

Review commission recommends changes in College of Agriculture

Media coverage of the recently-released Johnson Commission report and recommendations has been quite extensive and has focussed on important issues such as university governance, common university entrance exams and rationalization of programs. Somewhat less attention has been given to two recommendations, which if implemented, would seriously affect the interaction of the College of Agriculture with producers and other segments of the province's agriculture and food industry. The two recommendations are:

- * **That the university stop offering non-credit programs in agriculture.**
- * **That the University of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST), arrange for the transfer to SIAST of non-credit programs in agriculture.**

I believe that in the short period of time that the Johnson Commission had to do its job, these two recommendations did not receive the in-depth scrutiny that would be needed before implementation. Hence I thought it important to apprise SAGA members of the implications

of those recommendations.

The College of Agriculture and Extension Division together mount a large number of programs each year. These range from the Diploma and Certificates in Agriculture programs that take several seasons to complete to a whole range of shorter but important service programs in such subject areas as horticulture, farm management, crops, soils, livestock and others. An example is a recent announcement of two intensive short courses that will be presented in April and May to employees of food processors, entrepreneurs and regulatory agencies, on food microbiology and meat science. They will be presented to the Saskatchewan agriculture and food industries by College of Agriculture staff.

The Johnson Commission has recommended that those 'non-credit' courses be transferred to SIAST or to a similar institution. That advice is contrary to a Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food (SDAF) document, entitled "Forging Partnerships in Agriculture" released for public discussion and comment. It states that our guiding principle must be to foster a self-reliant, sustainable agriculture and food industry and viable communities in

Saskatchewan. Further, that if we are to do that we must build on our strengths and improve the transfer of information from institutions to farmers.

It has been our position that the College of Agriculture, through its activities in diploma, certificate and other outreach programs, as well as through its research and value-added expertise, has an integral and important role to play with the producers and industry of the province. Thus it is important that we maintain and strengthen communication links and the agricultural programs, rather than sending those who want the most recent information off to a non-research based institution such as SIAST. Indeed, the document from SDAF implies that we will be much more involved. Registration and upgrade procedures being adopted by the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists suggest that the professionals in agriculture will be asking the college to put on more upgrading courses, and the interaction with business, producers and alumni will increase rather than decrease.

Although the Johnson report is only advice to the government, I thought you would like to know what it said. We will keep you informed as matters concerning the college evolve.

*John Stewart,
Dean of Agriculture*

The Thundering Herd



Jim '78C and Mary (Herriman) '82C Shirkie have moved to Weyburn with their family, Candace 4 and Adam 2. Jim works for the Farm Debt Review Board and Mary works for the Farm Land Security Board.

Mike Giles '90C got himself a nice job as market manager with Sandoz Agro Canada Inc., then they made him move to Guelph, Ontario. That happened in September, so he's had a bit of time to get used to the Central Canada system.

Sandoz also persuaded **Rod Delahey '80C** to leave Calgary and The Parker Group by making him regional manager (Sask. & Man.) and allowing him to move to Saskatoon. Kind of a homecoming move.

Don Saelhof '72C sent a note to update you on his comings and goings over the last few years. Friends will recall that Don went to B.C. some years ago, then returned to Regina in 1989 and worked in the Economic Development and Community Bonds program until Dec.'91. In Jan.'92 he went on his own, successfully marketing two community bond issues totalling \$2.3 million. He founded Aurora Consulting in May 1992, and is now competing with a bunch of other sharp ag consultants. Good luck Don!

Don McCallum '75C, has turned his hand to marketing consulting in London, Ontario, through forming McCallum and Associates in 1988. He's happy to have a major account with DuPont ag products. Don tells us that his wife Janice (BSN'76,

U of S) is director of nursing at the University Hospital, London. The latest count shows three children, Braden 9, Gillian 7, and Megan 3.

Gary '61C and Jessie Carlson sent along a nice newsy Christmas greeting and material advertising *DAYBREAK*, their new bed and breakfast operation. They did not say what inspired this move into the accommodation business: Was it the promise of extra dollars; or a defense against too-frequent visits, or a desire for more company (paying, that is)? Call 586-0211 to get the details or make your booking. Many other things happened in 1992 at the Carlson household. Their son-in-law built a solar heated greenhouse, the foundation of Sungro Growers Ltd. Jessie received her diploma in business administration and her designation as a horticultural judge. Gary's activities have ranged from jury duty to numerous activities in the United Church, locally and nationally.

Art Unsworth '74S, Maple Creek, sent along his greetings and a plea to us to send his newsletter to that town. Seems that his copy has been addressed to him at Lumsden. Those ^#!<? postal gremlins have been at the list again. Sorry Art!

Paul McAllister '85C, senior territory manager for Cyanamid Canada Inc., headed south one day and stopped at Regina to make his home. He and his wife Kathy invite agro friends to drop by for a visit: you will find them at 3307 Tanger Crescent. **Don Campbell '91C** has been hired by Cyanamid to take over the North Battleford territory from Paul.

Joel Gingrich '88C has been cross-border shopping. He is now employed by SeCan Association at Red Deer, Alberta. A reliable source says that his fiance will soon join him.

Sam Reimche '44S, grain farmer at Leader, acknowledged that he has scaled down his operation to a 'hobby level' of five quarters. That's leaving him lots of time to build scale models of his farm equipment in summer and write histories in winter. He admits also to a growing anticipation for their 50th grad reunion next year. Thanks also for your donation to the SAGA coffers, Sam.

Dale Norheim '72C, rural Saskatoon, has 50 pure bred cows on his Norheim Charolais Farm. He also operates D Bar L Livestock, a marketing company, that manages Charolais sales across Canada. Dale says the cattle business sure has been good: his 12th annual sale in December was great. Dale invested some of that cattle money in a life membership in SAGA. Good move Dale.

If you want to find **Jim Bagshaw '88S, '92C**, try Regina. Jim is now a marketing representative there for Proven Seeds with UGG.

Retirement to Thunder Bay seems to agree with **Terry Fennell '55S**, although there was a tone of regret when he mentioned selling the farm that had been in the family since 1906. Terry had worked for Sasktel for 32 years, retiring in 1990. His wife Hope completed her PhD in educational administration that same year and is now employed in the School of Education at Lakehead University. Terry notes that reduced volumes of grain through Thunder Bay have a serious effect on employment in his new home town.

Jim Blyth '73C, is alive and well and living at Brooks, Alberta. He is now also a life member of SAGA and as such will get this newsletter. Jim is employed by the Tirol Group of companies and is the general manager of four related companies that process alfalfa and market agricultural products, mainly offshore.

Kevin and Karen Dow '87C, are now

living and working at Grand Prairie, Alberta. Kevin is territory manager for Canadian Turbo Inc. and Karen is with the Farm Debt Review Board.

Phillip Amundsen '76C, sent a note from his home in Winnipeg, and that is proof positive that he is no longer 'lost'. Phil is director general (mid-west region), Food Production and Inspection Branch, Agriculture Canada and in his note says that **Stan Kirkland '75C** and **Lee Foster '77C** also work for the same branch. Phil also confirms the presence of **Doug Miller '76C**, **Barry Gibbs '76C** and **Gord Froelich '77C**, in Winnipeg. And although **Carmen Read '76C** and **Mark Odegard '76C** are rumored to be in Winnipeg, Phil has been unable to confirm a positive sighting. (Editor's note: I recommend you rent a very large place in Winnipeg and hold a Saskatchewan Ag Grad party.)

Mayson Maerz '83C, manager of Monsanto's Saskatoon research farm, sent along a note detailing the comings and goings of other clan members. He reported that **Lieutenant Sheldon Maerz '86C**, is with PPCI, Winnipeg, and was expecting to go on peacekeeping duties to Bosnia in March. **Trevor Maerz '78S** is still wrestling calves and growing wheat at Holdfast. Mayson said the house was full to overflowing during ag grad weekend. **Randy Frei '83C**, **Ron and Stella Gilmour '84C** and **Jill (Annand) Burt '83C** found sleeping space on the floor.

A note says that **William S. Kowalenko '68C** is the assistant farm manager at the University of Saskatchewan.

Marian Busch '82C reports from Gloucester, Ontario, that she is now a systems and process analyst with Northern Telecom. She did not move back west with FCC in August and says Hi! to her FCC buddies- hope things are going well.

Tracey '92C and **Tim '87C Charabin** have finally moved out to the farm just east of North Battleford. Tim is keeping busy with the seed business and Tracey is still working as the production coordinator for Pride Brand Seeds.

Jim Birch '67C reports from Regina that he is now employed by the Saskatchewan Livestock Association as Co-ordinator of Beef Management Programs. To keep himself more fully occupied Jim is president of the Regina branch, Sask. Institute of Agrologists.

Gord Thomsen '58C and his wife Donna were out to Victoria to visit one of their daughters and they called around to visit Wally and Joy Doyle. **John Petruic '59C**, Calgary, also turned up in Victoria last fall, accompanied by his new bride Karen.

Alden Braul '92C, reports that he is into gardening in B.C. He is working on an Indian reservation at Dog Creek in a Mennonite Central Committee Native Gardening Program, and for a market gardener at Cache Creek, B.C.

George Lewko '92C, is presently helping Mom on the family farm five miles SW of Prince Albert, and working as an agricultural consultant for Wyatt Meyers of Meyers Seeds, between Meath Park and Weirdale.

Norman Shoemaker '92S, has enrolled in the College of Agriculture and has other plans in mind. They include marrying Laura Puckett '93S on July 24, 1993 and moving down to the farm at Mossbank.

Bob Wacholz '80C, his wife Rose and two sons Stephane and Joseph, moved to Winnipeg from Regina in December/92. The move means less travel and more time to devote to his family while doing the job for DuPont Canada Inc., his employer.

A letter was received from **Doyle Weibe, '76C**, formerly of Langham, SK, now with the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in Bangladesh. He sees **Ron Dalgleish '65C** who is on a CIDA project, fairly often. Doyle, Val, and son Jesse are getting used to life in Bangladesh and extend an invitation to visitors. Tourist Season is Nov. to March.



Ralph Stutt, Victoria, and Harold Horner of Regina, were the only two members of the 1933 agriculture graduates to celebrate their 60th anniversary at the reunion in January. Ralph still wears the distinctive bow tie that was a part of the wardrobe of every student in their year.

Publication dates

A decision has been made to publish The SAGA three times a year, in April August and December. This is one issue per year less than in the past. The change will reduce the cost, and the effort needed to prepare each issue. The fewer issues should still do the job of keeping you informed of activities of fellow grads and our university.

If you have a comment on the above, or any other aspect of the association, send it along to the Editor or the executive.

Hogline Heroes The 1993 Agro bonspiel

A total of 46 rinks competed in the bonspiel: 32 in the regular draw with its three events, 6 in the Hutcheon(senior) event and 8 rinks in a fun spiel. **Jack Comeau '81C** and **Kurt Sawatsky '66C** did a great job of organizing this event.



"A" event winners

Past president Gary Storey (left), presented the Kirk Trophy to curlers Dean Skinner, Norm Shoemaker, Brett Sittler and Greg Freitag. Runner-up was the rink comprised of James Turner, Bob Dodds, Ken Gillies and Bob Norman.



Senior event winners

Ed Bowler, Ray Christenson, Ron Morningstar and Garvin Hanley received the Hutcheon Trophy from SAGA Honorary President Art Sawatsky (left). Finalists in this event were the rink of Steve Cline, Keith Waite, Mayson Simmons and Ellis Cline.



"B" event winners

Past President George Wilson presented the Graham Trophy to Lee Poppy, Stu Lawrence, Curtis Kosowan and Geoff Legge. The final was a very close game and extra skip rocks were needed to beat out the rink of Bill Klassen, Rudy, Rod and Ted Wiens.



Funspiel winners

Carman Berg (left) congratulated the winners of this event. The rink members were Phil Thacker, Blair Goldade, Ron Korchinski and Craig Dudley. They defeated the rink of Don Torrie, Ewald Lammerding, John McArthur and Calvin Tweidt in the final game.



"C" event winners

Past President Al McDougald (left), presented the White Trophy to the rink of Ken Kennedy, Rod Merryweather, Jamie Scholz and Stan Prokopchuk. Finalist in this event was the rink of John Hemstad, Bill Turner, Gary Storey and Stan Barber.

1993 hockey tournament

The hockey tournament was a great success, with all teams, officials and helpers showing up.

The tournament was divided into competitive and non-competitive divisions.

Team records, Competitive Division

	W	L
Gravels 83	4	0
Agro Students	3	1
FCC Loan Sharks	3	1
Saskatoon Rusty Blades	2	2
Regina Bandits	1	2
North Battleford No Stars	1	2
'83C Reunion	0	3
Voc Ag Students	0	3

The championship final came down to a shootout for the second year in a row. The Gravels 83 started fast and had a 4-0 lead at half time, but the Agros tied the score before the final buzzer. In an exciting shootout the old Voc Ags(Gravels 83) emerged victorious.

In the consolation final FCC was victorious for the second year, beating Saskatoon Rusty Blades 9-4. The Blades were too few in number to stop FCC who played a strong game.

Non-competitive division

This was the second year for this division, which encourages all levels and ages of players to get their equipment together and come out for some fun. There were three teams and each played two games

Regina WD-40s	2	0
Agro Ankle Benders	1	1
Sask. Green Giants	0	2

Girls hockey

Ice time was set aside for girls hockey but attendance was low. A few male ankle benders were recruited to make up two teams. With better organization before the event next year, I am sure we will get more girls out.

*Craig Rath,
hockey convener.*



Gravels 83, 1993 hockey champions.



Former Dean Don Rennie presented the Rennie Trophy to Lyle Sandercock, of the Gravels 83 hockey team.



The Pooped Deck

John Dexter '41S and his wife Gladys were happy to entertain their son Ralph at their Victoria home in September. Ralph, his wife Janet, and their three sons and daughter live in Ecuador. They have a thriving translation service, both simultaneous translation and written, Spanish to English and vice versa. Not sure how or why a chemical engineer would get into that business: must be some of that prairie versatility!

Jake Fehr writes from Regina that they have moved into a new one-level condominium. (Was this move triggered by creaky stairs or creaky knees?) Whatever - Jake says their health is good enough for golf in summer, curling in winter, a Mediterranean cruise last year and one via Elderhostal to Fort Smith, Yellowknife, Inuvik and Tuktoyuktack next summer.

Jack Braidek '51C laid down his Western Producer pen on Dec. 31, but is continuing to edit this publication and involve himself in other activities. The most notable of those other activities to date was a trip to Russia on Feb. 7 to 19. The purpose was to breathe some life into the External Affairs sponsored Partners in Progress program. It provides opportunity for Canadian agriculturists to travel to Russia and share their knowledge and ideas. Jack and Joan plan to continue to live in Saskatoon but will on occa-

sion travel to Victoria, Ottawa, Big River and Melfort to visit family. Friends who live at those locations, or along the route, can expect to be visited, probably at meal time.

Les Hutchison '27C took time out from his honeymoon in Florida to send a note. He describes the scene to his Canadian friends as follows: "Soft breezes wafting over the waters and beautiful yachts docked at the marina which backs our condo. Tarpon Golf and Country Club is just three miles away, and the temperature ranges from 40 to 80 degrees F. Jean and I will have to put up with this until April 15; don't you feel sorry for us? Have a good winter. Cheers."

It should also be mentioned that Les tried to get in touch with **Ernie Booth '21C** and sent along the obituary under the Empty Saddles section of this newsletter. Les also plans to get in touch with **Forest Hill '23C**, who lives in Tarpon Springs, Florida. If you know Hill's address please send it to Les or the editor.

Bill '49C and Fran Porteous, Les and Jean Hutchison, John and Eunice (Les' sister) Dawson, all of Ottawa, were reported to have dined together recently at the Hungry Fisherman restaurant in Florida. (Wonder if they ever dine together in Ottawa?)

John Leask '36C had to move out of his mobile home in Surrey, BC, and is now in Carlton Lodge, Burnaby, where he gets more care and less freedom. He missed the ag grad reunion but wishes the committee good luck - having served on that committee years ago he knows what is involved. Two of John's daughters live in Regina and he expects to spend some time with them this summer.

Wally Doyle '51C, Victoria, reported an enjoyable stay in Hawaii this winter. We expect the company had much to do with the enjoyment. It included his wife Joy, classmate **Lorne Hextall** and his wife Norma, Grenfell. Also Wally's former landlord **Jack McFaul** '44S and his wife Muriel of Saskatoon.

Victoria resident **Paul Turner '51C**, was encountered walking with his son Cameron, daughter-in-law Karen and their two youngsters on the spit at Sooke, B.C. They and the rest of the Turner family had just returned from a week long ski trip. Earlier in the winter Paul and Joan had spent a month touring Africa.

Jack '51C and Joan Braidek dropped in for tea at **Art '48C and Phyllis Strautman's** new home in Duncan, B.C. Real nice. The Strautmans were excitedly preparing to go to Edmonton and daughter Janice's wedding on March 27. We understand it was a great three-day affair. The wedding headquarters was at the Crown Plaza Hotel, the same dig at which Prince Andrew was staying, but one floor down. The bride's uncle, **Chuck Strautman '53S**, had to miss the wedding: he was in Victoria playing in a hockey tournament with a 65 and over team from San Francisco.

Fred Fulton retires from U of S: Colleagues and friends gathered on March 27 at Marquis Hall to pay tribute to Fred and to wish him and Norma well in the future. Though retired from the university, Fred plans to continue farming at Ponteix. Fred joined the School of Agriculture faculty in 1954 and has been a major contributor to that institution.

Honors and awards

Honorary life members: 1993

Roy Levee '57C and Fred Fulton '50C were named Honorary Life Members of SAGA at the 1993 ag grad reunion.

Roy Levee was raised on the Levee Brothers farm at Radville and returned to it following university graduation. For the first few years he instructed in farm short courses and worked for the Assessment Commission of the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Roy has served as reeve of his municipality and is currently president of the board of Weyburn Inland Terminal. He has been active in the Flax Growers Association and served on the advisory board of the Wascana Institute.

Roy and his wife Beth have two daughters, Pam and Shawna, and one son Kim '81S.



Roy Levee (left) receives his Honorary Life Membership certificate from Don Acton '57C. In the background are Beth Levee and Sylvia Acton.

Fred Fulton was raised at Kincaid and following graduation he taught agricultural short courses in the winter and farmed in the summer. Following his marriage to Norma Evans in 1954 he taught at the School of agriculture each winter to this year and farmed during the summer.

Fred has been known to be one of the first to adopt a new grain variety or farming technique. It is significant that as the senior faculty member of the school he is also the most up-to-date on computers. He was active in many organization, serving as president of SAGA in 1976-77 and president of the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists in 1982-83.

Both Fred and Norm each earned their masters degree in continuing education. Norma, who also is a graduate nurse, directs the Continuing Nursing Education program at the University.



Fred Fulton (left) receives his Honorary Life Membership certificate from Eiler Humbert, the incoming Honorary President of SAGA. Looking on are Norma Fulton and Jean Humbert.

Researcher honored

Bernie Goplen '52C, was presented with an honorary life membership by the North American Alfalfa Improvement Conference (NAAIC) at Atlanta, Georgia in June 1992. The award recognized his outstanding contribution in alfalfa breeding and research toward developing bloat-safe alfalfa. Bernie is a research scientist at Agriculture Canada in Saskatoon and served as president of NAAIC from 1984 to 1986.

The Hitching post

Gord Flaten '89C married Louise Pelletier of Winnipeg on October 17, 1992. They bought an acreage at Lorrette, near Winnipeg, and are enjoying it very much. With the honeymoon over, Gord claims he is working hard at his job as program manager with the Canadian Wheat Board, developing new markets for wheat and barley and troubleshooting in established markets.

Terence Flynn '79S was married last November. He and his wife Sheryn farm and live in Beechy. Dave Edgar '79S, who farms at Wolseley, attended the wedding.

Wedding bells will ring on April 3 in Calgary, when **Kevin Feist '87C**, Red Deer, will marry Tracy Munro.

Ward Headrick '88C was planning to marry Lorraine Wilson in North Battleford on March 27, (as this newsletter was going to press). They will live in Prince Albert, where Ward is with the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Empty Saddles



Ernest George Booth '21C, Delray Beach, Florida, passed away on Feb. 2, 1993 at age 93. He is survived by his wife Alta, son George (Joan), son-in-law George Scott, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Ernie was born at Semans, Sask. Following graduation he went to the United States where he received his PhD from the University of Minnesota. He was employed 42 years with the U.S. government service, mainly in the Department of Commerce.

Harold Clifford Drew '47S of Estlin, Sask., passed away on February 28, 1993 at age 78. He is survived by his wife Evelyn, sons **Brian '74C** (Catherine), **Dwain '69C** (Janet), Carrot River, **Lyle '80C** (Carla '84C), daughter Wanda, Saskatoon, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Harold was born at Wilcox and served in WWII as a wireless operator in the RCAF. Following graduation from the School of Agriculture in 1947 he and Evelyn moved to Estlin where they farmed for 45 years.

Murray James Farmer '58S, passed away at Royal University Hospital, Saskatoon on January 8, 1993, after a valiant battle with cancer.

Murray was raised in the Canwood district and worked as a technician for 20 years with the Animal and Poultry Science Department after graduation. He earned his certificate of management and administration from the Canadian Institute of Management in 1982 and in

1989 he was appointed administrator of medical laboratories at St. Paul's Hospital, Saskatoon. Illness forced him to take leave in 1991.

Murray is survived by his wife Helen, son Brad, Saskatoon, daughter Heather (Carlos) Echaiz-McGrath, Quesnel, B.C., mother Rosa and brother Pat (Mary).

Robert Alexander Fleming '39S, Kelliher, passed away suddenly on July 21, at age 72 years, after a lengthy struggle with Huntington's disease. Bob is survived by his wife Mabel, son Robert James, Zehner, daughter Susan, Regina, brother Bill, Prince Albert and three grandchildren.

Bob farmed from 1938 to 1957, when ill health caused them to move off the farm and into employment first with Crown Life in Melville and later Co-op Insurance in Regina. He and Mabel moved back to the farm in 1975.

Andrew Oliver Webster, aged 97 years, died at North Battleford on February 4, 1993. Surviving are his wife Bella, daughters Phyllis Chapman, Calgary and Shirley Belle (Stan) Harper, Toronto; sons **Jim '49C** (Jean) Webster, Regina and Raymond Peter (Shirley) Webster, eleven grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Oliver was raised on a farm at Rocanville and farmed at St. Walburg until he and his wife retired to North Battleford in 1972.

William James White '32C FAIC, Saskatoon, passed away at Hemet, California, on February 28, 1993. He is survived by his wife Edythe, who shared 58 years of marriage with him, four children, Patricia (George) Petersen, Bill (Freda), David (Bernice) and Faye (Howard) Hilstrom, 14 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, his brother Charles, nieces and nephews.

Bill was born at Ruddell, SK, and received his first two degrees in agricul-

ture at Saskatoon and his PhD from the University of Minnesota in 1940. He was employed first by Saskatchewan Agriculture, then by the Agriculture Canada Forage Laboratory. He served as head of the university field husbandry department from 1956 to 1965 and as dean of agriculture the next ten years.

Wilson Denovan (Denny) Johnston '49C, passed away suddenly at his home in Kerrobert on December 26, 1992, at the age of 75 years. He is survived by his wife Luella, their four children and their families; Carol and Ike Klassen, Saskatoon, Dorothy and Doug Hlady, Calgary, Ross and Judy Johnston, Wilkie, Peter and Elizabeth Johnston, Richmond, B.C., also eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Denny served in the RCAF from 1941 to 1946 and took combined degrees in education and agriculture. He taught his first two years at Mildred and the balance in Kerrobert, retiring in 1976.

Adam Newton (Ad) Anderson, Saskatoon, passed away on February 9, 1993. He was the father of **Barry Anderson '74S**, and the grandfather of **David Anderson '84C** and **Debbie Willie '87C**.

Though not a graduate of the college, Ad was well known to many faculty members. Over the years many tests were conducted on his farm, located just north of the Kernen university farm.

Anderson is survived by his wife Irene, children Barry (Georgina), Saskatoon; Joan Stirling, Regina; Dee (Dale Milton), Edmonton, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Annie Sutherland, of Saskatoon, and formerly of Richlea, passed away on March 9, 1993. She is survived by daughters Anne (Dick) Lowe and Catherine (Al) Rodin, and son **Don Sutherland '52C**.



Dean Stewart says —

As I write this report we are nearing the end of another academic term. Final exam timetables have been posted, an event that always focuses the mind on the situation at hand. Professors and research scientists note the nearness of the field season and thus there is a sense of purpose and activity in the air.

We held the second annual Ag Discovery Day on Friday, January 15. Faculty, alumni and students were invited to participate in the special day, that included lectures, competitions and career presentations, all culminating with the SAGA mixer in the evening. The college welcomed those participating in the reunion weekend, and I had an opportunity to provide an update of college events on that occasion. There was a lot to report, as this has been an active year with several new initiatives, including the opening of new facilities and the start of a massive curriculum review, all of which are proceeding under a gloomy, recession-type budget.

But let's start with the good news. During the year the Prairie Swine Centre Inc. acquired the status of a separate legal entity with Dr. John Patience as president. A 40,000 square foot grower/finishing unit addition gave the centre a production capacity of 5,000 hogs per year. Funding came from the federal and provincial governments and producer groups. It retains very close links with the college through the Department of Animal and Poultry Science.

With the help of industry, this time by Intercontinental Packers, and the provincial Agricultural Development Fund, we were able to open new meat processing facilities to be run by the Department of Applied Microbiology and Food Science. This new facility will assist the Saskatchewan Food Product Innovation Program by providing the food processing industry in Saskatchewan with meat product development, technical support, applied meat research and education.

Two new chairs have been created. The Beef Industry Chair is now filled by Dr. John McKinnon and he is involved in market research and the development of red meats as an integral part of sustainable agriculture. The chair was funded through a \$1.2 million contribution to the university from the Saskatchewan Beef Stabilization Board. The second chair is in Agriculture and Law. It came through the federal Green Plan and a grant from the Tri-Council agency to support a five year program. The person chosen to this chair will teach and conduct research in environmental law and sustainable agriculture.

The college has been focusing on educational issues for most of the year, starting with a retreat on Saturday, November 21, when 80 staff, students and industry members met at the Saskatoon Inn to discuss curriculum and program needs. While we are very proud of the B.S.A. programs of the past, we are also aware that the agricultural industry is adopting much new technology and that programs must change as the industry changes. Thus we have embarked on an in-depth examination of educational approaches.

Two committees are hard at work under the leadership of Assistant Dean Gary Storey. One committee is examining the curriculum, and the other a B.S.A. in environmental science.

At the graduate level the College of Graduate Studies and Research has approved an MSc in agricultural extension and a regular PhD program in the Department of Agricultural Economics.

Our students again held Ag Challenge in 1992. Their program is designed to bring North American agriculture students together, to provide an opportunity to demonstrate their academic skills and to broaden their understanding of agriculture and the people involved in it. The 1992 program attracted 37 students who represented six Canadian and two United States colleges. This very successful event was hosted by the Western Canadian Farm Progress Show in Regina and the College of Agriculture at Saskatoon. Plans are under way for the 1993 Ag Challenge to be held in June.

Along with all of the foregoing innovative and interesting developments comes the hard fact that the College of Agriculture budget will face increased pressures in the forthcoming year. We have taken some hard knocks in the last two years, but all indicators are that more are to come. It will be important to be doubly creative next year in attracting the sort of support that keeps our programs vibrant and successful. Hence the need to concentrate on the quality of our curricula and to take full advantage of opportunities that arise to strengthen it.

Finally, a sad note. We lost two former deans during the last year - Jake Brown and Bill White; also Professor Emeritus Ross Ashford. All three made immense contributions to agriculture and set a high standard for the future.

*John Stewart, Dean
College of Agriculture
March 19, 1993*

Home Grown



Mayson Maerz '83C, Saskatoon, announced the birth of Erin Alexis, on May 30/92; a sister to Jesse.

Owen Myhr '81C and his wife Rita are pleased to announce the arrival of an 8lb 2.5 oz stonepicker named Dylan John, on July 8, 1992. Owen adds that summer crop was much better than the fall crop.

David Eaton '82S and his wife Cyndy welcomed daughter #3 on Sept. 5, 1992. Amie Christine, weighed in at 6 lb 9 oz and joins Hope 3 years and Meredith, who is two years old. The Eaton's grow hogs and grain on their Oyen, Alberta farm and in their spare time they are building a new house - 3 bathrooms yet!

Richard Wharton '77C and his wife Norma Jean are proud parents of daughter Kayla Breanne, born on January 11. (Richard is the treasurer of the Sask. Ag Grad association and we are happy to report that he is recovering nicely from an aortic valve job last November 18. He claims to have run an 8.5 minute mile on March 31.)

Lyle '80C, Carla '84C and older brother Garrett Drew, proudly announce the birth of Bryce William on February 24. Grandparents **Harold '47S and Evelyn Drew, Charlie '56C and Edith Carlson** were thrilled by this 8 lb, 4 oz addition to the family.

Joshua John Cote has arrived on the scene. He is the first son of **Barb Stefanyshyn-Cote '87C and John Cote '86C** and was born on February 23 at the Royal University Hospital. Barb says that Joshua has dark hair, blue eyes and that he and the other family members are all doing very well.

1983 college class enjoy reunion

Over the course of the reunion weekend 42 of the 120 grads showed up. At the Friday evening social we were also fortunate to have the 1983 professor of the Year and Honorary ASA president Regis Karamanos attend.

The hockey team we put together had perfect attendance at the 8:30 AM game on Saturday, even after a long Friday night of indulging. (That's more than some of us could do at university 10 years ago.) Many good stories were told in the dressing room and the team

had a perfect tournament record. (Next time we play we will try to win a game!!) The curling players also reported a heck of a lot of fun and a few sore muscles.

Some group photos were taken on Friday night, also some of the hockey team and a few extras were printed. Contact Mayson Maerz or Lloyd Streifel if you want some. A book was made up from the write-ups sent in to the committee.

The 10 year college reunion committee:

Kim (Oran) Harder
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The 1983 hockey team

Back row l to r: Wally 'dead chicken' Hoehn, Brent 'Boom Boom' Bender, Lorne 'Hoe' Klein, James 'FM' MacGregor, Barry 'Tracks' Rapp, Gary 'it ain't shower water', Bill' Gale, Dave 'Overdose' O'bertos, Randy 'The Rocket' Retzlaff and Stu McNab, director, player motivation.

Front row l to r: Craig Smith, Lloyd 'the human Zamboni' Streifel, Darrell 'Offside' Wolkowski, Randy 'Redlight' Frei, Bill 'What's that on my leg Gary?' Aulie, Ron 'RH Factor' Hughes and Kern 'Claytoon' Clayton. Missing from the photo are Jim 'Wheels' Mann and John 'Forty Acre' Konkin.

The President's Pen

I begin this first letter to SAGA with gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the 1993 reunion. Please pass on your comments, criticisms and suggestions to the executive so they can be incorporated into our plans for 1994.

Planning is well underway for the **1994 reunion weekend, to be held January 14 to 16**. Vice president Les Voice is looking for reunion organizers (1924, 1934to 1984 and 1989) in the college and school; give him a call or drop him a line if you are interested or have some suggestions.

As president I officiated at the annual SAGA-sponsored public speaking competitions in the College and School. On February 10th, Janice Berntson, a third-year animal science student, was the college winner and received a cheque for \$200. She will also receive a certificate at the bean feed this fall. The winner of the school speech competition, held on March 12, will be announced and awards made at the school's graduation exercises on April 23. On February 12 I attended the ASA graduation banquet and presented the Tommy Fraser Memorial Award for sportsmanship and athletics to Shelley Palmer, a fourth year animal science student.

Lastly, some points to ponder regarding the long-term health and vitality of our association. First: Our operating funds come primarily from memberships, investment income and small profits from reunion activities. Given our costs and the economy, it appears certain that we'll have to eventually raise some funds, either through voluntary donations or organized fund-raising activities. Second: Our membership is aging and not large, relative to the number of potential members 'out there'. How do we attract more members and younger members to SAGA? Any suggestions on those lines will be appreciated.

Until next time,

Bob Tyler '76C
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The executive of The Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association has appointed a committee of past presidents to provide support to its representative on the Advisory Council to the College of Agriculture.

It's duties will be to ensure that the concerns of SAGA members are

brought to the attention of the Dean and his advisory council.

Members are asked to pass along their concerns and thoughts about the college to:

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