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President's Pen

First, I wish to congratulate **Kim Harder'83C**, past president of S.A.G.A., for a job well done. The organization flourished in 1995 under her leadership.

I would be remiss to not acknowledge the efforts of the S.A.G.A. executive. Their contribution in time and effort, especially before and during the Ag Grad reunion is very much appreciated. A successful banquet, bonspiel, hockey tournament and mixer do not happen by accident, but rather by a lot of hard work contributed by dedicated individuals.

Financially, S.A.G.A. is in very good shape. This is the result of careful money management by previous executives. I know the current executive will maintain a good balance sheet while doing the things the membership wants to see done.

Several important things were considered at the annual meeting. It approved the establishment of a trust fund to be used to financially support the activities of the College of Agriculture. When created S.A.G.A. members will be able to contribute directly or make bequests. A committee of **Jack Braidek'51C**, **Bob Brack'52C** and **Bob Tyler'76C** was appointed to work with Dean Stewart and other university officials to develop the details and get the fund up and running.

A resolution was passed at the annual meeting suggesting that the School of Agriculture return to the two-year format. The resolution was sent to the Dean and S.A.G.A. will have a repre-



Bob Rugg'71C

sentative on the university committee that will be examining the Diploma in Agriculture program. **Bill Cooper'51S** has been asked to chair a committee that will provide views and information to our representative on the university committee. If you have thoughts on the future of the diploma program I urge you to pass them on to Cooper.

I plan to strengthen our ties with the college and school students. It goes without saying that the diploma and degree graduates are the future leaders in agriculture and in our association. Recently the S.A.G.A. refurbished the pool table in the Agro lounge. The table was originally presented to the students by **Fred Kernen** and was very, very well used!

I will be representing S.A.G.A. on the Crop Production Week Committee. I think we can continue to play an important role in the social atmosphere and the information transfer that takes place during that week.

As you can see, S.A.G.A. is not just a social club.

I am proud to serve as your president.

Bob Rugg'71C

Bug man turns 100

In the summer of 1915, when **Kenneth King** was 20 he travelled by horse and buggy across Montana selling cooking utensils to earn enough money to continue studying entomology at the Montana State College of Agriculture.

Later, King was on the staff of the entomology laboratory at the University of Saskatchewan. **Ralph Stutt'33C**, who was in the Economics Division of Agriculture Canada and was also located in the Field Husbandry Building, recalls a close association with **Dr. Ken King** in the 1930s and 40s.

King, the son of a minister, switched from entomology to the clergy at age 61 when he was ordained a deacon in St. John's Anglican Church. Friends gathered at his Saanich, B.C. home on Friday March 1, 1996 to wish him well on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

3rd Annual S.A.G.A. Golf Day

Wed. May 15, 1:00 pm
Mt. Brenton Golf Course
Chemainus, B.C.

Ag grads, their partners and other Sask. alumni are invited to take part in this prestigious 9-hole event. Food and crying/bragging session to follow.

Telephone your entry to Art Strautman'48C, Duncan, BC, 604-746-8796, by May 1, 1996.

The Thundering Herd



Stewart Adam'68C has moved north and west to Prince Albert from Melfort. He is now a livestock development agrolgist and will be working with specialized livestock producers and associations.

Luanne Berjian'85C has become an Ag Rep at Russell, MB. Previously she had been with the Pembina Forage Association at Westlock, AB, then forage/livestock technician at St. Rose du Lac, MB. Says she is relearning all that stuff about growing crops and diversification.

Al Scholz'75C, says he, Doug Hopkins and Larry Goodfellow run Trimension Group, an agri-food consulting firm located in Innovation Place, Saskatoon. They provide marketing consultive services to food processors and value-added processors across Canada and internationally. Al reports that brother **Jamie'77C** is farming full time at Shellbrook and brother **Murray'83C** farms at Churchbridge. Both are into pedigreed seeds. Murray is active in the Indian Head Research Foundation which is working hard to maintain research in the black soil zone of Saskatchewan.

Brad Hansen'81C quit his job as extension agrolgist at Estevan and is now in Wey-Better Yields, a fertilizer and farm supply dealership in Weyburn. The wife and three sons came along to make sure he looks after the business.

For recreation they do a bit of farming at the home place at Oungre.

The news is out - **Grant Hesje'91C** and **Joy Serne'92C** were married on July 8, 1995. They both work for FCC as credit advisors, with Grant at Carlyle, SK and Joy at Melita, MB. They get together evenings and weekends at their home in Reston, MB.

Grant says there has been a lot of shuffling about job-wise in SE Sask. **Kirk Dickie'92C** has returned from Abbotsford, BC to become an FCC credit advisor at Regina. **Jay Gerry'92C**, **Greg Gerry'92C** and **Marcel Van Staveren'92C** have all quit their jobs and started Precision Agricultural Services Inc., a chemical and fertilizer business near Creelman.

David Struthers'84C was recently promoted to manager of agricultural operations for Yorkton Flying Services. He also continues to operate Custom Crop Care, a crop consulting and custom application business. So David can hit those pests high or low! Sally and David are now farmers, having bought a quarter section with buildings near Yorkton on July 1, 1995. They needed the space to roam for daughters Kersten, Sarah and Erica.

Don Saelhof'72C has his firm Aurora Consulting Inc., Regina, moving ahead nicely. He provides diversified management and technical services to the agricultural and financial communities. He has been especially active in providing services to inland grain terminal groups, intensive livestock operations, ethanol plants and other community based business expansions and start-ups. Don's wife Connie helps to finance the operation with her bank job. Their son is completing university and their daughter is in grade nine.

Irene Ahner'65C says it has been a dull winter with little news, but she hopes that by the time you read this newsletter that spring will have come to

the Great Southwest. On March 4, when she mailed her letter to the editor she said, "the yards, corrals and pastures are under a thick, rough layer of ice, making footing treacherous for man and beast. If this doesn't go away soon calving season will be horrendous. If you throw a stick for the dog, she slides three feet past it before she can get stopped to pick it up!"

Irene noted that **Jon Bowie, son of Ian'71C** and **Eleanor**, Piapot, is winding up his 7 1/2 month stay in Tasmania, sponsored by the International Agricultural Exchange Association. He was placed on a mixed farm. His sister, **Elayna Bowie'94C** is joining him for the last three weeks of his stay and they will tour a bit of Australia. Elayna is currently working in Animal Science and also running a milking business, allowing dairy farmers to have an occasional day off.

May and June 1995 were exciting times for **Derald and Irene Ahner'65**, of Maple Creek. Daughter Alexis received her BEd. with great distinction at spring convocation and three weeks later she married Bruce Dahl, BSc(Microbiology and biochemistry'91 and '93). The wedding day weather was perfect. Besides the wedding, the occasion was also a great reunion of friends and relatives. The newly-weds are currently living in Saskatoon.

The Ahner's elder daughter, Verna B.Mus.Ed.'91, is riding herd on band students at Meadowbrook School at Airdie, AB.

Jim Birch'67C, who lives on the farm at Strongfield, lists his occupation as consultant. A current undertaking is coordinating the Green Certificate Farm Training Program for Saskatchewan, in which workers are certified in specific, practical skills.

Lyndon Hagan'85C is farming at Orion, AB. He and his wife Karen have

Class of '76C celebrates

Connie Yuzak, dynamo of that 20 year class, was the key organizer of a great party for her classmates last January. Too bad that a few got lost in the last 20 years, a few more probably haven't learned to read and others have plain lost interest, 'cause only 31 of the 66 graduating members of the class showed up to that fun event. Connie wrote a book about her classmates and a copy found its way into ye editor's hands and the following notes were carved out of that missile. Sorry, we had to shorten it to fit. More to follow in August.

Phil Amundson is now director-general (Midwest region) of the Food Production and Inspection Branch, Agriculture Canada. He lives in Winnipeg with wife Vicki and two daughters, but travels as far afield as China. That trade mission was great, says Phil.

Keith LePoudre had six jobs and moved nine times before splashing down to his current job as area manager for Ducks Unlimited at Wadena. He and Faith have three children.

Valerie Townsend-Fraser is a land agronomist with Sask Ag and Food. She lives in Weyburn with husband Eric and their four children.

Don Battiste is a landscape designer in Saskatoon. He and his wife Virginia have been married for 15 years but the nest is still empty. Virginia is taking seminary studies and they hope to do some mission work overseas soon. They wanted Ian McMillan to preach the homily at an interdenominational service during the ag grad weekend but the event never happened. Novel idea though.

Al Bradshaw has worked for FCC

at Tisdale since August 1978. He and Marg have two daughters, Lisa in first year pharmacy and Kelly in grade 12.

Elwin Smith, an ag economist at Lethbridge, correctly predicted warm weather for the reunion weekend. He and wife Anne have been married for seven years. No children.

Lesley McCallum(Jamison) is still farming at Aylsham with Ian and their three children. Lesley says that four years of animal science taught her that the best kind of farm to have is one without animals.

Rick Stokes farms at Moose Jaw with his wife Brenda, daughter Kelly and sons Ryan, Neal and Justin.

Len Pigott reports that he has given up his cushy government job to become a self-employed educator in holistic resource management. Still hanging his hat at Kindersley.

Bonnie Kirkpatrick(Dr. Bonnie, that is) is a research biochemist at the U of A in Edmonton. Yes, she got her PhD, and is divorced with two children. Bonnie was being encouraged to not braid her long blond hair - the guys want to see those tresses again at the reunion.

Doyle Wiebe is farming and doing some consulting at Langham and has a yen to get back into the sheep business. He and Valerie have two children, managed to survive the 1980s and a three year stint in Bangladesh.

Grant Crossman is still farming at Rosetown with wife Bobbie and their three children. Virginia, their oldest daughter is in second year engineering, son Ian wheels his dad's pickup and 12 year old Lisa stays out of trouble - so far. Grant's been dealing on land and claims to owe more



Connie Yuzak'76C and Kim Harder'81C check out the honor year shirt on Brent Kennedy'76C. It says, 'The Class of '76 Agros; The Best Are Twenty Years Better.

money to FCC than ever.

Jeanette Chandler(Deutertre) lives in Vancouver and sends greetings. She had the kids at Wakaw for Christmas, but had to miss the reunion.

Ivan Beuker is farming and seed processing with wife Audrey and their four kids at Star City.

Joe Remai is a developer/contractor with Remai Developments (1984) Ltd. in Prince Albert. Says he has managed to keep most of his hair and half his wits since graduation.

Garry Meier is selling Christmas trees, practicing agronomy and farming with a tax problem along with his wife Bonnie and a couple of kids at Ridgedale. Did you know that Garry insisted that couples attending the 1976 Ag Bag Drag had to be made up of one male and one female! Garry claims that Carman Read swam the mighty(?) Torch River last October.

Carman Read, despite his swimming diversions, is still happily married to Nancy and still with Monsanto, now as area manager for Alberta/BC, working out of Red Deer. He's acquired a few grey hairs,

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for that distinguished look, a son, two daughters and a small dog. This former ASA president and Senior Stick has also learned how to delegate - told the reunion committee to proceed with plans. "I trust your judgment", he said.

Speaking of wits and hair, **Thom Weir** says he did it the other way 'round. He kept his wits but lost half his hair. Thom, Marilyn and children Janessa, Shawn and Brandon call Yorkton home. Thom peddles fertilizer for Westco in the eastern part of the province. His college reputation precedes him still - he is still known as Two-Bear Weir.

Dave Bettschen, known up North Battleford way a few years ago as the MacGregor, kept his wits and all his hair, but it is nearly white now. Figure it had something to do with raising crops, livestock and kids in the 1980s, when interest rates hit all time highs. Dave managed to hold onto Linda, but she should be the one with the white hair. Linda does a bit of accounting for the district health board. Dave wonders if anyone out there remembers seeing Connie Yuzak's government car parked outside the Hafford Hotel on Friday - any Friday - any time after noon. Strange place to be making farm calls on dairymen, eh?

Doug Bienna practices animal doctoring' half time at the Rosthern Vet Clinic and also has an embryo transfer service at the farm at Hague. Doug says there is a big difference between God and a vet - God doesn't think he's a veterinarian. Doug and Marj have a teen age son, Jason.

Jerry Glab and his wife Shelly live in Weyburn where he peddles Co-op feeds.



Bert deGooijer '76(left) figures his classmate, Doug Miller has outgrown his 20-year jacket.

Dave Holland is farming at Avonlea with Lee and their four children. Dave spent a few years working for the Farm Land Security Board.

Stu McDonald has been with SAMA since graduating and is now director of policy and research in Regina. He is married to Shirley and their son Warren is in first year engineering, while Melissa and Neal are still at home. The family is into water sports with canoe and kayak competitions, which Stu officiates. Stu says he looks as good as he did 20 years ago but he's got no hair and his vision is shot.

Ken Thomas says his wife Dorothy is the best-looking girl in the college. They have a son, Kane, age seven. Ken has been with the Sask. Indian Agriculture Program since graduation and is now its chief executive officer. He is working with the FSIN in getting the four casinos completed and operational. He has spent 12 years as chairman of the Canadian Aboriginal Economic Development Program, during which he helped to set up about 10,000 businesses - from

hotels to airlines. Ken now chairs the Aboriginal Marketing Canada Tourism Commission and is a trustee for the Pelican Lake Band at home. Ken says he is a little chubbier now and the receding hairline has receded further.

Jon Hudek puts up hay and firewood on their home quarter section near Beausejour, MB. He has a teaching/security position at the nearby correctional centre. He and his wife Irene have four children; Michael in first year engineering, Jan, Catherine and Sarah in school.

Edna Laturnus, hubby Wally and son Darwin grain farm and raise cattle at Val Marie. During the winter the whole family lives at Lucky Lake where Edna has been RM administrator for seven years. She had been assistant administrator at Val Marie but the computer did her out of that job. Edna says she's been hitting the dye bottle pretty hard. She remembers the time she drove Connie Yuzak home and backed over a No Parking sign. Seems that pair did a good job of hiding the evidence.

Bert deGooijer is reported still jumpin' for Joy and raising a family at Kelliher - four at last count.

Dale McKague is running a one-man vet clinic at Steinbach, MB. He and his wife have two daughters - Ashley(10) and Jessica(5).

Reuben Neumeier is a partner in the three-vet Antler River Vet Services operation at Melita, MB. He and Yvette have two sons, Paul(4) and Joel(2).

John Smysniuk, one of the soils grads, is also working for the Sask. Assessment Management Agency. He has been in Saskatoon since graduation and is proud of his family, wife Evelyn, son Tynan and daughters Nicki and Haley.

Empty Saddles



Dorothy Beckton(nee Feigen), died in the Parkridge Centre, Saskatoon, on December 31, 1995 age 80 years. She was predeceased by her husband John M. Beckton and survived by her children **John**'70S, '73C, Saskatoon, Mac, Toronto, Clare, Ottawa, George, Maymont and six grandchildren.

William George(Bill) Bitz'40S died on January 13, 1996. Bill was born in the Allan district in 1922, the eldest of six children and served in the Prince Albert Regiment, Canadian Army. Bill married Marie Scharbach in 1944 and they shared a lifetime of farming in the Allan district. He is survived by Marie, daughters Karon Campbell, Invermere, BC, Donna (Greg) Massine, Saskatoon, Corrine (John) Jacek, Allan, Michelle (Tim) Zerr, Saskatoon and eight grandchildren. Also by brothers Ed(Margaret), Saskatoon, Arnold (Elaine), London, Hal (Gloria), Ottawa and sister Edna Pecarski, Edmonton.

Herman Classen of Saskatoon died at his home on November 7, 1995. He is sadly missed by Margaret, his wife of 60 years, four sons and their wives, Menno and Ethel, Carrot River, Gordon and Marj, Aylsham, Arnold and Geraldine, Ottawa, **Henry**'71C and **Lynn**, Saskatoon and eleven grandchildren.

John Murray Cooper'50S died at his Tugaske home on March 10, 1996. He was 84 years of age. John is survived by his wife Evelyn(nee Carey), their children Karen, Regina, son **Jim**'74S(Jackie) and

their daughter Carli; brother **Bob**'43C, Kelowna, and sister, Anne Dodds, Tugaske. John was born on the family farm and lived on it and in Tugaske all his life. He enjoyed farming, gardening and was always eager to learn new things.

Osborne Gladwin Dodge'39C, died in the Shellbrook hospital on January 10, 1996. Ossie is survived by his wife Vivienne(nee Ware), daughter Donna (Al) Richards, Surrey, BC and their two children, also sisters Dorothy Hicks, Chilliwack, BC and Zella (Al) Consay, Calgary. He was predeceased by his first wife, Theone(nee Varty) and his parents Betty and William Dodge. Ossie spent his entire life on the farm except during his university days and while in the navy during World War II. He ran the farm from 1945 to 1994, was widely known as an Aberdeen Angus breeder and was twice named honorary president of the Canadian Aberdeen Angus Association. Ossie was very active in his community serving in many organizations, including the Parkland Terrace and United church. He provided the land for the local golf course and served as MC at many weddings and other community social events.

Vera Irene Fleming (nee Smith), died at Eston on February 10, 1996, at the age of 85 years. She had grown up in the Elrose district and spent most of her life farming in the Totnes district with her husband Earl. She is survived by Earl, son **Ellwood**'62C(Marilyn), Rosetown, daughter Shirley(Jerry) Billett, Richmond, BC, five grandchildren, two great grandchildren, two brothers and four sisters.

Kenneth Obert Gronsdahl'51S, Willowdale, ON, died at the Sunnybrook Health Science Centre on January 16, 1996. Ken is survived by his wife Madeleine, daughter Melissa and son Jason. Ken was raised at Congress and worked in Saskatoon for several years before taking his MBA. Ken will be remembered for his great sense of humor

and ability to tell a story, for his keen business mind and his many career achievements, but his family was always his first priority.

Ethel Linnetta Korsrud, age 79, of Saskatoon, died on December 23, 1995 at the Lutheran Sunset Home after a long illness. She is survived by her son **Gary**'64C(Eunice), Saskatoon, grandsons Gregory, Edmonton, Trevor and Timothy, Saskatoon; brothers George(Ella) and Arthur(Edna) Davidson, Southey.

The death of **Edith Alice Lawrence**, Saskatoon, aged 79 years, occurred on December 28, 1995. Edith was predeceased by her husband Leonard in 1989 and is survived by sons Reg(Ruth), Regina, Jim(Margaret), Parry Sound, ON, **John**'79C(Bonnie), Saskatoon, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Gordon Elver Racine'37C died in the palliative care unit of St. Paul's Hospital, Saskatoon, on Jan. 10, 1996. He was 86 years old. Following graduation Gordon worked as a land inspector for the mortgage department of Manufacturer's Life Insurance, then with the real estate department of CNR. He was one of the first Canadians to receive his accredited appraiser designation(AAIC) in 1943. He served with the Regina Rifles in World War II. He became a partner in the real estate firm of LaRoche McDonald in 1953, then later formed Universal Realty with other partners and enjoyed great success until retirement. Gordon was an active member of service organizations and the church. He was predeceased by his wife Margaret(Peg) in 1991 and is survived by his daughter Barbara, Regina, son Bob(Barb), daughter Pat (Milt) Walker, five grandchildren, sisters Lavina(Bob) Eilertson, Edmonton, Blanche (Cameron)Weir, Perdue and brother Les Racine, Dartmouth, NS.

Stanley Frank Tomaszewicz died

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a little boy, Everett.

Boyd Hampson'91C has moved to Vermilion, AB, where he works for Zeneca Seeds.

James Vercammen'80S,'86C, is a professor of agricultural economics at UBC but is now occupying the Van Vliet chair at the College of Agriculture, U of S. His interests are primarily in agricultural market finance and insurance, policy analysis and rural credit. Currently he holds a national research award to examine farm credit markets and is also studying grain handling in Western Canada under re-regulation.

Kevin Hursh'80C, Saskatoon and **Peter McLaren'54C**, Prince Albert, shared the same platform out at Zealandia on March 1. Kevin's subject was "Future Direction of Agriculture", while Peter considered the "Pre-seeding Grain Outlook." Seems that meetings on agriculture are still happening in Saskatchewan.

George Lidster'69S, White Fox, SK, was the central figure in a recent article in *The StarPhoenix*. George and his wife Jean have diversified into tourism to complement their grain and cattle operation. They have built a log cabin (complete with modern day facilities) to sleep six guests as one of the steps in developing Torch Valley Country Retreats. The beauty of the natural landscape, nearby Tobin Lake and a golf course at Nipawin, along with skiing, canoeing and snowmobiling opportunities should encourage folks to come. George lost an arm 20 years ago in an argument with a round baler, but that hasn't stopped good things from happening. Good luck with this new venture, George and Jean.

Rosetown farmer **James Smith'49S,'52C**, also the chairman of the UGG local board, handed over a \$100 donation to the Twin Towers Ski Area. No, it wasn't a tax deduction - it was a

grant from UGG to the local to support a community project.

Eagle Creek Processing Company held an official opening at it's Rosetown plant on November 15, 1995. About 400 people were on hand to see this dream of **Roy Bailey'79S** come true. District farmers became investors when the plan was presented in April, 1995, enabling the operation to happen. The plant is expected to clean and export up to 140,000 tonnes per year of lentils, peas, mustard and canary seed. Marketing will be handled by Cancom Grain Company of Winnipeg.

Glen Hill'92C, Rosetown, has purchased Greenfield Agro Services from **Clarence Collins'54C**. In the December issue of SAGA we had the business being sold to employees.

Wendy Clark'88C reports some interesting events in her life. She married Collin Johnson, one of those engineering types, on May 21, 1994 and became a student (again) in January 1996. Yes, she has started a PhD program at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Before departing she looked after the important chores including payment for life membership in Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association.

Gordon Parkinson'68S, farmer and appraiser for SAMA, sent along his new North Battleford address, but no other news or secrets.

Kevin and Karen (Stevenson) Dow'87C completed another stressful move from Regina to Saskatoon, after a little more than a year in Regina, having moved there from Saskatoon. Kevin thinks it has something to do with getting back to their roots. Kevin is involved in product support and agriculture industry liaison with Flexi-Coil Ltd. He still manages to spend a fair bit of time on the family farm at Craik. He managed to wrestle his father out of enough bucks to buy a new air drill, so

seeding should be a breeze in the future. Karen has transferred to a new territory east of Saskatoon with Cyanamid. She is in Pursuit of all pea growers for spring. Josh (4 1/2) and Colton (1 year) are adjusting well to the new home and baby sitter. They are grandpa's biggest helpers on the farm and Josh likes to help uncle Greg haul wheat to the elevator because he knows the wheat buys lots of toys.

They fled the city: **Norman McIntyre'84S**, his wife **Maureen**, sons Matthew (5) and Sheldon (3), moved from Saskatoon to the farm last summer. They farm land at Wiseton and Tyner.

Hazel and Keith Head'67C, school marm and ag consultant respectively, Nipawin, were seen in Victoria, enjoying a break from the cold Saskatchewan breezes.

Lorence Peterson'65C, Saskatoon, has accepted the position of executive director of the Western Grains Research Foundation. He succeeds **Herman Austenson'46C** to that post.

George Lee'53S,'60C, who is much involved in the coordination of agricultural research, has been selected to serve on the board of the Agri-Food Innovation Fund.

Larry Gabruch'84C is area agrologist with Ducks Unlimited Canada.

Bryan Gillies'81C and Sandra Schalm were married at Debden, SK on June 17, 1995. They are living at Debden where they farm with Bryan's father. They spent most of the summer and fall remodeling their home.

Marian Busch'82C says that she and her husband Ken Olsen are enjoying being back in the West and closer to family and friends. They are in Calgary where Ken is working for Northern Telecom as a manager of component engineering and Marion is a business systems consultant with Sierra Systems Consultants Inc.

School of Agriculture Class of 1966 reunion

Thirty grads met informally at the Saskatoon Inn on the evening of Friday January 12 to visit and reflect on happenings during the period 1966 to 1996. Some members curled in the SAGA bonspiel and 23 alumni attended the annual dinner and dance.

Some gathered for brunch on Sunday, January 14, before heading home.

Richard Bellamy, herdsman of the class reunion passed along the following bits of information on this group of 30 year graduates.

Donovan Avis, Cabri, worked on pipeline construction in the summer and helped his father on the farm in spring and fall for a few years after graduation. After harvest he surveyed for a seismic company out of Calgary for two winters in the Northwest Territories. The following eight years he worked at the sodium sulphate plant south of Cabri and rented land from his grandfather. He married Charlene in 1975 and since 1976 has farmed full time. They have three daughters, one of whom is attending the College of Agriculture.

Richard Bellamy returned to the farm at Birch Hills in the spring of 1966, but that fall he got a job at the Sask. Soil Testing Lab. He farmed in the summer and worked in the lab in winter until 1971 when he took a full time position at the lab that continues to the present. Richard has been registrar of the Sask. Agriculture Graduates Association for a long time. He has also done some travelling - to Australia and New Zealand (twice) and to Europe in 1994.

Len Campbell, Lashburn, worked

for the Canadian Forestry Service in Winnipeg for four years after graduation, then the Chemical Control Research Institute in Ottawa until 1976 when he returned to take over the family farm. Len, his wife Yvonne and daughter Kristina live on the family grain farm and son Craig lives nearby and works in the oil field.

Vern Day worked for Farm Credit Corporation from 1966 to 1978, then was a partner in Gromor Fertilizers Ltd. at Kindersley to 1981. Since 1981 he has lived at Rouleau operating a grain farm and special crops processing plant in partnership with **Cecil Werner'66C**. Vern lost his right hand in a farm accident in April 1986. He and his wife Marion (nee Werner) were married in 1969 and they have a son and daughter both of whom are attending the U of S.

Dennis Fladeland, Gladmar, worked as an oil field battery operator from graduation to 1975 before becoming a farmer. He has a grain and cattle operation with purebred Polled Herefords and Charolais. Dennis and Valerie married in 1968; they have three daughters and one son. Dennis has been busy on various livestock boards, the school board, as 4H leader and firearm safety instructor.

John Heggie, Leross, bought the neighbouring farm in 1970 and has farmed ever since with his younger brother. Calls it is a mixed operation but he did not identify the 'mix'. John married **Jo-Anne Bishoff'76S** and they have a family of three boys and one girl.

Ray Hilderman started farming with his father in 1966; they had grain

along with cattle, hogs and chickens. He worked off-farm in the winter until 1977 with Sears in Regina, later Sask. Agriculture. They sold the livestock and his dad retired in 1977, but still lends a hand on the tractor. Since 1979 Ray has farmed with two younger brothers. He married Terri in 1985 and they have one son. They live on the farm west of Duval in summer and in Strasbourg in the winter.

Bill Janzen's address when at the U of S was Rosemary, AB. After grad he worked two years with FCC at various locations in SK, then joined Co-op Trust in 1968. He moved around a fair bit - Saskatoon (3 times), Edmonton, Vancouver and Calgary the last ten years, where he is manager, Alberta/BC region, Co-op Trust. Bill, his brother **Andrew'73S**, who farms at Rosemary and another brother **Bob'75DVM** (Saskatoon), who practices out of Calgary, have formed a small cattle company called JJJS Simmentals Inc. and have been marketing stock for 12 years. Bill and his wife Charlette have one daughter and two sons.

Following graduation **Hugh McDonough** spent March to November, 1966 on an International Agricultural Exchange Program to Denmark. He then worked for the Department of Highways for a year before starting to farm in 1968. They have a mixed farm operation at Cadillac and Hugh was a Pool delegate for ten years. He married in 1970 and they have a son and daughter.

Dennis McKenzie and his wife Penny farm in the Moose Jaw district,

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where they minimum-till cereals and specialty crops. They have two daughters, Nadine and Jaline.

Dale Petersen returned to the family farm at Lake Alma after graduation in 1966, but over the last 30 years he has worked for five years on oil-drilling rigs part-time in SK, AB, and one winter in the Arctic. He also custom-combined in the U.S. for one year. In 1982 he met and married Pat and now have two sons and a daughter. They have enjoyed extensive travels. Their Pine Hills Farm grows grain and cattle, but Dale has also involved himself in the community - as 4H leader, in the Sask. Surface Rights Assoc., recreation board, hockey coach, Pool committee, Elks and RM council.

Gerald Schmidt has farmed at Viceroy since 1966. He and his wife Ellen have four daughters and one granddaughter.

Merlin Vanstone started farming at graduation and their current operation includes commercial cow/calf, grain and oilseed production. He has been a member of the Lions club for 25 years, involved in curling for 30 years, RM councillor since 1986 and on various boards -including vet service, recreation, A.D.D., Carnduff Co-op and Sask. Pool committee over the years. Merlin married Carol Tollifson in 1972 and they have two children.

Ormond Wedin has been operating a grain farm at Midale for the past 30 years.

1996 SAGA Hockey Tournament

I am happy to report that the tournament was a big success this year. We had a full draw again with eight competitive and four recreational teams, as well as two women's teams. Four of the teams were new and there were new faces on some of the teams that have been playing for years.

This year we hired a referee and linesman for each game compared to volunteer linesmen from each team in previous years. This year's arrangement worked much better; the hired help was always there and did a better job.

There were no injuries - just a few sore muscles. The players bought 13 life and

41 annual memberships in S.A.G.A.

In the final game Farm Credit won over the Saskatoon Rusty Blades by a score of 6 to 4. The consolation winners were the Darke Agro Hawgs: They defeated The Soviet Towel Bandits 7 to 3.

My thanks to Cory Loessin for his help: He will be in charge of the tournament next year. We also had a lot of help from Bill Morris'78S - he volunteered a helping hand on the Friday afternoon just before the event began. Thanks Bill!!

Lloyd Streifel'83C,
Hockey Chairman



The Farm Credit Corporation team, winners of the competitive draw. Members of the team were Gary Gale'83C, Darren Bly'86C, Brent Bly, Mark Folk'88C, Jay Gerry'92C, Grant Hesje'90C, Todd Treslan'89C, Myron Kopeck'88C, Doug Higgins'85C, Greg Porter, Lyle Bateman'91C, Vaughn Minogue'91S, Neil Yelland'92C, Kevin Bloski. Lloyd Streifel is the fellow on the left, not in uniform.



The Drake Agro Hawgs, winners of the consolation event. The members were Jack Zenert'91C, Bill Wildeman'85S, Kevin Gronsdahl'85S, Greg Howat'85S, Craig Blair'C, Ken Vanthyne'91C, Darren Blatz'C, Scott Blair'85S, Chris Schmidt'S, Trev Blair'S, Bob Copeland'85S, Rob Bushman, Trev Mehl.

The Pooped Deck



Gordon Dobson'48C, Gloucester, ON, was pleasantly surprised by a visit from classmate **Glenn Wade'48C** and his wife Anne,

last September. They were enroute from their home at Evansburg, AB to tour the Maritimes and NE states, U.S.A. Being on a flexible retiree schedule, they were able to spend a few days seeing Ottawa and the cottage country of the Ottawa Valley and Rideau Lakes. Gordon planned to spend the first three months of this year in Florida.

Jens Stangeland'50C says he attended the Prince Albert Collegiate Institute reunion last September and met several dozen classmates. "We had a great time," said Jens.

Bud (alias Ash) Smith'48C, long since retired from Suburban Supply Ltd., Saskatoon, has been spending Nov.1 to April 15 of each year since 1981 in Arizona. Summers are spent in Saskatchewan, mostly in Saskatoon where he golfs, hunts, fishes and checks up on son **Keith'77S**, who does the farming out at Bradwell. Bud's wife Joanne(Keith)'49BA, is fine and back golfing after a heart attack last April 12 while in Arizona.

Bud has been quite busy on the Arizona golf courses, giving lessons to **Forrest Howell'47C**, Rosthern and **Ozzie Lakness'49C**, Govan. (Someone should have warned them about his instructor credentials.)

Bud has also heard from **Al Walls'49C**, Winnipeg. Al and his wife Mary spend their winters in Spain and summers in Winnipeg when he is not in China helping the the dairy farmers in

that country.

Chet'48C and Millie Piercy are much involved in golfing and curling at Kelowna, BC. Bud says that Chet still tells some pretty unlikely stories about catching fish.

Mason Simmons'46S, one of Bud Smith's manure hauling buddies (for the garden, y'know) is busy rounding up his classmates for a 50 year reunion bash in Saskatoon come June 22, 23, 1996.

Jack Braidek'51C and some of his classmates are planning a class reunion, their 45th, also on the June 22, 23 weekend. The University of Saskatchewan Alumni office has declared the last weekend in June, before the July 1 weekend, as the University

Reunion Weekend. Classes and colleges are encouraged to celebrate at that time, with the Alumni offices helping to make these successful through arranging accommodations, tours, sending out invitations, etc. That weekend promises to be a busy one with many reunions. It is also the week of the excellent Saskatoon Jazz Festival. Homecoming Weekend will still be observed at the U of S in September but it will be given over more to fall graduation exercises and undergrad activities, including the traditional football game.

David Enns'49C, who spent much of his career in northern Alberta, is at home in Sherwood Park since September '95. Lists his occupation as retired, but he was probably thinking of his wife Marion when he wrote that. They have been cruising - the Caribbean, Panama Canal, Australia and New Zealand. Also visited Quebec and the Maritimes.

Ralph'33C and Irene Stutt continue to enjoy their retirement in Victoria. They followed the national curling championships closely, then embark on another cruise in April. This one will begin at San Juan, Puerto Rico, where

they will board the Crystal Harmony and cruise the Caribbean Sea, Panama Canal, west coast of Mexico, Los Angeles, San Fransisco, Portland, Vancouver. This is their fourth cruise on the Crystal Harmony or Crystal Symphony and consider them the best of the contemporary luxury cruise ships. Ralph sends his best regards to all Sask. agro grads.

Reg Hartness'63C retired on January 16, 1996 after 33 years with the federal government. The last 31 years were with PFRA at Melfort, SK, Hanna, Fort Mcleod, and Lethbridge, Alberta, and the last fifteen years at Rosetown, as area and district manager. Reg says he has no plans to move from Rosetown, nor to start a new job. A happy retirement to you, Reg!

Wally Doyle'51C reports a wonderful Christmas at Hawaii with their family. Daughter Miriam, her husband Bruce Pyett and their son Graham were there as was son **Reg Doyle'78C**. Joy and Wally were there for two months in all and visited with **Lorne'51C and Norma Hextall and Jim Rooke'51C**. Doyles see **Paul'51C and Jean Turner** quite often as both couples live in Victoria. Turner's are currently living in their boat at the Oak Bay Marina while the house they recently bought is being renovated. Doyles also stay in touch with **Art'48C and Phyllis Strautman**, Duncan, BC. Art has lined up a **golf day on May 15** and is beating the bushes and prairie wool for golfers. (See page 1)

Jim Wright'48C, who's still pretty spry, celebrated 50 years of married bliss with his wife Betty on November 24, 1995. They had been to a family reunion in Regina in August and to England in September to where they had met and married many moons ago. Jim celebrated his 70th and 20th birthdays in England. He and Betty now live at Cobble Hill, near Victoria, where he

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peacefully in the Outlook Union Hospital on December 29, 1995 at the age of 75 years. Stan is survived by his loving wife Stella of Outlook, five children and their families; **Marie(Keith'70S) Carlson**, Outlook, **Leo(Val) Tomasiewicz**, Outlook, **Dale'79C(Terry) Tomasiewicz**, Carberry, MB, **Rhonda(Lloyd) Coates**, Edmonton, **Neil(Theresa) Tomasiewicz**, Regina, ten grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, three brothers and a sister and is survived by three sisters.

Heather Maureen Unsworth'77BE, aged 39 years, passed away tragically on December 7, 1995 as a result of a tractor accident at the ranch south of Piapot. Heather leaves to cherish her memory her husband **Arthur'74S**, sons Clint and Christopher of Maple Creek, mother Shirley Andrew, Regina; three sisters, Holly (Perry) Simaluk, Regina, Susan (Bruce) Hipkin, Lumsden, Marilyn (Rick) McLean, Parks-ville, BC, her stepmother Noreen Andrew, Claresholm, AB. Heather was an active 4H member in her youth and had a very good understanding of beef cattle. She was an active partner with Art on the ranch and also provided strong leadership in her community.

Ella Emma Wildfang, Craik, SK, died on Feb. 8, 1996 at age 89. She was predeceased by her husband Arthur in 1965 and is survived by a daughter, Gladys (**Joe'47S) Martin**, Silton; four sons, **Vernon'44S**, Craik, Bert (Regina), Craik, Jim (Elaine), Craik, Ray (Doris), Athabasca, AB, 14 grandchildren.

Lucille Amanda Laura Wilson died at the age of 78 on January 13, 1996. Lucille is survived by her husband **Herb Wilson'36S**, daughters Dorothy (Lew) Lockhart, Hanley, Carol (Robert) Bauman, Gull Lake and son Dale (Sandra) Wilson, Allan. Lucille and Herb farmed east of Hanley from 1943 until they moved into Hanley in 1980, then to Saskatoon in 1994.

Home Grown



Triplet girls were born on January 13, 1996 to

Graham'89C and Natalie Stearns of Yorkton, in the Regina General Hospital. The babies are Laura, Haley and Allysa, sisters for Megan. Proud grandparents are Lorne and Pat Stearns, Herschel, Arnold and Barbara Bieberdorf of Estevan.

Farmer and winter logger **Owen Myhr'81C**, Preeceville, reports that his wife Rita gave birth to the second half of a million dollar family. Tess Alanna was born on January 31, 1996 and weighed 8lbs, 14oz. Dylan John, age three, is very pleased too.

Jill Allyson, the first child of **Susan and Tim Feist'84C**, arrived on April 22, 1996. She weighed 7lbs, 9oz. The Feists live in Nipawin where Tim is Land Agrolgist and deputy care giver.

The population of Vermilion, AB went up by one with the arrival of Garrett John Kawa, born on Dec. 4, 1995. He weighed 8lbs, 13oz, was 22 inches long and has more hair than his dad. The father, **John Kawa'91C**, is a sales representative for AgrEvo.

Peter Sandercock'90C and wife Dorothy Long'89B.S.H.Ec., are the proud parents of a baby girl, Katharine Elizabeth. Dorothy was so anxious to send along the notice she forgot to give the date of birth, weight, etc. But we know it happened before Jan. 19, 1996, the date of her letter. Oh yes - the baby was named after Dorothy's favorite home economists, Liz Delahey and Betty Burwell.

Keisha Jade was born on December 7, 1995 to **Alanna Koch-Hertz and Gerry Hertz'84C**, so they now have two daughters. Gerry says he couldn't get the gals to crowd around him when he was at college, so now he's developing his own harem. Gerry and Alanna live at Edenwold, where Gerry is area manager for Sherritt Fertilizers.

Cam'89C and Cyndi Seidle, Medstead, became proud parents of a son, Scott Edward, on June 1, 1995. He weighed 7 lbs, 1 oz and kept his parents up quite a lot. A nice addition to their five year old son.

First and Best Fund surpasses goal

George Ivany, president of the University of Saskatchewan announced in mid-February, that the campaign had raised \$30,135,480. This is five percent above the original goal and Ivany is optimistic the total will reach \$40 million before the campaign is over.

Ivany noted that all but about a million dollars of that contributed was directed toward a specific purpose. For example a \$5 million contribution by the Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan will support addition of a wing to the College of Commerce. So the campaign will not replace reductions in government support. But this new money will enable the university to do some interesting things and help to market the institution provincially, nationally and internationally.

Ted Turner'48S, former chancellor of the U of S and Scotty Cameron, Calgary, are co-chairing the university First and Best campaign.

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golfs and curls, occasionally on the same day. He still has an interest in prairie agriculture: Part of their home farm is being operated by **Gary Rice '58S, '61C**.

Joe Campbell '41C, Victoria, celebrated his 85th birthday in June 1995, and their 40th wedding anniversary with his wife Sally on December 26, 1995. Joe has become an enthusiast for the fax, computer and Internet, all of which help him conduct his business - analysis of diet, lifestyle and hair minerals. Campbell is a good friend of **Bill Selleck '50C**, who has settled down in retirement in Victoria with his wife Verla '48BHS. Bill spent much of his working life in the Far East and the U.S.A.

Lloyd Proctor '41S and his wife wandered away from Dolce Donum Farm, Mervin, last September 21. They stopped near Flaxcombe and persuaded **Alex Rennie '41C**, to shut off the tractor and visit a while. They then drove on to Oyen, AB to visit **Glen Shantz '41S** and eat delicious pancakes cooked up by Glen's wife Adeline.

Lloyd was much impressed by Glen's pencil drawings - an artist for sure, he says. The basement walls of the Shantz home are lined with ribbons and citations of wagon racing, fair exhibits and family pictures. Lloyd recalls curling several years with classmates **Peter Cline, Zelma, Don McVicar, Colonsay and Glen Shantz** in the Hutcheon event of the ag grad bonspiel. The Proctors drove on to view the Prehistoric museum near Drumheller. They have been doing a fair bit of travelling with the truck and camper and enjoy both golf and curling. Lloyd was chosen Curler of the Year for Saskatchewan in 1995.

Congratulations!!

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Ag grad bonspiel 1996

Thirty eight rinks took part in the event on January 12,13 and 14. It was capably managed by draw master Ewald Lammerding'88S and his assistant Daryl Kratchmer'84C.

The event was enlivened a bit with the presentation of awards to members of the winning and second place rinks in each of the four events by the Royal Bank, Cargill, Monsanto and John Deere.

MacMillan wins "A" event



Draw master Ewald Lammerding presents the Kirk Trophy to skip Ian MacMillan. The other rink members are (l to r) Connie Yuzak, Garry Meier and Grant Crossman: 1976 college grads all. Replacing Brent Kennedy with Connie was a strategic move to ensure the win.

The rink of Tyler Friesen, Travis Wiens, Tyler Wiens and Laird Wightman placed second.

Stan Campbell wins Hutcheon - again



Smiling Stan Campbell accepts the Hutcheon Trophy, a repeat of his win a year earlier, but with a different supporting crew. Other rink members are (l to r) Don Rennie, Fred Fulton and Eiler Humbert.

The rink of Russ Campbell, Allen Short, David Woofe and Vic Surjik were runners-up.

Nakonechny wins "B" event



Don Nakonechny accepts the Graham Trophy from draw master Ewald Lammerding. The guys who did most of the work in front of Don are (l to r) Murray Flaten, Kim Busch and Bryan Nybo.

Martin Ferguson and his rink of George McPherson, Laurie Entwistle and Ted Boychuk lost their last game to place second.

Muldoon captures "C" event



Ted Streifel presents the White Trophy to Gerald Muldoon, skip and his rink members Gerald Schmidt, Janeth Muldoon and Donna Falkevitch. They defeated the rink of Eric Holt, Bob Clay, Neil McConnachie and Sinclair Harrison in the final game in this event.

Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association Financial statement: Nov.1,1994 to October 31,1995

Income		Expenses	
Memberships	3440.00	Newsletter	7555.14
Hockey	4495.00	Hockey	3149.50
Curling	3486.00	Curling	2680.63
Banquet & dance	13533.50	Banquet & dance	11752.64
Mixer	3890.00	Mixer	2955.60
Bank interest	49.89	Bank charges	38.12
Investment interest	5326.11	Postage	298.84
Advertising	<u>80.00</u>	Other	<u>2296.99</u>
Total income	34300.50	Total expense	30727.46

Income over expense = \$3573.04

Trend analysis (numbers rounded to closest \$)

	1992	1993	1994	1995
Bank balance	687	4747	7617	4338
Investments	<u>61476</u>	<u>64041</u>	<u>64040</u>	<u>70893</u>
Totals	62163	68787	71567	75231

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Roy Douglas Crawford'55C (left above), received congratulations from Eiler Humbert'50C, on being named an honorary life member. Roy retired from the Department of Animal and Poultry Science in 1991 and lives on his farm near Blucher. He is recognized as an outstanding teacher and authority on poultry genetics.



David Everard Thompson'54S (centre, above) was named an honorary life member of SAGA. With him are his wife Carol and Bill Cooper'51S. Dave is a tremendous community worker and successful farmer at Kelliher, SK. He is a member of the Sodbusters Club and received the Distinguished Graduate in Agriculture Award in 1986

The ASA Pres Sez

I guess another year has come and gone. Seems I must have had some fun, as time sure did fly by.

Our elections were held in the second week in March, with over 65 students running for some 20 positions. I can assure you this new executive is full of hype, ambition and ready to do all Agros proud. Their fearless new leader is Phillip Graham, a fourth year animal science student. Phil, as we call him, also bears the distinguished title of Senior Stick for 1996/97. Congratulations Phil. Stay tuned for his articles next year and the introduction of the rest of his team.

I'm off to the ranch at Pincher Creek, AB, by choice. Seems this was the year to graduate, as most everybody has a job of some sort. I suggest that anyone reading this who needs a student for the summer or full-time, phone the ASA lounge at (306)966-7742 or fax a description to 966-8717. Our employment officer will be happy to post it in the lounge. As well, you may have heard of our Ag Co-op program. If not you will now know that we have the first Agriculture Co-op program in Western Canada. For more information please telephone France Bergeron at 966-7766. She will be happy to fill you in on the details. Co-op is the way to go and they can always use more employers, so give her a call.

If you need a bed or meal when in southwest Alberta, give me a call at (403)627-2250. Agros and Vocags are both welcome anytime, but Vocags will have to stay with my brother Dixon'95S.

Sincerely,

Jeff Hammond
President, ASA 95/96

Ag-Challenge: June 18 -22,1996



Ed Schafer and Phil Graham (L to r above) will be the debating team at Ag-Challenge. Ed is the new ASA public relations officer; Phil is the new president and senior stick.



(l to r) Nanette Thomason, Jeff Hammond, Mike Kurzinger and Jay Bruggencate were chosen for the team challenge. Sandra Eppich will join Jeff Hammond in the paper presentations.

It is early in the planning stage, but Kim Cunningham, expects students from eight or more universities to take part in Ag-Challenge '96.

Cunningham is the ASA executive member responsible for the success of Ag-Challenge this year. That is a big undertaking that involves stirring up interest in agricultural colleges, finding sponsors and making the detailed arrangements needed for success.

Earlier in the school term this year the ASA sent a package of information and invitations to 50 colleges in North America. Then they sent a delegation of students to a meeting and workshop of the Western Association of Agriculture Councils at Tucson, Arizona. They had a good opportunity to plug the Ag-Challenge and Jennifer Warken, one of the ASA reps, reports plenty of interest among the 80 delegates from 13 colleges gathered at Tucson.

Ag-Challenge involves competitions between the attending colleges. Students are selected through competitions within each college, to participate in debates, individual presentations and problem-solving teams. The U of S students generate the competitions and arrange for them to take place in June. Plans are also made for the students to see new things, for example, one day is spent at the Farm Progress Show in Regina and the balance in Saskatoon at the university and other interest points.

Saskatchewan-based businesses have been willing sponsors in the past and the students are counting on support again this year. S.A.G.A. and SIA have both contributed in the past because Ag-Challenge has been considered a very worthwhile ag student activity.

Notes from S.V.A.A.

Another year has come and gone for the Diploma in Agriculture students. The S.V.A.A. feels that we had a very successful year. We managed to control spending and our finances seem to be in order. Although we had financial problems at the beginning of the year we proceeded with functions and they were well attended.

Hardtimes Week went exceptionally well. It began on Monday February 26 with our annual Power Parade that included tractors, high-clearance sprayers, and semi-trailers touring around the campus. We hope this event becomes well known and even more successful in coming years. The remainder of the week offered students a wide range of activities such as street hockey, bowling, a comedy night and last but not least our annual Hardtimes dance. It went over very well with a packed house enjoying the music of Dixie Highway.

The month of February went by quickly leaving us with a busy March. Somehow it seems this year was shorter than either of the first two on campus. Most students are finishing up assignments and will be done exams on April 4.

Next year looks like a very exciting year with an energetic executive. Jesse Donahue will be leading the team next year: With his leadership ability and a commitment from the S.V.A.A. executive they will have success.

I take this opportunity to thank my executive, the student members, the Diploma in Agriculture staff and S.A.G.A. for helping to make this a very good year for S.V.A.A.

Roger Baron
1995/6 SVAA president

Diploma in Agriculture grads Propose new organization

Hello S.A.G.A. members:

March 24, 1996

In the past members of SVAA have been interested in the idea of a professional type organization for all U of S Diploma in Agriculture graduates.

Present students have taken this idea a step further and have formed an organization, with the proposed name of the Saskatchewan Society of Technical Agriculturists. We have formed a steering committee made up of students to determine the goals and objectives of this organization.

Our steering committee has envisioned that this organization would serve as the structure through which Diploma in Agriculture graduates would meet as professionals to discuss agricultural issues, transfer information and promote themselves among industry and in the public. In addition it would provide us with a forum to pursue our collective goals of sustainable agriculture and a commitment to the quality of our environment.

To achieve these goals we are considering approaching the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists(SIA) to discuss the possibility of forming this organization under the umbrella of the existing SIA, which is a well established organization with similar concerns and visions. Weekly meetings have been underway to get a quick start in the development of this organization and have a solid platform formulated before we leave for the summer. We have accepted donations that will enable us to mail out an information package detailing our progress to Diploma in Agriculture graduates.

The steering committee would appreciate comments, suggestions, ideas and questions from anyone interested. You can telephone Roger Barron, past president of SVAA at (306)477-2689, or write to: Steering Committee, Diploma in Agriculture, Room 1E-80, Agriculture Building, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK S7N 5A8.

Roger Barron
for SVAA steering committee

Work experience for students

In May 28 College of Agriculture students who have completed second year will take job placements in the new Program for Agricultural Co-operative Education(PACE).

The idea of PACE is to combine meaningful work experience with academic study to enhance the overall development of students.

Students who enter the co-op program will alternate work and study terms, graduating with a total of sixteen months of experience in their field of study. It will take them five years to graduate, instead of four, and they will also have to pay a tuition fee for the work terms.

France Bergeron, coordinator of PACE believes the program will have reciprocal advantages for the students and the companies that employ them.

This is the first co-op program in an agricultural college in Western Canada and there is little doubt it will be watched with considerable interest.

Employers interested in the program can contact Bergeron at (306)966-7797.

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