

## The President's Pen

The annual S.A.G.A. reunion has come and gone and once again it was very successful with a good time had by all. Salutes to all the individual reunion year chairpersons for getting a good turnout of their respective classes. Tops in terms of both numbers and percentage of grads returning goes to the '63 College class organized by Les Henry and Bob Bens. Thanks also go to S.A.G.A. executive members who organized the curling, hockey, mixer and banquet activities. By all reports the service and hospitality provided by the Saskatoon Inn was well received and

there were lots of favorable comments on not having to travel from event to event.

Special thanks go to past president, Bob Tyler, and his outgoing executive for giving freely of their valuable time and working hard in serving the membership over this past year. I'm fortunate that Bob will be there to guide me in my efforts over the next year.

S.A.G.A. has taken a positive step forward by electing it's first woman vice-president and therefore president-elect. Welcome to Kim Harder '83 who I'm sure will do an excellent

job. I'm looking forward to working with her and hearing her refreshing ideas.

As S.A.G.A. enters it's 60th year we face the continuing challenge of providing the membership with things other than newsletters and a good time on a January weekend. Your association acts in an advisory capacity to such organizations as the Saskatchewan Agriculture Hall of Fame and the College of Agriculture Advisory Council. Our contributions provide these organizations with a wider base of knowledge which they can use as they serve the agricultural industry. As S.A.G.A. members, we need to impress these facts on those graduates who are not currently members and encourage them to join us. This is particularly important in terms of our relationship with recent graduates. We must work harder in this area not only to keep our membership up but also to maintain our position as an association that can provide valuable input into the process of other organizations in the industry.

You will note that Fred Fulton is acting interim newsletter editor while Jack Braidek is in Russia. Please keep him informed about your "happenings" so that we can continue to know all about you.



**Gordon Wilson '48C and Kurt Sawatzky '66C attack the Mixer food table.** They were among the 508 who attended the Friday night Mixer and shared in the fun evening. The Saturday night Banquet was equally successful with 357 in attendance to honour the Reunion Years.

# The Thundering Herd



**Brian McIntyre '64C**, writes that he is still "down on the farm" at Neilburg where, besides farming, he also operates the Neilburg Corner Service. He says his three children are now going to university although he couldn't convince them to go to the U of S.

**Christopher Paterson '90C** is a sales rep with BASF. He tells us that **Bud Skrepnek '90C** is doing research and development for Ciba-Geigy. He also says that **Faith Domashovitz '92C** is working on R & D for BASF in Regina.

**Harold Amundson '67C** is the Extension Agrologist at North Battleford since June, '93. He says he lives at both N.B. and at



## "A" Event Winners - Ag Grad Bonspiel

Honorary president Eiler Humbert '50C, presented the Kirk trophy to the winning rink of (l to r) Jason Skinner '92C, Bill Turner '66C, Gary Storey '63C and Stan Barber '63C. They defeated the rink of Malcolm Nisbet '72S, Basil Verity, Doug Stoll '78S and Grant Gerwing '75S 6-3 in the final game.

Shellbrook where he was previously Extension Agrologist, which makes him the best friend of Imperial Oil and General Motors or B.M.W. and Cessna if the weather is fine.

**David Beckie '87C** is the Account Manager with TD Bank in Stettler Alta. He keeps himself busy as the Second VP of the Chamber of Commerce, the VP of the Kinsmen Club, and all kinds of sports. He still finds time to be with his family which includes his 2 year old son.

**Peter Sandercock '91C** successfully defended his Master's Thesis in Soil Science and will be convocating in May. He tells us that **Al Long '90C** has returned to the family farm at Lloydminster although he hasn't given up on his musical career since he stills plays the drums in a jazz band and a country music band and teaches drum lessons.

**Lorne Letkeman '90C**, and **Terry Kowalchuk '88C** have also been successful in completing the requirements for the M.Sc. degree in Soil Science in the past few months. Congratulations all.

**Steve Meister '81C** is Communication Manager with Hoechst. He has been busy the last while and for the next while changing the Hoechst name to AgrEvo. Finally some of us will be able to spell and pronounce the name.

**Jack Stephenson '84C** says that **Harvey Hill '84C**

spent five years in Zambia on an IDA project. He is now in his second year doing Grad Studies in Ag. Ec. at Texas A & M. He is married to Marie, a Texan, and has two children, Michael 2, and Elizabeth 1.

**Glen Herndier '70S and '73C** is Agrologist with the Royal Bank. He tells us that the Royal has restructured its Ag Banking Department since **Earl Smith '74C** transferred to Head Office Training in Toronto. Glen provides agricultural support to Royal Bank's branches in SE Saskatchewan. **Loren Peterson '65C** covers SW and Central Saskatchewan (and is S.A.G.A. secretary in his spare time), and **Darryl Reynolds '81C** is responsible for North and West Central branches. District Agriculture Manager, **Stuart Bond** looks after Regina, Moose Jaw, and Yorkton branches.

**Jens Stangeland '50C** says he was pleased to see Joe Bedford's '49 picture in the SAGA and sends best wishes from a former co-worker in I.O.L. He says they are back in Mesa, Az for the winter.

**Gib Wesson '49S** has just finished a one-year term as president, Royal Canadian Legion Branch #1 in Regina. He and Marj enjoyed a cruise to Alaska last July. Gib is into whittling with other seniors at the U of R including **Dick Merryweather '42C** and **Verle Glendinning** wife of **Lorne '49C**. Gib says he often sees **Fred Snell '43C** for coffee. Fred and Dorothy and **Howard Rice '50C** are "down under" touring Australia and New Zealand.

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**Frank Payne '47C** has done it again. This time he has retired as Executive Director of AIC. He first retired from Ag Canada in 1982. He then set up Payne Enterprises doing Ag. consulting work. He took over as Manager of Canadian Consulting Agrologists in 1983 and retired in 1992. In his new retirement he is promoting Lanark Red cattle which he has been breeding for 30 years. He has been made an Honorary Life Member of C.C.A.A. and a Fellow of A.I.C. He and Elsie hope to be in Regina in '94 at the A.I.C. convention.

**Harry Giles** of Saskatoon entered the Ag. Grad. bonspiel this year for the first time since he entered the School of Agriculture in 1946, following discharge from military service in 1945. After one year in the School he went to work with CN Express. He represents the Boomtown Volunteers of the Western Development Museum on the Board of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame.

**David Johnson '56C** of Oakville Ont. says that following retirement from pesticide marketing and sales with Shell Chemicals in 1985 and Ciba in 1990 he founded a Lawn Sprinkler Installation Company. The business keeps him busy in spring, summer, and fall but he and his wife of 33 years check out the various warmer spots in the south in the winter. He was reminded of his first smoker while reading the letter from Hal Lewis in the SAGA. Apparently Hal taught the young fellas some lessons in poker. David says he's played the high-low split for almost forty years and the lesson learned from Hal has stood him in good stead.

**Glen Flaten '50S '56C** has been named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation. The recognition was in "appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world."

**Art Sumner '47C**, Professor Emeritus of Applied Microbiology and Food Science was one of three retired people from the University of Saskatchewan featured in an article in the Campus News. Art spends his winters in Florida where he is active in the Snowbird Association, walks, swims, plays golf and tennis and is mastering a laptop computer. Art lost his first wife, Anne, to cancer. He has since remarried to Edith Bater, originally from Tisdale.

**Glen Hass '60C** and Elaine spent three weeks in Hawaii in February. It was like an Ag grad Reunion. They visited with **Les Henry '64C** and **Inga, George Lee '53S, '60C** and **Caroline, and Jack Drew '57S, '61C** and **Gaylene**. They also had a short visit with **Carman Cooke '49C**. Carman says he goes to Hawaii almost every year because he prefers it to Regina. We wonder why! Damn clever these Agros to choose February to be out of Saskatchewan this year.

**Joe Zeman '44C** recently was featured in an article in the Saskatoon Sun. Apparently Joe celebrated his 80th birthday and the story described Joe's many accomplishments in the field of sports. Joe and Jessie have been married 52 years and raised a



#### **"B" event winners - Ag Grad Bonspiel**

The Wiens rink defeated the McCreary foursome 8 to 4 to win the Graham trophy. It was presented by past president Frank Dunlop '63C (L) to the winning rink of (l to r) Tim Wiens, Tyler Friesen, Travis Wiens and Laird Wightman. The rink of Ian McCreary '84C, Kathy Hanson '88C, Janice Cruise '87C and Mary Smillie were runners-up.

family of three boys, Gary, Dale, and Blair, all involved in a variety of sports, and a daughter Brenda who excelled in track and field. Joe and Brenda co-authored the first of the province's historical sports books, *88 Years of Puckchasing in Saskatchewan*. Joe has been a faithful member of the Ag. Grads throughout the years, serving as its president in 1953. He initiated the Hutcheon event in the Ag. Grad. bonspiel when he turned 48 so that the young grads wouldn't have to compete against him.

**Rod Delahey '80C**, is back happily living and working in Calgary, with his former employer, The Parker Group, but he comes to Saskatoon on occasion. He was seen at the Crop Production Show in mid-January in Saskatoon in a serious conversation with **John Harapiak '63C**, also a Calgary resident. We aren't sure why they chose Saskatoon as a place to

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### "C" event winners - Ag Grad Bonspiel

Past president George Wilson '63C, left, is shown presenting the White trophy to skip James Turner. Other rink members are Ken Gillies '70C, DVM'76, Bob Norman '70C and Bob Dodds '53S. They defeated a rink comprised of Laurie Entwistle '72C, George MacPherson '72C, Martin Ferguson '70C and Ted Boychuk '71C by a score of 9 to 4 in the final game.



### Senior event winners - Ag Grad Bonspiel

S.A.G.A. honorary president Art Sawatzky '47S, left, presents the Hutcheon trophy to smiling skip Russ Campbell '50C. His rink members are Alan Short '59C, David Woof '59C and Bill Cooper '51S. They won 7-5 over the rink of Stan Campbell '50C, Leigh Crowle '50C, Don Rennie '49C and Eiler Humbert '50C in the final game.

## Skinner Wins Ag Grad Bonspiel

Jason Skinner '89S, '92C, supported (at times) by a farmer, a professor and a milk administrator, led his rink to first place in the regular draw of the 1994 ag grad bonspiel. The Russ Campbell rink prevailed in what some observers say was another great Battle of the Campbells, to win the senior event.

The weather outside was frightful but that did not stop the 1994 ag grad bonspiel from happening. It ran smoothly under the steady hand of chief organizer Kurt Sawatzky '66C, his assistant Dave Anderson '84C and their crew of able helpers.

The nastiest weather 'reunion weekend' has had for some years threatened to prevent some curlers from reaching Saskatoon. But the cold, snow and wind turned out to be only an inconvenience; the rinks arrived and had a very good bonspiel. A total of 42 rinks took part, with 32 in the regular draw and 10 on the senior side.

## HOME GROWN

Lyle '85C and Michelle (Wacker) '90C Cowell proudly announced the birth of their first child Mattea Lorelle who arrived on November 8, 1993.

Jeff Lawrence '82C reported that his wife Monica BSP '83 gave birth to a daughter, Stephanie on October 10, 1993 in Regina. Obviously looking to the future, they are in the process of building a new house.

Kurt '89S and Tonya Althouse welcomed their daughter, Mary Eileen Cicely, on September 11, 1993 in Saskatoon. Apparently she and her sister Becky are helping dad with the cows on the farm at Kelvington.

Kim '87C and Diane Nerbas are happy to announce the arrival of their first child, Beth on December 14, 1993 at 3:24 a.m. (the first of many sleepless nights, no doubt.)

Henry '83C and Jo-Anne de Gooijer were happy parents of a daughter, Jillian Maria, on February 22, 1994. Jillian was welcomed home by her brothers Alexander and Matthew.

Ed '61C and Bette Halstead are proud grandparents of twin boys. Lisa Halstead and Dennis Prodahl are the proud parents of Zane SanDahl and Lyden Beau, born February 23, 1994. Looks like Grandpa and Grandma are going to be kept busy.

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rendezvous, perhaps they were comparing notes on survival strategy when away from home. But we suspect they were chatting about John's latest project - a computer diskette that contains everything you want to know about fertilizer use. Yes sir, instead of listening to John or another fertilizer authority, you will be able to simply punch a computer button and select the needed know-how.

**Gary Rice '58C**, tends to stay pretty close to his Tisdale farm, but he did come out to the pulse grower meeting at Saskatoon. Said his lentils didn't turn out too good in 1993 - they just kept on growing but not setting much seed. He was considering peas for '94, but his plans were far from complete.

**Howard Mattila '55S, '61C** continues to operate his agricultural consulting and appraisal business at North Battleford. His wife Mary has taken on a number of farm management sessions scheduled for the late winter months in northwest Saskatchewan. Both were seen enjoying the company of grads and their partners at the mixer in January.

**Lyle Findlay '72S** is still farming at Semans. He says it is a challenge in the 90's but it is still a good life. He would like to hear from any or all of his classmates.

**Cheryl Carlson '93C** reports she is presently employed with Cyanamid Canada Inc., as the territory manager for South Eastern Sask. based out of Melville. Cheryl knows good value, and has taken out a life membership in S.A.G.A. Welcome aboard Cheryl!

**W.E.(Bill) Hunt '64C** has been

named General Manager, Food and Allied Services Group of Saskatchewan Wheat Pool. Bill will be responsible for directing and managing the business operations and strategic direction of CSP Foods (the Pool's milling division), the Livestock Division and Western Producer Publications. He will also be responsible for managing the Pool's relationships with associated companies which are directly linked to these divisions. Bill has been with the Pool for 27 years in a variety of capacities.

#### **News from Alberta:**

**Bob Byers '62C** is the new section head for Crop Science at the Lethbridge Research Station. He leads a group of 25 scientists in Plant breeding, entomology and pathology. **Elwin Smith '76C**, Lethbridge, and **Harold Rostad '64C** Saskatoon, traveled to China in November as part of a technical mission related to a CIDA soil and crop management project on the China Hebei Lowland Plain south of Beijing. The project is managed by **Bernie Sontag '62C**. Sontag was the recipient of a couple of awards this year. One was the Agriculture Canada AGCELLENCE award for management, and the other was the Bell Canada APEX Leadership award from the Association of Professional Executives of Canada.

**Bob Zentner '72C** is the new ramrod for the dirt and engineering crew at the Swift Current Research Station. (Ed. Note: Not sure what that means in layman's language).

Did you know that Agriculture Canada is now Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada? Do you care? Guess they wanted to emulate Alberta where Alberta Ag became Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development - quite a mouthful.

## **SDAF Extension Research Unit Established**

A new unit of Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food, called the Extension-Research Unit, has opened at the University of Saskatchewan. This initiative is the result of cooperation between the College of Agriculture and the Department of Agriculture and Food. Four SDAF agrologists have been assigned to work with college staff to bring about a more rapid transfer of scientific research and new technologies to Saskatchewan farmers. The four agrologists are:

- **Larry Gutek**, Manager and Co-ordinator, Crops and Value Added
- **Bob Drysdale**, Co-ordinator, Livestock Development
- **Dean Dyck**, Co-ordinator, Farm Business Management
- **Ron Kehrig**, Program Co-ordinator, Agriculture Research.

In addition to information transfer the unit will identify, co-ordinate and assist in the development of value-added activities and work to establish communication links with various industry and research communities. Everyone is welcome to contact the unit for further information. The main office is located in room 2D18 Agriculture Bldg. (933-5568)

## Final Report Sixth Annual SAGA Hockey Tournament January 14, 15 and 16, 1994

Once again, Ag Grads from across the country came to Saskatoon with Absorbine Junior in hand for a week-end of fun and exercise. The annual hockey tournament was very successful and enjoyable. It was a great SAGA weekend!

In the Competitive Division, the victorious team was the South East Maulers. The Maulers stomped undefeated through the regular draw play and narrowly beat the FCC Loan sharks in an exciting 7-6 championship final. The Farm Credit team also played a very strong tournament.

The winning team was presented with the "Rennie Hockey Trophy" by SAGA President Bob Tyler. Ag Grad Hockey pins were also awarded to



### Championship Final Winner - South East Maulers

Back Row - Randy Frei '81C; Andrew Hak; Lorne Klein 78S, 83C; Brent Collins '91C; Gord Bacon '81C; Ward Weisensel '86C.  
Front Row - Daryl Nazar '90C; Lee Moats '81C; Bob Tyler (SAGA Pres.); Kris Boesch '81C; Richard Gabruch; Larry Gabruch '84C.  
Missing: Gord Wallace '81C; Greg Thompson.

each player on the SE Mauler team.

In the consolation final, the Saskatoon Rusty Blades were victorious over the Soviet Towel Bandits. The consolation final game ended in 6-1 victory for the strong Rusty Blades squad. The Towel Bandits put forth a valiant effort throughout the tournament.

The rest of the competitive teams were more competitive in mind than in body. However, a good clean effort was put forth and the players will be better, stronger and faster next year!

In the Recreational Division, four teams played two games each. This division is meant to be a mixture of talent and age. Both the WD-40 team and the Voc Ag Student team were strong contenders over the Sask Green Giants and Agro Ankle Bender team. A good time was had by all.

The Ag Grad Women and Ag Student women battled out one match on Saturday morning. It was a great game! Many thanks are due to Deanna Klusa for organizing the Grad team, and to Suzanne Pollock for organizing the Student team - a job well done.

On behalf of Ellis Clayton 87C, and myself, Corey Loessin 86C, we would like to thank all the players for their interest and enthusiasm in this year's tournament. Thanks to Craig Rath, 86C, past organizer for helping out



### Agro Student Band at the Mixer

as needed. In particular, each team organizer deserves a pat on the back for bringing together a group of players (and personally supporting Sask Tel).

We have a couple ideas and suggestions for next year. Information will be out in the next issue of SAGA.

*Corey Loessin '86C*

## Wit & Wisdom

### Free passage

Irate taxi driver to fare: "There'll be no charge for this trip; you did most of the driving."

**Retirement:** A time of life when you can't leave your problems at the office.

### Survival strategy

A motorist charged with speeding through a red light at an intersection, explained to the judge: "I always hurry through intersections to get out of the way of reckless drivers."

**Night Gown:** A nap sack.

**Nitrate:** Cheaper than day rate.

**Nobody's Fool:** An unemployed court jester.



## Financial Statement - November 1, 1992 to October 31, 1993

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenditures</u>	
Membership	\$4,719.00	Newsletter	\$6,069.24
Hockey	3,997.00	Hockey	3,429.87
Bonspiel	4,489.00	Bonspiel	3,394.80
Banquet & Dance	7,070.00	Banquet & Dance	6,723.02
Mixer	3,775.00	Mixer	4,293.90
Bank Interest	84.74	Bank Charges	55.00
Investment Interest	6,608.48	Reinvestment	13,000.00
Invest. Mature/Sold	10,903.46	Reunion	1,273.28
Reunion	1,350.00	Secretarial & Postage	179.02
Ag. Discovery Day	1,596.00	Other	811.52
Other	39.00	Ag. Discovery Day	1,341.67
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$44,631.68</b>	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$40,571.32</b>

### Trend Analysis 1991 - 1993

	<b>1991</b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1993</b>
Bank Balance	\$9,066.	\$687.	\$4,747.
Investments	<u>\$48,476.</u>	<u>\$61,476.</u>	<u>\$63,393.</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$57,543</b>	<b>\$62,163.</b>	<b>68,140.</b>



#### **Winners, Consolation Final - Saskatoon Rusty Blades**

*Back Row* - Lionel Redden '93S; Kevin Beblow; Bruce Hodgins '79S; Ellis Clayton '88C; Darryl Ulledal '89C; Tracy Preete '88C.

*Front Row* - Earl Scott; Craig Roth; Guy Keeler '87C; Ed Hammermeister '89C; Gary Flaten '80S.



#### **Second Place Champ. Final - FCC Loan Sharks**

*Back Row* - Vaughn Minogue '91S; George Beauchesne '90C; Kevin Hartley '82C; Gary Gale '83C; Bob Belanger.

*Front Row* - Kevin Blosky; Rob May '91BComm; Les Pilsner '89C; Todd Treslan '89C; Tim Hammond.

## Advisory Council to the College of Agriculture

*Bill Cooper, SAGA Rep. on the Advisory Council.*

Since taking over from Bob Bens '64C as your representative on the Advisory Council I have participated in two council meetings, April '93 and November '93.

Prior to leaving the council Bob Bens challenged "The System" by insisting that the council live up to it's constitutional mandate and become truly "Advisory", rather than what had become a traditional reporting session by various departments.

Since quoting from the council constitution during my annual meeting report, I was asked if we might remind our members via the newsletter just what the objectives of the council are.

Here it is as amended October 29, 1987:

### **Objectives: (Constitution of Advisory Council to College of Agriculture).**

1. Objectives. The objectives of the Council relate to its main role, namely to facilitate communication between the academic and non-academic communities, and to assist the College in adjusting, in an orderly and effective manner, to the changing needs in agricultural teaching, research, service and extension. More specifically, the broad objectives are as follows:

- a) to provide advice to the Dean of Agriculture and the faculty on appropriate College goals, objectives, and activities,
- b) to act as a communication bridge between the College of Agriculture and the organizations and community leaders represented on the council,
- c) to act as a sounding board for present and proposed activities of the college to ensure that programs closely reflect the needs of the agricultural community both within and outside the province, and
- d) to promote good relations and to project a positive

image for the college within the community.

The April Council meeting did approve the Bob Bens proposal and as a result the SAGA was asked to prepare a report for the November '93 meeting.

What to Do! We formed a committee of Past Presidents (Bob Bens, Grattan O'Grady, Al McDougald, and Les Henry) We focused our report on one issue "The Diploma in Agriculture Program within the College of Agriculture". We chose to report on this matter for a number of reasons:

- a) the Johnson Commission report suggesting that the Diploma Program might be removed from the University environment.
- b) the declining enrollment in recent years.
- c) parallel agricultural training programs by various organizations and institutions.
- d) our overall concern for an educational program which will enhance opportunities for a self-reliant and profitable agricultural industry.

The report which highlighted 8 key areas of concern was presented to the November 9th meeting. The key areas were:

- 1) A Vision for Prairie Agriculture, 2) The Role of the Diploma Program, 3) Proposed Market Survey, 4) Program Image, 5) Program Term, 6) Program Curriculum, 7) Marketing the program, 8) Letters and replies from the Ministers.

My final request to members - Please study our report (Write to SAGA Office for a copy). Should we pursue any particular action? Should it go in "File 13"? Please Advise!

Thank You,  
Bill Cooper '51S

## More Wit & Wisdom

### **Cat comments**

Little Johnny handed in the following composition on cats:

'Cats that's meant for little boys to maul and tease is called Maultese cats. Some cats is rekernized by how quiet their pur is and these is Persian cats. Cats what has bad tempers is named Angora cats. And cats with deep feelings is called Felines. I don't like cats.'

### **Ancient history**

Said the clerk, "How can I stop women customers from talking about low prices in the good old days?"

The floorwalker suggested, "Act surprised, and tell them you didn't think they were old enough to remember them."

### **Fairweather friends**

Reporter: "Now that you are wealthy are you ever bothered by the friends you had when you were poor?"

Man of Wealth: "I never had any friends when I was poor."

### **One rule fits all**

If you're thin, don't eat fast. If you're fat, don't eat ... fast.



## News from the College of Agriculture

First of all, I'd like to congratulate the convenors of the 1994 Ag Grad Reunion. The dinner was held at the end of a very interesting and optimistic week of what is now the Crop Production Show, where we had excellent attendance and lots of business to discuss in the crops area. Despite the weather, the attendance at the dinner was first-rate, and it was a most enjoyable week-end.

At the College, we've had a very interesting and busy year with a tremendous amount of focus on the development of a new curricula, which includes a totally revised first year, and plans to incorporate an ag business minor and an environmental science program. As you will appreciate, the College tends to be a very traditional place and thus any modification of a degree program that has been highly successful needs careful consideration and much debate before it can be modified. Under the direction of Assistant Dean Gary Storey, we have had a number of committees bring together what is a new program. So far we have agreed on the format of the common courses in the first year, and this has a ripple effect on every other course in the College, and these are being ironed out at the present time. I think we will be very pleased with the results of this exercise.

On the research side, you will have learned from your local paper that the Crop Development Centre have had an excellent year with the release of no less than 15 new varieties. This

has to be almost an all-time record for any research institute, and puts emphasis on the role that University research scientists play in the Saskatchewan agriculture scene. I single out this research group because they have had a spectacular year, but I can assure you that most departments have similar items to report.

As I write this report, it is nearing the end of the academic year and the student body are focusing on examinations. The student societies have been very active on all fronts; they have raised an immense amount of money for various charities. The students also promoted Ag Discovery Day, held on the Friday before the Ag Grad reunion. At this event they had a series of invited speakers who dealt with new developments in agricultural research, and a forum dealing with career opportunities in agriculture. To top this off, we had an address from the Honourable Darrel Cunningham, Minister of Agriculture and Food.

This year will see a change in the leadership in some of our departments. Two of our long-serving department heads, Bryan Harvey and Dave Christensen, have decided that it is time to let someone else carry the departmental administration chores. Two other department headships are under review (Horticulture and Agricultural Economics). At the time of writing, it has been recommended that Prof. Jack Stabler continue as Head of Agriculture Economics, and



### The Great Cover-Up

Jennifer Nitschelm, a second year agro, 1993 Bean Feed Queen and official beard judge, carefully checks the beard growth of Glen Pretty. Looking on with considerable interest are Colin Montgomery and Mike Edwards. Edwards placed first in the beard-growing competition, held each year in connection with the Ag Bag Drag.

that Dr. Bernard Laarveld head the Department of Animal and Poultry Science. We are also currently engaged in a search for a new Associate Dean. This position has been changed to include responsibility for the diploma and certificate programs. This amalgamation of the diploma program into the mainstream of the College was coordinated by Prof. John Peters, who is retiring in June. John and Edna Peters will be working with the Mennonite Central Committee in Bolivia for the next few years. John came to Saskatchewan to be Director of the School of Agriculture program in 1974, and has been an excellent administrator throughout his career. We will be sorry to lose him through early retirement, but look forward to hearing of his activities in Latin America.

*John Stewart, Dean  
College of Agriculture*

## EMPTY SADDLES

**Herbert Ross (Herb) Clark '45C** of Saskatoon died peacefully at his home on January 21, 1994, at the age of 71, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Herb is survived by his wife Marion and two sons, Ron (Cathy) of Firmie, B.C. and Gordon of Saskatoon; two brothers, **David '48C** (Ruth), Surrey, BC, and Edward (Joan) Kipling, SK; three sisters, Dorothy Seymour, Larder Lake ON, Kathleen Ratcliffe, Consecon, ON, and Alice (Cecil) Worbington, Billings, Montana. He was predeceased by his first wife, Marion Leslie in 1962. Herb graduated from the College of Agriculture, U of S, followed by a MSc. from the University of Wisconsin. His entire professional career centred around the University of Saskatchewan Extension Division from his early years of working with 4-H through his involvement with Agriculture Societies, and in later years in retirement planning. He was president of the Ag Grad Association in 1968 and always was an enthusiastic member. He was inducted into the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame in 1992 and his dedication to the 4-H movement was recognized when he was inducted into the Saskatchewan 4-H Hall of Fame in 1993. Herb was closely involved with Toastmasters International where he was honoured as a Distinguished Toastmaster and with Rotary International where he served as District Governor and had the Citation of Meritorious Service bestowed upon him in 1993

**Mary Eloise Dodds (Bolton)**, age 59 died suddenly on February 23, 1994 while visiting in Gravenhurst, ON. She is survived by her husband **Bob '53S.** and four children; daugh-

ters Leslie Ryan (Thom), Marla Tonita (Bill), sons Bill and Bob (Carol). Born in Outlook, SK, Mary attended Teachers College in Moose Jaw, the University of Saskatchewan, and taught school in Outlook and Loreburn. She married Bob Dodds of Loreburn in 1956. She received her B. Ed. from the U of S in 1982 and in 1988 began studies in Diaconal Ministry for the United Church of Canada. Mary was to be commissioned in May, 1994. She was always involved in many educational and community activities and in recent years developed an increasing and active concern for issues of social justice.

**William (Bud) Morken '49C**, age 67 years of Sturgis SK passed away on January 1, 1994 in Saskatoon. Bud is survived by his wife Yvonne; sons **Richard '79C** (Mavis) and **Brian '78S**; daughters Margaret (Tom) and Elizabeth (Dale). Following graduation he returned to the family farm, remaining there until his death. His many activities included serving as a 4-H leader for 21 years, member of the executive of UGG and as Vice-President in 1981, Board of Canada Grains Council, Saskatchewan Federation of Agriculture Board, Canola Council of Canada, and numerous other local organizations. He was currently serving as Mayor of Sturgis and had just completed his term as Chairman of the Preeceville Hospital Board. He had traveled to China, Mexico, and Italy representing the United Grain Growers.

**Donald Gordon Sloman '71C**, aged 47 years, passed

away at his home in Aneroid, SK on February 13, 1994. He is survived by his wife Loren; three sons: James, Jonathon and Matthew and daughter Alicia. Donald obtained his B.A. and B.S.A. degrees and then worked with the University Soil Testing Program, taught farm management courses and farmed with his brother, George. He served on numerous local boards and councils, was a life member of the Red Lodge and Preceptory, served as District Deputy Grand Master and also was a member of the Shrine Club.

**Bruce C. Arlt '72S** of Milestone passed away May 17, 1993. He farmed at Herbert until 1984 when he moved to Milestone to farm. He is survived by his wife Jessie and children Lacey and Timothy. He was active in community affairs wherever he lived.

**Marjorie Pearl Burton** (Colpitts), mother of **John '51C** of Regina and **George '51S** of Humboldt passed away on December 18, 1993 at the age of 96 years. Born in Salisbury NB, Marjorie came to Saskatchewan in 1923, married Joseph Burton in



**Looking over the list of fellow '74 Grads** attending the Honour Year reunion at the Saturday night Banquet and Dance were L. to R. - Beryl and Rick Stewart, Art and Heather Unsworth, Perry and Pat Johnson.

1924( former M.P., M.L.A.) and subsequently lived in Humboldt.

**Keith E. Thue '51C** of Saskatoon passed away on February 2, 1994. Keith is survived by his wife Dorothy, two sons Arok(Susan) and Marlow (Tracey) and one daughter Audra (Peter) Remenda. He managed the Provincial Pheasant Farm from 1952-1975 and was president of the Fish and Game League 1960-1962. Keith was the foreman for the Department of Poultry Science, U of S until his retirement in 1988. He was considered to be an early pioneer in the conservation movement in Saskatchewan.

**Nicholas Wintonyk, father of Brian '81C and Terri (nee Kristjanson) '81C** died on December 31, 1993.

**Robert Harold Cowan '39C**, aged 76, passed away on March 3, 1994 after a short illness. He is survived by his wife Florence and by their seven children and families. Bob was born and lived his entire life on the farm at Rosetown. He served on many boards and councils. One of his early contributions was farm demonstration displays with Prof. Evan Hardy. Bob was active in several co-operative endeavours, being president of the Rosetown Credit Union from 1969-1986, director and eventually chairman of the Boards of the CUMIS group of companies. He was director of Co-operative Trust Company of Canada from 1981-1985. As well, Bob participated in the affairs of the Rosetown Co-operative Association, the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool and the United Grain Growers. In 1988 he received the Saskatchewan Co-operative Order of Merit. From 1975-1977 he served as a commissioner on the Justice

## Registrar's Note

Richard Bellamy, our loyal keeper of the membership records would like you to take a minute and make sure your address is still correct. Also, please note your membership status. Look in the top right corner of your address label. An LM or HL means you are a Paid up life or honorary life member. 94 indicates an annual membership which expires Dec. 31, 1994.

Also, if you know the whereabouts of any of the following please send along their address to the SAGA:

Gerald Aalbers  
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James M. Bagshaw 88S, 92C  
Vincent O'Leary Coffee, 43C  
Michael K. Giles 90C  
Robert Brian Groat 80S  
James John Knox 50S  
Donald Claude Perrault 72C  
Harvey Reginald Schmidt 75S  
Harvey Wayne Stushnoff 79C

Emmett Hall Grain Handling and Transportation Commission.

**Edward Terrance Oatway '43C** passed away in Winnipeg on January 12, 1994. Terry was raised in the Phippen area. After graduation he went with the P.F.R.A. He then joined the Cockshut Company and spent five years in South America and a time in Iowa. He joined the Manitoba Department of Agriculture and worked out of Winnipeg for 25 years. At the time of his retirement he was Director, Technical Services.

Terry is survived by his wife Ruth in Winnipeg, and a son and daughter, both living in British Columbia.



### Cooking class: Ag Mech 94

Third year ag student Jay Ross (left) and partner Glen Jones, second year, did a great job of cooking heaps of pancakes for students and grads who came for breakfast on Discovery Day morning, Jan. 14. Ag engineer Ron Ford (r), provided some much needed help with the pancakes and bangers, while Lyle Hislop, director of alumni affairs (in background) also gave a hand. Thanks to CSP Foods for pancake flour, Intercontinental Packers for sausage, and to all others who helped to make this a great success.



## Honorary Life Members: 1994

W. Garvin Hanley '59S and C.M. (Red) Williams were named Honorary Life Members of SAGA at the 1993 Ag Grad reunion.

**W. Garvin Hanley** was raised on the family dairy farm near Regina. Following graduation he returned to the family dairy until 1970 when he and Ina established their own farm. Over the years the farm has increased in size and now includes a seed cleaning plant.

Garvin was active in 4-H, both as a member and leader for 31 years, a clear reflection of his dedication to youth. He has contributed to Saskatchewan agriculture in a great many ways including membership on a variety of provincial panels and boards. His long time commitment to the Flax industry led to his occupying many positions in that industry including Chairman of the Flax Council of Canada. For all these efforts he was honoured with the Distinguished Graduate in Agriculture Award in 1991 by the College of Agriculture.

Garvin and Ina have three children, daughters Patricia (Jim) and Dianne (Don) and son **Erwin '93S**.

**C.M. (Red) Williams** began school at Shamrock, SK, moved to Alberta and completed his high school in Calgary. Following time in the Royal Canadian Navy from 1939 to 1945, he obtained his BSA and MSA from U.B.C. and Ph.D. from Oregon.

Red joined the Animal Husbandry Dept. at the U of S in 1954, became Head in 1975, held a joint appointment with Extension for many years and retired in 1992, then becoming Professor Emeritus.

Red's stimulating and challenging teaching style is remembered by the thousands of students he has taught

and he was named Teacher of the Year in 1981. This art of communicating was not limited to the classroom. He has produced over 6,000 radio tapes ("Now That's Food for Thought"), many news clips and interviews. Over the years Red has appeared in practically every community in Saskatchewan with Livestock Extension programs.

Red has been active in working with Indian and Metis groups on agri-

cultural programs as well as serving in advisory rolls in 19 developing countries.

Dr. Williams' contributions have been widely recognized through numerous prestigious awards including the Order of Canada, Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada, Honorary Life Member of the Canadian Extension Society and the Queen's Silver Jubilee medal.

## College Staff Honours and Promotions

*(from College of Agriculture - Ag-News)*

The College acknowledged the achievements of the following individuals:

**Brian Rossnagel**, recipient of the Canadian Society of Agronomy's Young Agronomist Award, for his contributions to Canadian agronomy. Two of his oat cultivars, Calibre and Derby, are the most widely grown varieties in Canada.

**Hank Classen '71C**, recipient of the 1993 American Feed Industry Association Award for distinctive work demonstrating sound research in poultry nutrition. Hank was also selected as 1992-93 Professor of the year for teaching excellence by the Agriculture Students' Association.

**Malcolm Devine**, recipient of the outstanding Young Weed Scientist Award from the Weed Science society of America. The award recognizes Dr. Devine's dedicated work as a researcher and teacher, and his energetic contributions to professional committees.

**Brian Harvey '60C**, elected as President-Elect of the Agricultural Institute of Canada.

**Allan Klassen '65C**, selected as the 1992-93 Teacher of the Year by the Diploma in Agriculture students.

Granted Tenure were **Richard Gray '79C**, Department of Agricultural Economics, and **Ken Van Rees**, Department of Soil Science.

Promotions to Full Professor were **Malcolm Devine**, Dept. of Crop Science and Plant Ecology, **Murray Fulton '77C**, Dept. of Agricultural Economics, and **Nicholas Lowe** Dept. of Applied Microbiology and Food Science.

Congratulations and Well Done!

## The Pooped Deck

**Jack Braidek '51C**, the SAGA editor for the last couple of years has unloaded the job of editing this issue onto **Fred Fulton '50C**. Jack and Joan left for Russia on Feb. 4 and will not be back until April 27. They will be living in Tyumen, Russia, located just east of the Ural Mountains on the western edge of the Siberian Lowlands, where they will be advising on agricultural extension systems. They are participating in the Partners in Progress program, sponsored by Foreign Affairs Canada and operated by the Agricultural Institute of Canada and the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, Foreign Affairs.

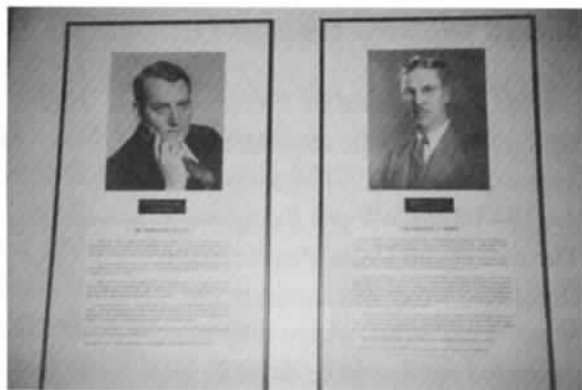
**Wally Doyle '51C and his wife Joy** were in Saskatoon over the Christmas holidays visiting their daughter and son-in-law, and son **Reg Doyle '78C**, and his family. Wally and Joy took a short trip up to welcome the new year with **Bob Warner '56C**. Bob has suffered a heart attack and stroke but has recovered enough to do some visiting in Alberta.

**Alice Harper (nee Wall) '44C**, enjoyed meeting her fellow grads of 50 years and attending the other reunion events. Alice reported that she had worked as a plant pathologist for a couple of years at the Lethbridge research station before marrying. Later she taught at the Lethbridge Community College and is now retired in that city.

**Ronald 'Bud' Moar 56S** retired

from Federated Cooperatives at the end of 1993 after 35 plus years of travelling for the Coop Feed Department. During that time Ron has covered all of Saskatchewan except the North East area. He would like to be remembered to 1956 School and College grads. Not too early to start planning for the 40 year reunion Ron, when you can get the crew together again. Ron also reports that his uncle **Ronald C.T. Moar '26C** had his 90th birthday on Jan. 5, 1994. He presently resides at the Lutheran Sunset Nursing Home, in Saskatoon. He is continuing to have reasonably good health and would like to be remembered to any other 1926 College grads.

**John R. Peters, retires from U of S.** Family, friends and colleagues gathered on March 25 in Marquis Hall to thank John for the 20 years of service he has given to the College of Agriculture and specifically to the School of Agriculture. A product of Manitoba, with a deep interest in agricultural education, John dedicated himself to the Diploma program. John and Edna are accepting the challenge of working in Bolivia, with the Mennonite Central Committee. The many students who have graduated since 1975, will remember John's deep concern for their welfare and will wish him and Edna well in their new undertakings.



**Farm Management Professors from the 30's**

These photos of Dr. William Allen and Dr. Ernest C. Hope, with appropriate captions, are mounted in the Agricultural Economics Department, Agric. Bldg. The efforts of two of their former students, Archie Campbell '35C and Clarence Elliott '35C, made this possible.

## WEDDINGS

**Karl Beaulieu '85C** and Chris Nykoluk were married on September 4, 1993 at Strasbourg SK.

**Lori Lane '82C**, previously Hoskins, married Nigel Lane in Honolulu, Hawaii on December 7, 1993. Nigel is an Engineer but as Lori says we can't all be perfect!

**Perry Aulie '88C** and Nancy Ferguson were married on November 6, 1993 in Saskatoon. Perry and Nancy are making their home in Winnipeg.

**Jim Stadnyk '85C** reports he will be taking the big step this August and marrying Debra Neff, an R.N. in Saskatoon. Jim is employed by DuPont - Ag Products in Saskatoon.

## Class of '43C Reunion

The College class of 1943 celebrated their 50 year reunion in Saskatoon Sept. 17-19 as a part of the 1943 All-Colleges Reunion. The met at the Delta-Bessborough Hotel on Friday afternoon in the Vice-Regal Suite, where they headquartered for the three days. Friday evening they met in one of the salons for dinner. There were 50 agros and spouses in attendance with most of them giving a short biography. Four fellows, with their spouses, that had started with this class in 1939 enjoyed our reunion. Due to the war they finished up in a later class. After the dinner the group attended a reception arranged by the Alumni Association that was held in the Terrace Lounge. Just like old days!

Saturday, the group attended Universiday '93 and later joined the 1948 agros for lunch. In the afternoon, some took in the Huskie football game, while others enjoyed an entertaining city bus tour, conducted by Hugh Arscott B.Comm. '48. That evening, they attended a class Dinner at the Faculty Club, after which there was a Casino and Dance in Marquis Hall.

Sunday, President and Mrs. Ivany joined the group for lunch in Marquis hall. President Ivany presented a 50 year Graduation Certificate to each Grad. That afternoon, most of the group took the bus and toured Wanuskewin Heritage Park.

Other than the Friday afternoon get-together and the dinner that night, all events were arranged by the Alumni Association Executive Director, Lyle Hislop and Wendy Bates, Administrative Assistant. The arrangements included full bus service for both Saturday and Sunday. Campus tours were on the go throughout both days and many of the group took advantage of the tour of the new Agriculture Building. Everything was well planned, organized and implement-

ed. The Class of '43 highly recommends the Alumni Universiday's Program for all upcoming 50 Year Reunions. The Class of '43c has planned a summer reunion for 1995, to be hosted by their classmates that live in and around Victoria.

The statistics are as follows: 35 graduated in 1943; 10 are deceased; 4 were unable to attend; 21 attended the Reunion. A good showing and a good time.



*Back Row* - Howard Fredeen, John Bond, Roman Andrews, Bob Cooper, Nat Simkins, Frank Kennedy.

*Centre Row* - Cliff Simpson, Walt Van Haarlem, Fred Snell, Bill Powell, Vince Coffey, Jock Blacklock, Ole Turnbull.

*Front Row* - Harold Chapman, John Hanson, Gib Wesson (started in 1939), Fred Shore (received his Masters in '43), Hartley Fredeen, Jack Haroldson.

*Missing from the photo but in attendance were:*

Betty Barlow (nee Myrick), Tracy Anderson, Hugh Michael, and Harvey Whitney. Also in attendance from 1939 start-up were John Kunkel, Bill Dale and Vic Sommerfeld.

This photo was taken on Saturday evening in front of the faculty club. This was the former Dean of Agriculture residence where the group were invited for tea as freshmen in 1939.



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