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Diploma program Under review

The Diploma in Agriculture, known to many as the School of Agriculture program at the University of Saskatchewan, is under review.

The purpose is to identify the direction the program should take in the future. The review committee has already met once and will meet again in September. It hopes to have its report ready by the spring of 1997.

The review committee is co-chaired by Cedric Gillott, Biology Department and Bob Mc Kercher '54C, College of Graduate Studies and Research. The other members are Terry Tollefson '76MSc., Glen Hass '60C, Bob Morgan '73MSc, Jim Bessel '88S and Jess Donahue, current president of the SVAA, Also associate deans Graham Jones, Agriculture, Don Norum, Engineering and Ken Armstrong, Veterinary Medicine. Cathy Armstrong at the College of Agriculture office is the committee secretary.

The committee welcomes comment on the diploma program and urges contributors to submit their thoughts as soon as possible. Send them by mail to Cathy Armstrong, c/o College of Agriculture, 51 Campus Drive, Saskatoon, SK S7N 5A8, or by fax to number (306)966-8894.

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Top graduate in May, 1996

Kimberley Ann Duryba, a Grenfell High School graduate in 1992, was the top graduate in the College of Agriculture this spring, in a class of 113. She was awarded the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists Medal.

During her college career she was on the Dean's Honor Roll three years, and received the Ivor Hull Bursary, John Mitchell Memorial Scholarship, two Canadian Wheat Board Scholarships, the W.J. Copeland Scholarship in Crop Science and a Westco Scholarship. Kimberley graduated with great distinction in honors crop science and may enter a masters program this fall.



Acton in action overseas

Don Acton '57C, recently retired, has teamed up with **Del Fredlund '62BE** on a \$750,000 project in Vietnam.

The pair will be involved in upgrading the faculty at the Vietnamese Geotechnical Centre in Hanoi and at the Agro-Forestry College, University of Thai Nguyen, north of Hanoi.

The purpose of the project is to advance the teaching and research capabilities of those key institutions so the Vietnamese can better manage their land in a more sustainable manner.

The main means of upgrading these institutions will be through the selection and post graduate training of students in agriculture and engineering at the University of Saskatchewan. In addition to selecting student candidates Acton and Fredlund will organize some short courses and seminars in land resource management.

About half of the \$750,000 will be spent on grad training and the other half will be available to implement their training on their return.

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The Thundering Herd



Darryl Petersen '77C concluded a 14 year career as technician with Agriculture Canada Research and invested the separation pay in Ninth Street Bed and Breakfast. If you need a bed and enjoy a hearty breakfast, call around to Darryl's place at house #227. In Saskatoon on ninth street of course.

David Beckie '87C sent along his annual membership from Grande Prairie, AB and a comment on a classmate who lives in the same town. Seems that **Curtis Galbraith '87C**, a Big Beaver boy, moved to Grand Prairie last September and works as a news reporter for CJXX Radio.

Joanne Kowalski '92C is now the coordinator at the new Centre for Studies in Agriculture, Law and the Environment. (That's a pretty long title so they use the acronym CSALE.) Joanne says that anyone who is curious about the new creature ..er .. department(?) should call around to room 2D08 in the Ag building and if you can't locate it try phoning 966-8893. The director of CSALE is ag economist **Hartley Furtan '71C**.

Lorna Richardson (Little)'85S has completed her first year as administrative assistant at the United Grain Growers high throughput elevator in Kindersley. Her husband **Murray Richardson '74S** continues

to farm north of Glidden, also to hunt and fish. There's some speculation on which activity he prefers.

Folks travelling between Olds and Red Deer, Alberta are cautioned to be careful. The reason: **Joel Gingrich'88C** is now working at Olds College but commuting from Red Deer, where he had previously been employed with SeCan Association. Joel is an instructor in seed and grain technology, a two year diploma program in its fifth year and expanding rapidly. The focus of the program is developing graduates who will move directly into industries involved with pedigreed seed and/or grain marketing.

Don Wallace '54S and his wife Edith, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 22, with a come and go affair held in a big quonset on their farm. A large crowd of relatives and friends attended. It is suspected that the spirit of the late Gordon Ross'54C, close friend and brother-in-law of the Wallaces, was hovering around somewhere and enjoying every minute.

Don wrote that he and Edith have two daughters and three sons. Patty lives in Wilkie with her husband Adrian Lange and their three kids, while Barb works in Melfort as a physical therapist, and plans her October marriage. The three sons farm with Don and Edith. They are Larry and Marie and their three youngsters; **Gordon'81C**(Wilda) and their three sons; **Robert '85C**(Michelle) and their infant son born on Robbie Burns Day. Don, displayed his usual good judgment recently by sending in a cheque to cover SAGA life memberships for sons Gordon and Robert.

The annual branding at the **Ian Bowie'71C** spread, Piapot, went off without incident or catastrophe again

this year. Some of the ag grads in attendance were **Peter Hecker '75S**, **Art Unsworth '74S**, **Elayna Bowie '94C**, **Derald Ahner '65C** and **Don Bowie '39C**. Also present was Howard "Dusty" Nixon, former U of S associate vice-president(student liaison). Howie wields a mean needle. Among Eleanor Bowie's assistants in the kitchen were **Heather Hecker '81S** and **Irene Ahner '65C**.

Irene said that the ice did manage to depart the Ahner establishment before calving began, but spring forgot to come until calving season was nearly over. Some of the calves were nearly a month old before they hit a warm dry day and were some startled when the sun came out. When Irene wrote on July 2 everything was going well. Hay and pasture were plentiful, the water holes full, gardens and weeds were growing abundantly and Irene was waging her annual battle with portulaca.

Chris Patterson '90C has been keeping notes on the comings and goings of agros and better yet sent the notes on to ye editor. Chris lives in Strathmore, AB and travels the southern Alberta territory for Tiger Resources Technology, selling sulphur, calcium and micro-nutrient fertilizers. He says that **Todd Denzin(Toad)'91C** is also living in Strathmore and has recently started work in Agrium's marketing department, travelling a lot all over North America. Todd is building a house in Calgary and would like to have a huge house warming party in traditional agro style when it is completed.

Also working for Agrium is **Kevin Feist '89C**, who lives in Cochrane and fears that work may be cutting into his fly-fishing and bow hunting schedule.

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Just new in Calgary with UGG as a grain trading logistics coordinator is **Dean Zerff '92C**. Everyone should come to Calgary and see if the rumors that Zerff has settled down are really true. Insiders say those rumors are far fetched.

Working sales for Zeneca Seeds in Calgary is **Jarod Gatzke(Skid) '92C**. He says selling half bred canola is tough but it doesn't sound as bad as selling the transvestite canola that herbicide companies have come up with.

Professors retire

J. Les Henry '64C, Soil Science and **Frank W. Sosulski '54C**, Crop Science, have resigned from the university, but vice president Patrick Browne acted quickly to convert their status to Professor Emeritus. It is hoped that designation will encourage them to check out a few of their untested ideas and use up a bit of the energy of those inspired and tireless professionals. Enjoy your retirement, fellows.

Working at the Brooks Agrium dealership is **Brent Tarasoff '93C**, who got sick and tired of combing his hair every week and done away with it.

Neil Wiens '92C is working at Lynden, AB and says it has something to do with poultry genetics. However his father Dave 'C91 said that Neil was getting paid to breed chickens. Dave was concerned that this might be illegal in Alberta.

Brian Wildman '91C has bought in as part owner of the Innisfail vet clinic and his wife Heather is a vet in another clinic nearby. No babies yet, but lots of pets including real live teenage mutant ninja ducks.

Kent Lambden '93C moved

recently to Regina to work for Agrium. After many years he still can't figure out how one man can lift three men with one arm.

Lance (Romance) Brillon '92C has also moved to Regina recently to work for AgrEvo and perhaps to pursue new romantic challenges in that area.

Faith Domashovitz '92C is established and doing well with BASF in Regina. There were rumors she was to have an Agro Pow-Wow during the Farm Progress Show but none was reported to the editor.

John Gruel '91C works with the government economics department in Regina and is rumored to associate with **Lisa Turk '92C**.

Al Scholz '75C is a consulting agrologist and one of three principals of the Saskatoon-based Trimension Group. Al was installed as president of the Canadian Consulting Agrologists Association(CCAA), for a two year term, at the annual meeting in Lethbridge in early July.

Don Saelhof '72C, Regina, is also a consulting agrologist and sits on the CCAA board representing the Saskatchewan Consulting Agrologists. Don's firm is Aurora Consulting Inc.

Marcel Dubois '61S,'65C, Rosetown farmer and Canadian trapshooting coach was pretty excited about the chances of his five person team at the Olympics in Atlanta.

Les McLean '70C is now area agrologist with Ducks Unlimited at Melfort and his "flock" is growing up and beginning to scatter. Son Bryce has completed an industrial electronics technologist course at Kelsey Institute and Kayla completed first year in commerce at the U of S. Wife Janice is kept busy teaching at the Bernard Constance School on the James Smith Reservation.

Bob Tyler '76C, a past president of Sask. Agriculture Graduates Assoc. has been appointed head of Applied Microbiology and Food Science, effective December 1, 1996. Associate Dean Graham Jones will act as head of the department until Tyler takes over.

The Wilsons of Tugaska are leading a busy life. **Alice Wilson(nee Lipsey) '86C** is now a housewife, mother of three and is under contract with ISK Biosciences. She gave up the contract for four months last winter to hubby but had it handed back as seeding time approached. She handles the grower hotline promoting Bravo and slips out to scout lentil and chickpeas when possible. Husband **Stacy Wilson '85S** farms, relieves as needed in managing the ISK contract and probably on the home front.

Jim Blyth '73C is moving his family and business development company to Cochrane from Brooks, AB. Says the Calgary area is more central for their current business and has better flight connections for international activity.

Francis Kolla '81C has moved from a job with Cargill in London, ON to a job with Cargill at Winnipeg, MB. He is now the flax fibre marketing manager, marketing a new, value-added fibre from flax straw. This puts him in charge of Durafibre Inc., which processes the straw, and on many flights to Europe and around this continent to flog the product.

Murray Westby '53S Mayor of Watrous, was on hand to welcome the CBC Radio crew and visitors to the big tower at Watrous, gathered to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the CBC in Saskatchewan, on June 28. We understand that Murray personally mowed the lawn to make sure no one got entangled in this year's heavy growth.

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The Pooped Deck



Frank McLeod '48S has sold the farm at Dilke and moved with wife Beryl into southeast Regina, near classmates Fred Switzer and Ted Turner. They see those two and a number of other Ag Grads at Wesley United Church, including **Norm Bray '56C**, **Woody Wilson '50C**, **Ross Evans '50C** and **Gib Wesson '49C**. His brother **Al McLeod '49C** is ten minutes away. Frank is active in hunting and firearm safety training.

Tony Sander '58S is recently retired from Creek View Farm at Hanley to Heritage Green in Saskatoon. Says he spends more time playing tennis than in the past.

Herb Moulding '42S spent our winter down under enjoying their summer. He surveyed a few duck ponds in New Zealand and enjoyed Christmas without snow. In January they went to the west coast of Australia for the balance of the summer months. Herb says Australians appear to be more enterprising than Canadians. There is less welfare and the top tax rate is 37%. After returning to Kelowna they had to go to Edson, Alberta, to experience winter the first week of May.

Gordon Bonnor '64C retired from his teaching position with the Saskatoon School Board in June. He hasn't revealed any future plans but expects his wife Eileen to make some helpful suggestions.

Joe Campbell '41C, Victoria, says his business that involves analysis of hair(for minerals), diet and lifestyles keeps him out of mischief. In his mid-May letter Joe reported that his wife Sally was making an excellent recovery from a cancer operation. He is now on the U of S alumni internet. You can reach him at <jcampbell@pinc.com> His home page is:<<http://vuv.com/>>

At a reunion of Saskatchewan Wheat Pool directors June 16 to 18 graduates from the 1948 School of Agriculture class were overheard discussing their 50 year class reunion come 1998. Those involved and look-

Sixty year grads



Lloyd Rasmusson, Edmonton(L) and **Walter Burns**, Mount Lehman, BC,(centre) both 1936 college graduates of the U of S, chatted with SAGA president **Bob Rugg'71C**, during the ag grad reunion mixer last January. Lloyd's address when he came to the university was Canwood, SK and Walter came from Heward,SK. There were 15 graduates in the class, including **Margaret Georgina Landes**, Langham, SK, the first woman to receive a BSA degree from the U of S.

ing forward to the event were **Cliff Murch**, Lancer, **Ed Schulte**, Englefeld, **Jim Wright**, Arbutus Ridge, BC and **Ted Turner**, Regina. All are in remarkably good health and expect the 50-year event to be memorable.

Cliff Murch related his experiences of a year ago when he revisited Holland to participate in events marking 50 years since Canadians liberated that country. He said the warmth of the Dutch reception and their expressions of appreciation were overwhelming.

Jim Wright spoke with some restraint about the pleasant climate on Vancouver Island - and after last winter in Saskatchewan who can argue with him. Ted encouraged support for the U of S First and Best national campaign.

On June 12 **Vern Wilfong '44S**, Craik, left to do custom combining in the United States. This is the 50th consecutive year that he has made this run. Normally he goes to Texas then works his way back through Oklahoma and South Dakota. This year, because of the drought in Texas, he planned to go only as far as Oklahoma.

Ken Farrer '48S, retired farmer, Sceptre, won the Toyota Tercel car offered by the Canadian Paraplegic Association(Saskatchewan) raffle in their annual fund raising campaign. The draw took place on June 1 in Saskatoon. Ken's theory that you have to venture money to make money is obviously working!

On July 6 friends and relations gathered to help **Tom Townley-Smith '32C**, Regina, celebrate his 85th birthday. Sons **Fred '64C** and **Lawrence '75C** were on hand along with a bunch of Tom's coworkers from the Sask. Agriculture Lands Branch.

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The Diploma in Agriculture Under the magnifying glass

by Jack Braidek '51C

The University of Saskatchewan has appointed a committee to review the Diploma program offered by the agriculture college.

Reviews, especially at this time in history, are suspected by some as the first step toward eliminating whatever is being reviewed. I am not that pessimistic; the university is simply trying to decide what changes need to be made - to chart a path for the future. Let's take a look at some of the facts and issues.

The University of Saskatchewan broke new academic ground when it was decided at its establishment that there would be an agricultural college alongside the other colleges. Traditional universities didn't do that.

This university went a couple of steps further in serving the most important industry of this province (then and now). It added a (diploma) program of studies to assist individuals to become better, more knowledgeable farm operators and farm business managers. Also to increase their opportunities for meaningful employment off the farm and to improve their abilities for effective community involvement. Then it committed itself to being involved in extension work in the rural and urban communities in the province. Big undertakings to be sure, but in tune with the challenges envisioned by those pioneering education planners.

Since 1915 the college has graduated 3992 in the diploma program and a few more, precisely 4128 with BSA degrees.

So, has it been worth it? Diploma grads and a lesser number of BSA grads are leaders in most rural Saskatchewan communities and also successful farm operators. I suspect their stay at the U of S helped. I think you should tell the review committee. Many diploma grads have enjoyed a lifelong working relationship with university staff. Has that been important to you? Tell the review committee.

The committee also needs to know what changes should be made to the farmer education programs in the future, from your perspective. If grads don't tell the committee they will have to make some guesses, educated no doubt, but guesses all the same. Perhaps distance education methods may be more feasible and appropriate in the future. The modern farm with its high cash flow may demand a higher educational standard and be quite capable of paying the higher cost.

Home grown



Rhonda and Bruce Elke '84S(yep, both of 'em) are proud to inform SAGA readers of their newest addition - Dylan Paul, born January 15, 1996. He joins his older brother Jordan(6) and sister Charlie(1) on the farm

at Jansen, SK. Dylan weighed in at 5 lb, 6 oz, and was doing very well after a short bout with pneumonia.

Rick'86C and Sandra Mitzel, Calgary, report the birth of a son on February 23, 1996. His name is Evan James and he weighed 5 lb., 9 oz. at birth. Mom, Dad and big sister Morgan are much busier since he arrived.

Lyle '85C and Michelle (Wacker) '90C Cowell have added a new partner to their farming and agronomy consulting businesses at Star City, SK. His name is Wyatt Emerson, born April 4, 1996 and weighing 8 lb., 15 1/2 oz. A brother to Mattea who is 2 1/2 years old.

Francis Kolla '81C and his wife **Leanne** became proud parents of Sean, born in July 1995. He's a growing concern, full of energy and a most welcome addition to their home.

Alice '86C and Stacy '85S Wilson, Tugaske, announce the birth of Bailey Noelle, their third daughter, on December 15, 1995, between blizzards, at Saskatoon. Sisters Breanne(7) and Devon(5) were thrilled. Dad Stacy thinks that four girls bossing him around is enough!

Marvin Borsa '88C, his wife **Shannon**, son Tanner and daughter Brooklynn, welcomed the arrival of Kaelin Brennalea Borsa on February 25, 1996. Marvin is an appraisal agrologist with SAMA, also a farmer, but plans call for the family to move to the farm at Yellow Creek this summer.

I am confident that an excellent case can be made for retaining a diploma program that is retuned to meet the future needs of Saskatchewan farmers. But that won't happen unless you help the review committee to come to that conclusion. The time to do so is now. The address of the committee is on the cover page.

The President's Pen



As I write these words the prospects are very good for a bumper crop over most of Western Canada. The main concern is the lateness of the crop. Let's cross our fingers that we can get this one in the bin.

The signs are here for a surge in the agricultural economy. Prospects look good for grads returning to the farm or looking for work in the agricultural industry. I predict we will see a major shortage of degree and diploma grads in the next few years.

As far as S.A.G.A. is concerned, summer is a quiet time. The College of Agriculture provides us with an office in the new building and that is much appreciated. The office is now located across from the Dean's office on the second floor and is used to house records, other association property and as a meeting place. We value the cooperation and good work-

ing relationship we have with the Dean and his staff.

Finally, some bad news. Jack Braidek, editor of The SAGA for the last five years has indicated that he will retire as editor at the end of this year. Jack has done an outstanding job and on behalf of all S.A.G.A. members I say thank you.

The executive is now searching for a new editor. If you or any other grad you know has an interest in doing this job please contact me or any member of the executive.

Best regards,
Bob Rugg '71C
President

1961 college class holds 35 year reunion



This group of '61 grads, lined up in front of the Centennial Museum in Rosebud, Alberta, includes the following:

Back row, l to r: Jack Shields, Bill Noy, Bob Bullock, Bob Gilmour, Gus Peesker, Dennis Wobeser, Jack Drew.

**Front row, l to r: Gary Carlson, Bob Baker, Wayne Clews, John Howard, Lynn Thompson, Ray Wheeler, Sid Blair.
Missing, Dan Beveridge.**

The 1961 bunch met on July 12, 13 and 14 at Rosebud, Alberta, and were superbly hosted by Viv and Bill Noy. Fifteen of the 37 class members, their partners and Thelma Martin, widow of the late Jim Martin, attended.

The '61 Class has got together every five years since graduating. An updated personal profile of each is produced for each occasion.

The focus of fun and fellowship included a Friday evening Chinese buffet in Drumheller, a Saturday morning steak barbecue at the Rosebud Community Centre, golf, visits to local points of interest, a Saturday dinner theatre at Rosebud and a farewell breakfast on Sunday at the Noy farm. A tremendous good time!

Honors and awards

Seed growers honor Clayton

Orrin Clayton'58C was presented with Honorary Life Membership in the Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association in January in Saskatoon. It is the first time a CSGA employee has been so honored. The CSGA awarded him honorary membership in that organization in 1983.

Orrin is a 38 year employee of CSGA and still travels extensively on the job. And sometimes he stops off in Saskatchewan to check on his half section of land north of Biggar.

AIC honors members

On July 8, 1996, seven members of the Agricultural Institute of Canada were made Fellows of the institute.

Being made a Fellow is the highest honor which can be given to a member by the organization. Two of those honored this year are grads from the U of S. They are:

David A. Christensen'58C, professor and former head of the Department of Animal and Poultry Science, Saskatoon. Dave is held in high regard as a teacher and his research in nutrition has stimulated an export market for the Saskatchewan dehydrated alfalfa industry. Dave has served as a consultant lecturer and project manager in more than 20 countries.

Bernard H. Sonntag'62C, was appointed director general of PFRA, Regina on January 1, 1996. As an agricultural economist with Agriculture Canada he demonstrated the value of social science research as an integral part of applied biological research. From 1979 to 1996 he served as director of the research stations at Brandon, Swift Current and Lethbridge and developed administrative structures that encouraged interdisciplinary research and enhanced

the involvement of producers and industry in the research process.

School of Ag honors Noble

Norman John Noble'51S,

Mossbank farmer, was presented with the Distinguished Graduate Award at the 1996 School of Agriculture graduation exercises.

The award is made to a diploma graduate who has made an outstanding contribution to agriculture and the community. John has served on the municipal council and in 4H leadership for three decades. In 1990, he and his wife Joyce were jointly inducted into the 4H Hall of Fame, the first such induction in history.

Agriculture professors honored

Professors **Bryan Harvey'60C**, Horticulture, and **Mike Ingledew**, Applied Microbiology and Food Science, have been recognized for their outstanding services to brewing. They were presented with Master Brewer' Association of the Americas Awards (Western Canada), from the Winnipeg Brewmasters' Association.

Richard Wharton'77C, professor in the School of Agriculture, received the Canadian Association of Agriculture Diploma in Agriculture Programs Teacher of the Year Award. It was presented at the association annual meeting in Saskatoon, July 5 and 6, 1996.

Professor George Khachatourins, Department of Applied Microbiology and Food Science was received the Golden Wheel Award from the Saskatoon Rotary clubs for excellence in the science and technology area.

Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame

Five men have been selected for induction on August 11. Sketches of the new inductees by artist Kevin Quinlan and their citations will be placed in the Hall of Fame, located in the Western Development Museum, Saskatoon, alongside the 133 previous inductees. The 1996 inductees are:

Robert Lynn Hampson Biggart, Cutknife, SK, contributed much to his community, provincial and national organizations. Lynn was a member of a national 4H team as a youth then served as a leader of the Wilbert 4H Club for 24 years. He and his wife Mary were avid members of the Saskatchewan Flying Farmers and in 1966 they received a Master Farm Family Award. He was president of the Saskatchewan Livestock Association, served one year as president of the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association and was president of the Canadian Stockgrowers Association at the time of his death in a plane crash on September 24, 1993. He was on the advisory council to the College of Agriculture and on many other agricultural boards.

Richard Keith Downey'50C, Saskatoon, earned a world-wide reputation for converting rapeseed into canola, now a leading vegetable oil used for human consumption. Keith's achievements have brought him many awards, including the American Oil Chemists' medal in 1963, the Grindley Medal from the AIC in 1973, and the 1975 Royal Bank Award which he shared with Baldur Stefansson, University of Manitoba. He was named an officer of the Order of Canada in 1976, a member of the Royal Society in 1979, a Fellow of

Editor needed for The SAGA

Our current editor has asked to be replaced after the December 1996 issue of this publication goes to press. His successor would be responsible for the April, 1997 and succeeding issues. The practice of publishing in April, August and December is likely to continue.

Members interested in being the editor or assisting with editing the SAGA are asked to let their interest be known to the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association.

Please contact President Bob Rugg, Telephone (b)933-8320 or (h) 242-6807 or write him at

Box 246, Clavet, SK S0K 0Y0

Jack Braidek, the current editor, is willing to chat with those who have an interest in the job. Call him at 933-1257.

Grads attack golf course

Jim Wright '48S(left) and **Wally Doyle '51C**, a couple of Tisdale, SK lads, now reunited in retirement on Vancouver Island, were photographed as they waited their turn to tee off at the Mount Brenton Golf Course, Chemainus, BC, on May 15.



The golf day organized by **Art Strautman '48C**, Duncan, BC, drew 20 entries and a few visitors from near and far.

Those attending who live on Vancouver or other islands were: **Merv '44C and Elaine Johnson**, **Ted McCannel '50C**, **Bill Howell**(ex animal science prof, U of S), **Jim and Betty Wright**, **Barry '59BE** and **Nancy Rosser**, **Jim '48C** and **Vera Clarke**, **Stan Hodgins '49BCom**, **Wally and Joy Doyle**, **Paul Turner '51C**, **Peter Balogh '47C**, **Peter Kucey**, **Jim Rooke '51C** and **Holly Worrall**, **Art and Jimmie Strautman**. Those from further east were **Jack Braidek '51C**, Saskatoon, **Chet '48C** and **Millie Piercy**, Kelowna.

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the AIC and Honorary Life Member of CSGA. He retired in 1993 and is now an adjunct professor of crop science at the U of S.

Ivan McMillan is a Craik district farmer and farm organization activist. He was on the board of the Palliser Wheat Growers for seven years and was president for two years. Ivan served on the Canada Grains Council, the advisory committee to the Canadian Wheat Board, as an advisor to the Canadian Grain Commission, the Winnipeg Commodity Exchange and on the Canadian team at the Geneva Wheat Conference. He has been president, secretary and member of most committees of the Craik Agricultural Society. He is a life member of the Saskatchewan Association of Agricultural Societies.

Victor Herbert Sommerfeld, Saskatoon, was named to the hall of fame for his tremendous contribution to local and provincial organizations. He was a director of the Sask. Dairy and Poultry Pool from 1960 until it amalgamated with Sask. Coop Creameries to form Dairy Producers Co-operative. Vic was a councillor of the RM of

Cory, reeve of the larger RM of Corman Park and a director of Municipal Hail. Vic was a director and president of the Saskatoon Industrial Exhibition, also a member of the Saskatchewan Land Appeals Board and on the inaugural board of the Meewasin Valley Authority.

Charles Melville "Red" Williams began his professional career as an assistant ag rep at Kamloops, B.C., then took his MSc and PhD at Oregon State University before joining the staff of the Animal and Poultry Department at the U of S in 1954. He quickly established himself as an inspiring teacher and talented communicator. His colorful speaking style made him a popular choice at farm and other agricultural meetings totalling 1500 in his career. He also produced 300 newspaper columns and 3000 radio editorials. Red has visited 23 countries on technical aid missions. He is a member of the Order of Canada, Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada and an honorary life member of the Canadian Society of Extension.

Class of '76C celebrates (continued)

The April 1996 issue chronicled the activities of some of the college class of 1976, but we ran out of space. The balance of that information is carried below. We regret the delay. Editor.

Don Martin is still with Sask. Wheat Pool and for the last few years he has been designing software, putting a computer diploma to good use. His wife Donna was president of the nurses in 1977. Don says he doesn't remember meeting her but he must have at least three times - their son Chris is 13, while Lexi and Ian are nine and six.

Barry Gibbs is district sales manager for DowElanco at Winnipeg, having been with that company since 1976. During university days, Barry modelled himself after the movie "Animal House", but after university he modelled himself on the TV show "My three Sons." He and Judy have three sons.

Terry Clark's career has paralleled Barry's, but with Elanco Animal Health, where he is now sales manager for Manitoba and Ontario. Terry did a couple of stints in Indianapolis and postings in Toronto, London and Guelph. Terry, his wife Mary and two teen daughters live on an acreage at Morristown, ON.

Walter Fast farms and operates a pedigree seed business at Kindersley. He and Linda have two daughters.

John Jacques is assistant director of Mediation Services with Sask. Justice in Regina. Margaret is still with him as are son Ian and daughters Sarah and AJ. John still farms at Pangman and commutes the 50 miles to Regina every day.

Cyril Anderst and his wife Linda, farm and raise cattle at Hilda, AB, with their three sons, Jerrod (15), Peter (12) and David (1). Hm! Cyril has been much involved in the community, serving in the soil and water conservation program at Maple Creek in the 80s, facilitating the local agricultural fair, serves on the sewer board and with Linda in the youth church group.

Curt Vossen spent the first 181/2 years of his work career in the grain business with Cargill, working his way up to VP, then switched to become president of the grain division of James Richardson & Sons Ltd. That includes Pioneer Grain Ltd., Pioneer Grain Terminals Ltd., Sorel Terminals, Top Notch Grain in Ontario and Buckerfield Green Valley in BC. Quite a handful for a guy with a dismal academic but sparkling social record at college. Curt and Cathy had five children at the end of 1995, four girls and one guy, the oldest being eight years and the youngest at seven months. Any twins?

Bill Schroeder has been a research biologist at the PFRA Shelter Belt Centre at Indian Head since 1981. He's been spending a lot of time on tree improvement and genetics, fruit development and orchard management - and just loves it. He and Janice have three girls.

Wayne Harris says it's taken considerable effort but he has managed to remain spouse and child free. Wayne quit farming at Arcola before running out of money in 1988, then spent five years with Hoechst and has been with the John Deere dealership at Swift Current the last two years.

Brent (Crash) Kennedy is director of research and development at AgrEvo, Regina. He and Joanne live on an acreage at Balgonie with horses

and Tarentaise cattle, but no kids. Brent spends considerable time in the air over the Atlantic.

Bill Hill is farming at Vanscoy. Deb is teaching and paying the bills and the three little Hills are reported to be growing like weeds.

Ten years ago **Tom Scott** was in Australia working on a PhD. He is now a chicken scientist at the Ag Canada Research Station, Agassiz, BC and taken to gloating about the daffodils blooming in March and ten months of mowing lawns. Tom says he is too ugly and miserable to have a wife.

Barry Harris is a busy man these days: He farms at North Portal and operates an H & R Block Tax business as well as an "Academy for Learning Computer Training Centre", both in Estevan. Barry is also chairman of the ADD board and has been involved with the International Agricultural Exchange Association for 11 years. He and Fay have three children, Gillian (13), Andrew (9) and Nathan (5).

Brian Kramer is an eligible bachelor at Southey, where he runs a cow-calf operation with his parents, brother and sister-in-law. He has farmed since graduating and part-timed it with Sask. Agriculture.

Chris Leader has been with SAMA since graduating and now works out of Regina but lives on an acreage at Vibank with wife Ella and their three children. **Brad Korbo** is his boss and previous to that **Stu McDonald**, another soils type, had the privilege.

Bob Tyler is a professor with the Department of Applied Microbiology and Food Science at the U of S. He and his wife Nancy '75C have three children.

Tom Komarnicki is the assistant

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supervisor of the provincial milk testing lab for Alberta Agriculture at Edmonton. Has been there for over 18 years. He has a wife Joy, sons Ryan(20) and Eric(18) and daughter Lauren(1).

Eileen Harvey(Kuchinski) farms with hubby Phil, daughter Rachele(9) and son Travis(5) at Yorkton. Eileen spent ten years in various jobs with ACS and SAMA, developed and instructed courses with the ag division of Wascana Institute and is now teaching courses during the winter months at Parkland Community College.

Brad Korbo is director of operations for SAMA at Regina. He and Nancy have three girls, Laurel(14), Kristie(11) and Amber(4).

Bob Gunningham has been grain farming at Mortlach since graduation. One of the class eligible bachelors, he attends business classes at SIAST in Moose Jaw to kill off those long, cold winter months.

Bob Cuthbert has been the barley marketing manager with the Canadian Wheat Board for the last two years. Before that he did time with CSP Foods at Winnipeg and Saskatoon, UGG at Winnipeg, Weyburn Inland Terminal and Royal Bank. He and Lynne have Daniel(13) and Laura(12). Look for them at a cabin at QuAppelle in the summer.

Ian MacMillan and wife Judy '79C are growing grain and white cattle at Asquith with Graham (12), Teddie (10) and Katie (6). And there's horses and sheep and a goat and a dog and some cats. Ian spent a few winters teaching beef marketing courses but has kept pretty close to the farm.

Connie Yuzak and Ray still live in Saskatoon and still plan to move out some day. Ray is with Canada Post. Their daughter Sara(12) is in

4H and keeps her horse at MacMillan's, and their son Jeff(10) is the meanest Atom hockey player she has ever seen. Connie worked a couple of years for the dairy branch, Sask Ag, a couple on a masters degree, ten years doing contract work out of the home for the Farm Debt Review Board and various beef organizations and six years for FCL, currently as a sales rep at the feed mill. And she has learned to play the piano!

Murray Jones is grain farming and raising cattle at Kindersley, but says he has not enough acres and too many cattle. He's the fast mover in the '76 crowd - married Adele in 1992 and already has four kids and two grandchildren. His greatest achievement since '76 was graduating in 1977. Murray spent a couple of years with the Land Reformation Branch, Alberta Agriculture and was executive secretary of the Alberta Cattle Feeders Assoc. in 1979/80, then spent the winter of '81 in Australia.

Bob Gibbons enjoyed college so much that he delayed graduating until 1979. He latched onto wife Jeannie and her now 20 year -old son about eight years ago and they are happily farming at Balcarres.

Mark Odegaard '77C is manager of Brandon Main and Brandon Area with Royal Bank. He's had a stint with the Calgary Stampede, two goes with Hoechst, one with Imperial Oil at Swift Current and ten years in banking since graduation. He and Pat have Alana(12) and Eric(8).

Ed Coulthard '77C is the superintendent of lands and Resources at the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs at Fort QuAppelle. He and Denise have five offspring, daughter Rachele and sons Pat, Ryan, Trevor and Jason. Ed has finally managed to pay off his student loan.

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Wray Breadner '76S, Saskatoon, continues to work for the Corps of Commissionaires, even though 'retirement' age is long past. He and Belva raised three kids and now have six grandchildren, Belva enjoys her garden and flowers.

Taking part in the Victoria Playmakers Old Timers Hockey Tournament held March 25 to 30, 1996 were **Chuck Strautman '52S**, Speers, SK, **Art Strautman '48C**, Duncan, BC, and **Owen Mann '44BE**, Saskatoon. They were on the roster of the "Can-Ams" playing in the over-70 years division. This team was made up of players from across U.S.A., lower mainland BC, Alberta and five from the old timers group from Saskatoon.

Owen Mann and Art Strautman last played on the same line in March 1949 at Rutherford Rink, U of S, as members of a grad team in the interfaculty league that year. Some of the other members of that team were **Joe Zeman '44C**, **Doug Laurie '45S**, **Brock Burwell '46BE**, Fr. **Munnely**, STM and **Dr. Ray Lemieux** of the Chemistry Department.

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Congratulations to **Teresa Thacker and Peter Herd '85S, '93C**, on their marriage in Florida on April 15, 1996. Peter has worked for years at security at the U of S. Teresa has been with Audio Visual Services, also at the U of S.

Congratulations to **Belva and Wray '76S Breadner** on the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. They celebrated the milestone with a come and go tea with friends and relations at the Masonic Temple, Saskatoon, on July 6, 1996.

Empty Saddles



Ian George Bradley '41S died at Saskatoon on May 8, 1996. He had farmed in the Cadillac community until retiring in 1987 in Consul, then moving to Saskatoon to be near medical services in 1993. Ian is survived by his wife Mabel, son Doug '80S (Colleen), Saskatoon, daughters Beryl (Carson) Robinson, Swift Current and Lois Bradley, Saskatoon.

Ian was an active member of the Masonic Lodge, Odd Fellows and the United Church.

Thomas Joseph Claydon '34C, grew up at Aneroid, SK and died at Manhattan, Kansas on April 5, 1995

Henry George Dion '39C, Luskville, PQ, died on August 2, 1995. After he obtained his PhD at Wisconsin in 1942, George joined the staff of the Soils Department at Saskatoon and served there until taking an appointment with FAO at Rome in 1951. After his term in Rome he was appointed Dean of Agriculture at MacDonald College and after retiring from the college he was active for many years as an advisor to CIDA.

Gerald Harvey Hannington '46S of Marwayne, Alberta and formerly of Wild Rose, SK, died on September 13, 1995.

Mark Stuart Harrison '32S was born at Baljennie, SK in 1905 and died at his Sherbrooke Community

Centre home in Saskatoon on May 8, 1996. Stu was the first male child born to a settler family in that area of the Battlefords.

Following graduation, at which he received the Silver Medal, he combined farming in summer with teaching at the University in winter. But he soon gave up the two jobs, choosing full time employment at the university Crop Science Department first then moving to Agricultural Engineering until his retirement in 1971. In 1986 Stu was named a Distinguished Graduate in Agriculture, but he had other achievements of note. He was an excellent marksman, a valued member of Kiwanis International, the Anglican Church and a strong advocate of improved education in his community.

Stu was predeceased by his wife Dorothea in 1991 and is survived by his daughters Shirley (George) Haines, Elaine (David) Norwood, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Monty Lewis '39C of Winnipeg, died on January 30, 1995.

John Quaid McIntyre '50C died at his home in Aylmer, PQ on May 4, 1996. He was predeceased by his wife Yollande D' Aoust and his brother Jim and survived by his daughter Lynn (Patrick) Draper, Ottawa, sons Hal (Kim), PEI, and Robert (Ilona), Sweden, four grandchildren and sister Georgina Cory.

John was raised at Naicam, served in the forces in World War II and following graduation was employed by the Farm Credit Corporation until retirement in 1984. He was an avid curler and always a good supporter of ag grad activities. He was one of the regulars at the the 1950 class reunions, the most recent one being in 1995 when John was a member of the winning seniors rink. The memor-

ial service was attended by his U of S classmates Bill Hamilton, Terry Phalen, Peter Balon and Stewart Given.

Douglas Harold Minor '29S, late of Pioneer Nursing Home, Regina, was born in 1907 at Earl Grey and died on May 17, 1996. He was predeceased by his wife Louise in 1946 and brothers Albert, Owen, Hector, Norman and his twin Allan. Doug is survived by daughter Judith Ann (Robert) Leatherdale, Regina, son Norman (Jill), Calgary, five grandchildren, sisters Edith 'Bonnie' Grassick of Regina, Alice Gibson, Montreal and brother Thomas of Red Deer, AB.

Doug joined the RCMP in 1932 and was the last to patrol the border on horseback in the Big Muddy area in 1937. He took leave from the RCMP in 1942 and served in the Canadian Army, rejoining the force in 1946 and serving in it until retirement in 1958. He then worked for Saskatchewan Agriculture for ten years at Regina, followed by ten years as head western scout for the Buffalo Sabres, retiring from hockey in 1981.

William Langford Oddie '44C died at Regina on April 12, 1996. He was 87 years old.

Langford was raised at Milestone and returned to farm in that community in 1950, following employment as agricultural representative at Assiniboia. The family later moved to Tregarva and lived on the farm until moving into Regina in 1989.

Langford is survived by his wife Emmie '41 BHS, daughter Rosemary (Berks Brown), son Will (Elaine McNeill), six grandchildren, sisters Gladys Oddie, Marguerite Sutherland and Jean Wenhardt.

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The death of **Shamus Patrick Regan '24S**, Vancouver, BC, on May 17, 1996, was reported in the May 21, 1996 issue of The Regina Leader-Post. He was 90 years old. Sham ran a dairy farm at Fort QuAppelle and was active in the dairy association.

Alexander Rennie '41S, Flaxcombe, died in the Kerrobert Union Hospital on June 20, 1996 following a lengthy illness. Alex was predeceased by his wife Esther in 1990 and is survived by daughters Faye Hancherow (Bob), Kamloops, BC, Elaine Mouton (Don), Alix, AB, Lucille Evans (David), Smiley and son Grant, Flaxcombe.

Alex had a large grain farm a pure bred Shorthorn herd.

Gordon Alexander Ross '54S, Paynton, died at the Maidstone Hospital on April 3, 1996, at the age of 63 years. Left to mourn are his wife Helen, daughter Karen (Greg) Low, Prince Albert, son Greg (Tina) on the home farm, four grandchildren, sister Annie McDougall, Paynton, brother Eric Ross '50S and his wife Mick of Maidstone.

Gordon was described in a eulogy by Don Wallace '54S as "a good farmer, a fine family man and a great friend." Gordon enjoyed life and his friendly manner made life more enjoyable for those he associated with. He was keenly interested in agriculture and served as a delegate with Saskatchewan Wheat Pool.

Dean William Sanderson '79S, Consul, SK died on May 25, 1996 at 37 years of age, after a five year battle with a brain tumor that could not be cured by medical specialists in Canada and south of the line.

Dean's brief life was filled with accomplishment. He farmed and ranched: one year he planted 12 miles of field shelter belt rows. He was a

member of the roping club, played football and hockey, coached and was a 4H member - all with enthusiasm and dedication.

He is survived by his wife Karen (Agar) and their children Dayna and Tayler, his parents Lee '54S and Ruby, Consul, brother Scott '83S and Barb and their children Lane and Blake, Consul, sister Nola (Merle) Forai and their children Mason and Dylan, Cypress Hills Park, SK.

Tribute to my brother Dean

Eyes blue like the prairie sky,
White teeth flash in a face bronzed by the sun.

Strong and lean, a body sculpted by hard work.

Hands tough yet gentle, ready for any task.

Husband - Brother - Father - Son.

A man of the land,
The concrete jungle was not a place he knew.

A man of the past,
Ropes, saddles and horses a part of his everyday.

A love for the soil and all it would grow.

Cattleman - Farmer - Cowboy.

A friend to all who knew him.
A code of honesty and loyalty branded into his soul.

To give one hundred percent was all that was acceptable.

In all he did.

Coach - Leader - Friend.

We'll celebrate his life
Each in our own way, and know he's strong again,
To ride in our thoughts and dreams
Forever!

By Nola Forai

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Animal and Poultry Science heads establish service record

We're not sure that it's a University record, but we think so.

In the Department of Animal and Poultry Science three former heads - Milt Bell, C.M. (Red) Williams and **Dave Christensen '58C** - plus the current head, **Bernard Laarveld '75C**, are now serving the department they have in common.

That in itself is not a record - a number of U of S departments have or have had four one-time heads serving concurrently. The notable thing is that the succession of the department heads stretches back 43 years - to 1953, when Milt Bell assumed the headship and served in that post to 1975.

Williams was head from 1975 to 1983; Christensen from 1983 to 1994, followed by Laarveld to the present.

Christensen and Laarveld both teach and do research and Williams does a lot of extension work and public speaking. Bell is still doing research and is also writing a history of the department.

Grant MacEwen, head of the department from 1937 to 1946, is alive and well in Calgary, as he approaches his 94th birthday in August. Allistair Ewen, who became head of the department in 1946 returned to Scotland in 1953.

(Reprinted from On Campus News.)

School of Agriculture grads hold 50 year reunion

On June 20 to 22 40 members of the 1946 School of Agriculture graduating class gathered in Saskatoon. They were joined by 36 partners and three students who attended the first year only.

The graduates came from Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia as well as many communities in Saskatchewan, with some of them seeing each other for the first time in 50 years.

Two of the class instructors were special guests: Bob Forshaw, an animal science professor returned from his retirement home at Grand Forks, BC. The other was Lorne Paul, Saskatoon, who taught entomology.

Highlights of the weekend included a Thursday evening get acquainted social attended also by Dean of Agriculture John Stewart, S.A.G.A. president Bob Rugg '71C and Wendy Bates, coordinator of development and alumni affairs, U of S. (She worked closely with Mason Simmons and Mike Serienko in getting the reunion organized.) Also a Friday evening banquet with John Cross, president of Philom Bios, Innovation Place, the guest speaker.

Throughout the weekend class members enjoyed reminiscing, socializing, golf, river boat cruises, touring and shopping. On Sunday, June 23 a few grads joined the all-colleges luncheon at Marquis Hall on campus, where Peggy McKercher, chancellor of the university was guest speaker.

The following comment was heard from class member Ross Evans about the social evening: "We made just as much noise as we did 50 years ago, but the bar wasn't nearly as busy."



Kneeling in front l-r: Mason Simmons and Mike Serienko, chief organizers.

First row, l to r: Vic Bourne, Murray Wilson, Harold Barclay, Frank Brennan, Lorne Paul, Bob Forshaw, Ernest Wengel, Walter "Bud" Wilk, Olive Churchill(Erb), the first woman to graduate from the School of Agriculture, Howard Massey, Stacy Stein.

Second Row, l to r: Stuart Finlay, George Easton, Ernest Hage, Don Murray, Lorne Dietrick, Don Scott, Bob Montgomery, Jim Clarke, George Price, Keith Waite, Bob Gill, Frank Baker, Bob Hope.

Third row, l to r: Elwyn Morgan, Art Creurar, Earl Morley, Emil Dangstorp, Alex Thompson, Jon Hunter, Bob Duncan, John Morgan, Ted Pachal, Rev. Ross McMurtry, Forrest Hetland, Laurence Jackson, Ross Evans, Duncan Acton, Charles Chapman, Bruce Wray, Alex Johnson, Cal Fensom.

Roy Loppacher attended but missed the photo session.

College grads of 1951 celebrate



Grads from 45 years ago came from near and far to hear Harry '51C and Rena Ukrainetz sing (see above), to renew acquaintances, eat lots, tour about and play golf. It took place June 21, 22 and 23 in Saskatoon. A good time all 'round.

The turnout was great with 29 grads and 24 partners answering the roll call. It was especially good to see Frank and Alice Bockman, San Diego, Don and Jean Burton, Bracebridge, ON, Ray Stewart, Ganges, BC, Ed and Verna Banford, Regina, Gerry and Esther Magosse, Cochin, SK, 'cause they had not attended previous class reunions.

The others attending were Wally and Marg Baldwin, Art and Dawn Bevan, Jack and Joan Braidek, Harry and Lilian Gullett, John and Doreen McConnell, Jim and Doreen Misfeldt, Harry and Rena Ukrainetz, all of Saskatoon, Wally and Joy Doyle, Kipabiskau Beach and Victoria, Don and Shirley Gill, Medicine Hat, Lorne and Norma Hextall, Grenfell, Wayne and Doris Ingell, Burlington, ON, Ron and Gwen McKenzie, Winnipeg, Jack and Lee Peck, Regina, Norm and Florence Quick, Lethbridge, George Rathwell, Regina, Viola and Russell '49S Rollins, Jim Rooke and Holly Worrall, Victoria, Paul and Joan Turner, Victoria, Art Wood and Sheila White, Edmonton, Mike and Doreen Yurkowski, Winnipeg.

Opening day action was at Jack and Joan Braidek's place. The barbecued tenderloin was great, but the 50-plus had to crowd inside to eat, the weather being too cold for outdoor dining. A similar thing happened the next evening at Art and Dawn Bevan's place. But heck, we crowded comfortably together and had a great visit.

There is general agreement that the class should gather again, perhaps in two or three years instead of five? And maybe in Victoria during cherry blossom time?

The 1997 Ag Grad reunion, January 10, 11, 12, 1997

Agricultural graduates of the University of Saskatchewan have gathered each January since the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association was formed in 1935.

Plans are underway for the tradition to continue in 1997. Rinks have been booked for curling and hockey; special lectures are being lined up for Friday, January 10. A mixer (once appropriately called a 'smoker') will be held on the Friday evening and a dinner and dance on Saturday evening.

Special efforts are made to encourage grads to return every ten years to celebrate with their classmates. So in 1997 a special invitation goes out to those who graduated in a year with a seven at the end - like 1927, 1947, 1967, etc.

Rod Delahey '80C, SAGA vice president, has the job of encouraging and helping those special or honor years to organize their class reunions. He has identified the persons listed below as class organizers for the 1997 reunion. Rod can be reached at his home at (306)477-3104, or at his business telephone (306)665-4255.

	BSA grads	Diploma grads
1937 (60 years)	not appointed yet	Jim Anderson Box 1218 Outlook, SK S0L 2N0 (306)867-9310
1947 (50 year)	Ann Saville Box 2 Ravenscrag, SK S0N 0T0 (306)295-4121	Art Sawatsky 2801 MacEachern Ave. Saskatoon, SK S7J 1B4 (306)343-8743
1957 (40 Years)	Don Acton 2001 Morgan Ave. Saskatoon, SK S7J 2C9 (H)374-2549	Ernie Harach 206 Frobisher Court Saskatoon, SK S7K 4Y7 (H)242-1790
1967 (30 years)	Roy Button Box 1244 Tisdale, SK S0E 1T0 873-5165	Wayne Gamble 5070 Wascana Vista Regina, SK S4V 2S2 789-2685
1977 (20 years)	Murray Fulton 101 Diefenbaker Pl Saskatoon, SK S7N 5B8 244-8498	Blair Cummins RR 6 Stn Main Saskatoon, SK S7K 3J9 373-4393
1987 (10 year)	Kevin Dow 1427 Brightsand Ct Saskatoon, SK S7J 4Y1 477-7182	Harold Shutiak 523 Costigan Road Saskatoon, SK S7J 3P9 373-2618
1992 (5 year)	Marcel Stavern Box 128, Creelman, SK S0G 0X0 457-2220	Norm Shoemaker Box 25 Mossbank, SK S0H 3G0 252-2715

Crop Production Week: January 6 to 12, 1997

The week of January 6 to 12, 1997 will be filled with events of interest to farmers and others associated with agriculture. A dozen or more commodity organizations, flax, forage, pulse, seed, canola, winter cereals and others will hold their annual meetings and information sessions January 6,7,8,9 in Saskatoon. And the Sask. AG Grads Assoc. will follow with it's reunion activities Jan.10,11 and 12.

The annual Crop Production Show, sponsored by the Saskatoon Wheatland Exhibition will also be held that week.

The week is a great opportunity for farmers, university people and ag grads to become stronger partners in agriculture. Details of the program will be in the December 1996 issue of The SAGA.

Laying the foundations

In 1910, anxiety surrounded construction of the College(later, Administration) Building at the University of Saskatchewan.

Brown and Vallance, the architects, were aware that the building was the first one and would occupy a place of honor for many years.

They were not very happy that President Murray should favor a Western-based contractor to build it, but the major contract was awarded to Smith Bros. and Wilson, a Regina firm.

Of more concern to the architects was an ominous article about Saskatchewan in the Montreal Gazette with the headline "Province Also Said to be in Bad Shape Financially." "We would esteem it a favor," the architects wrote in a letter to Murray, "if you would advise us on the true state of affairs."

What a delicate way of wondering if the university's cheque would bounce!

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Ralph Nelson Wensley '49C, London, ON, died at the London University Hospital on April 21, 1996. He was 87 years old. Ralph was predeceased by his wife Mabel Frances Wensley and survived by his children Marilyn, Terry and Rod, nine grandchildren, five great grandchildren, brothers Herb and Ken and sister Willow.

Margaret K. Whiteside, widow of the late **George A. Whiteside '27C(OAC)**, died at her home in Lutheran Sunset Home, Saskatoon, on July 13, 1996. She is survived by her sons, Ron(Shirley) and Jim(Gladys), both of Saskatoon, six grandsons and 15 great grandchildren. George Whiteside worked with Saskatchewan Agriculture at North Battleford, Moose Jaw and Indian Head from 1927 to 1967.

Robert Wildfong, Craik, age 68, died on July 22, 1996. Bert took his first year of the School of Agriculture in 1945/6, farmed, custom combined in the U.S.A., was a founding member of the Palisser Wheat Growers and established Harvest Services 1995 Ltd., a successful manufacturing business in Craik. He is survived by his wife Reg, son Rick(Debbie), daughter Lori(Gordon)Sharp, four grandchildren, sister Gladys(Joe'47S) Martin, Silton, brothers Vern'44S, Craik, Jim(Elaine), Craik and Ray(Doris), Athabasca, AB.

Roberta Irene Moore(nee Phillips)'44S died on July 24 after a lengthy battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband **John Moore'43S**, Speers, SK, sons David(Lorette), Gordon(Kathy), daughter Mary (Howard) Linnell and ten grandchildren.

CSALE officially opened

The U of S opened the Centre for Studies in Agriculture, Law and the Environment on May 13. It is the first centre in Canada set up to integrate the disciplines of economics, law and the agricultural life sciences in environmental analysis.

The newly formed strategic partnership will integrate law with agriculture. It was formed after Fred Quincke '35C, Tisdale, donated \$500,000 to the College of Agriculture to carry out environmental research. The Saskatchewan Law Foundation will also be making a yearly contribution to CSALE.

Hartley Furtan '71C, director of the centre says that CSALE will strive to balance environmental and agricultural concerns. The relatively new field of biotechnology will also be a primary area of exploration because biotechnology contributes to sustainability and has trade implications too.

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