jubilee was Grand Final Day in Victoria. I am told that I gave vent to my feelings on the matter in a telegram I sent you, so I won't dwell on them here. If my own team had been playing in the Grand Final I would have made the easy decision not to go to Armidale. Unfortunately, my team wasn't playing but this was the first time for several years that I had been able to get seats to the game.

Let me tell you I went through agony trying to make up my mind on the issue. At one point I had definitely decided to go to the game and wrote you and Roley notes explaining that Anderson, Standen and Freebairn were no match for Hawthorn vs. Essendon. While one (an animal scientist) of the many colleagues I consulted agreed with this stance, I came under heavy fire from secretaries, technical staff, spouse and parents, all of whom agreed that I was not living up to my personal and professional responsibilities. They forced me to withdraw the notes!

Subsequently, and unilaterally, my better half booked an excursion air-fare for myself which I thought might have to be taken up, given the above pressure. However, I hate waiting in airports (or anywhere else for that matter) and soon discovered that I would be stranded in Sydney for five hours between flights. I then asked Freebairn what he would be talking about at the Jubilee. All things considered, the Grand Final was looking pretty good again, so I cancelled the flight.

By now it was Wednesday evening and my spouse divulged that she did not have to work on Friday. The possibility of

Armidale being invaded by all the Dumsdays or, even better, by two of them freed of parental responsibilities, swung the evaluation back in favour of the Jubilee. My spouse had been holding down four jobs over the past three weeks and I thought she was due for a break! However, despite lengthy negotiations, spouse decided, quite firmly, that the trip would be too much and that she would get more rest at home. By Thursday morning I decided that I might drive the Yellow Peril to Armidale after all. (You may recall that this was my original intention.) During the previous night it had occurred to me that I may be able to get my contribution to the Balderstone commentary completed more easily if I stayed on at UNE where local distractants couldn't find me. But the Yellow Peril needed better headlights if this trip was to be made! At the garage they ran into trouble installing the headlights. That gave me time to think that a cassette deck would be a good idea so I asked them to install that too - a half-hour - one hour tops - was their estimate of the time involved. To cut a long story short, they managed to screw up the wiring throughout the van and it was 2 on Friday morning (!) before the whole thing was working again.

You may recall that 2 am Friday was the time the sixth race started in the America's Cup series. That ended the possibility of my attending the Jubilee: I watched the race through to its fantastic finish. Saturday was a disappointment - Essendon didn't turn up for the game. I spent a little time thinking of you chaps at the conference, but mostly I just drank and watched the crowd.

Saturday night the parents came over to watch the last race for the Cup. We got to bed at 4.30 am after it was called off - another disappointment, and I was really starting to wonder about my decision-making ability! Monday night it was tennis with the boys followed by another shot at the Cup - more disappointment - by this time even Freebairn's talk is beginning to look good. I DECIDE to stay up - with Gavin - to see it through. The race starts, but we end up trailing by 57 seconds - even more disappointment - by this time it was becoming numbing and I was at an all-time low! Why the hell didn't I go to Armidale!!

They round the fifth mark and I notice - or is it just my imagination? - that the sails on *Liberty* don't seem to be setting near as well as those on *Australia II*. The wind is fluky and seems to be favouring the Australian boat - I put

down the razor blades. The rest is mind-blowing, once-in-a-life-time, FANTASTIC history. It may have only just shaded the Silver Jubilee but it made me feel better about my decision-making ability. (It was also the first time since our return from the USA that it felt good to be an Australian, but that's another story, "mercifully" I hear you say.)

What I am trying to say is I missed not being with you people at the Jubilee but please try to ensure that the 50th Jubilee doesn't clash with Carlton winning their 34th Grand Final or *Australia Z* defending the Cup for the sixth time.

I heard the celebrations went very well. We hope to make the northern trip again next year so should see you before the next Jubilee. I must get back to the Boulderstone report, as spouse calls it. Regards to all.

Lloyd Davies, B.Ag.Ec. (Hons.) (1975), Economist, Department of Agriculture, Dubbo:

Unfortunately, that weekend I plan to be planting melons - a part-time "hobby" I learnt from lecturers at that famous institution on the hill. I wish you every success, and regards to all.

Y.A. Piyatissa, M.Ec. (1975), Deputy Director, Central Bank of Ceylon:

... your invitation has served to renew old friendships and to re-live some of my happy times in the Department. It has for instance revived my memories of the close relationship and understanding between the staff and the students at UNE, which happily seem to survive. I would, therefore, like to take this opportunity to wish you and the other staff members of the Department many more useful years of service to the Australian agricultural community and in particular to the developing countries of the world.

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