

# Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association



## Newsletter



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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

First of all, let me apologize for the missing September issue of the Newsletter. Our editor Cecilia Kohlman, who was doing such a great job, obtained a promotion to Ag. Rep. from Assistant and with it a move to Leader. Congratulations & Best Wishes in the new job Cec. However, this move did delay getting the news together so we decided to go for this one newsletter in December rather than trying to get two close together.

January 14, 15 and 16, 1977 are the dates we hope you have noted on your calendars as your annual get together with all the other 'red blooded' Agro & Voc Ag Grads. This year's reunion activities are well in hand. The Friday lecture series on Feed Grain Marketing promises to be a great opportunity to learn first hand some of the problems and features of this timely topic. The Bonspiel is set to go with a return to an "open draw" system. The Smoker will be in a new location "Wheatland A Building" (next to the Jubilee Bldg., Exhibition Grounds) with lots of room to just have a great time. Smokette, close by in the Administration Bldg. as last year. The Banquet & Dance in the Centennial Auditorium Hall will be the highlight of the weekend as we help the Honor Year Groups celebrate.

You deserve a mid-January break. Make it the Ag. Grad. Reunion Weekend.

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT -

Concern was expressed at the last annual meeting that the Ag. Grad. Assoc. should have the capability of issuing receipts for donations which were income tax deductible.

The Executive have examined this situation and propose the following amendment to the constitution which would allow us to apply for a registration number should the need arise.

This amendment will be proposed at the annual meeting Friday, January 14, 1977.

That the constitution be amended by adding the following:  
Article 13 - Non-Profit and Dissolution

- a) The Association shall conduct its affairs without the purpose of financial gain for its members and any profits or other accretions to the Association shall be used in promoting its objectives.
- b) In the event of dissolution or winding-up of the Association all its remaining assets, after payment of liabilities, shall be distributed to one or more recognized charitable organizations in Canada.

wide required class,

- c) Animal Science 202A and Poultry Science 202B are combined into a single first year compulsory half-class,
- d) Crop Science 102A and Horticulture 202A are combined into a single first year compulsory half-class,
- e) A half-class in Effective Writing and in Statistics are College-wide required classes.

In addition to the above curriculum changes a minimum number of full class equivalents required for the BSA degree has been reduced from 22½ to 21.

The College offers programs leading to a BSA degree in 14 areas of study. Included are two new options (Agronomy and Parks and Recreation). The College also offers a two year pre-veterinary medicine course.

	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77
<b>Diploma Students</b>			
First Year	159	175	188
Second Year	92	130	104
Partial	3	2	6
TOTAL (number of girls shown in brackets)	254(8)	307(11)	298(7)
<b>Degree Students</b>			
First Year	103	131	133
Second Year	89	97	111
Third Year	67	100	105
Fourth Year	65	78	94
Fifth Year		6	3
Partial and audit	9	10	18
TOTAL (number of girls shown in brackets)	333(34)	422(63)	464(91)
<b>Postgraduate</b>			
Masters	59	84	81
Doctors	32	31	38
Diploma	1	4	7
TOTAL	92	119	126

### 3. Graduate Employment

In 1976 employment prospects for all agriculture graduates were extremely good. Although most diploma graduates return to active farming there is a growing employment demand from government and industry for diploma graduates. In the table presented below the employment analysis of recent BSA graduates is presented.



Congratulations to Eiler Humbert (50) on his appointment as head of the Department of Dairy and Food Science at the University of Sask. Eiler is a past president of the Ag. Grads. Assoc.

Congratulations, also to George Lee (53) on his appointment as head of the Department of Agricultural Economics at the University of Sask. He succeeds Phil Thair (42) who will be returning to a more active teaching role in the department.



#### COLLEGE AFFAIRS

##### 1. BSA Curriculum Changes

Effective commencing in the 1975-76 academic year the following changes were introduced:

- a) English 102 is no longer a required class,
- b) An introduction class in Mathematics is no longer a College-

Congratulations from all Agros are extended to E.A. (Ted) Hurd '50 and Keith Downey '50 upon being named Fellows of the Agricultural Institute of Canada. The awards were made at the AIC annual meeting in Halifax in June.

Congratulations are also extended to J.B. Harrington '20 on his induction into the Sask. Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Tom Matheson '72 has returned to the home farm at Watson, and will be employed for the winter months as a Farm Management Specialist stationed at Tisdale.

Dr. R.G. Jaap '29 recently retired after thirty years on staff at the Ohio State University. He is widely known as one of the world's outstanding poultry geneticists. Our best wishes are extended for a long and pleasant retirement.

Keith G.W. Turner '67 is manager of the Tire, Batteries, Repair Parts & Accessories Division, Gulf Oil of Canada, Toronto.

Our apologies are extended to all concerned over an error in an item in our last newsletter regarding the death of Sham Reagan's '24 wife.

Jack Clayton '32 was elected a Fellow of the Canadian Society of Soil Science. The award was made at the annual AIC meeting in Halifax.

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#### 1972 Degree Grads

Circumstances since graduation has lead to two groups - those "Lost" and those "Found". At present - thanks to many sources - the found group outnumber the lost; however, all lambs (or rams) in the flock must be counted. Perhaps grad mates could assist in the findings of the following rams:

William Craig Burrell	Ag. Mechanics
Terry E.C. Caderma	Crop Science
Brian George Stushnoff	Plant Ecology
Gilbert M.J. Chabot	Ag. Mechanics

Now for those Rams and Ewes who have been located and had

your calling. To date - we are running 30% replies - so get your reply in the mail and be counted.

Lewis Reeve  
Box 250  
Kelvington, Sask. SOA 1W0

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Donna Madder '76 returned to Saskatoon recently to visit her many friends after spending a very wet summer on the home farm at Rivers, Man. Donna brought along a whole sheaf of news items. She had attended Judy Schmidt's '76 and Bill Kerr's '74 wedding in September.

Pat Keyser '76 is busy farming.

Jim Tanner '76 is going to spend the winter on an International Agricultural Exchange Program in Australia. Jim had arranged a Football get-to-gether on Sept. 26 in Regina when about 15 School of Agric. grads of the last two years had a great visit. Included were Tim Deschner '76, Bill Ahrey '76, Bill Klassen '76, Rod Sveinbjornson '76, Edwin Plohr '76, Brian Highmoor '76, Brian Onerheim '76, Doug Schwab '76, Donna Madder '76, Jerry Eliason '76, Don Wirchenko '76 and Randy McGillvray '75. Wes Memory '76 was also seen at the game.

Bill Klassen '76 is going to spend the winter working on road construction north of Great Bear Lake. There should be no problem with parking tickets there Bill!

Roger Bgrand '75 is working on construction in Saskatoon for the winter.

Wayne Bird '76 spent a month or so in Australia this past spring. Wayne has returned to the grain buying business with Sask. Pool at Congress, Sask.

Thanks Donna for all the news.

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The College of Agriculture could be making a greater contribution to the overall Campus teaching and research programs, and greater contribution to the further development and well-being of the agriculture industry in Saskatchewan. The College has a strong base to build on, but to accomplish this requires more space and an increase of funds.

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#### SMOKER

Place - Wheatland "A" Bldg. Exhibition Grounds  
Time - 8 P.M. Friday, 14 January

#### SMOKETTE

Place - MacEachan Hall, Administration Bldg., Exhibition Grounds  
Time - 8 P.M. Friday, 14 January

#### BANQUET & DANCE

Place - Centennial Auditorium  
Time - 5:30 Reception, Saturday, 15 January  
6:30 Banquet, Saturday, 15 January

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Hugh Taylor '45 has just been elected mayor of Vanscoy. Hugh has a service station and trailer court business in the thriving suburb of Saskatoon. He reports that they are experiencing the growing pains felt by many small centres close to the cities.

Andrew Mess '74 is currently employed an enjoying his position as Canfarm technician stationed at Tisdale. He reports he

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE  
REPORT ON B.S.A. EMPLOYMENT

Type of Employment	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971
Full-time Off-farm						
Professional Work	40	39	44	42	43	39
Full-time Farming						
(by choice)	13	10	18	6	12	9
Farming Temporarily	3	1	0	1	4	6
Postgraduate Training & Other Colleges	9	10	1	11	14	11
Unemployed	1	0	0	3	2	4
Information Not Available	4	3	7	5	12	9
Total Graduates (Spring & Fall)	70	61	70	68	87	78

#### 4. College Concerns

In a province like Saskatchewan — agriculturally based — a College of Agriculture is very important, and it should be expected to make a major contribution.

The College currently has about 55 faculty members, in addition to the research associates and various other personnel associated with units such as the Crop Development Center, the University Farm and Feedlot, the Institute of Pedology, etc. Although the College is relatively small, it is able to undertake at least to some degree most of the important things that a College should be doing. Several departments in the College are very strong and widely recognized as centers of scientific productivity and excellence. Although all of the departments are basically viable, several should be expanded, especially when considered in terms of the size of industry being serviced, and relative to the demands being placed on them.

Most agriculture faculty members are involved quite heavily in teaching, research and public service. Because of this heavy commitment a substantial number of requests for additional assistance, public service, or opportunities for new undertakings have to be declined each year. This is unfortunate, especially in light of the objectives of the Government of Saskatchewan to expand and develop further the agricultural industry at both the primary and secondary levels. The College could make a much greater contribution in these areas, as well as providing research, ideas and assistance in rural development and community improvement. To do this, however, would require an increase in the number of faculty, expanded research and service facilities, and an increase in capital and operating budgets.

A major problem in the College of Agriculture at present is the severe limitation of space in several departments. Some ongoing projects and programs are in jeopardy because of space restrictions, and several other major undertakings which should be proceeded with are in even greater difficulty. In Animal Science, for example, two major laboratories have been taken over to accommodate graduate students, instructors, and professional research associates.

The Dairy and Food Science Department is also severely restricted in expanding its programs of research and post-graduate studies. There has been a major increased interest in post-graduate studies in this department, but the space presently available will make this very difficult without some addition of space or modification of present space uses. The Departments of Crop Science, Soil Science, and Plant Ecology are also operating under difficult space limitations.

Because of the growing employment opportunities for diploma graduates, and the increasing interest by farm operators in further training, the College has placed a high priority on expanding the School of Agriculture program by increasing the first year enrolment quota from 175 to 200 students. Two major limitations which make this very difficult at present are inadequate classroom space and teaching resources.

was married in January/76 to Mabel Martin.

Clarence Slater '72 has been appointed as manager of the University of Sask. Goodale Farm and along with his family have taken up residence on the farm. Congratulations Clarence!

Carman Berg '64 gave up his job with Federated Co-ops to take up farming. He is currently spending the winter selling "RABBITS" and other cars for Highland Service Ltd. in Saskatoon.

Art Delahey '52 and Past Pres. of the Ag. Grads. has left the ranks of Federated Co-op to become General Manager of Holiday Village Recreations Ltd., Saskatoon. Sounds like a good man to see if you are planning your winter vacation.

Sol Sinclair '32, Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Agriculture Economics, University of Manitoba was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the University of Manitoba fall convocation held on October 20, 1976.

Bob Barton '76 has just been appointed as District Sales Supervisor for the Northeastern part of Sask, with Cominco Fertilizers.

Two Sssk. Wheat Pool scholastic awards have been granted to Agro grads. Thomas G. Johnson '73 received the Robertson Memorial scholarship and Reginal M. Kucey '76 received the Wesson Memorial scholarship. Congratulations fellows!

George Dixon '39 FAIC, Agricultural advisor to C.I.D.A. spoke on a panel at the Ottawa Chapter of the Society for International Development. George spoke on the role played in international agricultural and rural development of the international research institutes. George has been appointed to the national Board of Directors of the Unitarian Service Committee of Canada.

Glen Flaten '50 of Regina has been appointed a member of the Sask. Hog Marketing Commission.

Bob Lockwood '64 formerly with "CanFarm" Guelph, Ont. has joined the Sask. Dept. of Agriculture as Acting Head of the Marketing and Economics Branch. Welcome back to Sask. Bob.

The Registrar has asked that you make a note of the following points regarding memberships:

- The membership year is Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. No newsletters will be sent to members in arrears.
- The information on the mailing label indicates the year for which your membership is paid or if you are a Life or Honorary Life Member.
- Please keep us posted of any change of address.
- Life membership fees are listed under the curling report in this newsletter.

Wilf Cody '54 has recently been appointed as District Agriculturist for Alberta Agriculture at Stony Plain. Wilf replaces Tom Brown '70 who resigned from Alberta Agriculture and is back at his home farm at Turtleford.

Grant Milne '57 returned home recently from Moshi, Tanzania hoping to have some holidays - he took them in the combine cab. Grant has returned to Moshi for one more year. How about coming back for your 20 year Grant?

Les Hutchison '27 reports he will not be able to attend the 1977 SAGA Reunion as he & Florence are spending the month of January in the Bahamas.

John Atamanenko '54 is now Manager of The Carpet Warehouse in Saskatoon. He has just built a new store and would be glad to have you drop in.

James Clarke '46 was recently appointed Director of Market Development for Alberta Agriculture.

Stan Sheard '51 of Regina was awarded an Honorary Life Membership in the Sask. Hort. Association at their August Annual Meeting in Prince Albert.

Bill Hamilton '50 of C.F.A. Ottawa was a visitor on Univ. of Sask. Campus this past summer.

Stan Pettem '45 has been appointed Senior District Agriculturist at Drumheller Extension Office of Alberta Agriculture. C.H.P. Killick '24 has retired from his position as board member of the B.C. Milk Board, after seven years of service.

John Slykhuus '42 has transferred to Summerland, B.C. research station from Ottawa research station.

J.D. Campbell '41 of Winnipeg recently retired from the Plant Science Department, University of Manitoba. Joe has had a most distinguished career in agriculture.

Dale Domres '76 of Lemberg and Allan Scholz '75 of Churchbridge have left for a 2-year and CUSO assignment in Thailand. Good luck boys!

Cal Kelly '75 on CUSO assignment in Papua, New Guinea writes that he is enjoying his holiday from blizzards and wild oats. Walt Brice '40 in Goreba, Papua, New Guinea is doing well. Cal reports a big coffee boom in Papua, New Guinea as a result of the frost in South America.

William Dale '49 of Saskatoon, An employee of Agriculture Canada's Plant Product Division, has been elected President of the International Association of Official Seed Analysts.

Les Henry '64 and family of Saskatoon attended the Wiseton 15-Year Reunion on June 26, 1976. Les was a member of the 1961 graduating class at Wiseton High School.

Marcel Dubois '61 of Rosetown recently won the Canadian High Over-All Championship at the Canadian Trap Shooting Championships in Hamilton, Ontario. Marcel had a combined score of 835 x 900 for the four days. He was runner-up in the Canadian Doubles with 96 x 100.

Wilfred C. Langley '50 of Saskatoon has been transferred from the Northeast Region (Nipawin) to the Northwest Region (North Battleford) this spring with C & LI Branch SDA.

Dale Norheim '71 is now farming at Saskatoon raising Charolais cattle. He has been working for the Canadian Charolais Banner since 1973 and is now the Promotional Coordinator for the Saskatchewan Charolais Association.

Bob McKercher '55 now on sabbatical leave from Soil Science Dept. U of S in Aberdeen, Scotland, writes to say they are settled in and sends news via Rosetown from Scotland to Saskatoon. The McKercher's have had many Canadian visitors and expect a visit from Bill & Alma Copland (60).

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#### Fellow Agros.

The A.S.A. would appreciate your help in compiling a book about Agro history. We would like any events, pranks, and notable experiences to be recorded in a record book to be available to all Agros, past, present, and future in the lounge.

We are attempting to preserve our history and part of your lives so please take the time to help us.

Please send letters to:

Eric Gustafson  
Debating Director  
c/o 311A Crop Science Building  
University of Saskatchewan  
Saskatoon, Sask.

Ed. Note — This is a fascinating project — Let's give it our best effort.

Tom Pringle '61 has been elected MIA President for 1976-77. Tom is Director for the northwest region, Manitoba Department of Agriculture.

Dave Weiseth '75 taught a farm management course at Agricultural College in Fairview, Alberta, last winter and returned to farm at Shaunavon in the spring.

Don Saelhof '72 a sales rep for Monsanto in Melfort, has been transferred to Winnipeg and is now Area Supervisor for Manitoba & Saskatchewan.

J.H. Pratt '69 is now Ag.-Rep. for Swift Current. Jim was formerly at Leader.

G.G. Storey '63 of Ag. Economics Department, U of S, has been elected President-Elect of the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society. Gary will be President in 1977-78.

Cec Kohlman '74 has been promoted from Assistant Ag. Rep. at Saskatoon to Ag. Rep. at Leader. She tells us that she likes her new job very well and as expected she is very busy with a lot of activities on the go.

#### DEATHS

Dorothy Burton, mother of Pat Burton '53 of Olds, Alberta on 1 August 76.

Hugh Kidd '36 of Moosomin on 25 September 76.

Mary Jane Farrer, mother of Ken Farrer '48 of Sceptre on 9 August 1976.

Mike Procyszyn, father of Peter Procyszyn '64 of Aberdeen, Sask. on 11 June 1976.

Norman E. Foster '29 of Sooke, B.C. (formerly Abernethy) 15 Oct. 1976.

Eileen Tollefson, wife of Ivan Tollefson '40 of Rochester, New York - 13 May, 1976.

Ernest Shea, brother of Ron '73 Shea of Kindersley, accidentally in May, 1976.

Jack Thorson '46, father of James Thorson '75 on 7 June 1976.

George Bushell '15 of Limerick on 26 June 1976.

Bill Spicer '50 of North Battleford.

Arthur Christopherson '42 of Weldon on 27 June 1976.

#### MARRIAGES

Barry Swanson '72 of Hudson in July, 1976.

Michael Pylipchuk '74 of Tisdale on 3 July 1976.

Ronald J. Martin of Saskatoon '75 to Kathleen A. Oram of Central Butte, on 19 June 1976.

Cameron Duncan '76 of Yorkton to Penny Lee Skelton of Rosetown on 19 June 1976.

David Stacey of Nipawin '75 to Vicky Miller of Saskatoon on 31 July 1976.

Judy Schmidt '76 to Bill Kerr '74 - both of Saskatoon, on 11 September 1976.

Derril Hough '76 of Rosetown to Karen McNeil on 2 Nove. 1976.

Ken Bassendowski '72 to Diane Boulanger, October 1976.

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The Ag-Grad Bonspiel is ready to go. There will be a draw going at 4:00 p.m. Friday, January 14th and another draw at 6:00 p.m. Then we all head for the smoker. Curling resumes at 8:00 a.m. Sat. morning. The last draw Sat. will be finished at 6 p.m.

All games except the semi finals and finals will be eight ends. We will have a straight knock out draw for all events except the Hutcheon which will be three games by points with the two top point-getters in the finals.

Every team is sure of three games.  
Entrey fee - same as last year \$8.00 per person plus \$2.00 S.A.G.A. membership.

We would encourage all Ag Grads to buy life memberships to eliminate this yearly collection of membership fees.

Life Memberships only cost

Grd. Yr.	Cost
1956 & prior yrs.	\$20.00
1957-1961	\$25.00
1962-1966	\$30.00
1967-1971	\$35.00
1972 +	\$40.00

BIRTHS

Tom '70 & Janet Brown of Turtleford, a daughter on 7 Jan. 1976.

Bill '76 & Sheila Morris of Weyburn, a daughter.

Grant '70 and Cathy Swanson of Semans, a daughter, Delee Rene, on 9 April 1976.

Marcel '61 and Lynda Dubois of Rosetown a son, on 17 July 1976.

Entries may be mailed to:

Frank Bond  
1311 - 14th St., E. Phone 652-7656  
Saskatoon, Sask.  
S7H 0A6

Entries close at noon Thurs. Jan. 13/76 after which you may phone to find out when you curl.

Tear off here and mail to above address.

1977 SAGA Bonspeil Entry Form

Position	Full Name	Address	Phone	Grad.Yr.	Degree/School	Life/Annual
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Skip \_\_\_\_\_

Third \_\_\_\_\_

Second \_\_\_\_\_

Lead \_\_\_\_\_

\* Individual Entry Position to Play \_\_\_\_\_ Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate if Hutcheon Event Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Rink Name \_\_\_\_\_

\* Individuals wishing to curl may fill in the bottom portion and we will try to put you on a rink.